**SECURITY AT THE WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**Self-Protection**

Be sure to enter the Constable number in your phone **– 281-463-6666.** Leave valuables at home like laptop or briefcase. Hide purse in your car before you leave for the garden or consider bringing only your driver license and a few dollars. Or ask a friend to come along. Arrange to meet a gardener.

**At the Garden**

Keep your cell phone and car keys with you in your pockets. Make sure nothing of value can be seen in the car. Consider not locking your car to keep from having a window smashed.

Note who is in the garden. Usually PIF farmers are busy in their gardens. Do you recognize them?

Do you know anyone at WCG? Introduce yourself to other gardeners and get to know as many as possible. It is okay to ask someone if they have a garden or chat and exchange first names. The garden is open to the public for walking and enjoying the space. It is good to greet visitors. The basic rule is that garden produce is not to be picked.

**Need For Help**

**Medical Emergency**: CALL **911** for an ambulance. You will give your name and phone number and address of the garden, 12581 Dunlap, nearest cross street Fonmeadow and Dunlap, across from Heights of Post Oak Apartments.

**Crime in Progress**: **Call 911** for the **police**. This is for a physical assault, fight, weapons, theft from a person. Try to remember details or take a picture.

**Vandalism of Garden Property and Theft from Vehicles**: Call Constable at **281-463-6666** to report the loss. Take pictures.

**Location:** the Westbury Community Garden is part of the Westbury Civic Club **Precinct 5** Contract Deputy program. The address is **12581 Dunlap**, cross street **Fonmeadow** and one block west **of Hillcroft** at Alvarado or Hillcroft and Greencraig. Only use the Precinct 5 phone number. Westbury is under the **Precinct 5** contract. **Use only 281-463-6666.**

**What To Expect**

Police respond to **urgent life-threatening calls** and support EMT responses. Certain times of the day are very busy but they will respond to emergencies. Contract Constables will respond to urgent calls too but are also able to help with follow up on theft reports. Report car break ins and theft of personal property to enable crime tracking. They will also try to drive by if suspicious activity is reported. Be very accurate in your reports including time of day. Take pictures if you can. Leave the garden if you feel uncomfortable.

Regrettably, loss of produce from our gardens is a loss we have to live with. Let’s hope the food goes to an empty tummy.