

# COMMONWEALTH COMMENTS

A newsletter for residents of The Commonwealth:

Bridgewater, Commonwealth Estates, Commonwealth Park, Oxford, Sutton Forest, Sutton Park and Sweetwater XII

## July 4th Parade and Picnic

July 4th Parade  
& Picnic  
(Around the corner!)

We will be seeking volunteers for  
planning and execution!

10:30 - 2 p.m.

Parade Line Up - 10:45 a.m.

Parade Begins - 11:00 a.m.

After the parade, join your friends  
and neighbors for lunch.  
The pool and playground  
will be open!

Decorate your bikes and strollers for the parade!

FOOD  
Fun  
FRIENDS



Due to safety concerns, a successful event of this size requires a minimum of 50 volunteers to assist with parade/preparation, organization, entertainment and logistics.

Activities for children

Lots of FUN for the entire family

## Star Spangled Spectacular

Tuesday, July 4, 2017  
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

NEW  
LOCATION

Sugar Land Festival Site  
18355 Southwest Freeway-Behind U of H

Celebrate America's birthday at the city of Sugar Land's Fourth of July Celebration. This event is free and open to the public. Entertainment, Performances, and Fireworks Participants are encouraged to bring blankets to spread out in the field as they enjoy the variety of free entertainment, patriotic music, activity booths, and the fireworks finale after sunset. Performances will include:

- DJ/Drummer, Don Vaughn
- Electro Hip-Hop Violinist, Svet
- Satellite Band

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.  
Tickets not necessary

Parking is available at the University of Houston (Sugar Land campus), Mercer Stadium and Smart Financial Centre. Buses will shuttle attendees from and to designated parking areas from 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

## The Commonwealth Civic Association Board of Directors

Virginia Mack, President	281-207-5200
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Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

The Commonwealth is managed by  
Crest Management Company  
281-579-0761

HOA Newsletter - Sue Hauenstein  
281-265-4556  
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The Commonwealth Clubhouse is available for rent, at reasonable rates, by members in good standing with the Association.

Call Crest Management for more information.  
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## 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.

### 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 gregmack@gmail.com.

#### Mommy and Me Play Group

Blanca has wonderful activities planned and the kids have a great time, as do 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.

### Commonwealth Social Club

The Social Club has a great time during\* its' monthly outings. This adults only group is for empty nesters (couples and singles) interested in meeting others who share a passion for ball games, nights on the town, card games, dinner parties, theatre, travel wine tastings, Super Bowl Watching parties or a few hours of quiet conversation.

Contact Virginia at: virginiamack@ftbendhomes.com for more information and to get on the email list.

### 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 Virginia Mack at 281-207-5200 if interested.

#### Women's Tennis

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

If you are not receiving regular emails from The Commonwealth Civic Association, you are NOT on our Email Alert distribution list. This can be remedied by simply sending an email to: news@commonwealthcivic.com. Add your name and tell us which neighborhood you live in and we will add you to the list. Get important news quickly with our Email Alert system. We do NOT share your email address with any outside sources.

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!

Thanks to Connie Buckingham for her years of service as President of the club. Connie has been a strong leader and you could see her handiwork, even if you weren't in the club, as she oversaw The Commonwealth Holiday Decorations project each season. Thank you Connie!

Monica Clancy is the incoming President of the Club. 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).

Watch for the September get-together date in our next newsletter. We look forward to an exciting year.

Susan M. Delclos, DMD, MDS, PA  
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**REMINDER -- Please put trash cans (and recycling bins) at the curb ONLY on the mornings of trash pick up days.**

**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.**

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# IMPACTING YOU

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.



Always needed-always appreciated!



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

Pool parties can be booked through the pool company, A-Beautiful Pools. You can book a party by visiting their website: [www.a-beautifulpools.com](http://www.a-beautifulpools.com). If you have any questions regarding a pool party reservation, please don't hesitate to contact A-Beautiful Pools at 281-376-6510

If you have any questions regarding obtaining pool tags you can contact Crest Management at 281-579-0761.

## Modifications/Deed Restrictions

The question about security cameras comes up often these days. While we do **NOT** have a crime problem in The Commonwealth, we all need to consider our home safety.

Security cameras may be permitted if applied for and approved prior to installation. Aesthetics and privacy concerns require the following:

- equipment must be located in unobtrusive locations
- wiring must be hidden from public view
- equipment and mounting hardware must be of color similar to mounting surface
- camera viewing area must not violate neighbor's privacy.



Check out our Deed Restrictions at [www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com)

Save yourself time and \$\$\$.  
Check the deed restrictions **BEFORE** making changes to the outside of your home.

In order to ensure the success of (and safety at) our events, we rely on resident volunteers. There are plenty of planning and execution opportunities. Watch for details.

To get updates and reminders about Commonwealth issues and events, make sure you are on our Email Alert List! Stay in the loop!

If you would like to join the Special Events Committee, you are welcome to attend their third Friday of the month coffees at the Clubhouse at 8:15 a.m.

Check out this newsletter for upcoming events planned for the community. Any further details and/or changes will go out in the Email Alert!

We have received a report of **coyote sightings** in the Commonwealth/Scenic River/Oilfield Road area. (Last month, it was **alligators!**) Don't fool with mother nature!

Please keep an eye on your children and keep your pets either in the back yard or on a leash as you walk.

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## Association Information

Landscape Committee (meets as needed)  
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 for the next meeting time and date.

Clubhouse Rentals  
 Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals  
 A-Beautiful Pools 281-376-6510

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Newsletter, Website and Facebook  
 Sue Hauenstein news@commonwealthcivic.com

## 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 (Centrepont)	713-207-2222
<i>when calling about street lights, relay pole #.</i>	
<b>POLICE &amp; FIRE EMERGENCY</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>

Modifications & Deed Restriction Committee  
 Meets the **third Tuesday of each month**  
 7 p.m. at the Commonwealth Clubhouse.

To be considered at the monthly meeting, 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.

First Colony LID #2 meets  
 the **FIRST Tuesday of each month**  
 at the Commonwealth Clubhouse  
 starting at noon. [www.fclid2.com](http://www.fclid2.com)  
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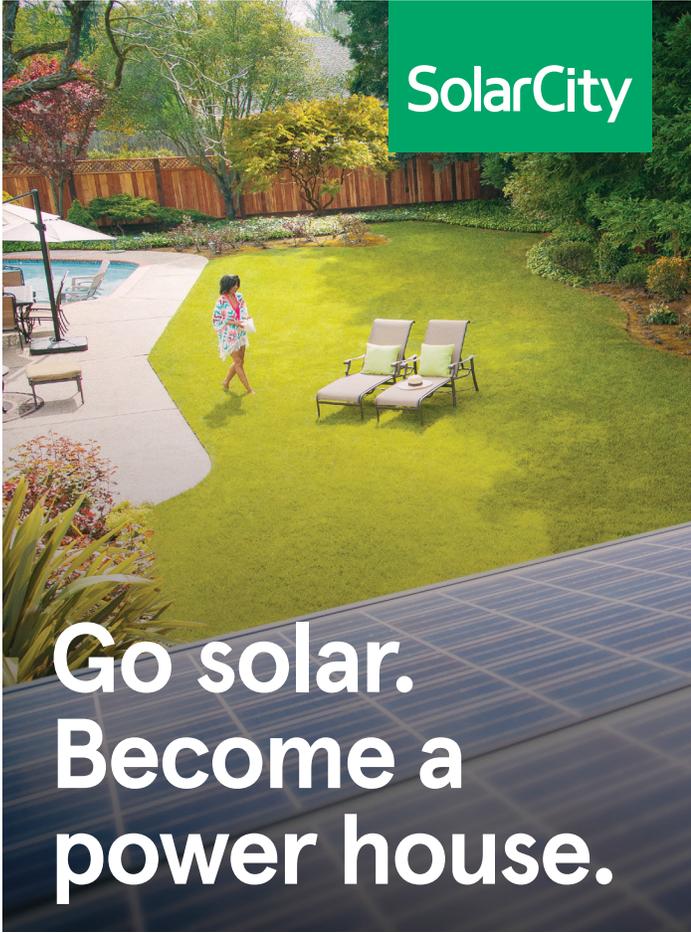
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Thank you to Phyllis Hunter for your efforts towards a successful Spring Community Garage Sale. You are appreciated!

We do not have a volunteer to organize the annual back-to-school teen (and pre-teen) pool parties, hosted by our Association, at the Knightsbridge pool at the end of the summer.

If someone steps forward, we will advise residents by way of our Email Alert System, our website ([www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com)) and on our Facebook page, The Commonwealth Civic Association.

If you're not affiliated with one or both of these communication options, search for us on Facebook and/or shoot an email to: [news@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:news@commonwealthcivic.com) and ask to be added to the email distribution list.

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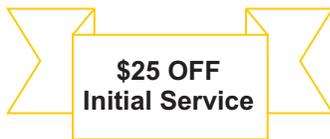
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The Commonwealth HOA is greatly appreciative of those residents who step up and fill committee positions. We know how lucky we are to have those who fill our leadership positions. We still need volunteers to help run the men and women's golf club, the men's tennis club, social club and the welcome committee. If you are interested in filling one of these volunteer jobs, let Virginia know and she will give you a run-down on the responsibilities. VirginiaMack@ftbendhomes.com \* 281-207-5200.



Over 60 residents attended the June movie night, don't miss the fun in July!  
Join us for the

**LEGO BATMAN MOVIE**

**Thank you** May and June voters!  
We will need you out again in November!  
Remember: **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

If you want to organize a Community Garage Sale for the fall, please shoot an email to: news@commonwealthcivic.com and we'll point you in the right direction.

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## COMMONWEALTH PROUD

We know that all parents are proud of their children, but Commonwealth parents, Steve and Cindy O'Hara, have something very special to crow about!

Daughter Loral, who grew up in The Commonwealth and graduated from Clements High School, has just been accepted into NASA'S 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. Loral O'Hara, 34, is one of 12 who were chosen from more than 18,000 applicants. She will report for duty in August.

Loral struggled with math all the way through school but she was determined to master it so she could use it along with her interest in science. She graduated with a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Kansas, and followed up a Master of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Purdue University.

You can read the original press release at: [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov).

## Mommy and Me

Our newest community group has proven to be very popular and under Blanca's leadership, very successful.

This group is geared towards pre-schoolers and toddlers but elementary school aged children are welcome to attend with mom.

Blanca selects a fun theme for each outing. In the past she has arranged for a bounce house for the youngsters, an Earth Day activity with very engaged children and a Bubble Bonanza in the Park day.

The group meets about twice a month. In order to stay advised about times, dates and theme of the day, get on Blanca's email list:

[blancabarron00@yahoo.com](mailto:blancabarron00@yahoo.com) or  
call her at 713-885-7664.

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