

2025 State of the City

Mayor - Susan Sample

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Presenting Troop 266

Video Placeholder

Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

Centennial Committee

- Thank you for honoring 100 years of West U
- Coffee Table Book
- Additional Merchandise
- Founders Day Celebration
- Centennial Festival

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Friends of West U Parks

Boards and Commissions

- Building & Standards Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Recycling & Solid Waste Reduction Board
- Senior Services Board
- Zoning & Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

2024 – Impactful Projects

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Eastside Package 1 Completion (May 2024)

- University Blvd. from Buffalo Speedway to Kirby Dr.
- Upgraded paving to allow for more efficient stormwater runoff
- Upsized the box culverts to improve drainage capacity

2024 – Impactful Projects (Continued)

Wier Park Upgrades

- Gained approx. 6,500 square feet of usable space
- Repainted play structures and added artificial safety turf
- Installed new fencing and bollard lighting at gate entries
- Added a gathering area
- Resurfaced and restriped tennis and basketball courts

2024 Gold Medal Award

- Recognition from the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS)

2024 - Impactful Projects (Continued)

Infrastructure

- Streets and Drainage Improvements
 - \$500,000 grant partnership with METRO
 - Construction estimated to begin in Spring 2025
 - \$400,000 METRO / \$100,000 Matching City Funds
- Infrastructure Maintenance
 - In-flow and Infiltration projects complete
 - Routine scheduled maintenance
 - Decreased average outflow by 200 Million Gallons since 2021

2024 – Hurricane Beryl

Hurricane Response

- Approximately 16,700 cubic yards of Debris collected and hauled
 - 16,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris
 - 700 cubic yards of construction demolition debris (ex.: fences)
- Over 160 calls for service

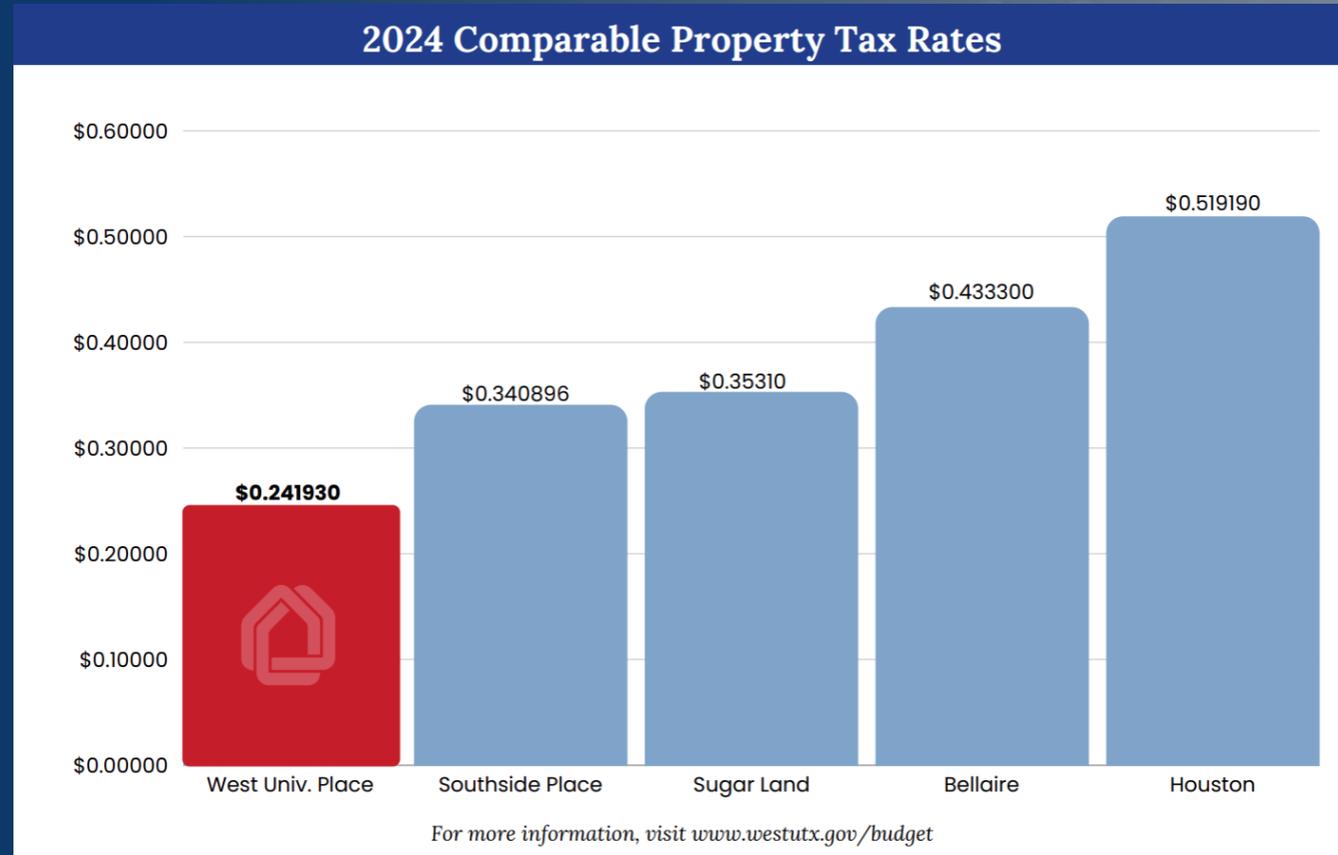


2025 Love Where You Live

2025 – Budget Priorities

Lowered property tax rate for the sixth straight year

- One of the lowest tax rates in Harris County for a full-service city at .24 cents per \$100
- Balanced budget



2025 – Budget Priorities

Notable retirements this year

Council Considering a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Design for Water System Improvement Projects

- Wakeforest Distribution Line
- Wakeforest Water Plant
- Milton Water Plant
- New Water Well

Recreation Center Jogging Track Improvements

2025 – Infrastructure Investments

West Side Drainage Project

- Design underway throughout 2025 into 2026
 - Phase 1 – New Trunk Line (\$3.56 million)
 - Phase 2 & 3 – Internal Westside Improvements
- Acquired property from Bissonnet St. to Brays Bayou
 - Approximately 40' wide, 2 miles long, totaling 10.1 total acres in size
- Construct a new storm sewer trunk line along the corridor to Brays Bayou
- Reduces stormwater throughout west side of the City and Poor Farm Ditch

2025 – Infrastructure Investments (Continued)

East Side Package 2 – (Est. Construction: \$7.89 million)

- Drainage improvements along the following streets:
 - Wakeforest Ave. from Plumb St. to Duke St.
 - Duke St. from Buffalo Speedway to Wakeforest Ave.
- Paving improvements on Rice St. from Wakeforest Ave. to Kirby Dr.
 - Allows for more efficient stormwater runoff
- Upsizing the box culverts to improve drainage capacity
- Replacing cast iron water lines along the following streets:
 - Wakeforest Ave. from University Blvd. to Plumb St.
 - Rice St. from Wakeforest Ave. to Kirby Dr.

2025 – Infrastructure Investments (Continued)

Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Improvements

- City Council considering short, medium, and long-term options
- Potential options include:
 - Wider sidewalks
 - Pedestrian crossing signage
 - Traffic calming measures
- Addressing trip hazards
 - Annual sidewalk replacement program

2025 – Infrastructure Investments (Continued)

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Phase I

- Flood and Storm Resiliency Improvements
 - New elevated administrative and motor control building
 - Raise height of standby generator
 - Elevate lift station equipment
 - New lift station with submersible pumps
 - Concreate pad-mounted electric transformers
- Opening bids on February 10th
- Storm resiliency improvements first
 - Phase 2 – Operational efficiency improvements

2025 – Facilities Master Plan

Phase Approach to our Municipal Facility Needs

- Phase 2 – New Senior Center / Community Building / Library
- Phase 3 – New City Hall
- Phase 4 – Create a Public Safety Building
- Pedestrian mobility and safety improvements throughout the City Center
- Constructs a space for our community

2025 – Facilities Master Plan

Facility Master Plan Underway

- Phase 1 – Public Works Facility
 - Approx. 18,000 SF Facility
 - Groundbreaking planned for February 3rd
 - Estimated completion is February 2026
- Phase 2 – Senior Center / Community Building / Library
 - New 21,000 SF complex located on the existing Public Works site
 - Recreation Center – Repurpose Prior Parks Maintenance Space & Programming Needs
- Phases 3 and 4*
 - New City Hall
 - Public Safety Building for Police, Fire, and Emergency Operations

*amended November 2024

Thank You