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## 2024 HURRICANE SEASON

The Atlantic hurricane season started on June 1. Being prepared and knowing what to do are key. There is no need to panic if you are prepared and have a plan. Pages 10-11 contain helpful articles about storm prep, flood insurance, weather resources, and more.

It has been over a decade since the Galveston-Houston region has experienced a true major hurricane. The damage from a direct hit of a major hurricane is more than flooding. Major hurricanes in Houston are typically major wind events that can cause long power outages. Very similar to the Derecho storm event in May but across the entire City. During Hurricane Ike, most of Westbury was out of power for at least 2 weeks.

We live in a very large city near the coast, so advice is different for each area of town. It is important to know where you live. Westbury is NOT in an evacuation zone. A long-time hurricane saying is, "Run from the surge, hide from the wind". This means that the average Westbury homeowner should remain at home, inside, sheltered in place, during the event. See page 11 for tips on what to do if a hurricane is coming.

When there is an active storm in the Gulf of Mexico, you should always pay close attention to trusted weather sources on what is happening with the storm. Page 10 has a list of weather sources.

Hurricanes can bring localized flash flooding with heavy rain bands. Page 10 gives the links to the flood gages and how to look up that information and how the Westbury gage and weirs work. Make a plan, be prepared, and stay safe.

## DR. SHANNON WALKER LIBRARY NOW OPEN

The Houston Public Library located right here in Westbury is NOW OPEN! The Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library opened on Saturday, June 1 to a very eager public. It was a packed house full of excited local community members, over 2,700 people came to the library on the first day!

The new Westbury library is the first library to have a café inside! We also have 2 passport desks, an amazing tech-link space that includes a podcast room and recording studio, study rooms, meeting spaces and of course BOOKS! There is an amazing children's area that includes an indoor play area.

The Westbury library is located at 11630 Chimney Rock. The library also has access from inside the neighborhood on Belrose. Check out more photos on page 15.



### Westbury Library Hours

- Mon. — 10am-6pm
- Tues. — 10am-6pm
- Wed. — 12pm-8pm
- Thurs. — 10am-6pm
- Fri. — 1pm-5pm
- Sat. — 10am-5pm
- Sun. — Closed

## Westbury Pool NOW OPEN

Open for the first time since 2019, the Westbury Pool is now open again for the 2024 summer season. Due to City of Houston staffing shortages, pools are only open part-time.

**Westbury Pool Hours**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
1PM— 7PM

**Westbury Pool**  
10605 Mullins  
713-723-2192

*The Westbury Pool is a free, public pool operated by the City of Houston.*

### HEAVY TRASH

**July 2024**  
Thursday, July 11  
TREE WASTE ONLY

**August 2024**  
Thursday, August 8  
JUNK WASTE

### RECYCLING

**July 2024**  
Thursday, July 11  
Thursday, July 25

**August 2024**  
Thursday, August 8  
Thursday, August 22

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**Join the 2025 WCC Board**  
See page 7 for more info

### Online Owner Portal

Have you joined the new owner portal? We have over 700 owners already registered. This portal isn't just about paying dues and assessments. It is two-way communication. You can message us, submit house plans, ask questions and it will remain in your history. We can email you the Crier newsletter, security notices, surveys, etc.

Scan the QR code and join today!



# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035  
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

**Westbury Civic Club Office**  
**Monday—Thursday—Appointment needed**  
**WCC Office Closed Friday—Sunday**

## CONTACT US

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WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net  
Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net  
WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

*Visit our website at*  
**www.westburyhouston.com**

*“Like” us on Facebook at Westbury Houston*

## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**  
*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*  
Emergency.....911  
Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131  
Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016  
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004  
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333  
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107  
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955  
**Houston Help & Information.....311**  
*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash  
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222  
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111  
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222  
*Make sure to give pole number*

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111  
County Commissioner Lesley Briones.....832-927-4444  
Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org  
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org  
*Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link*  
Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661  
Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000  
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

# 2024 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Cindy Chapman  
*wccpresident@westburycrier.com*  
Vice President.....Marcia Hartman  
Secretary.....Lindsey Pollock  
Treasurer.....Becky Edmondson

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**Security.....VACANT**  
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At-Large 2.....Andrew Jefferson  
**At-Large 3.....VACANT**  
**At-Large 4.....VACANT**

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**Westbury 2.....VACANT**  
Westbury 3.....Sylvia Rosales  
Westbury 3.....Jonathan Hansen  
**Westbury 4.....VACANT**  
Westbury 4.....Becky Pate  
**Westbury 5.....VACANT**  
**Westbury 5.....VACANT**  
Westbury South.....Ryan Cowley  
**Parkwest 1..... VACANT**  
Parkwest 2.....Bob Droubi  
Parkwest 3 .....Alan Hirshman

**POSTED WCC BOARD VACANCIES CAN BE FILLED AT ANY REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB

Summer is upon us! We hope you are enjoying the City of Houston's Westbury Pool which reopened after being closed for two years. The adult water fitness classes are full, and people are enjoying them. Summer also means the beginning of hurricane season. You will find good helpful information to help you better understand, prepare, and be ready for whatever comes our way, see pages 10-11. It seems that every year the prediction is for an active hurricane season and often that turns out not to be the case. But with the odd weather we have been having, it is a good idea to be always ready. Harvey was a tropical storm in 2015 when it reached us with its massive rainfall flooding hundreds of homes. Our last true hurricane to impact Westbury was Hurricane Ike in 2008. Most homes in Westbury were out of power for at least 2 weeks. Trees were down all over Westbury. It is good to have a plan and supplies.

Another good way to keep cool this summer is with a visit to the brand-new Dr Shannon Walker Library. Were you one of the 2,700 visitors on the first day? What a grand opening! Read all about the library on page 15.

The Westbury Area Improvement Corp (WAIC) applied successfully for a grant from the City of Houston's Dept of Neighborhoods to have the Traffic Signal box at the corner of Burdine and Chimney Rock turned into a mini mural. Check out page 9 to see the beautiful new mini mural.

August is the time to put your name in to join the WCC board. I never dreamed I

would ever join my neighborhood board. I am proud of the work we've done and what we've accomplished over the past 20 years. We focus on giving the residents of Westbury the best quality of life that we can. We have the largest and arguably the most successful community garden in Houston, we have the 300 acre Willow Waterhole greenspace that just keeps getting better, we have the music venue Levitt Pavilion Houston coming in the next few years, we have the best library in the city of Houston, and both Westbury HS and Parker ES have had their campuses rebuilt. Westbury Park and the adjacent pool were revamped. We have several flood control projects pending with the Spring Creek apartments being torn down. We have the Precinct 5 patrol to provide us with fast police service when and where it's needed. We have the best neighbors who look out for one another!

A mailout will be coming soon as we still need to collect more than half our budget. Trust me when I say you do not want to live in a neighborhood without the Precinct 5 Westbury Area Patrol. Isn't your and your family's safety worth a dollar a day? Isn't knowing armed and trained peace officers are just minutes away when you need them worth a



dollar a day? Scan the QR code here on this page and join the Westbury Owner Portal; it's easy to pay on line after you've been approved. You can even set up a

recurring payment of say \$32.00 a month. If you are renting ask your landlord to pay, he should care about your safety. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their dues and assessments. This month one special Westbury resident sent in a \$5,000 check for the WAP patrol. Thank you!

You can support all this work and the work in the future by sending in your dues! Cindy and I, along with our respective boards of the WAIC and WCC, work hard on your behalf all year long. We can't do this work alone. So again thanks to all of you good neighbors, it is our honor to serve you.

Happy Summer!  
Cindy Chapman, WCC President  
Becky Edmondson, WAIC President



*Westbury Library Grand Opening  
Jennifer Edmondson, Martha Castex-Tatum, Dr. Shannon Walker, Becky Edmondson, and Veronica Hernandez at the new library*

## May 2024 Board Notes

- ◆Concerns with HISD issues. WCC Board passed Resolution: "Due to the removal of the Principals of both Westbury High School and Meyerland Middle School who were both effective and inspired neighborhood confidence, the board of the Westbury Civic Club crafts this resolution of no-confidence in Mr. Miles and the HISD Board of Managers. Both Anderson ES and Meyerland MS are in need of major campus rebuilds. However, we fear that the very necessary HISD Bond referendum that we are in favor of, will be unsuccessful due to the current level of distrust in the TEA appointed management."
- ◆Public Safety - Property crimes higher than typical in May.
- ◆Updates – Mini-Murals in progress by Westbury Super Neighborhood/WAIC. City Pool is opening for first time in several years. New Dr. Shannon Walker city library in Westbury is opening in June
- ◆WCC Office – doing deed restriction drive-arounds and sending letters through the new portal. Late statements sent to Parkwest 1 and 2. Voluntary letters starting to be sent out section by section.
- ◆The June WCC meeting was canceled due Juneteenth federal holiday.

**NEXT**  
**WCC Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 7PM**  
**July 17**  
**August 21**  
Westbury Baptist Church  
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room



# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov

Supervisor— Dajai Tennard

Email—Dajai.Tennard@houston.tx.gov

Platou Center is open from 11AM—7PM,

Monday—Friday



## ACTIVITY CLASS SCHEDULE\*

Senior Fitness — M/W/F, 9:30-10:15AM

Table Tennis — M/F, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Quilting — Tuesday, 9:30AM –1:30PM

Senior Games — Wed, 10:30AM—12:30PM

Chair Yoga — Thursday, 10-11AM

Line Dancing—Thursday, 11AM-12PM



## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

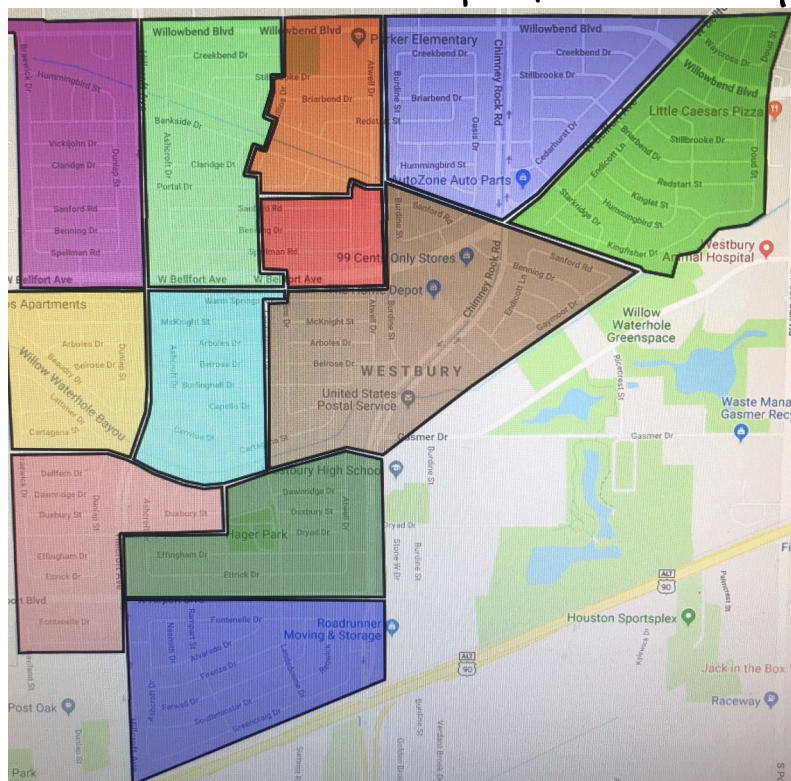
JUNE 10– AUGUST 16, 2024

Summer camp for children ages 6-13. Hours are from 8AM—6PM. Registration is required. Call the Platou Center for more information or look at HPARD website.

**\*No adult classes during summer enrichment program.**



## 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.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	445 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

## July 2024 Events & Meetings

July 3-7	WCC Office Closed	
Thurs 4	Happy 4th of July No Trash collection. Will be collected Thursday, July 5 Westbury Pool OPEN 1-5PM	
Thurs 11	Heavy Trash - Tree Waste ONLY	
Sat 13	Bayou City Community Market Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft	9AM-1PM
Tues 16	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Shannon Walker Library, 11630 Chimney Rock	10AM
Wed 17	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room	7PM
Sat 20	Audubon Bird Survey Willow Waterhole, 5310 S. Willow See page 15 for more information	7AM
Sat 27	Bayou City Community Market Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft	9AM-1PM

## August 2024 Events & Meetings

Thurs 8	Heavy Trash - Junk Waste	
Sat 10	Bayou City Community Market Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft	9AM-1PM
Mon 12	First Day of School for HISD	
Sat 17	Audubon Bird Survey Willow Waterhole, 5310 S. Willow See page 15 for more information	7AM
Tues 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Shannon Walker Library, 11630 Chimney Rock	10AM
Wed 21	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room	7PM
Sat 24	Bayou City Community Market Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft	9AM-1PM

## 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 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.

#### July 2024

Thursday, July 11  
Thursday, July 25

#### August 2024

Thursday, August 8  
Thursday, August 22

### 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.

#### July 2024

TREE WASTE ONLY  
Thursday, July 11

#### August 2024

JUNK WASTE  
Thursday, August 8

## 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 Thursdays
- ♻️ 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
- ♻️ 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](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information



Follow Westbury Houston on Facebook for announcements, reminders, and updates

## Support the Westbury Civic Club Pay your 2024 Voluntary Dues TODAY!

Westbury is a unique neighborhood with the majority of the 5,000 homes having voluntary dues. Only about 450 homes in Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 have Mandatory Assessments. The active participation of volunteers and yearly dues contributions help the Westbury Civic Club achieve our goal and remain active in the City of Houston. The total voluntary dues requested for 2024 is \$385. This includes the WCC Dues and Westbury Area Patrol.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All homes are subject to the deed restrictions whether the dues are paid or not. All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have ACTIVE deed restrictions.

### How To Pay Your Dues/Assessments

There are several ways to pay your dues or assessments.

1. Activate your NEW online portal and pay directly online either via credit card or bank account.  
\*Once your account is activated (the WCC office must approve), you can view invoices, make payments, setup payment plans, make requests, view calendar and much more. Use the this handy QR to start your online account today!
2. Hand deliver\* or mail a check to the WCC Office.  
5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston, TX, 77035  
Make checks payable to the Westbury Civic Club  
\*There is a drop slot located at the bottom of the WCC office door.
3. Pay via PayPal. You may choose a specific amount or use the custom payment option to enter any amount or additional donation. You can find the link to our paypal page on our new website, [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com).



2024 WESTBURY VOLUNTARY DUES

### Westbury Civic Club Dues - \$60

The WCC has been vital in keeping Westbury a desirable neighborhood over the past 60 years. The WCC helps maintain 7 miles of esplanades, issues the Westbury Crier monthly newsletter, enforces deed restrictions, provides community events and acts as a very important liaison with the City of Houston while advocating for Westbury. In a City the size of Houston, it is important to make sure you have someone representing you and your neighborhood. The WCC has done a good job of maintaining Westbury for over 60 years. Your contribution helps covers everything needed to operate and maintain the services we provide, this includes office rent, utilities, insurance, postage, printing, legal and professional fees, salary, etc. The WCC has one employee and all other work is done by Westbury board member volunteers, this allows us to keep our costs lower.

### Westbury Area Constable Patrol - \$325

The WCC has a contract with Harris County, Precinct 5, Contract Deputy Program to patrol Westbury and provide 24-hour response. This program is referred to as the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WAP currently consists of three Constables (2 Deputies and 1 Sergeant) that are assigned patrol Westbury daily. The Contract Deputy Program is designed so that even when a Westbury deputy is unavailable, the next closest Pct. 5 Constable will be dispatched. Several of our bordering neighborhoods (Meyerland, Maplewood, and Marilyn Estates) also participate in the Pct. 5 Contract Deputy Program, so deputies are typically nearby at all times.

The Harris County Pct. 5 Constables are certified peace officers, licensed by the State of Texas to enforce the laws of the State of Texas. The deputies are uniformed, armed and drive distinctively marked, emergency equipped, law enforcement vehicles. The Constables provide high visibility, rapid response to emergency and non-emergency calls, vacation watches, alarm monitoring, and home security checks. The WCC gets regular crime reports from our Sergeant to ensure that the WCC is kept up to date with crimes in our area.

## 2024 MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS

### 2024 Mandatory Assessments - \$290

Owners in Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 revised their deed restrictions in 1993 & 1994 to include Mandatory Assessments.

→ Properties in Parkwest 1 that have a new owner of record after the January 1, 1993, are subject to the Mandatory Assessment clause.

→ Properties in Parkwest 2 that have a new owner of record after the January 1, 1994, are subject to the Mandatory Assessment clause.

The Mandatory Assessments are due annually on February 1. The 2024 Mandatory Assessments are \$290. The WCC has launched our NEW online owner portal. This now makes it easy to view, track, and make payments online. The 2024 invoices for Mandatory homes will be mailed in January to the address on record. If you do not receive your invoice, please sign up for your new online owner portal (use the handy QR code to the left) to view a copy or email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net). If you have past due assessments and would like to set up a payment plan, please email the WCC office at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Westbury Civic Club Voluntary Dues Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Included payment is for the following:

- WCC Voluntary Dues - \$60
- WAP Westbury Area Constable Patrol - \$325
- Mandatory Assessments - \$290 (2024)
- Extra Donation (please specify WCC or WAP)
- \_\_\_\_\_

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WCC Monthly Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM  
Westbury Baptist Church Game Room  
Next Meetings—Wednesday, July 17  
Wednesday, August 21

## CONTACT THE WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB

**WCC Office**— westburycc@sbcglobal.net  
713-723-5437

**WCC President**—  
wccpresident@westburycrier.com

**Owner Portal**— Send general request  
through your account

**Social Media**—  
Facebook—Message Westbury Houston

## WCC Office FAQ

**House Plan Review** - Form is online at  
www.westburyhouston.com. Submit  
plans and completed form to the WCC  
office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

**Statement of Account** - Email the WCC  
office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

**Resale Certificates** - Info and form is  
online at www.westburyhouston.com

**Deed Restrictions, Policies, By-laws**  
www.westburyhouston.com

**Account Balance** - Set up your PayHOA  
account today.

## Join the WCC Board?

Come to the next meeting and join this  
great group of volunteers maintaining  
and making our neighborhood a great  
place! We welcome any Westbury  
homeowner to join! We need YOU!

### Open Board positions\*

At Large directors (two positions)  
Security director  
Westbury 2 Section Director  
Westbury 4 Section Director  
Westbury 5 Section Director  
Parkwest 1 Section Director

\*Must be the listed owner of record for  
your Westbury property in order to be  
on the WCC board. Section directors  
must live in the section representing.

## Join the WCC Green Team today!

Work on keeping Westbury Green!  
Help maintain our esplanade and sign  
gardens, and much more! Sign up today,  
www.westburyhouston.com

## Join the 2025 WCC Board

### Nomination Deadline - August 8

Elections for the 2024 WCC Board of Directors will be  
conducted in September at the WCC Annual Meeting.  
All nominations must be received before 4 PM on the second Thursday of August,  
which is August 8, the deadline specified in our by-laws.



Come join a great group of volunteers who strive to keep our neighborhood a  
great place to call home! The board does this in many ways from flood advocacy,  
esplanade beautification, park workdays, security, enforcement of the deed  
restrictions, and much more.

Please express your interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club by  
letter or by email. If you send an email, please use the subject line of WCC 2025  
Elections. Email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. If you have any questions, please con-  
tact the office at 713-723-5437.

- ⇒ All board members must be a listed Owner of Record for a property in  
Westbury, Parkwest, or Westbury South.
- ⇒ Section Directors must be a listed Owner of Record of home that is in the  
section they wish to represent.
- ⇒ Candidates must submit interest to serve on the board by the deadline and  
must include the following statement filled out. "My name is \_\_\_\_ and I  
declare that I am eligible to be a Director or Officer of the Westbury Civic Club.  
I am the listed Owner of Record for \_\_\_\_\_(street address)."
- ⇒ Candidates may submit a statement, up to 100 words in length.
- ⇒ All candidates must include contact information including address, phone

## Buy Nothing Westbury Houston

Westbury Houston now has its very own Buy  
Nothing page on Facebook. Buy Nothing  
offers people a way to give and receive,  
share, lend, and express gratitude through a  
worldwide network of local gift economies in  
which the true wealth is the web of connections formed between people  
who are real-life neighbors.

Buy Nothing Project Give. Ask. Gratitude.



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Post anything you'd like to give away, lend, or share in this Buy Nothing  
community group. Ask for anything you'd like to receive for free or borrow.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/431530039495026>

## NEW Relaxed Rules for Yard Waste Bags

We are excited to announce that the City of Houston has expanded options for  
their yard waste collections! Goodbye to those horrible, thin City logo bags that  
that deteriorated long before they were collected! Expanded options  
that are effective immediately  
include the acceptance of:

- 100% biodegradable bag (with  
specs of ASTM D6400)
- 100% compostable bag (with specs  
of ASTM D6400)
- Personal reusable container (50 lb.  
weight limit with lid)

Yard waste collection is on Thursday  
each week with the regular trash. If  
yours does not get collected, please  
call 311 to report. Service personnel  
will not collect curbside yard waste  
mixed with trash, paper, plastic or  
any other waste.

# YARD WASTE

### EXPANDED OPTIONS

✓ 100% Compostable  
Bag ASTM D6400

✓ 100% Biodegradable  
Bag ASTM D6400

✓ Reusable Container  
With lid and 50 lb. weight limit.



## Local Community Upset with Changes in HISD

**An Editorial by Becky Edmondson, President of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation**

After learning of both Westbury HS and Meyerland MS losing their principals along with others, I felt we needed to get some answers. Below is the majority of the letter I sent to the TEA and all of our elected officials from the Governor on down the line.

Dear TEA,

Is it not the quintessence of asininity to force the resignation of the best in HISD in order to improve the educational process? How does that make sense? I've remained quiet; thinking that there must be a reasonable explanation...not the wildly ridiculous social media explanations...but this week has left me baffled.

"How is HISD going to recover?" How is Houston going to survive a plummet in housing prices if no one will attend the public schools and chooses to move to the outlying "lands" where they have functioning school systems? With so many teachers voluntarily leaving HISD, and now dozens of others fired or forced to resign, where are the good teachers coming from? And now two of the principals of the year from 2023 have been "fired"?

I love my city, I love my neighborhood, I love my neighborhood schools and the kids that attend them.

The Westbury community is passionate about our zoned schools:

Parker ES, Anderson ES, Meyerland MS, and Westbury HS and peripherally all of these, too, as parts of Westbury are zoned to all of these schools: Foerster ES, Fondren MS, Pin Oak MS, Kolter ES, and Elrod ES. We were represented by two trustees that we voted for and that we knew, Myrna Guidry and Sue Deigaard. Now we have no one.

Westbury, like neighborhoods across the city, are invested in our neighborhood schools and our children's schools of choice. The Westbury Area Improvement Corp, a part of the Westbury Super Neighborhood, funds special events at Anderson ES and Westbury HS and offers support year-round. The Westbury Community Garden has worked closely with Foerster ES in the past. The Friends of Westbury High School has awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships, with \$36,000 just awarded last month.

We, as community members and taxpayers, need to have answers from the State of Texas as to what the goal truly is. I naively thought it was to fix what was broken in HISD and improve the education for our children. And yes, it was broken, my former trustee sentenced to prison, the Parker ES bond guy indicted on dozens of charges, the school board president indicted and pleading guilty. So much dishonesty that we on the PAT for WHS had to literally FIGHT to get what was promised in the 2012 bond and they still reneged on part of it. Thank you to our then Trustee Wanda Adams for fighting for us and getting some of it back!

We need answers from the State and the TEA.

Is this truly a plot to destroy Houston? Is this a ploy to send parents to private schools so they will vote to support the voucher program? What are you people thinking? WHS and MSPVA, who both lost their long-time principals, were fine arts magnets...is this a way to destroy the magnet programs by removing the admins who supported them?

Our children lost more than a year during Covid, and now these same kids suffered through a stressful year with distracted, angry, and depressed teachers who had (and still some don't know) if they have jobs and what their salaries might be. This is no way to treat our children and it is not the way to treat our teachers and admins. Mr. Miles and his team turned Teacher Appreciation Week into HELL week.

I am so sad for WHS and MSPVA and all the other schools impacted by this travesty, for the parents, for the students, for the teachers, for the admins, for all those who have been investing in their neighborhood schools or their children's school of choice. It seems that all those hundreds and thousands of hours invested have been for naught.

I am praying for a brighter future and hope that someone can step in and answer the questions that so many of us have.

Best regards,

Becky Edmondson  
Westbury Area Improvement Corp, President

### Protest at Meyerland Middle School

Hundreds of angry parents and supporters of HISD schools protested along city streets surrounding Meyerland Middle School on May 13, dismayed that popular and experienced school principal Auden Sarabia was being forced to resign by appointed HISD Superintendent Mike Miles. Parents contend that flawed data is being used to remove high-achieving principals at excellent schools.

Mr. Sarabia won the HISD Principal of the Year Award the previous year for the middle school / high school category. Additionally, the elementary school HISD Principal of the Year from last year was also forced to resign by HISD, so there were also protests at her school and at other schools where experienced principals and teachers were being forced to resign.

The Houston Press noted that, "Parental frustration over broken promises made by Superintendent Miles about his plans for HISD following the TEA takeover has been brewing the last few months. Each month hundreds of parents and students have signed up to speak at board meetings about how his non-proven NES policies are destroying what is working within the district and demoralizing our educators," said 2022-23 Meyerland PTO president Amanda Sorena, in a press release.





## City Water Bill Improvement Plan

Mayor Whitmire recently announced several reforms to prevent erroneous water bills, clean up structural issues within current billing/customer service operations, and ensure that water bills are correct.

Changes include the replacement of all non-functioning remote read devices and installing these devices on the meters that do not have them. This will ensure accurate readings so that bills will no longer be estimated. It is a huge step towards restoring trust and transparency in the system.

This comprehensive approach incorporates components of council member discussions as well as budget amendments that have been presented. We are all looking forward to a fair and more accurate process with these immediate changes.

### What's Changing?

Starting April 1, 2024, single-family residential customers will notice a significant shift in their water bills. A set usage will now be calculated for their water consumption, reflected in their May bill. This change aims to offer consistency to customers while HPW works on enhancing the accuracy of future monthly water usage readings.

### Why Was This Change Necessary?

The previous billing system left much to be desired, riddled with inconsistencies and inaccuracies that left customers frustrated and confused. Numerous calls flooded our office from residents grappling with unusually high bills or those not aligning with their actual water usage. This new system directly addresses these issues.

### What the City Aims For

With the introduction of set usage calculation, customers can anticipate more predictable water bills each month, avoiding any financial surprises. By prioritizing accurate readings and implementing necessary improvements, HPW is dedicated to fostering trust with its customers and streamlining the billing process for everyone involved.

### Improvement Plan Dashboard

Stay informed about your water usage effortlessly with a new online dashboard. Track the progress of residential account replacements by neighborhood or check your individual account status in a snap.

**Need clarity on your water bills?** The Dashboard is your go-to resource for answers and assistance. With usage information at your fingertips, verifying bill accuracy and reporting discrepancies is now simpler than ever. Dive in and stay in the know! <https://www.houstonpublicworks.org/improvewaterbills> Customers with questions about their updated bill should call 713.371.1400 or email [improvewaterbills@houstontx.gov](mailto:improvewaterbills@houstontx.gov)



## New Mini-Murals in Westbury

Thanks to a City of Houston SuperNeighborhood Grant that the Westbury Area Improvement Corp applied for and was awarded, Westbury has a beautiful new mini mural. We worked with UPART Studios, the group that brought the first mini mural to Houston right here in Westbury.

Our new mini mural is located at Chimney Rock and Burdine on the approach to the new Dr Shannon Walker Library at 11630 Chimney Rock. The design is in honor of Dr. Shannon Walker, a native Houstonian as well as a Westburian, who is the first Houstonian to command the International Space Station. She is our very own home grown astronaut attending Parker ES, Johnson Junior High (now MPVA), Westbury HS and Rice University.

Three designs were submitted and voted on at a WAIC meeting and a Westbury Civic Club meeting. The design chose was by artist Carolina Gonzalez; [www.Carolinasart.com](http://www.Carolinasart.com) entitled "ISS over Texas."



## When Crime Happens—Working Together

A Westbury resident in Parkwest 3 on Braewick reached out to the WCC office after they, along with several of their surrounding neighbors had been the target of several break ins. Their sheds and garages were pilfered through and items stolen. The resident had video of the culprit(s). Some properties were hit or visited multiple times.

Westbury Area Patrol Sergeant Derkowski with Harris County Constable Precinct 5 and his deputies worked countless hours to identify and apprehend these criminals. They visited the nearby apartment complex armed with the photo and identified one of the suspects. The WCC reached out to the residents and invited them to attend the Brays Oak Management Public Safety meeting. Becky Edmondson made public comment about crime on Braewick as well as at the Heights of Post Oak apartments and the Friendly Food mart. The resident spoke at the meeting as well and the Gessner HPD DRT officers responded in a big way. They have a special ATV unit that they used to patrol the Braewick ditch. Eventually there was an arrest and the culprit taken to jail. This was a cooperative effort of Pct 5 and the HPD Gessner station. An email was sent to thank Pct 5 for their work on this case.



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## Helpful Weather Sources

Does rain make you nervous? Are you unsure on the weather forecasts? Does listening to the news weather reports make you panic? You are not alone. Houston weather over the past couple years has made us all very wary, if not scared, of storms.



Houston gets rain. The trick is to know where and how much. There are many good websites and apps available that can help guide you before rain events or during them. One good piece of advice is to look for warnings and alerts from the actual source, for example the National Hurricane Center. This is not a complete list but just one meant to help guide you and add to your storm preparations.

### Harris County Flood Warning System

[www.harriscountyfws.org](http://www.harriscountyfws.org)

This website is extremely helpful **during** a rain event. It shows real time bayou levels and rainfall amounts at gages that have been installed along the bayous. **Gage 445** is located in Westbury on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at the Landsdowne bridge. Gage 440 is located on Brays Bayou at S. Rice. A new tool just introduced is the ability to sign up for Flood Alerts by gage. Another tool available on the website is a Flood Inundation real time map that can help residents make critical decisions regarding life and property during events. If you are ever curious about the rainfall amounts and rate, you can also look up historical data.

### National Hurricane Center

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

If there is a chance of a named storm or there is a current named storm, the National Hurricane Center is your go-to source. During an active named storm, there will be multiple updates issued along with many different maps. These include the wind probability, the storm track cone, storm surge, tides, and many more.

### Hype-free Weather Forecast

[www.spacecityweather.com](http://www.spacecityweather.com)

This website is dedicated to covering Houston weather news and forecasting with accuracy and without hype. Space City Weather was founded in October 2015. This website isn't about making money or getting "hits", it is truly about providing residents and business owners a quality forecast to make informed decisions. Eric Berger and Matt Lanza provide the best forecast for Houston weather. You can also follow them on Facebook.

**Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.**

## Sign Up for Power Outage Alerts

A helpful alert service about Centerpoint power outages is Power Alert Service (PAS) which can notify you, friends and family of a power outage, its restoration progress, and when the electricity comes back on.

Thanks to upgrades, you can send alerts to up to five texts, five emails and five phone numbers.

<https://www.centerpointenergy.com>

## Sign up for Flood Gage Warning Alerts

The regional Flood Warning System measures rainfall and monitors water levels in bayous, creeks, and rivers on a real-time basis to inform area residents of potential flooding conditions. This system relies on a network of 250 gage stations that have been strategically placed throughout Harris and surrounding counties. Westbury has one of these gages located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (#445). This information is available at [www.harriscountyfws.org](http://www.harriscountyfws.org).

You can now sign up for alerts on a specific gages near your home or work. You can receive default rainfall and water level alerts or create custom water alerts.

The Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne rises quickly and it's imperative for surrounding homeowners to know what is happening. It is important to remember that this gage will likely stay at a certain level (approximately 51-52ft) when flood waters are going over the weirs downstream at the Willow Waterhole detention basins.

### Westbury Flood Gage Explained

Westbury has a flood gage located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne (gage 445). The gage can be accessed here, <https://www.harriscountyfws.org/GageDetail/Index/445>.

Once the Willow Waterhole Bayou reaches a certain level, the water will overflow the weirs into the basins at the Willow Waterhole complex. The Westbury flood gage (which is upstream of the basins) will read steady at this point, typically around 51.2-51.5ft. It is also at this same level, that the flood control system will show that flooding is possible in Westbury and the news will start reporting it as such. While this is technically true and flooding can happen anywhere, it is important to remember that we have the basins downstream. Watch the gage levels to really know. If the gage holds steady, it is likely water is flowing into the basins not homes. If the gage were to start rising again, flooding would be very likely in Westbury homes. The unknown factor is how full the basins are or will get once it starts raining. There is no gage or camera at the basins.

The gage in Westbury is set to only update when there is a change in water level. If we are in the middle of a rain event and the gage stops updating, while at a level of 51.2-51.5ft, it is likely the water is overflowing the weirs downstream.

## Sign Up for Alerts from The City



Sometimes it is easy to become complacent with weather alerts, but emails, texts, and phone calls sent from the City Alert System can be extremely helpful. Sign up for City Alerts thru AlertHouston. Timely information during emergencies is important. AlertHouston delivers critical information to Houston residents regarding current conditions, expected impacts, and protective actions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

These alerts are issued by City of Houston Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Messages are issued for citywide and neighborhood level emergencies.

More information is available at [www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/](http://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/)

## Hurricane Preparation Tips

The reality of living so close to the coast is that hurricanes can effect us, knowing what to do and having a plan is extremely helpful. There is a chance every year that our storm will come, we just hope not. If a major hurricane is predicted to hit Houston, you need to prepare for the wind and rain during the storm itself and for the aftermath of no power for 2-3 weeks.

Should I stay or should I go now? The first decision ultimately is when to stay and at what point, if ever, do you leave. A longtime hurricane saying is "run from the surge, hide from the wind". If you are medically dependent on electricity and do not have a generator, you need to have a plan for a place to stay during and after the storm. Most residents can stay in their Westbury homes during a major hurricane. You hunker down and prepare for the wind (discussed to the right). Houston residents do not need to be on the roadways as those will be needed for coastal evacuations. The next question is: do you stay in your home with no power after the storm, or do you leave town at that point? This decision will help with how you plan for buying food, water, gas, charcoal, etc. Some needs are for the storm itself and others are for the aftermath of no electricity for weeks.

The two lists on this page were created by Westbury residents and are meant to be a helpful guide. There are official hurricane prep lists available on all the major news channels websites, which are also helpful tools to help plan. Be prepared and be safe.



## Immediate Hurricane Preparation Tips

(This would ideally be done over several days leading up to landfall).

- Fill all vehicles with gas.
- Buy gas for your generator if you have one. Fill up any extra tanks.
- Get extra cash.
- Make sure to have at least 2 weeks worth of all medicines. Get prescriptions filled if needed.
- Secure all items outside that can blow in the wind. Move patio furniture inside garage. Move potted plants to secure location. Secure or place your grills inside.
- Don't forget the kids items. Take off swings from swing set. Flip, disassemble, secure trampolines as they can fly. Lay basketball goals down on sides. Move all toys and bikes inside.
- Move your trash cans to your garage or secure them very well to a tree or post. Duct tape the lids shut.
- For major storms, put plywood over your windows. It is not recommended to tape your windows, as this can cause more dangerous shards of glass than if it were to break naturally.
- Freeze bottles of water to make ice that will extend life of your freezer or refrigerator. Make as many as possible as they can be used in an ice chest as well.
- Have flashlights and batteries. Buy extra batteries if needed. Having a battery operated lantern for main room or head flashlights for each person are handy. Kids might enjoy glow sticks.
- Have candles or oil lamps ready
- Get matches or lighters for candles, grill, or your gas stove.
- Have a battery operated radio so you can listen to alerts. Some new models have charging ports and special NOAA channel.
- Buy at least one week's worth of non-perishable foods. Suggested items include peanut butter crackers, bread, muffins, fruit with longer shelf life such as apples and oranges, snack bars, granola, beef jerky, trail mixes, applesauce, fruit cups and canned goods.
- Ensure you have enough pet food and supplies such as kitty litter for at least 2 weeks.
- Buy charcoal or propane for your grill so you can cook outside if power goes out.
- Get extra water. (And wine!)
- Charge all devices and keep fully charged until power goes out. You can sit in your car later for some AC and charge your phone.
- Do all laundry. Wash sheets. Start with clean slate to minimize problems with heat and sweat.
- Wash all dishes.
- Fill bathtub or large buckets with water. If there is no City water available, you can use the stored water in your toilet to flush.
- Have a secure place in your house already planned and ready with a blanket and pillow and radio/phone. Ideally away from any windows. In many Westbury homes, that is likely your hallway, even if it has no doors, you can shut the individual bedroom doors that have windows so hallway is more secure.
- If you have kids, have them help with preparations and explain why you are preparing. It helps with anxiety to have a plan and be a part of it. Have them grab a book and a lovey if they have one.
- Clean storm drains and gutters in front of your home.



## Long-term Hurricane Preparation Tips

→ Keep your trees trimmed. Wind is the biggest threat to Westbury in a major hurricane. Keeping your branches off your home, garage, fences, and power line is important.

→ Buy a portable gas generator. It is easy to get a generator when there isn't a storm aimed straight at us. They quickly become hot items. Plan ahead.

→ Measure your windows and have plywood stored in the garage to place over your windows when needed. Some new windows are hurricane strength but the original Westbury home windows are not.

→ Make a hurricane prep box containing flashlights, batteries, battery operated radio, candle, lighters, matches, etc., so it's already on hand.

→ Save a stash of empty water bottles to fill up for your freezer to make ice or cold water.

→ Copy important documents, place in sealable plastic bag, ready to take with you quickly.



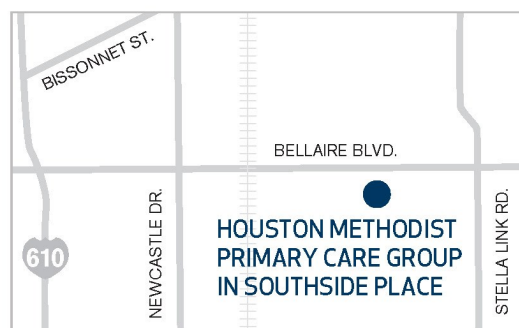
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# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

## Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes—June 1—June 26, 2024

### KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
12100	Ashcroft	Drugs/Narcotics	6/9	11pm	Westbury South
11900	Atwell	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/20	6am	Westbury 4
5500	Bankside	Aggravated Assault	6/1	10am	Parkwest 1
10700	Braewick	Theft—other	6/21	12pm	Westbury 5
11400	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/1	7pm	Parkwest 3
11400	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/2	2am	Parkwest 3
11400	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/5	4am	Parkwest 3
5700	Capello	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/17	11am	Westbury 3
6000	Cartagena	Simple Assault	6/24	6am	Parkwest 3
10900	Cedarhurst	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/26	2pm	Westbury 2
5800	Dryad	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/24	8pm	Westbury 4
5600	Effingham	Auto Theft	6/23	6am	Westbury 4
5800	Farwell	Auto Theft	6/1	4pm	Westbury South
5200	Hummingbird	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/6	12pm	Westbury 1
5900	Lattimer	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/14	3pm	Parkwest 3
6000	Lattimer	Sexual Assault	6/14	1pm	Parkwest 3
5600	Ludington	Sexual Assault	6/13	3pm	Westbury 4
5700	Ludington	Auto Theft	6/15	3am	Westbury 4
11600	Rampart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/20	6am	Westbury 3
5700	Southminster	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/7	1am	Westbury South
5600	Spellman	Auto Theft	6/21	12am	Westbury 5
5600	Spellman	Simple Assault	6/2	1am	Westbury 5
5200	Starkridge	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/18	8am	Westbury 1
5200	Stillbrooke	Theft from Motor Vehicle	6/7	8pm	Westbury 1
6000	Warm Springs	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/7	1pm	Parkwest 3
5400	Willowbend	Vandalism, Damage, Destruction	6/16	6am	Westbury 2
6000	Willowbend	Auto Theft	6/22	12am	Westbury 5

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Drugs, Narcotics
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Simple Assault
- Theft—other

*The crimes listed took place between June 1 and June 26. They are listed in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are color coded by crime type. Please see key above.*

### Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts.	Business	Public
Aggravated Assault	1	2	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	2	1	3
Burglary	5	1	1	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	2	16	2	1
Shoplifting	0	0	5	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	3	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	1	3	2	0
Auto Theft	5	6	2	1
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	1	0	0
Theft—Other	1	1	1	0
DUI	0	0	0	1
Sexual Assault	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>

**Westbury Area Patrol 281-463-6666**  
**HPD Non-Emergency 713-884-3131**  
**SW HPD Station 832-394-0400**

### Security & Crime Update

During the month of June, there were several incidents of work vans being burglarized and tools stolen. Lawn crews were also hit by thieves driving by and grabbing chainsaws and other tools. These types of crimes are happening all over the city. Warn your contractors and yard crews to lock their vehicles.

Tools are easily pawned. Along Braewick a number of garages and sheds were broken into and tools stolen. Thanks to Pct 5 and HPD for working together to get at least one of these criminals off the street.

It is surprising the number of DWI and DWU drivers that must be travelling down our streets based on the arrests that are made by Pct 5. Take care out there.





**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.

**Another Successful Tomato Tasting Event**

Thank you so much to everyone who donated raffle prizes, tomatoes and most of all your time, to make the 8th Annual Tomato Tasting a success. About 40 participants joined to taste a variety of tomatoes. It was great to see some new and old neighbors come out!



Almost \$1,000 was raised including a generous donation from Southwest Fertilizer. Next time you are in the store, thank Bob and Diane Patterson for their support of the WCG. We are grateful to have this wonderful source for our gardening needs so nearby at 5828 Bissonnet.

Cheers to JD's Special C-Tex, Juliet, and Sungold tomatoes as they were the winning favorites of 2024.

**Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole**

Saturday, July 20, 7AM  
 Saturday, August 17, 7AM  
 Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow  
 For more info., visit [houstonaudubon.org/](http://houstonaudubon.org/)



**Willow Waterhole**  
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Visit the Willow Waterhole TODAY! The main Westbury Lake trails and gazebo are easily accessible via the new parking lot at the end of Dryad near Westbury High School.

[www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org)



*Photo—Mark Mulligan, Houston Chronicle*

**Willow Waterhole: Where Do I Park?**

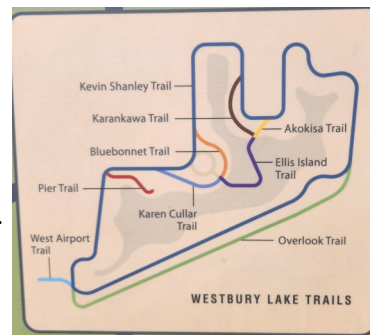
The Willow Waterhole has all of these wonderful new trails, but the questions has always been: Where do I park? There are two new parking lots at the Willow Waterhole Greenway one near the cul-de-sac

in the 11300 Block of Clematis Lane, north of Gasmer Drive and the other near the cul-de-sac in the 11200 Block of Clematis, south of South Willow Drive. These complement existing parking at 5300 Dryad Drive and the street parking between the 11200-11400 blocks of Ricecrest Street. An extension to the Dryad paved parking lot will be completed later this summer along with the opening of more parking east of South Post Oak.



To make getting around to all the new trails even safer, three new safer street crossings have been completed: two in the 5200-5300 blocks of South Willow and another at 11300 Ricecrest. Construction will begin in one week on improvements to the street crossing at Gasmer/South Post Oak, followed by an improvement in the crossing at the 5300 block of Gasmer this summer.

All these accessibility improvements have been funded by generous donations from private foundations to the Conservancy's Discover Your Greenway Capital Campaign. We thank them for making the Greenway an easier and safer place to visit!



# DR. SHANNON WALKER NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY IN WESTBURY

## The Best Library in Houston is NOW OPEN!

The Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library has officially opened its doors right here in Westbury at 11630 Chimney Rock. This state-of-the-art library is named after Houston native and NASA astronaut Dr. Shannon Walker, who grew up right here and has an impressive career in space exploration. Dr. Walker was in attendance for the grand opening on June 1.

A big thank you to our District K City Councilmember, Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, Dr. Rhea Lawson, the Library Foundation, the Library Naming Committee, the Westbury Library Action Committee, and all the community members who helped make this dream a reality.

Our new library is a true community hub, offering:

- Houston's first library café
- Passport services
- Podcast and recording studios
- Music room with instruments
- 3D printer
- Dedicated areas for children, teens, and adults
- Meeting rooms and computers





At a time when the value of libraries is questioned, the City of Houston is proud to enhance access to knowledge and innovation. Libraries are the heart of our community, bridging the digital divide and inspiring curiosity.

With its cutting-edge features and space-themed inspiration, we're excited for you to explore the Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library. The HPL Team can't wait to welcome you!

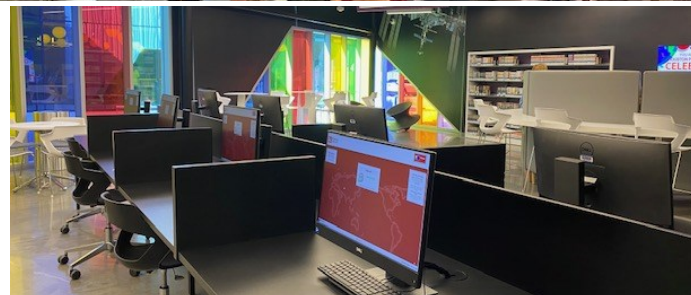
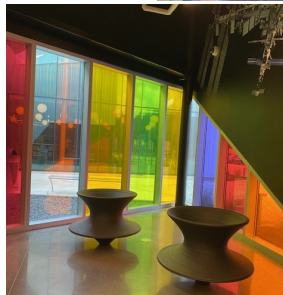
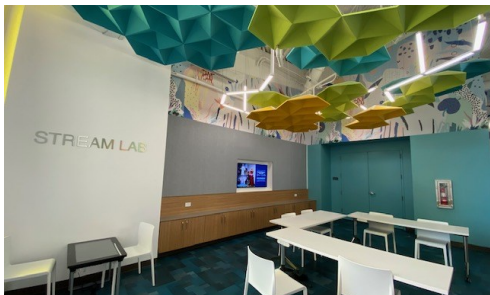
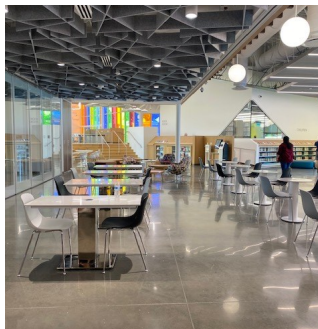


**Westbury Library**  
**Hours of Operation**  
 Monday: 10am - 6pm  
 Tuesday: 10am - 6pm  
 Wednesday: 12pm - 8pm  
 Thursday: 10am - 6pm  
 Friday: 1pm - 5pm  
 Saturday: 10am - 5pm  
 Sunday: Closed

### Opening Day Stats

-  2,798 visitors on the day of the Grand Opening celebration
-  80 new adult and 23 new youth cards created on opening day
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**During the first week, the Walker Library had a total of 5,290 visitors and 5,165 checkouts!!!**



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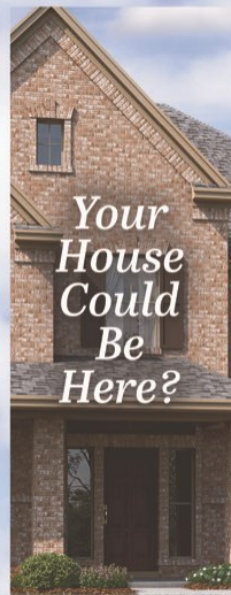
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