

Commonwealth Comments

A newsletter for residents of The Commonwealth:
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Sutton Park and Sweetwater XII

January/February, 2018

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Board Meetings are held at the Clubhouse at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please verify in the event the date must be rescheduled.

Modifications and Deed Restrictions Committee Meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month - 7 p.m.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS

Most Dazzling-
The Danny and April Gross family,
4607 Warwick Ct.



Many homemade trees and arches that completely covered their home and lawn. The entire family contributed to this endeavor.

Most Creative-
The Roger & Linda Shaver family,
4903 Canterbury Ln.



This home had the lights synchronized to several different songs, even including a guitar shape on the larger tree.

Best Theme-
The Paul & Michelle Fenley/
Taylor and Kelli Lobb Family,
19 Thetford St.

Thanks to our Special Events Committee for organizing and overseeing this event!

A HUGE thank you to Monica Clancy and the Commonwealth Women's Club members for decorating our community for the holidays!

We are deeply appreciative of your commitment to our community.

Commonwealth Community Garage Sale

Fatima Haq has stepped up to oversee a Spring Community Garage Sale!

Please Save The Date and Begin Your Planning!



Saturday, February 24

8 a.m. - noon

At your home.



To RSVP, shoot an email to: fataymah@gmail.com

At this time, Fatima expects to have a non-profit available to come through and pick up the "leftovers" from participants in the garage sale. Be sure to thank Fatima if you see her in the neighborhood!

Activity Directory

If you don't see an activity group that appeals to you, start one!
The Association supports approved groups.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We are always looking for Block Captains for our Neighborhood Watch Program. Contact Leigh Mattson at:
Leigh@mattsonrealtor.com or
Sue at news@commonwealthcivic.com

Commonwealth Chinese Club - CCC

Uniting Chinese-speaking families, promoting community news, events and spirit, engaging non-English speakers in community activities and mingling at social/informative events. If interested, contact Darcy at: 847-800-2889 or email her at: danli2013@gmail.com.

Commonwealth Social Club

Until recently, The Commonwealth had an active adult Social Club. Singles were welcome. The group regularly scheduled evenings of fun at various restaurants around the area and occasionally meet in each others' homes for chit chat or board games, etc.
If you are interested in reviving this group, contact Dave at dgbristow@windstream.net.

Mommy and Me Play Group

Blanca plans wonderful, fun activities for our youngest residents (and their moms.) This is a great time to join other neighborhood moms and their small children for play dates at one of the area parks, or in each other's homes.

Contact Blanca Barron at blancabarron00@yahoo.com or give her a call for more information: 713-885-7664.

To learn about working with the Association to start a group; anything from a book club to a bridge group, to a cooking class, contact Virginia and let her know of your interest. The Association will help publicize your group and attempt to help you grow. VirginiaMack@ftbendhomes.com or 281-207-5200.

Golf

Men's Golf Group

The Commonwealth Men's Golf Group always accepts players for last minute pairings on various golf courses in the area. If you want to be added to the list, contact Greg at gregamack@gmail.com.

Special Events

Katy Weimer (aggiekaty@hotmail.com) and Lacie McClanahan (laciemcc@aol.com) have some great Special Events ideas for the year ahead. If you are interested in helping these ladies organize and oversee future events, please let them know.

Tennis

Men's Tennis

If you are interested in playing tennis with other Commonwealth residents, this group is for you. BUT.... the group needs a leader! Please contact Dave Bristow if interested. dgbristow@windstream.net

Women's Tennis

If you are interested in playing tennis with other Commonwealth women, call Jean at 713-385-4097.

The Commonwealth Clubhouse is available for rent, at reasonable rates, by members in good standing with the Association.

Call Crest Management for more information.
281-579-0761

REMINDER -- Please put trash cans (and recycling bins) at the curb on the morning of trash pick up days but no earlier than 6 p.m. on the day prior to pick up. This also applies to lawn debris. If your landscape company habitually leaves grass and tree cuttings in front of your home each week, ask them to start taking it with them.

They should be happy to accommodate you.

The HOA will pursue this offense - it does frustrate your neighbors.

Newsletter - Sue Hauenstein
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**Please be sure that you mail your fees to the DALLAS
address on your invoice.**

There was no increase in fees this year.

**Penalties begin to accrue on
Thursday, February 1.**

Contact Crest if you have any questions:: 281-579-0761.

We hope that you agree: Homeowner Association dues are necessary to ensure that we can maintain the value of our homes.

When we purchased our homes, we all signed a contract that obligated membership in our community's homeowners' association (HOA). This requires an annual fee for the upkeep of common areas and the buildings upon them. The Commonwealth Civic Association, our HOA, has two pools and four tennis courts, as well as a Clubhouse that we must maintain. In addition we have acres of greenbelts and public

areas to weed, fertilize, beautify and mow.

Furthermore, we host several community-wide events to bring our residents together and foster a feeling of community.

When signing those papers, we also agreed to particular deed restrictions regarding preservation and upkeep of our personal property. Unfortunately, annually, there are a few homeowners that, for any number of reasons, do not fulfill their obligations, thus forcing the HOA to incur legal fees during the enforcement process.

These are the places where your annual fees are directed. In the future you will see our Civic Association move forward with plans to upgrade and modify those things that help us receive a good financial return on our investments.

We are successful due to the fact that we have been fortunate enough to have people on our board and on our committees who work hard, **on a volunteer basis**, to make this a premiere community in Fort Bend County and a strong, responsive Management Company.

We encourage YOUR involvement. We look forward to working TOGETHER as we move through 2018. Learn more at our Annual Meeting held each May.

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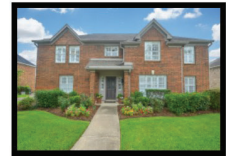
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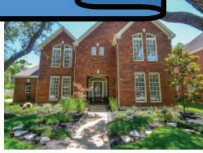


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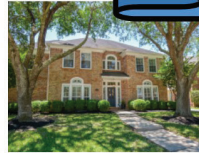
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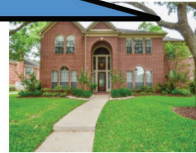
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4310 Saint Michaels
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10 Seaton Ct
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We send our deepest condolences to the family of long time resident and newsletter supporter (advertiser), Owner/Realtor Benevides & Associates, Nancy Benevides, who passed away shortly before Christmas.

Nancy was an asset to our community, very supportive and was very involved in The Commonwealth Women's Club.
May she rest in peace.



Mommy and Me

Our Mommy and Me Group has gotten together multiple times in our parks this year. They have enjoyed a bouncy house, Earth Day and a "bubble bonanza". Lots of fun for mom (or dad!) and the young 'uns.

This group does not have a dedicated meeting date and time, but you can get your name on the distribution list by sending an email to Blanca (see page 2 for contact information).



If you are on Facebook, please join our Commonwealth HOA Facebook page. We post frequently, sharing information that we feel is of interest to our residents.
One more way to stay connected!

Updated Regularly With Timely Info

If your fence is in need of repair, please take a few moments to read through our deed restrictions and undertake repair and replace before the HOA is forced to ask you to do so.

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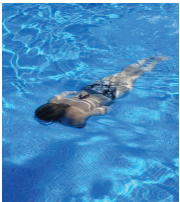
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There will be a schedule for pool openings in our next newsletter. Pool furniture at both pools has been replaced. The Knightsbridge pool required replastering. The coping and tile have been replaced. A slide has been added.

We look forward to a successful pool season including a couple of pool parties with fun for the entire family. We have some surprises in store!

Meanwhile, consider registering your child for our swim team, the Commonwealth Piranhas. Registration generally takes place in March.

We will advise the dates when we receive them.

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Happy Valentines Day!
February 14, 2018



Don't forget to submit a Modification Application and wait for an approval letter PRIOR to starting any modification projects in your yard or on the outside of your home. Call Heather Esteban or Monica Hamm at Crest Management (281-579-0761), if you have any questions or need an application. It is very expensive to put the wrong color roof on your home and then have to replace it.

Residents are invited to visit our weekly **YOGA AND MEDITATION CLASS IN SILENCE** at the Commonwealth CLUBHOUSE every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. (sharp) - 10:15 a.m. This class is led by a certified yoga instructor and health coach. Please arrive on time!

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Happy New Year!
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About Those Fiber Optic Cables

The appearance of optic cables (without notice) in parts of our community over the summer has been a huge concern for many residents in both Commonwealth and Avalon. The unsightly low hanging cable that runs the width of the neighborhood is part of a private network that will connect all FBISD facilities. The other cable, which runs mostly through the backyards along Avondale and Berkshire Ct, will provide telecom services to Riverstone.

We want you to know that our HOA board has been actively seeking a solution for the problem, together with the Avalon and Brazos Landing HOAs, as well as FBLID #14 and FCLID #2. The board recently met with our Association attorney to discuss legal options.

In essence, two corporations ran fiber optic cables through Commonwealth and in doing so, trespassed in our private aerial electric power easements. One of them, enTouch, has agreed to bury the fiber optic cable they attached to poles in the backyards along the levee in the southwest corner of Commonwealth.

The other fiber optic cable was deployed by PS Lightwave for FBISD. It enters Commonwealth from Avalon via the CenterPoint Energy power poles next to Commonwealth

Bldv. and then runs south through the backyard power line easement along the levee down to the power line easement that runs the width of the neighborhood next to the pipeline easement before exiting in the northeast corner of the neighborhood near the intersection of Palm Royale Blvd. and Commonwealth Blvd.

The problem extends beyond Commonwealth and Avalon to the rest of Sugar Land and likely much of the school district. Sugar Land was developed with buried utilities other than the pole mounted main electric distribution power lines. The fiber optic cables trespassing in private aerial electric power easements challenge that status. The City of Sugar Land is working with our HOA on this issue.

The desired outcome is that PS Lightwave bury their fiber optic cable alongside of the other fiber optic cables in The Commonwealth Blvd. right-of-way.

The bottom line from an HOA perspective is that the HOA is bound by the easement agreements to defend the private property rights of the HOA and the property owners of Commonwealth because if the fiber optic cables are allowed to remain on the poles more will follow. The discussions may drag on for some time. We will be providing updates as available.

Association Information

Landscape Committee (meets as needed)
Contact Steve O'Hara 281-265-4485
for the next meeting time and date.

Clubhouse Rentals
Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals
A-Beautiful Pools 281-376-6510

First Colony LID #2 meets
the FIRST Tuesday of each month
at the Commonwealth Clubhouse starting at noon.
www.fclid2.com

For more information, call Ron at 281-265-0137.

Crest Management Company
281-579-0761

To be considered at the monthly meeting, MDR
applications must be received in Crest Management's
office, on or before, the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
For more information, contact Crest Management at
281-579-0761.

Useful Phone Numbers

Police (Non-Emergency)	281-275-2020
Animal Control	281-275-2596
Fire Department	281-491-0852
Water & Streets	281-275-2750
Trash Collection	281-275-2772
Public Works	281-275-2450
Street Lights (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
<i>when calling about street lights, relay pole #.</i>	
POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	9-1-1



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The Special Events Committee, meets the
third Friday of the month in the Clubhouse
at 8:15 a.m. There's plenty of coffee!

They would love to have you stop in at the
January meeting to help plan events for 2018.

**A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO
KATY WEIMER AND
LACIE MCCLANAHAN
AND THE COMMITTEE
FOR ORGANIZING A VERY
SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY PARTY!**

We have placed a few photos from
our holiday party on the website:
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The Commonwealth Women's Club

The **Commonwealth Women's Club** is open to all Commonwealth women. The group meets monthly during the school year. Some of these women have been meeting for decades and some have only recently joined the club. Members would love to have you join them for the 2017-2018 season.

Make some new friends or reconnect with old ones and enjoy a relaxing evening with the ladies!



Wednesday, January 10

Our Annual

El Tiempo Bus Trip

A fun night out with the ladies.

Contact Monica for departure time and cost.



Wednesday, February 7

Valentine's Day Get Your Sweet On

11 Hessenford St.

7 p.m.



To receive details about each month's event, be sure to get on the email distribution list. Contact Monica at
Monicaclancy@clancylearning.com
or call 713-775-4236 (cell).