

Commonwealth Comments



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***Underwritten by
The Commonwealth
Civic Association***

**An electronic newsletter for
residents of The Commonwealth:
Bridgewater,
Commonwealth Estates,
Commonwealth Park,
Oxford, Sutton Forest,
Sutton Park and
Sweetwater XII**

Happy New Year

Civic Association Board of Directors Information

The Commonwealth Board of Directors

President
Jim Levermann

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Melissa Harrington

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Jennifer Vance

Member At Large
Sarah McCoy

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Clubhouse, Pool and Swim Team –
Jennifer Vance

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Sarah McCoy

Community Events and Clubs –
Sarah McCoy & Melissa Harrington

Enhancement Committee –
Melissa Harrington

Landscape (including electrical, fountains and sprinklers) – Jim Levermann

Modifications Committee –
Dave Bristow

Playgrounds – Jim Levermann

Tennis Courts (tennis leagues & tennis court reservation system)-
Jim Levermann

To send an email to any board member, click the envelope.



Board Meetings are held at The Clubhouse at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For more information, contact **Heather at**
HeatherE@crest-management.com or 281-945-4630.

Additional Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Modifications and Deed Restrictions Committee meets at the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

For more information, contact
ronaldt@crest-management.com 281-945-4663

The Landscape Committee meets on an as-needed basis.
Contact Crest Management for the next meeting time and date.

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.

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For accounting matters such as account information, account balances and payment information

Commonwealth Activities

We love options!

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 Jennifer Vance or Sarah McCoy and let them know of your interest. The Association will help publicize your group and attempt to help you grow.

The Commonwealth has a Social Committee

To get involved with helping to schedule and organize events, please contact either Melissa Harrington or Sarah McCoy.

Reach Melissa and/or Sarah by visiting [www.commonwealthcivic.com/contact us](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com/contact-us).

Commonwealth Communications

Commonwealth Email Alert Sign Up:

Shoot an email to news@commonwealthcivic.com
Include your name and address
and we will add you!

The email alert is the way this Association shares emergency weather information with residents. We do not want anyone to miss out on important warnings.

Please encourage your Commonwealth friends and neighbors to sign up for our Commonwealth Email Alerts. That is the only way to receive this newsletter and to ensure you are kept in The Commonwealth loop.

Crest Management also offers an email opt-in.

Their email allows you to receive **OFFICIAL BUSINESS** communications from them via email. Signing up will save the Association printing and postage costs which helps keep annual dues down:

- ◇ Electronic HOA statements can come straight to your inbox
- ◇ Notifications and Violation Letters will arrive quicker

Crest Management Email List Sign Up:

1. Login at www.crest-management.com and click on the user icon by your name.
2. Select User Settings
3. Check the box next to Email Opt-in.
4. Click Update Email Choices

To be best informed, please sign up for **both** the Email Alert Distribution **AND** the Crest Management Email List.

For those interested, we also have a Facebook Page - The Commonwealth HOA - where we post plenty of items of interest, not all of which is included in our emails.

Civic Association News

As OUR Community Partner, Crest Management Company is continually working to provide the tools we need to live and play in our community. Crest has introduced us to their latest and greatest feature, **Email Opt-In**.

Residents will receive official communication, assessment statements, and EMR and deed restriction letters, by email rather than mail, saving the association printing and postage costs.

Update your settings today by logging in and clicking the User icon next to your name. Check the box next to Email Opt-In and click Update Email Choices.

Not registered yet? Head over to www.crest-management.com and click Homeowner Login. Select Not Registered

The Commonwealth Website:
www.commonwealthcivic.com

The Crest Management Website:
www.crest-management.com/

Please share this Commonwealth Comments with your CW neighbors who may not know it exists!

They will receive it automatically once they sign up on our Email Distribution List.

They can send their name, physical address and email address to: news@commonwealthcivic.com

REMINDER

If you are planning improvements/renovations to the outside of your home, please **do not forget** to submit your MDR application **BEFORE** beginning the work.

Unapproved changes can be costly to the homeowner.

For timely approval, applications should be in the office of Crest Management on or before the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

If you have questions or need help downloading a Modification Application from the website reach out to RONALD at Crest at 281-945-4663.

Visit the Crest Management website for:
Exterior Modification Requests, Contacts, to Access Account information, pool tags, meeting dates, etc.

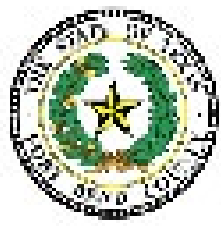


This year, we have elections in March, May and again in November!

If you are not yet registered at your current address, let's get that remedied.

The Fort Bend County Elections Administrator conducts Federal, State, and County elections. The Election Administrator also conducts elections for other governmental entities that may contract with the County for election services. You may download the voter registration application by clicking the button below.

[Register To Vote](#)



COMMISSIONER

ANDY MEYERS

FORT BEND COUNTY PRECINCT 3

MEET AND GREET WITH COMMONWEALTH RESIDENTS



281.238.1403

commpct3@fortbendcountytx.gov

Commonwealth residents are invited to attend the Thursday, January 11, 2024, "Meet and Greet" with Commissioner Andy Meyers.

Commissioner Meyers plans to update attendees on county priorities, including tackling factors that could lead to an increase in flood insurance costs, attracting good-paying jobs, safeguarding our communities and keeping county taxes low. The session will include a Q&A to address questions you may have.

Light refreshments will be served.

Commonwealth Clubhouse

4330 Knightsbridge Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479

January 11, 2024, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Spring Semester Citizens Police Academy

Another great opportunity to learn about how your city works!

The city of Sugar Land is now accepting applications for the Spring Semester Citizens Police Academy (CPA)!

The Citizen's Police Academy is an opportunity to take an inside look at the Sugar Land Police Department, a remarkable organization of people and technology. Students are introduced to all aspects of law enforcement, including Police Department structure, criminal scene investigations (CSI: Sugar Land), patrol procedures, traffic laws and traffic stops, and active shooter situation response.

**Classes Start on Thursday, February 8, 2024
with the class meeting every Thursday from 7 pm to 10 pm for about 14 weeks.**

(During this semester they do skip the Thursday March 14, 2024, week for Spring Break)

. The schedule also includes a graduation ceremony and one Saturday morning class towards the end of the program. In order to be considered for the academy, an applicant must:

- Be a current resident of Sugar Land, the extraterritorial jurisdiction, or have an employment address within the incorporated city limits of Sugar Land.
- Provide a copy of their driver's license and of valid automobile liability insurance (upon admission to class)
- Have no criminal history containing a class B misdemeanor or above in the previous 5 years from the date of application.
- Have no felony convictions regardless of the time period.

To apply, click here: - [Sugar Land Police Academy.](#)
The deadline to apply is Friday, December 22, 2023, at 4:59 pm.

- Registered to Serve Sugar Land volunteers begin your application under "I already have a username"
 - New volunteers must register under "I am new to MyImpactPage.com"
- Please feel free to forward this email to family, friends, and neighbors who might be interested in this important community program. We greatly appreciate your continuous support!

As always if you have any questions, you can contact us at volunteer@sugarlandtx.gov.

Winter Veggie Co-op

The Winter Veggie Share started in October

The good news is that the Winter Share runs from October through the end of March and encompasses a long season that will include a variety of greens, root vegetables, cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, and many other fan favorites.

As long as we continue to have at least 6 members from the neighborhood, Harvest Green Farm will gladly continue to deliver to the Commonwealth.

You can sign up for the Winter Share here: <https://www.harvie.farm/farm/harvest-green-village-farm/signup>

Please let me know if you have any questions about the share, and thank you for supporting the farm!

Nathan and the Village Farm Team



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Incorporated in 1959

Mayor of Sugar Land:

Joe Zimmerman

City Councilmember for District 4 (Commonwealth):

Carol McCutcheon

At-Large Sugar Land Councilmembers:

William Ferguson

Jennifer Lane

STAY IN THE LOOP

The City of Sugar Land's email notification service is called "Notify Me". You can easily sign up for various topic-based notifications and receive them directly to your inbox. These notifications are free of advertising, and subscription information is not made available to third parties. Those who sign up for the information service may unsubscribe at any time.

**Fort Bend County also has an alert system.
Check out the County website to see all it has to offer:**

FortBendCountyTX.Gov -

e-notifications at the bottom of the page.

Farmer's Market at Imperial Park

For more information about the Farmer's Market at Imperial Park please visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/farmersmarket or contact farmersmarket@sugarlandtx.gov. For other updates, follow Sugar Land Parks and Recreation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SugarLandParks.

At the quarterly meeting between the HOAs and the City of Sugar Land, Board President Jim Levermann and Vice President David Bristow heard reports from the Sugar Land Police Department, the Sugar Land Fire Department, a Right of Way update, Planning and Development Update, Development Services and an Economic Development Update.

There is always time for Q&A at the end of each meeting.

Click on the blue envelope to see the City of Sugar Land's Sign Up Form



Wise Words From Sugar Land PD

Car Beak Ins

- If you know you are going to run errands or stop for dinner on the way home from work in the evening, plan ahead so you don't leave work briefcases or back packs in your car.
- When you get home for the evening bring in all your valuables. Thieves can't steel what isn't there.
- I applaud those of you who take the gym or the park to exercise this time of year. Crooks know when you park your car you are going to be gone for an extended period of time. Plan ahead you won't leave valuables for them to steal.

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Robberies

- Stay alert when leaving stores. Phone down eyes up. The closer criminals can get to you before you notice them the more appealing a victim you become.

- When loading or unloading your car weather at home or the parking lot of a store take the time to pause and check your surroundings. Those of us with kids can even enlist them as helpers buy asking them to “describe what they see outside the car” while you are having to deal with shopping bags.

Shopping Safety

- When shopping on line try to stick with sites with good reputations.

- Use credit not debit or better yet preloaded gift cards when shopping on line to help minimizing risks of credit card abuse when shopping on line.

- Never leave purses or bags unattended in the shopping kart when shopping in the store.

- Have packages ordered on line delivered to your work receptionist or work with neighbors to keep an eye on things left on the porch.

Driving Safety

- When going out to celebrate with friends plan a designated driver, cab, Uber, or Lyft. Even if you don't hurt anyone a DWI will cost THOUSANDS of dollars and the other options cost TENS of dollars.

- Slow down and wear a seatbelt, speed is the number one factor in crashes and those wearing seatbelts are statistically far more likely to survive a crash.

Stuart Sanderson
Police Officer
Sugar Land Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit



Thinking About Adopting a Pet?

The Sugar Land Animal Shelter is ready to help you find a match. [Check them out HERE.](#)

Step 1: Meet our Adoptable Pets!

You can see adoptable pets by visiting the shelter during normal business hours or see them online. Kittens and puppies are first come, first served, no holds are allowed.

The Sugar Land Animal Shelter is located at 101B Gillingham, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Their hours are 10 a.m. - noon and 1- 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 A.M.-2 P.M. on Saturdays.

[See adoptable pets online here.](#)

We would love to help you find a match that suits your lifestyle! We highly recommend visiting the shelter in person - please contact us if you would like to coordinate a meet and greet.

Step 2: Sleepover or Straight Adoption?

Once you have selected a pet, you have the option of a sleepover or straight adoption.

Sleepover Option

The shelter offers a trial period of 3-5 days to see how a selected pet fits into your lifestyle outside the shelter. It's a great opportunity to explore the pet's personality in a stress-free environment, whether you have other pets, children, or aren't ready to fully commit. After the trial period, you can schedule an appointment to complete the adoption paperwork or return the pet to the shelter if it's not a good fit for your family.

Straight Adoption

If you feel a strong connection or experience love at first sight with a pet, you have the option to adopt them right away. They can become a permanent part of your family. Straight adoption is convenient for many families, but it's worth mentioning that sleepovers are often encouraged, as all adoptions are final.

Step 3: Adoption Appointment

If you have found your new forever friend, great! We will coordinate an adoption appointment. Appointments usually take 15 minutes and cover information such as: review of microchipping information|discussion of the pet's medical history and (if any) upcoming medical treatments|signing of an adoption contract|payment of adoption fees (if applicable)

NOTES and REMINDERS

Have something to celebrate?

Our beautifully redecorated Clubhouse is available for rent by residents in good standing with The Commonwealth Homeowners Association.

If you are interested in scheduling a small gathering, please contact Crest Management.

281-579-0761

Be sure to check out The Commonwealth website where you will find documents, forms, a link to pay your dues, newsletters, local information and more!

Visit:
commonwealthcivic.com

The City of Sugar Land regulations require that your dog be leashed, at all times while in front of your home, or walking the neighborhood.

Your dog may not actually BE a threat to others, however, perception is reality!

AND -- we continue to ask that you pick up after your dog. We have dogwaste disposal stations throughout the community, please use them.

REMINDER --

Trash cans and recycling bins may not be at the curb prior to 5 p.m. on the day before 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.

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www.commonwealthcivic.com

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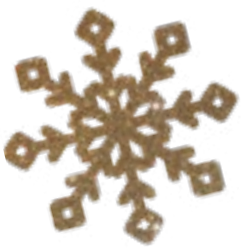
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| Fire Department | 281-491-0852 |
| Water & Streets | 281-275-2750 |
| Solid Waste Collection | 713-726-7307 |
| Public Works | 281-275-2450 |
| Street Lights (Centerpoint) | 713-207-2222 |
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Let it Snow



The Commonwealth Holiday Party. And a great time was had by all.....

HAPPY
New Year

2024

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