



Westbury Crier

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Exciting New Things Coming To Westbury

Many, new exciting developments are coming to Westbury. The Westbury Civic Club board works hard to advocate for the Westbury neighborhood and our surrounding commercial areas.

This past month we celebrated the much anticipated **new library groundbreaking**. You can read more about that on pages 8-9. We also attended the **ribbon cutting of the brand new SPARK park** located at Anderson Elementary. You can read more about this new park on page 10. One of two **new convenience stores** has finally opened on West Belfort. The new Sonic will open on December 5. You can read more about this new store on page 15. At the Willow Waterhole, **construction has begun on the pier**. You can read more about this fun project on page 18. In 2023, we look forward to the new library being completed, another new gas station opening, and much more.



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PAY YOUR 2023 DUES TODAY!

Westbury relies on voluntary support of residents like you. The 2023 WCC dues is \$60 and the requested amount for the Constable program is \$315. The total is just \$375 for the entire year!

Use this handy QR code to access our online payment page or send in the dues form on pg. 6.



Important Announcement
NO Westbury Civic Club board meeting in December. The next board meeting will be January 18.

HOLIDAYS IN WESTBURY

Holiday Yard of the Month

Top 3 Yards & Best Streets

Saturday, December 17

The Yard of the Month judges will drive the neighborhood on Saturday, December 17, to pick the top three winners in each section, along with the best streets. If you would like to nominate your house or a neighbor's home, please email westburyholidaylights@gmail.com.

Online Holiday Decoration Contest

Submit Entries by December 17, 11:59PM

Facebook Voting— December 19—December 21

Let's get decorating! Join us in our 3rd Annual Online Holiday Decoration Contest with 6 fun categories! Nominate and vote for your favorite Westbury homes on the Westbury Houston Facebook page. Details on deadlines and information about each category is available on page 17.

Westbury Award (Best in 2022)

The Shining (Most Lights/Brightest)

Overly Inflated (Unique/Best Inflatables)

Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)

Best Christmas Decorations (Religious)

Interactive Wonderland (Music/Animation)

Local School Holiday Concerts

Parker Elementary and Meyerland Middle School both have multiple musical performances throughout December, see page 16 for the full schedules. Both schools have very popular fine arts—music magnet programs. Come out and see some of our local Westbury kids perform.



HEAVY TRASH

December 2022

Thurs., December 8

JUNK WASTE

January 2023

Thursday, January 12

TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING

December 2022

Thursday, Dec. 1

Thursday, Dec. 15

Thursday, Dec. 29

January 2023

Thursday, January 12

Thursday, January 26

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Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

December is a month of religious holidays and celebrations. Our area public and private schools are out or will soon dismiss, and many of us are traveling to visit family or are receiving family members and guests. This is a time of year of good food, family, and fun. The WCC Yard of the Month program in December focuses on Holiday Decorations and Lights, and the judging will be held on the weekend of December 17th. Community activities like this one are just one example of what makes Westbury a great place to live.

This entire year has been marked with many causes for celebration in our community. Our Civic Club has advocated for the new library coming to Westbury and celebrated its recent groundbreaking. Read more about this exciting event on page 8-9. We also saw the installation of the new SPARK Park at Anderson Elementary and attended the ribbon cutting. The WCC advocated for both Westbury High School and Anderson Elementary School to get librarians and functioning libraries in their schools; both now have great libraries! Many of our residents volunteer their time and energy in local non-profits and area improvement groups committed to the betterment of living in our area. Indeed, we have much to be grateful for here in Westbury.

One thing we can be grateful for in Westbury is a decrease in crime due to our ever-present Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) Constable program. The Westbury Area Patrol is the largest and most costly program operated by the Westbury Civic Club, and it is also one of the most beneficial programs we have in our neighborhood. In addition to patrolling our streets and answering calls, the Constables provide Vacation Watch and Silver Watch programs to our residents. Looking ahead

to the new year, it is time for us to pitch in and raise the program funds required to hire our Constables for all of 2023. Current "Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood" are listed in the Crier every month. These stats show how important WAP is for our area. The WAP security patrol is primarily paid for with VOLUNTARY contributions from Westbury residents. Please consider adding the cost of the WAP when setting your budget for 2023. WAP keeps Westbury safe.

Every major neighborhood in our area pays for security patrols and uses the same provider that Westbury hires, Constables from Harris County Precinct 5. Our Constable patrol officers are licensed law enforcement officers and can arrest criminals. The Constable patrols work together and provide backup manpower to each other. The main difference for us is that we are the only neighborhood in our local network of Precinct 5 constable patrols which does NOT have mandatory assessments for all our homes. So, we must again ask for your important donation to help to pay for our WAP security patrol with Constable Precinct 5.

Most of our residents have voluntary payments, not mandatory assessments, including myself. It is vital that those of us with voluntary payments make the extra effort to support the security of our community with our dollars. The response time when a resident calls on the Constable patrol is minutes, compared to what could be an hour or longer when a resident calls the Houston Police Department. This is only one of the many valuable benefits of hiring the Constables to monitor our streets.

Our holiday wish at the Civic Club office is for our residents to pay dues early for the 2023 year. Paying early helps us all

because we can immediately commit to our constable hiring contract. Also, when dues are paid early, our staff and volunteer board can direct time and money towards community engagement and improvement instead of working to solicit security funds. I am paying for 2023 early and I ask you to join me. You will find the Dues Form on page 6 for paying your 2023 dues and WAP fees.

You can send a check by mail or pay via PayPal. If you are among the residents of Parkwest 1 or Parkwest 2, who have mandatory assessments, you will soon receive your bill for 2023, if you haven't already gotten it. If you are a recent homeowner with mandatory assessments, please be aware that your mortgage company does not collect funds to pay your mandatory assessment bill, and that YOU are obligated to make sure that your mandatory assessment bill is paid. If you are not sure, please call the WCC office. If you are behind on paying your mandatory assessments, please contact the WCC office to establish a payment plan.

With gratitude for such a wonderful year of advocacy and community building, I wish you a very joyous and enriching holiday season with family and friends and an excellent 2023!

Happy Holidays,
Cindy Chapman



WCC Board Notes - November 2022

- ➔ Public Safety – Sgt. Derkowski spoke about recent crime and trends seen in the neighborhood.
- ➔ Update on the Harris County Flood Control meeting held in November. You can read more about this meeting on page 7.
- ➔ Updates on new library and SPARK park. You can read more about this exciting projects
- ➔ The WCC board voted to cancel the December Board Meeting.
- ➔ Next WCC meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 7PM, at Westbury Baptist.

WCC Board Meeting

**Wednesday
January 18
7PM**

Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107 * platou@houstontx.gov



New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard
Email—Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM
- New Members are Needed—Other times can be added if interested.
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of open times on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like line dancing, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas!

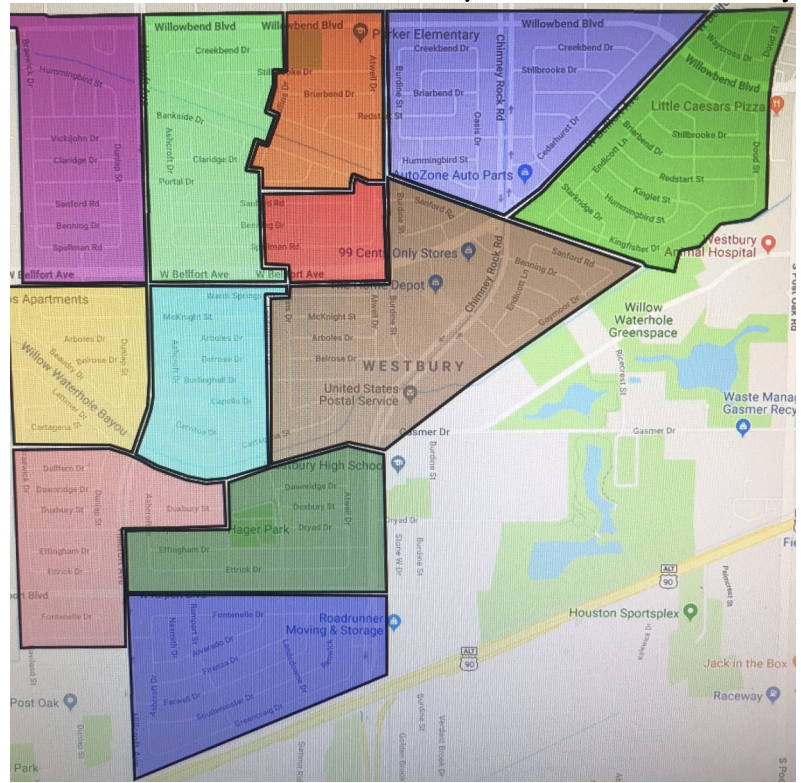
Westbury Alphabet Soup

There are many groups that advocate on quality of life issues for us here in Westbury. Most of the groups have regular meetings that you will find listed on our calendar page to the right. We tend to speak of these groups by their acronyms.

- WCC** Westbury Civic Club
- WAIC** Westbury Area Improvement Corporation
- WWGC** Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy
- WCG** Westbury Community Garden
- WAP** Westbury Area Patrol (Constables)
- SWH2000** Southwest Houston 2000
- BOMD** Brays Oaks Management District
- PIP** Positive Interaction Program
- FOLPH** Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston
- NTTSW** Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest

- Other common acronyms:
- COH** City of Houston
 - DON** Department of Neighborhoods (City of Houston)
 - PWE** Public Works & Engineering (City of Houston)
 - HPARD** Houston Parks and Recreation Department
 - HCFC** Harris County Flood Control District
 - HCTRA** Harris County Toll Road Authority
 - HISD** Houston Independent School District
 - HCC** Houston Community College

Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, www.westburycrier.com.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

DECEMBER 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

Thurs 8	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—JUNK WASTE	
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8AM
Sat 17	Holiday Yard of the Month Judging See pages 1 and 17 for more information	
Sat 17	Online Holiday Contest Entry Deadline 11:59pm Westbury Houston Facebook More information on page 17	
Dec 19-21	Online Contest Voting Open Westbury Houston Facebook page More information on page 17	
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Cancelled for December Next Meeting is January 18	
Wed 21	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Cancelled for December Next Meeting is January 18	
Dec. 19 – Jan. 5	WCC Office Closed Emails will be checked	

All About Trash

Trash, yard waste, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



Regular Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

All of Westbury recycles on Schedule A. Recycling is every other week. Recycling goes into the green trash can.

December 2022

- Thursday, December 1
- Thursday, December 15
- Thursday, December 29

January 2023

- Thursday, January 12
- Thursday, January 26

Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

December 2022

- JUNK WASTE**
- Thursday, December 8

January 2023

- TREE WASTE ONLY**
- Thursday, January 12

PLAN AHEAD

No WCC Meeting in December
WCC Office Closed—Dec. 19 - Jan. 5
(Emails and messages will be monitored)



Important Trash & Recycling Info

- Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- Recycling is every other Thursday.
- Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags with City logo
- Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
 - SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** - 10785 SW Frwy
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;
Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
 - Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- Refer to www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years' contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors.

The total amount for the **2023 Voluntary Dues is \$375**. The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$315 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

Next WCC Board Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 7PM IN PERSON MEETING Westbury Baptist

Topics– Update on City projects, Deed restriction revision, Committee reports

Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

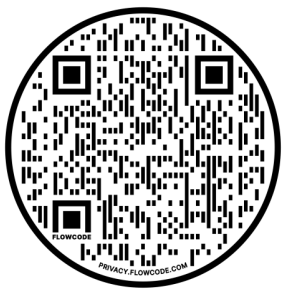
Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

Go to westburycrier.com then to the **Dues and Assessments page**.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$315
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$375
- Mandatory Assessments 2023 — \$267.35
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

Once you get to the payment page, you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.



Please send this form in with your payment

2023 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

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Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

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Westbury Civic Club, Inc.
 Mail to:
P.O. Box 975182
Dallas, TX 75397-5182

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$315	\$
Subtotal	\$375	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you! To contact the WCC Office, call 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted annually by the most recently published annual percentage change for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2023 Mandatory Assessments of \$267.35. Due Date is February 1, 2023.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Harris County Flood Control Neighborhood Meeting Recap

On November 10, the Harris County Flood Control Department (HCFCFD) made a presentation to Westbury residents about the D-140 feasibility study. The D-140 is the Fondren Diversion Channel and it runs to Brays Bayou just west of Westbury. The Willow Waterhole Bayou in Westbury starts at the "dam" in Parkwest 3, but on the other side of this dam, is a bayou that is supposed to flow to the D-140. In high water events, water flows over that dam, as well as streets in Westbury, such as West Belfort, Warm Springs, Lattimer, and Ludington.

The feasibility study has identified 2 main areas of concern. One of the areas is down near the beltway at the far end of the D-140 study area, but the other bigger concern is in Westbury at the dam. They have identified our area has the one area with the biggest need for improvements. HCFCFD is still running models, but hopes to finish the study soon with, hopefully, real actionable items that can be done to help alleviate the flooding in Westbury. One thing they are looking at is what happens if the dam is removed and a detention pond is placed along the Fondren Diversion channel, aka Spellman tract. They are working with the City as well, since Westbury has several City-funded projects that will rebuild storm drains (see below). The meeting is available on our Facebook page if you want to watch it.

New PAYHOA Website Coming Soon!

As the second largest neighborhood within the City of Houston, one might imagine that keeping up with communications, dues collection and other administrative tasks might be difficult. We are excited to share that the Westbury Civic Club will roll out a new software program called PAYHOA in 2023. The software is very straightforward and intuitive, and it offers crucial benefits that will help the WCC run more efficiently and effectively.

The new software will provide a simpler way for you to pay your dues or check your account balance. It also has features that will allow us to communicate more easily with the neighborhood - from communicating with residents, sending important notices, to setting our budget and managing our finances, PAYHOA will be a helpful new addition to Westbury.

What can you expect? An easier way to pay your dues as well as centralized correspondence from the Civic Club to you. It will give you access to your account and digital dues payments through a unique homeowner portal. Look out for news about PAYHOA in the coming year!



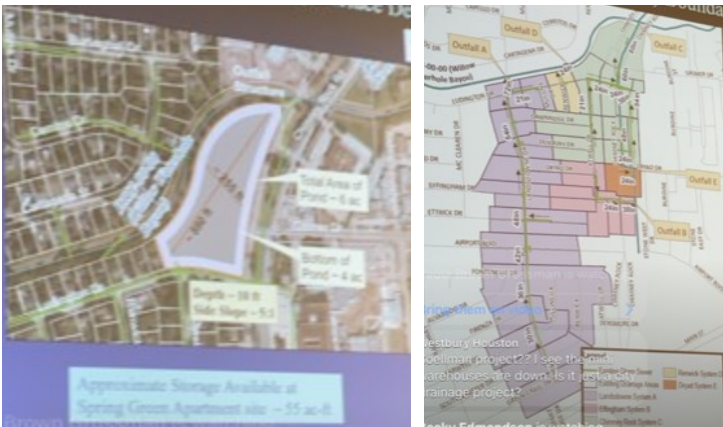
WAIC - Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation met in person on November 16th for the first time since Covid began. The meeting was hosted by Westbury High School and took place in their newly updated library space. The high school's new librarian presented her plans for revamping the library, and also surveyed all of the new books.

Several local leaders in the community were present, including representatives from the City Of Houston, Westbury High School, Meyerland Middle School and Parker Elementary school and several area businesses.

A small grant was voted on to be given to Company Onstage to further their non-profit goals of providing accessible theater for our community.

The WAIC is a non-profit committed to improving the lives of Westbury residents. WAIC Meetings are open to the public and held monthly in locations throughout our neighborhood.



Maps showing the City drainage project coming to Westbury 4

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Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library Groundbreaking

On Monday, November 14, members of the Westbury Civic Club board attended the groundbreaking of the new City library that will be located in Westbury. The new Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library will be located on the site of the old post office on Belrose.

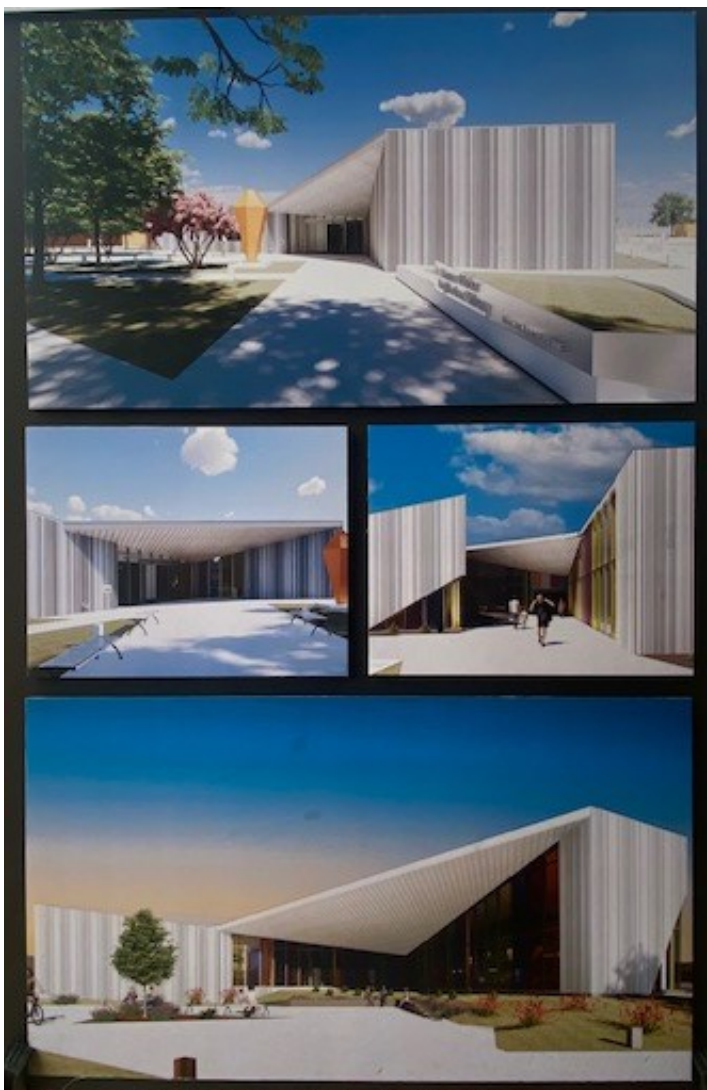
The new library is named after the Westbury High and Rice University graduate and NASA astronaut, Dr. Shannon Walker, who has flown two missions aboard the International Space Station. Walker is NASA's first native Houstonian astronaut!

Speaking to the enthusiastic crowd of library lovers were Mayor Sylvester Turner, City Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum, and Houston Public Library Director Rhea Brown Lawson. Mayor Turner hoped that children from the neighborhood would realize that they too could reach for the stars just like young Shannon Walker who dreamed of becoming an astronaut.

The new library will combine the services of the long closed Meyer Neighborhood Library and the Frank Express Library. The official ribbon cutting of the new facility is slated for late in 2023.

The Westbury Civic Club formed a committee of Westbury residents and board members to advocate for the library and what the Westbury community wanted in a new library. In a *Crier* last year, we printed the committee's wish list and it appears that everything we identified as important will be in this new library.

We wanted a Children's space; we wanted a teen space; and we wanted adult areas. We wanted the latest technology and a TECH link makerspace. We wanted meeting and conference rooms. We wanted an outdoor learning and reading space. We also wanted the library to have a Chimney Rock address rather than a Belrose address to route traffic off our residential streets. We wanted music brought into the library due to our local elementary, middle and high schools ALL having very active Fine Arts programs. And as VMPT Martha Castex-Tatum said, we wanted this new library to be a destination. The library designers listened and all of these things will be incorporated into the new space. See all the project boards for what the different areas of the library will look like.



New Library Coming to Westbury



Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library Finish Boards



Café/Training/Conference Room



Lobby



Technology/Video Recording/
Audio Recording/Podcast



Children's Reading Room



Teen Reading Room



Adult Reading Room/
Adult Book Room

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Westbury HS Choir In HEB Commercial

H-E-B is a beloved by Texans all over and their commercial are well known. The new H-E-B holiday TV commercial features a chorus of high school singers wearing Santa hats and singing "Shoppin' around our H-E-B" to the tune of Brenda Lee's iconic "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree" song. One of the choirs included in the commercial was our very own Westbury High School! The other high schools invited to participate are Reagan High School (San Antonio), James Bowie High School (Austin), and W. B. Ray High School (Corpus Christi). Congratulations to the Westbury High School Choir!

The commercial can be seen at on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JvRd6NuzPY>

Meyerland MS Placed in HISD Theater Competition

Meyerland Performing & Visual Arts Middle School (MPVA) earned second place at the Houston International School District's UIL Theater One Act Play competition, which was hosted at Pershing Middle School on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The competition itself is a combination of a theater tech challenge and an acting challenge. Theater tech crews have seven minutes to set the stage and actors have 40 minutes to perform a whole play, leaving seven minutes to strike the set. If a casts goes over time in any area, they are disqualified.

MPVA performed "Men on Boats" by Jaclyn Backhaus, which is the true(ish) story of the 1869 Powell expedition of the Grand Canyon and the mapping the Green and Colorado Rivers. The play is very physical and has the opportunity to be both comical and serious as four boats journey down the river to the "big canyon."

In addition to their second place overall finish, three MPVA cast members received individual distinctions at the UIL Finals, including, Nia Lewis (Powell) earning a All Star Cast Award, Nyala Solomon (Hall) receiving All Star Cast Honorable Mention Award, and Stage Manager, Eliana Weiner, chosen as Best Tech Crew member for MPVA. West Briar Middle School placed first and Pershing Middle School placed third out of the eight HISD middle schools at the 2022 competition finals.



New SPARK Park Dedicated Anderson Elementary

Anderson Elementary's new Spark Park was dedicated on November 14th with a rousing program. Anderson ES cheerleaders performed. Commissioner Rodney Ellis spoke and a flag was received from Congressman Al Green. City Council Members Martha Castex-Tatum and Sally Alcorn led the crowd with a cheer. Kathleen Ownby, director of the Spark Park Program thanked the many donors who made the new park possible. Both the WCC and WAIC received certificates of appreciation. Ms. Ownby also thanked all individual donors to the Anderson Spark Park.



There is a new playground; the basketball court has a new surface and new backboards. This park will serve Anderson students and the whole community for years to come.

A reception was held in the new library. It was thrilling to see all the new books and to know that Anderson now had a functioning library.



Students Make a Big Splash At Meyerland MS

The Aust family ties to Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School's athletic programs run deep.

"I have been working at Meyerland (MPVA) for 18 years, and currently serve as Athletic Coordinator and Swim Coach. The other Coach Aust has taught at Meyerland for 12 years. My wife and I are very involved in the athletics program and our daughter also attends here," Coach William Aust said. "I have been coaching at Meyerland for almost two decades, from football to baseball and more. The opportunity to assist with the Swim Team is an exciting one and Coach Aust and I truly enjoy the positive energy and hard working spirit of our school."

During COVID, the Meyerland swim program had to close due to restrictions against indoor swimming. MPVA features one of the only indoor pools within all area middle schools, and starting the program again was welcomed not only by the coaches but also the community. Coach Aust and his wife stepped up, when the old swim coach left, and both took training to be certified as swim coaches. Now the pool serves as both a physical education class and the home of the Greyhound swim team.

Now, the Austs' are giving back to the school in yet another way, as the Greyhounds' girls and boys swim coaches. They have grown the program from 12 swimmers to over 35 swimmers and counting. Several of our Westbury residents are members of the swim team this season.

"For me, swim is my life, so having a swim team at Meyerland was huge for me. I'm now a proud Greyhound and I love MPVA because it helps me come out of my shell and express myself and perform." 7th grader Andee Campbell says, "I'm involved in Swim, Cheer, Varsity Choir, Intermediate Theater, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Choir has helped me find my voice and theater is the most fun thing ever! Performing can be pretty nerve wracking, but the end result is awesome."

As for the co-ed team, Aust is excited about the mix of returning and new swimmers. "Building a positive, family-centered culture is so important with a sport like swimming, given its demanding nature both physically and mentally. Having a supportive team, in an individually driven sport, only enhances the experience for our students and strengthens our program for years to come."

MPVA is an HISD zoned school and fine arts magnet. Almost all of Westbury is zoned to MVPA. The school is giving magnet tours to prospective families in December and January. You can learn more about the programs that make Meyerland a top choice middle school at <https://mpva.membershiptoolkit.com/wearemeyerland>.



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Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

The Houston Police Department has some tips to protect yourself, family, and property this holiday season.

While Shopping

- *Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- *Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- *Watch purchases while eating in food courts.
- *Educate your children about what to do if they are lost.

In parking lots

- *Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting if you leave during the day.
- *Before shopping, lock all your valuables in the trunk prior to parking in the parking lot.
- *Ask the Security Officer to escort you to your vehicle if you are uncomfortable.
- *Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through the parking lot.
- *Have your car keys, ready in hand, before leaving the store.
- *Watch for people who may be following you.

Trash—What is Wrong with this Picture?

During a recent walk on trash day, some bins clearly contained items that were not acceptable for recycle collection. These problems were readily observable by anyone passing by along the street. The green bins are intended ONLY for items that are accepted by the City of Houston for recycling, not what you think the City should accept or what you hope the City might accept. If you are not sure, then visit the website for the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept or consult the "Waste Wizard" on the official City of Houston phone app called "HTX Collects".



What is wrong with the photos shown here that were taken of local Westbury recycling bins?

Plastic bags.

Never put your recycle materials inside a plastic bag before you place it in the recycle bin. Plastic bags, or anything that is inside a plastic bag, will not be recycled. Placing recyclable materials inside a plastic bag means that the sorting equipment at the recycle center won't be able to separate the items. Plastic bags, especially those that are empty or loosely filled, can also end up getting tangled in the sorting machinery, which can place workers at risk.



Plastic bags are **FORBIDDEN** in recycle bins. **NO** Plastic bags of any kind— No trash bags and no grocery plastic bags.



Constable Silver Watch Program

One of the great benefits of paying your dues is our Westbury Area Patrol constable program. Part of their security service to us includes their Silver Watch program. The Constables recognize the unique aspects of senior living and designed the Silver Watch program to better serve and protect senior citizens living in our neighborhood.

Under this program, senior citizens can sign up, or be signed up by concerned family members, for regular personal welfare checks. Once they fill out a short form on our website and provide their consent, one of the Constable Precinct 5 uniformed deputies will stop by on a weekly basis to make sure the registered senior citizen is safe and well.

The deputies will also be able to educate them on common scams that target senior citizens over the phone and internet. They will be happy to answer any questions regarding local crime trends, and can offer suggestions to seniors on protecting themselves, their home and property.

If you would like to register yourself or someone you care about for the Silver Watch program, please visit <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/silver-watch/> and fill out the online form.



VACATION WATCH

Are you going on vacation over the holidays? If you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables.

Vacation Watch is a great service that is included in our contract. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious is going on.



You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com> or call 281-463-6666

Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

October 25—November 25, 2022
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY


Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W	
5900	Alvarado	Purse snatching	10/25	6am	Westbury South	Theft from Motor Vehicle
12600	Ashcroft	Theft—other	11/23	4pm	Westbury South	Auto Theft
5700	Belrose	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/29	1am	Westbury 3	Theft
11100	Burdine	Theft—other	11/21	9pm	Westbury 3	Robbery
5800	Burlinghall	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/29	2am	Westbury 3	Aggravated Assault
5700	Cerritos	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/28	9am	Westbury 3	Simple Assault
5500	Duxbury	Simple Assault	11/8	4pm	Westbury 4	Disordering Conduct
5800	Firenza	Simple Assault	10/31	4pm	Westbury South	
5200	Hummingbird	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/26	10am	Westbury 1	
11500	Renwick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/4	11am	Westbury 3	
12400	Renwick	Simple Assault	11/12	3pm	Westbury South	
5700	Spellman	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/23	8am	Parkwest 2	
5700	Warm Springs	Theft—other	11/20	11pm	Westbury 3	

The crimes listed took place between October 25 and November 25, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key to the right.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	0	9	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	0	2	1
Burglary	0	4	6	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	3	19	3	1
Shoplifting	0	0	8	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	0	6	1	0
Auto Theft	0	3	3	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	2	0	0
Theft—Other	3	4	3	0
Theft—From Building	0	0	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	5
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Purse Snatching	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	13	50	27	8

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New Convenience Store In Westbury Now Open

The new Buzzy Bee Convenience store on West Bellfort near Chimney Rock has opened. A grand opening is planned for some time in December once all the store shelves are stocked. Several board members toured the store; it is a nice-looking, large, clean store and has the potential to be a great addition to our neighborhood. There is even a wine section!

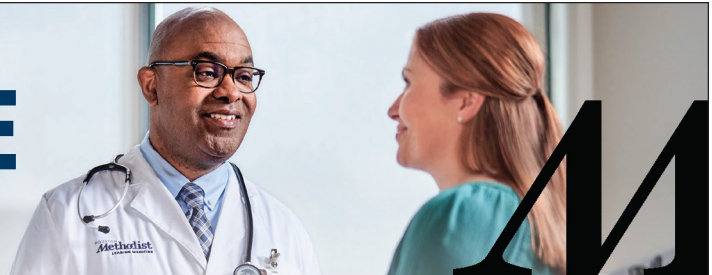
The Sonic Drive-In, with its tasty fare, is due to open on December 5. The gas pumps are currently open and sell Shell gasoline. The car wash is expected to open early next year.

There had been a gas station on this corner for many years, but it closed down in the 1990s when legislation required gas stations to upgrade their underground storage tanks. This new store represents a large investment in Westbury. We have found the owner receptive to us in the neighborhood and we know he wants to be a good neighbor.

We wish this new business much success in Westbury!



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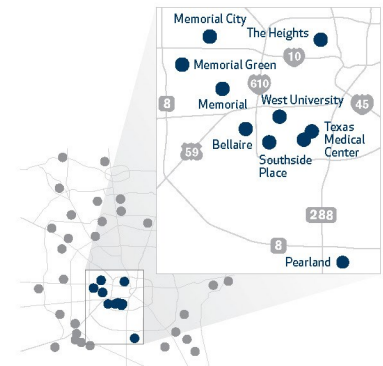
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Parker Elementary School Holiday Concerts

- December 6 – Advanced Strings Concert @ 2PM and 6PM in Auditorium
- December 8 – Chorus Concert @ 2PM and 6PM in Auditorium
- December 8 – 1st grade Piano Concert @ 12:40PM in Mr. Haff's room
- December 9 – 2nd grade Piano Concert @ 3PM in Auditorium
- December 12 – 4th grade Piano Concert @ 3PM in Auditorium
- December 13 – Guitar Concert @ 2PM and 6PM in Auditorium
- December 14 – Rhythm & Pre-Band Concert @ 2PM in Auditorium
- December 14 – Advance Chorus performs @ Rotary Luncheon
- December 15 – Performing Strings to Methodist Hospital
- December 15 – Beginning and Advanced Bands @ 2PM and 4:30PM in Auditorium
- December 15 – 1st grade Piano Concert @ 12:40PM in Mr. Haff's room
- December 16 – 2nd grade Piano Concert @ 3PM in Auditorium
- December 19 – Strings Matinee @ 3PM in Auditorium
- December 20th – 5th grade Piano Concert @ 3PM in Auditorium
- December 21st – 3rd grade Piano Concert @ 3PM in Auditorium



MPVA Fine Arts Performance Calendar for December

All events take place at Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School's Cade Auditorium at 10410 Manhattan Drive.

- December 6 — 6pm - 7:30pm
Fall Dance Concert: Performance
- December 13 — 6pm - 8pm
Band Winter Concert
- December 14 — 6pm - 7:30pm
Beginning Guitar Concert
- December 15 — 6pm - 7:30pm
Intermediate and Advanced Guitar Concert
- December 15 — 5pm – 8pm
Orchestra Annual Pasta Dinner & Concert



Best Neighborhoods for Holiday Lights

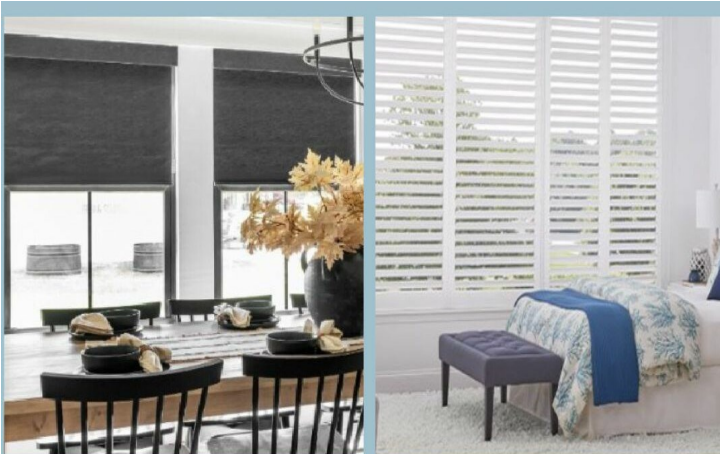
Driving around looking at great holiday lights is a longtime family tradition. Here are some of the top neighborhoods in the Houston area to see lights and decorations.

Prestonwood Forest— For over 40 years, this neighborhood has held “Nite of Lights” from the 2nd weekend in December until the end of the year. Streets and houses compete for awards and best homes. Favorites include the Disney street and Frosty the Snowman. Exit Cypresswood off Hwy 249. Take right. Prestonwood Forest is first street/neighborhood to the right. Free.

Shepherd Park Plaza— Christmas displays since the 1960s. Residents here really get into the spirit, hosting Christmas light arch-building parties and competing for awards including Best Lighting, Best Door, Best Window, Most Original, Best Overall, Best Cul-de-sac and more. Runs the weekend after Thanksgiving through the first week of January. Shepherd Park Plaza, near Ella and 43rd St. Free.

Pecan Grove— This Fort Bend neighborhood near Richmond is known for its Christmas lights. Plantation Drive is the main thoroughfare through the community. Most any side streets have lights as well.

Green Tree Subdivision— This is another neighborhood with a long history of beautiful light displays. Located in Pearland, each year the Tour De Lites features a leisure 6-8 mile bike ride (or hay ride) through Green Tree just to see the lights. Located off FM 518 and Country Club.



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HOLIDAYS IN WESTBURY

The holidays are always a special time in Westbury. We have always had great holiday decorations and lights, and we hope this year will be another wonderful year! We hope all residents can put their lights and decorations out in their yards. This is our 3rd year to host our very popular online holiday decoration contest.

Holiday Yard of the Month

Top 3 & Best Blocks

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 17, to pick the top three winners in each section along with the best blocks. If you would like to nominate your house or a neighbor's home, email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Online Decoration Contest

6 Fun Categories

Back this year, is our online contest with 6 fun categories! The online winners will have special signs placed in their yards and receive a prize. All entries must be submitted online via Facebook messenger or email westburyholidaylights@gmail.com. Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 16, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start Monday, December 19, 10am and end Wednesday, December 21, 10am. Winners will be announced by Wednesday, December 21, 6pm.

Westbury Award (Best in 2022)

Do you think your house is the best in Westbury? Are you ready to compete with the best of the best? Does your house have everything...lights, inflatables, themes, music, and more? Nominate your house today for this top award!

The Shining (Most Lights/Brightest)

Is your house lit? Do you have the brightest lights? Do you have the most lights in the neighborhood? Let us know!

Overly Inflated (Unique/Best Inflatables)

Love inflatables? Is your entire yard covered in them? Do you have a super cool special inflatable? Send us your address.

Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)

Do you have Hannukah yard art? Is your house glowing in beautiful blue? Do you have the best Hannukah decorated house? Let us know your address!

Best Christmas Decorations (Religious)

Do you have the best nativity scene? Are you celebrating Christ, not Santa? If you have the great religious Christmas decorations, make sure to nominate your house!

Interactive Wonderland (Music/Animation)

NEW category this year! Do your lights move to music? Do you have special effects in your yard? We want to see and hear! Send us your videos to westburyholidaylights@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays



BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, is once again offering Houstonians a chance to help our furry friends find a "Home for the Holidays" with the annual holiday-themed adoption and wellness campaign. Special adoption pricing will be available on select days in December thanks to the sponsorship of Proler Industries and the Bissell Pet Foundation.

2022 "Home for the Holidays" campaign events include:

December 1-11 — BISSELL Pet Foundation— Empty The Shelters Event. Waived Adoption Fees!
3300 Carr St., from 12 - 5PM

December 10 — FREE pet pantry with Houston Humane Society at BARC at 3300 Carr St., from 8:30 - 10:30AM

December 11 — BARC Bazaar - volunteer and rescue donation exchange at 3300 Carr St., from 12 - 5PM

December 17-24 — Home for the Holidays Reduced Adoption Fee event at 3300 Carr St., from 12 - 5PM

December 17-18 — Santa pictures at BARC brought to you by our partners at Friends of BARC at 3300 Carr St., from 12 - 5PM

For more information about the upcoming Home for the Holidays campaign, visit www.houstonbarc.com. Learn more about how you can help our furry friends at BARC: https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/get_involved.html.



Links for Lost & Found Pets

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The Willow Waterhole Pier Is Near!

The Willow Waterhole Pier construction has begun. The pier is located at the northwest corner of Westbury Lake near the Westbury Little League field. Once complete, this pier will unlock access to the serenity of Westbury Lake like never before. Within a very short amount of time, you will be able to launch your kayak or canoe for a quiet paddle on the lake, or enjoy a local fishing experience just minutes from home.

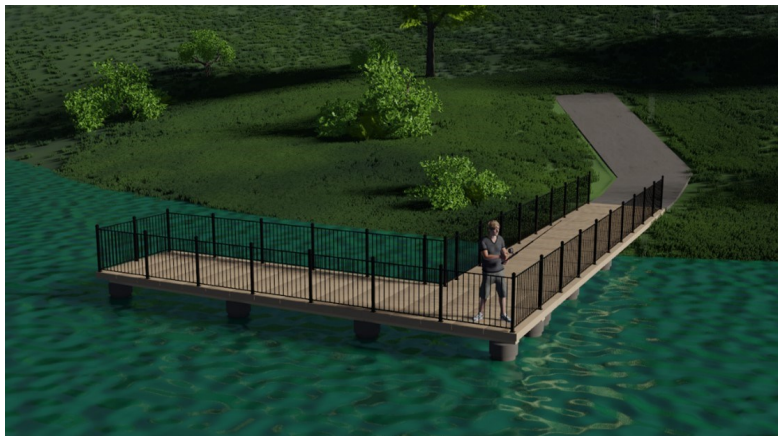
The completed pier will extend 40 feet into Westbury Lake, make a 90 degree turn, and then extend another 20 feet. The walkway will be 8 feet wide prefabricated concrete, and the entire structure will be enclosed by a safety railing. The pilings for the pier will be drilled 15 feet into the bottom of the lake. The pier and its approach will be ADA compliant, with a concrete path from the top of the bank down to the water's edge. With the water level changing due to storms and sometimes being under water, the pier required use of these materials and structural integrity.

The \$275K pier construction cost was funded privately by many in the community, with lead grants from the Kinder Foundation and Russell and Janie Schexnayder. Engineering was done by Cobb Fendley and funded by Brays Oaks Management District. Design, fundraising, and project management roles have been handled by Conservancy members - that work started in 2015.

Did you know you can fish at Willow Waterhole? Yes. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked four of the Waterhole lakes—Westbury, Willow, Prairie, and Triangle—with bass, catfish, and sunfish. **PLEASE NOTE:** Carp and other invasive and non-native fish can also be found and should never be released back into the water.

The pier construction should be completed by early 2023.

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Destination for Walking

Walking the trails at the greenspace is always a pleasure, but sharing it with a wonderful group from Lifetime Enrichment of Houston made the day even more special—such great participants asking questions and venturing further on the trails. We love sharing Willow Waterhole and thank LEOH for coming to the Willow Waterhole.

There are many trails at the Willow Waterhole that are perfect for all ages. Check out www.willowwaterhole.org for more information.



Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, December 17, 8AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN 12581 DUNLAP



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main.

Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible.

Street parking.

“Seed Money” Fundraiser

Westbury Community Garden is participating in the #SeedMoneyChallenge, a 30-day fundraising challenge and they could really use your support.

<https://donate.seedmoney.org/7969/westbury-community-garden-accessibility-improvements>

In addition to keeping 100% of the funds raised from individuals like you, the garden has a chance to win one of several challenge grants of up to \$1000 from SeedMoney based on how much they raise over the course of the 30-day period running from November 15 to December 15.

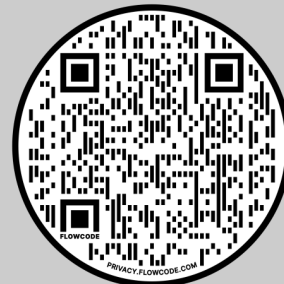
No gift is too small. They all add up and move the garden closer to their goal. Thanks very much for helping the Westbury Community Garden and the people in our community to thrive!

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