

January/February 2021

Commonwealth Comments

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

Underwritten by The Commonwealth Civic Association



Happy New Year

May 2021 be much kinder to mankind!

The Commonwealth Board of Directors

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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.

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

Please go to www.Crest-Management.com for:

Exterior Modification Requests, Contacts, to Access Account information, pool tags, meeting dates, etc.

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Reminder: Dues Are Due

Note From The Commonwealth Civic Association Board of Directors

We expect that each of our residents is happy to see the end of 2020 and that you join us in higher expectations for 2021.

We regret that the pandemic prevented us from spending more time together as a Community over the past year and look forward to presenting more opportunities to mix and mingle over the next 12 months. Sumita, as our "Social Director" organized our Commonwealth Caring project where we offered to assist any of our residents in need during the pandemic. Additionally, she put together two very successful Wine Tasting Evenings for the community. Sadly, our Spring and December Holiday events were unable to take place but your board is looking forward to even bigger and better events this year, as the pandemic allows. Watch your Email Alerts for notifications. In the meantime, please email CWSLCares@gmail.com with ideas for virtual activities.

We send greetings for a very Happy New Year and a much friendlier 2021~

Jim Levernann

David Bristow

Sumita Ghosh

Rajeev Somani

Raj Walawalkar

2021

Thank You Commonwealth

Thank you so much for participating in the electoral process in such numbers.

Politicians pay attention to those communities that vote.

And Commonwealth voted!

You have given a little more clout to our HOA Board as they proceed to negotiate our needs with the City, County and School District.

Just FYI -

PRECINCT 4129

**TOTAL REGISTERED:
6942**

TOTAL VOTED: 5608

Highest number in memory.

While We Are Giving Thanks

We often hear people complaining about their Homeowners' Associations and their disinterest in the residents.

The Commonwealth HOA has always taken time to consider the wants and needs of our community. That does not mean that we get everything we want, but keep in mind that there are over 1000 homes here; pleasing everyone would be a monumental task.

Thank you Sumita and our board members for arranging and promoting our recent Virtual Wine Tastings. If you didn't know about them, you are not on our Email Alert List. Register today!

news@commonwealthcivic.com



Once again, thank you to Commonwealth residents Namita and Manish Asthana, owners of [Off The Vine Bistro Wine Bar and Restaurant](#) for partnering with The Commonwealth Civic Association to provide our residents with a much needed lesson in wines and a fun, new Commonwealth activity.

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Be sure to submit a Modifications Application and wait for an approval letter PRIOR to starting any modification projects in your yard or to the outside of your home.

Call Katie at Crest Management
(281-945-4663)

if you have any questions or need an application.

It can be very expensive to put the wrong color roof on your home and then have to replace it!

The Commonwealth Clubhouse Renovation



More furniture, blinds, etc. to follow.
We will provide more photos next edition.



We are so happy with our Clubhouse renovations. We think you will be also.
Please keep your eyes open for our
GRAND UNVEILING.

Once again, a huge thank you to these ladies for their efforts on behalf of the community:

Beatriz DeMarco
Cristina Materon

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Call 281-744-9237 to find out how YOU can save THOUSANDS in Listing Fee's!

If you notice open gates on the levee, please close and latch them!

NOTE:

Responsibility for the decorative streetlights within The Commonwealth falls to our HOA, please call Crest Management if a light is out or there is damage to any of the lights.

Please Note:

It is the responsibility of the HOA to maintain and repair mailboxes. If you notice any of the cluster mailboxes in need of attention please contact Heather Esteban with Crest with a picture of the mailbox and the closest street address. While they can assist with key problems, the Post Office will not be able to help you initiate mailbox replacement.



There is a lag time of **at least one month** between reporting a need and the repairs taking place. By not reporting the damage, residents may be forced to drive to the Post Office to pick up mail for a period of time.

Reminder: Our tennis courts are reserved for tennis. They are not play areas. Unfortunately, some people are treating our tennis courts as though they are part of the playground and allow children to play there.

It is very expensive to repair the tennis court. If you run across open gates, please take a moment to close them. Children are children and do not understand that playing on the courts damages the surface.

The Civic Association has taken steps to make it more challenging for nonresidents to open the gates and trespass on our courts, however, there are people who will find a way around them.

For tennis related questions or more information on court reservations, please email: CWHOAtennis@gmail.com.

The City of Sugar Land and Fort Bend ISD have elections in May. If you are not registered to vote, please do so today!
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Household Insect Warfare

Pest infestations not only cause damage, they can also be costly for the homeowner. For large infestations, you should contact a professional, but for smaller issues, you might try the following:

Roaches

If you've already seen roaches in your kitchen, you might consider spraying the little things with soapy water. The soap will slowly suffocate the roach. If you know they are there, but haven't actually been able to catch them in the act, you might set some traps with baking soda and sugar. Once they go for the sugar, the baking soda will dehydrate them. You might also sprinkle bay leaves or catnip in the areas where they congregate (under the sinks, under the oven or behind the fridge). The best way to prevent them is to keep your kitchen clean - wipe away crumbs, clean the sink and sweep the floor. Do not leave food open on your countertops.

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Fix those spaces around your doors!



Ants

If you find a trail of ants in your bathroom or kitchen, clean the area with household cleaner, a 50/50 solution of water and vinegar or simply use soapy water. Keep your food in tightly sealed containers and try placing spearmint around your home.



Termites

First Colony is built over a large termite colony. What you need to do is to reduce the chances of infestation. You probably won't even know they are there until the damage begins to show.

Termites thrive on moisture, so keep an eye open for water leaks and schedule a professional to come by every year or so to catch the infestation early and help avoid the costly repairs that follow them.



Making Renovations?

If you are considering renovations to the outside of your home or to your property, save yourself time AND money by getting HOA approval **BEFORE** you begin the work.

All exterior modifications done to the home require approval **PRIOR** to doing any work. The most common projects that require approval include but are not limited to:

- New windows
- Fence/gate replacement or installation
- Driveway gate
- New roof
- Painting any portion of the exterior of the home
- Replacing the front door or garage doors
- Landscape lights (even solar power lights)
- Children's play structures
- Storage shed/outdoor building
- Any work done to concrete walkways, driveways and sidewalks
- Pool or hot tub
- Patio or deck
- Patio cover/gazebo/pergola
- Room addition
- Outdoor kitchen
- Powerpoint presentation

We have a powerpoint presentation that was created for residents. If you would like a copy emailed to you, send your request to news@commonwealthcivic.com.

Piranhas Swim Team 2021

The Piranhas swim team is looking for new leadership to help make decisions and run the team in 2021. Specifically, we are looking for a Vice President (assists the President in duties, especially during swim meets and as support for Meet Director), Merchandise coordinator (buying and organizing of T-shirts, caps, and other merchandise), Data manager (inputs swimmer times and submits reports to League), and Sponsorship support.



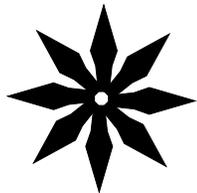
The Commonwealth Piranhas is a fantastic way for our neighborhood kids to meet each other, learn to swim, and have a lot of fun in the process! Our board is fun to work with, and the time commitment

is quite minimal when duties are shared – only a couple hours per week as we prep for the season, and a little added responsibility during swim meets.

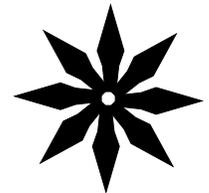
Please contact Jean Konrady if interested jmkonrady@gmail.com. Join the fun – **GO Piranhas!**

Questions regarding the City of Sugar Land?

Please read through the information at SugarLandTx.gov.
This site will tell you exactly what 3-1-1 can help you with.
(i.e. broken sidewalks, trash service and recycling, even Animal Services info).



Click Here for
City of Sugar Land Cold
Weather Info



Please note: The wording in a previous newsletter regarding the use of storm doors was poorly chosen.

STORM DOORS are permitted **ONLY** when they are shielded from public view! **NO FRONT DOORS!**

You may, of course, still place one at your back door, IF your home meets the following specifications:

Storm doors may be allowed on back doors **if the doors are out of public view.**

That means that if you have a metal fences backing up to landscape reserves, you may **NOT** have a storm door. Residences with cedar perimeter fences generally have back doors that are not in public view.

Thus, per our deed restrictions

9.4.0 Storm/Screen Doors

storm doors, screen doors and/or combination storm/screen doors that are visible from public view are not permitted.

We apologize that the wording was misleading!

2020 marked the 30th Anniversary of the existence of much of The Commonwealth community. In such a transient society, you might be surprised to know that many of your neighbors have lived here for 25 years or longer.

**We decided to interview a few of them.
We hope you enjoy their responses.**

Keith and Rosemary Kogler moved into their new home in Commonwealth in December 1988. They bought in Commonwealth Park, Section 2. If you've lived here any length of time, you've probably seen Keith jogging through the neighborhood.

CC: What was it that drew you to the area?

A family we knew from our 'starter home' neighborhood moved to Commonwealth. As we were in the initial phase of looking for a new home (also meaning new construction), we decided to take a look at Commonwealth. We immediately were sold on the area.

CC: Which schools did your children attend?

Our oldest son was in his senior year at Hastings High School when we moved, so he finished out the year there. Our youngest son started as a first grader at Austin Parkway Elementary.

Rosemary became involved in The Commonwealth HOA shortly after the Koglers arrived in Commonwealth.

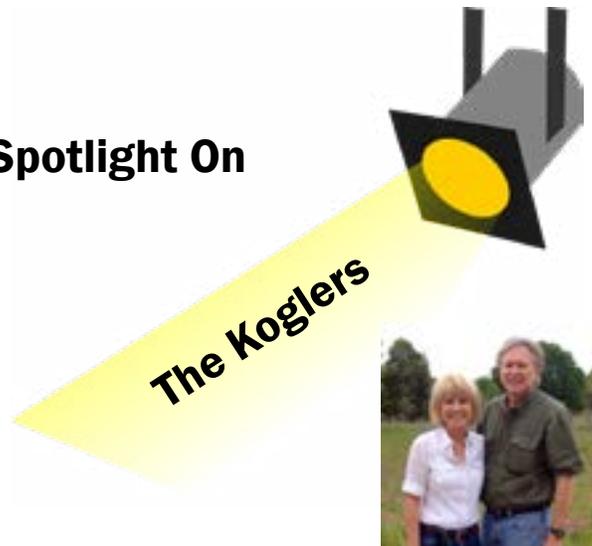
The initial developer of Commonwealth filed for bankruptcy. The Kogler home was complete, but many common areas in Commonwealth Park were left in a complete state of disarray and incomplete, including the cul-de-sac in front of her home.

Although our neighborhood was not in the First Colony Community Association, Rosemary arranged to meet with several Sugarland Properties executives (whom she already knew) to see if they had any information/advice.

Unfortunately, they could not offer any assistance; however, when Perry Homes purchased the community, and were ready to include a resident on the HOA board, someone with SP recommended Rosemary for the position. The position was offered to her and she accepted.

She remained on the board for several years, until such time as travel for work became an interference with her participation. It was with much regret that she resigned.

Spotlight On



CC: What is the most noticeable change(s) you've seen in Sugar Land during your time here?

When we first moved in, if we wanted to go out to a restaurant for dinner, we had to drive all the way to the Westwood Mall area; otherwise, it was McDonald's! Randall's was the only grocery store in the vicinity and had a lock on the business. In addition to lacking amenities of convenience, the immediate area did not have any hospitals, medical offices, etc.

There were many undeveloped tracts of land in the Commonwealth community. We would ride our bikes along the canal, west of Commonwealth Park (now Sutton Park), and it was all wooded. We commonly saw deer running throughout the area.

Highway 6 had very light traffic (that certainly is an era long gone!). There was a bridge on Sweetwater Blvd. spanning over Highway 59 (Highway 59 at the time was ground level at this 'intersection'). It iced over the first year we moved in. (I remember sliding down the bridge, praying I would not bounce off of the side of the bridge or hit an oncoming car!)

CC: What is it that gets you to stay here?

We have occasionally looked elsewhere over the years to (initially) upsize and (later on) to downsize; however, our home suits our lifestyle, the common areas remain appealing, and the protection against flooding afforded by residing in the LID district is incalculable.

Commonwealth now has an enhanced community page on the Crest Management website where owners can stay up to date on important community info!!!

Don't miss out on all the benefits of the Homeowner Portal on Crest Management's website. Your personalized dashboard will give you immediate access to these great features:

- Check your balance and print a statement.
- Quick and easy online payment process.
- Submit online forms such as exterior modification requests.
- View current deed restriction violations and current/historical exterior modification requests.
- Receive email notifications of board meetings.
- Submit service requests to the management team.

Creating your homeowner account on www.crest-management.com has never been easier. Follow these simple steps to get started today.

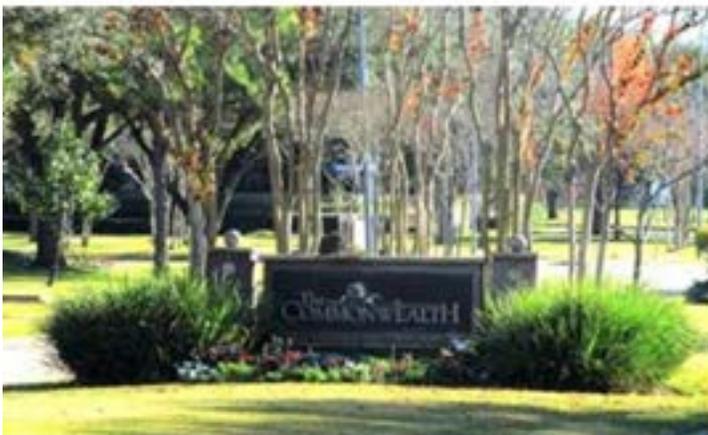


The [Commonwealth](#) enhanced Community Page contains up to date information to keep you plugged in and make community living easier. Check it out to find:

- Crest Management team contact information
- Most recent meeting agenda
- Governing documents
- Services to the association

These services are only available after you register and login.

- Community newsfeed & calendar of events
- Email notifications (your choice of emergency alerts, community events, community updates, lost & found)
- Opt in to receive correspondence via email, including deed restriction letters and billing statements
- Monthly financials and meeting minutes



Commonwealth Civic Association

Homeowner Portal

Select Homeowner Portal for community forms and to view your account information.

Contacts

Community Manager
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heathere@Crest-Management.com

Community Accountant
Tammy A
281-945-4658
TammyA@Crest-Management.com

Assistant Manager
Katie
281-945-4663
katie@Crest-Management.com

If you have any issues during registration, or questions about the site, please contact your management team.

REMINDERS

Our beautifully redecorated Clubhouse will be available for rent by residents in good standing once pandemic restrictions are lifted.

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

281-579-0761

Have you checked out our redesigned website?

We have a great website You can find documents, forms, a link to pay your dues, newsletters, local information and more!

Visit:
commonwealthcivic.com

To get on our Email Alert list please shoot an email to: news@commonwealthcivic.com stating your name, email address and physical address.

We do NOT share your email addresses with ANYONE except Crest Management!

An Email Alert is sent out each time a new edition of the newsletter is posted.

REMINDER -- Please put trash cans (and recycling bins) at the curb on the morning of trash pick up days 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.

One of our residents would like to form a Caregivers Support Group that meets virtually on an as-needed basis.

Potential topics include:
fall prevention;
holistic health and
managing vendor/
business liaisons.

Email:
CWSLCares@gmail.com
if interested in joining.

Please continue to share all of our email alerts with residents who may not already be subscribed.

They can register by shooting an email to:
News@CommonwealthCivic.com
stating their names and home address,
as well as the email addresses
they wish to add
to our list.

Sign Up Today

We do NOT share
your email
addresses!

Please address
any concerns to Heather at
heathere@crest-management.com.

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.
KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH AND PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS!
REMEMBER ALSO - THERE IS A LEASH LAW IN SUGAR LAND.

Activity Directory

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

Commonwealth Chinese Club - CCC Darcy at: 847-800-2889 or email her at: danli2013@gmail.com.	Uniting Chinese-speaking families, promoting community news, events and spirit, engaging non-English speakers in community activities and mingling at social/informative events.
Commonwealth Women's Club Monica Clancy, President monicaclancy@strategicascend.com	This group of Commonwealth Women meets monthly for Fun and Friendship! Get on our email list for meeting details.
Mommy and Me Play Group Blanca Barron blancabarron00@yahoo.com	For our youngest residents. Join other neighborhood moms and their small children for play dates at one of the area parks, or in each other's homes. Get on the notification email list.
Men's Golf Group cwslcares@gmail.com	This group is in need of a leader! The guys are always looking for players for last minute pairings on various golf courses in the area. Let us know if interested.
Special Events/Activities To volunteer: cwslcares@gmail.com	Our residents LOVE participating in fun activities. If you are interested in helping organize and oversee future community events, please let us know.
Tennis: Men's Dave Bristow dgbristow@windstream.net	If you are interested in playing tennis with other Commonwealth residents, this group is for you. BUT.....the group needs a leader! Let us know if you're interested.
Tennis: Women's Jeanne 713-385-4097	Ladies time on the court! Play tennis with other Commonwealth women.
Yoga & Guided Meditation Varsha zestandzen1@gmail.com	Will not be held at the Clubhouse until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Contact Varsha directly if you wish to join her elsewhere.

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 Sumita Ghosh and let her know of your interest. The Association will help publicize your group and attempt to help you grow. cwslcares@gmail.com

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

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

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.

The Commonwealth Landscape Committee
 (meets as needed)
 Contact Crest Management
 for the next meeting time and date.

Clubhouse Rentals: Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals: A-Beautiful Pools 281-376-6510

Don't forget about your trees!

By city ordinance, all trees and limbs growing in or near a right-of-way must be trimmed to the regulated height stated by city ordinance:

- Where the tree overhangs a residential street, there must be a clear space under the tree that is 12 feet above the street surface and 8 feet above the sidewalk surface.

If you have questions about homeowner tree maintenance responsibilities, visit the City of Sugar Land website: www.sugarlandtx.gov or contact 3-1-1.

CC: Are there changes/updates that you would recommend to our HOA?

In my opinion, the following projects would help maintain a more updated look and better curb appeal of the community.



The Koglers

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* Landscaping: Increase in scope of landscaping. (A drive through Riverstone along University Blvd. and/or L J Parkway illustrates improved design/extent of primo landscaping in common areas.) Many pods of land in cul-de-sacs throughout the community were never landscaped properly (trees only, no bushes and flowers). Upgrading these areas would greatly improve the appearance. Knightsbridge remains a major point of entry/exit into the community; however, landscaping is marginal along the esplanade (again, I refer you to areas in the Riverstone community for comparison).

* Repair of concrete in streets and sidewalks (by the city) and driveways (by owners) would really help the overall appearance. Broken/buckling/crumbling concrete really drags down the image of a neighborhood, making it look old and tired.

* Better maintenance and (as needed) replacement of the mail boxes. Rusty looking boxes sitting on broken concrete have a run-down appearance.

* Damaged or rotted wood fences should be replaced.

The Commonwealth Civic Association appreciates Rosemary's years of service and thanks her for agreeing to participate in this article. We will offer additional interviews as space permits.

IT'S JUST DUCKY

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Unless you suffer from ornithophobia (a fear of birds) or anatidaephobia (the fear that you are being watched by a duck), you probably enjoy watching ducks. It's a way to get us outside to enjoy nature, it's free and it's year-round. Besides, they're cute, especially the babies. It's so touching to see ducklings paddling like crazy to keep up with Mom. How do they know which duck is Mom? Before they hatch, ducklings hear their mother from inside the shell and then, when they hatch, they know who their mother is.

You'll likely see several different species of ducks in our area but here are two species that are very common.

You will more than likely see Muscovy ducks in area ponds and lakes. The males have fleshy red caruncles (warty bumps) on the face and at the base of the bill. Females have smaller caruncles or have none at all.

Muscovies are not native except in three Texas counties near the Mexican border. With the exception of these three counties, Muscovy ducks are considered invasive which means they can take over habitats, can stress the



natural ecosystems and even eradicate native plants and animals. They are prolific breeders and it doesn't take long for their populations to increase dramatically driving away native species.

Feral Muscovy ducks have become a real problem for many neighborhoods in and around the Houston area. They wander into yards and leave their waste droppings everywhere including sidewalks, porches, driveways, patios, on cars and even in pools. They can destroy landscaping while foraging for food. They can be a hazard for drivers as they waddle across neighborhood streets. Some report that the ducks are aggressive.

In November of 2019, controversy arose in Pearland when city officials gave the go-ahead for residents to legally kill Muscovy ducks on their own property. They had become a nuisance and many homeowners were complaining.

On the other hand, some are happy to have Muscovies around. They eat algae and weeds in ponds, flies, roaches, ants, spiders, small fishes, reptiles and slugs. They also eat mosquitos. For this reason, they are very valuable in keeping unwanted insect populations down. They are "dappling" ducks which means they float and tip themselves forward, butts up in the air, to grab insects, small fish, etc.

Next edition, we will bring you information on Mallards.

Close To Home

Pawm Springs Dog Park 15300 University Blvd.

It's just down the street
ya'll.....

We all know that our dogs love to run, play hide-and-peek, jump on you, and kiss you every chance they can sneak in a lick. Sugar Land has a perfect oasis away from home known as the Pawm Springs Dog Park for your best friends to dive into adventures.



The Pawm Springs dog park is a six-acre retreat that includes large and small-dog areas enclosed by a chain linked fence, a shade pavilion, and a resort-style pond. Don't forget to bring doggie beach towels to dry them up after hours of fun.

Cullinan Park 12414 Highway 6

If you haven't been here, think about a few hours exploring the park! Everyone needs a little exercise. You won't be disappointed.

While visiting Cullinan, you can enjoy some quiet fishing, birdwatching, a relaxing walk, or just connect with nature.

Visitors are encouraged to pack a blanket, water, light snacks, and a camera. You will love the park's landscapes and wildlife, you'll want to capture every moment and will want to return regularly.

Birding?

For more information on hours and a handy bird checklist, [click here.](#)



Houston Museum of Natural Science 13016 University Blvd.

HMNS at Sugar Land is open Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Some interactive exhibits have been closed for the health of the public, and attendance will be capped in adherence with guidelines recommended by national, state and local agencies/ authorities. With ample space to social distance, your neighborhood science museum is the perfect spot to bring the kids for a science adventure.

[View our Visit page for relevant Holiday Hours.](#)

Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center 198 Kempner Street

A playground for your mind.

The Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center is a very special project of the Children's Museum of Houston. The Discovery Center occupies a 12,000 square foot restored building and features five children's exhibits. It gives the Museum the opportunity to enrich the educational lives of Fort Bend's children by expanding cultural and educational family-focused opportunities. [Check it out HERE.](#)

Shopping? Eating?

Too many options to list. Take a drive up and down Highway 6 or around the Southwest Freeway. Drive through Telfair and Riverstone. New venues are opening up regularly. You may just find it difficult to narrow down which ones you want to visit today.



Lots of options open to you if you've had enough sitting at home. Be sure to wear your mask and keep your distance from other guests. Be Safe.

This info is taken from official websites.

FCLID#2 Update

First Colony LID#2 (that's us!) will be replacing the south shoreline of Alcorn Lake with a new bulkhead type material starting in early January.

The old concrete bag wall is sinking in because of the soft soil in that location. The new material has a much softer look and will be covered in solid sod after installation. This method has been used all over the United States and has performed very well in shoring up the sides of lakes and streams. It does very well against wave action which is a problem on this lake. The price of this new wall is much less than the original concrete bag wall and is expected to hold up better in this particular location in the community.

We were given quotes from a multitude of vendors across the United States for this type of shore system and the company chosen, was a local firm. They were the lowest bidder and have a great reputation. We asked that the start date be after the holidays to ensure that the community was not disturbed while everyone was celebrating and houses were decorated. Work should be completed in the month of January. The community is asked to refrain from walking into the construction site on the south shore of Alcorn Lake while they do their work. It will be re-sodded afterwards and the irrigation system will be repaired if it is damaged during construction. The final look should appear very natural and should hold up well to the elements.

Additionally.....

FCLID#2 erected 400' of fence at the outfall ditch that goes under the University Blvd. bridge. This is the ditch that takes rain water from The Commonwealth out to the Brazos River. The hogs managed to cause a goodly amount of damage to that immediate area next to the bridge before the wire was stretched.

A representative from ExxonMobil was on site to help us with the placement of the fence across their pipeline easement. This final section of fence seals off our community from Ditch H, near Avalon, all the way around to the Sienna subdivision. The wild hogs on the Brazos River bottom should not be able to get in any more! We still have a few small groups that were inside the perimeter when the fence went up last year. The City of Sugar Land is trying to trap those remaining hogs.

After scheduling delays and rain delays, we were finally able to stretch this approximately 1400' of hog fence at the levee, near the southeast corner of Commonwealth.

You can see the pathway that the wild hogs were using to get in and then chew up the grass on the levee itself. There is an animal trail with hoof marks and hog hair hanging off of the barbs on the old barb wire fence. They are probably bedding down in the underbrush in a small section of privately owned property that abuts Commonwealth and Maranatha Farms. The brush and grass is very dense in that area.

We have not seen any new damage in the Commonwealth itself since we repaired the gates and installed the fence on the Stocksbridge Street park. The only recent damage has been to the outfall ditch slopes near the University Blvd. bridge and on the levee in the southeast corner, near the Sugar Land lift station on Commonwealth Blvd. Again, our newly installed fence should solve those problem areas.

With this last little bit of fencing on the southeast corner going in, we will all need to begin looking for the hogs to find other entry areas since their easiest access has now been blocked.

They may go all the way around our fence and come out near Scenic Rivers and Commonwealth Blvd. and from there, where they go is anybody's guess.

We are staying in touch with the City and they say they are still running traps in the vicinity. They have been very helpful in helping us rid ourselves of these pests and we appreciate their efforts. They have set up several traps and have placed game cameras to see where the wild hogs are traveling. They have also had several city employees driving the area to spot possible bedding down areas and crossing areas so they know the best places to set out their traps.

We will be keeping the Civic Association Board, the Management Company and residents informed on the progress we are making.

per Ron Frerich, FCLID#2 Director -Board President

*The Commonwealth Annual Meeting
will be held in May!
If you would like to be on the ballot
to run as a Civic Association Director,
start thinking about putting together a
"resume" for submission.*

The Commonwealth Women's Club

The Commonwealth Women's Club is the oldest club/group in our community. This group has been active for decades.

If you are looking for a way to meet some neighbors, connect with old friends, or just have a wonderful evening of fun, be sure to get on their email list so you will be notified of all get-togethers.

Under normal circumstances, the Women's Club meets monthly from September through May. They are currently trying virtual meet ups to get us all through the pandemic.

Please join the email list to receive details on all future meetings and to get an evite!



To get on their email list, shoot an email to Monica Clancy at monicaclancy@strategicascent.com



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