

# Commonwealth Comments

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

July/August 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.

## July 4th Parade and Picnic

**Wednesday, July 4**

at The Commonwealth Clubhouse  
& Knightsbridge Pool area  
10:30 - 2 p.m.

This Annual event attracts over 500 residents. After the parade, join your friends and neighbors for lunch. The pool and playground will be open.

Parade Line-up  
10:45 a.m.

Parade at  
11:00 a.m.

Decorate your  
bikes and  
strollers!

All residents  
are invited!

Questions? Contact Monica at  
Crest Management: 281-579-0761



It takes dozens of volunteers to ensure a safe, FUN, event for our community. If you are willing to assist (before, during or after the Parade and Picnic), shoot an email to: [commonwealthjuly4@gmail.com](mailto:commonwealthjuly4@gmail.com)

## 2018 POOL SEASON

Pool tags **are required** for entry to either of The Commonwealth pools; they are issued to any homeowner that is in good standing with the Association. With the exception of community pool parties, only residents with a valid pool tag will be allowed into the pool area. Each pool tag allows 2 guests.

To obtain pool tags, go to [www.crest-management.com](http://www.crest-management.com) and complete the pool registration form on the home page. Pool tags will be mailed to residents upon receipt and verification of the request form.

The pool schedule is posted at: [www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com)

We are not asking you to be as passionate as we are about ELECTIONS, (although it would make us VERY happy) but, every Commonwealth vote helps us demonstrate to our elected officials, that our community is active and involved. We will attempt to schedule a series of Meet and Greet events for candidates prior to the November election. We hope you will attend. Don't believe the hype. Meet the candidates and make informed decisions.

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

# 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 gregmack@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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## The Commonwealth & FBISD

The Commonwealth community has an active task force of residents who are attending school board meetings, getting together with individual school board trustees to advocate for Commonwealth's interests, and discussing common concerns with similar groups among our neighbors outside of The Commonwealth.

One of the common efforts with our FSMS neighbors led to the petition and t-shirts at their request. That said, Commonwealth continues to employ and strongly encourages, a quiet, positive engagement approach to advocating for our cause.

Beyond that, Commonwealth residents are encouraged to send emails to the trustees advocating for the reduction of crowding at CWE and FSMS in a positive and well-thought out manner, while **avoiding the sorts of ugly claims of privilege stated by some of our neighbors.** Additionally, it is always useful to attend school board meetings and engage the trustees and administrators in conversation during the break and after the meeting. The crowd may overflow the room and lobby at the beginning of the meeting, but by break time the crowd thins and there is room for all who remain.

It's not a good time for an extended conversation, but is a good opportunity to introduce oneself and make a point. It is vitally important to keep the conversation polite and focused. Yes, staying late requires some fortitude, but the benefits are much greater than what is obtained by crowding the room with colored t-shirts and angry looks.

Our Civic Association leadership and our active parents ARE making a difference. Join us.



In an effort to encourage our residents to stay informed and involved, we have an additional Facebook page specifically for our FBISD issues: "Commonwealth's FBISD Page"  
 You must be approved to join.



In an effort to keep our residents informed and involved in our City, County and School District, we will be attempting to host Meet and Greets at our Clubhouse so you can KNOW who you are voting for and what they stand for. We hope you will plan to attend.

If we are successful in arranging the event(s), notification will be found in our September newsletter.

Once again, we plan to offer Summer Movie Nights by the pool in July and August. The movies have not yet been confirmed, so if you want to be kept informed, please sign up for our Email Alerts at [News@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:News@commonwealthcivic.com).

Also consider joining our Facebook Page:  
**The Commonwealth HOA**



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## Current Commonwealth Listings



\$524,900

Commonwealth Park  
3909 St. Michaels Ct.  
Large, Stately 3-story  
home w/Upgrades,  
Resort Style Pool (w/  
rock waterfall), Heated  
Spa, Cook Decking,  
Fresh Paint and Plush  
Carpet. Open Concept  
Kitchen/Family Room  
& Large Game Room



\$399,000

Commonwealth Park  
47 Sterling St.  
Beautiful Upgraded  
Home. Laguna style  
Heated Pool w/  
Tanning Ledge.  
Backs Greenbelt

Oxford  
3914 Bratton St.  
Wonderfully updated  
2-story home. Master  
down, Fresh Paint/  
Carpet (2017).  
Updated Kitchen.



\$489,900

**SOLD** - Commonwealth Park  
75 Bradford Circle  
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## Commonwealth Specialist



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## Modifications/Deed Restrictions

It was great to see many our neighbors turn their attention to home improvement projects as the weather warmed up this year. Our Modification Committee would like to share some helpful reminders as you begin thinking about your own home improvement project.

**Timeframe:** Our Committee (**MDR**) that reviews projects is comprised of a group of community volunteers that meets once per month, typically the 3rd Tuesday. While the Committee tries to get through every application received prior to the monthly meeting, there are times that either unexpected questions pop up, or the volume of applications requires additional research time. Once a decision on your application has been reached, which can take up to the 60 days as outlined in our Community CC&R's, you will be contacted by our Community Management team at Crest.

**Recommendations:** There are a few things you can do to help expedite your modification application. First, please review the relevant guidelines for your project. The latest ACC Guidelines are located at [www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com) (click the tab for Guidelines & Forms, then click Deed Restrictions). Second, make sure you apply for project and receive approval **PRIOR** to starting any associated work.

Third, please schedule a time (Monica@crest-management.com) to discuss your project with the MDR Committee at the next scheduled meeting prior to submitting an application or spending money on planning (drawings, etc.). We highly recommend this for any unique and/or large projects you may be considering, such as patio covers and outdoor kitchens.

**Emergency Repairs:** Our Community Guidelines allow you to make emergency repairs to protect your home. Keep in mind that you will need to bring any repair projects into compliance with the Guidelines within a reasonable amount of time, and these projects will likely require an application to the Modification Committee **prior** to the final repair.

We encourage homeowners to continue the home improvement projects that keep our neighborhood a desirable and appealing place to raise families.

### Roofs and Fences

As an HOA, we encourage the effort to keep our neighborhood aesthetically appealing and homes in great condition. We also want to help you avoid any costly mistakes when having expensive work done on your home.

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The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Civic Association is once again offering to underwrite a Back-To-School Party for our middle and high school students this fall.

If you are willing to organize this event, please shoot an email to:

[News@CommonwealthCivic.com](mailto:News@CommonwealthCivic.com) and it will be forwarded to the board members.

These parties have historically been very much appreciated by our students.

Let us know if you are interested.



**Children are out of school for the summer!  
Please be mindful that they are often easily distracted and may not be paying attention when out and about.  
Be cautious!**

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**Commonwealth Curb Appeal Winner**  
3810 Stockbridge  
The Pham Family

### Sold Listings 2017



**4903 Keneshaw**  
\$524,000



**31 Burwick**  
\$615,000



**3811 St Michaels**  
\$449,000



**4819 Burbury**  
\$544,800



**63 Sterling**  
\$649,800



**4310 Saint Michaels**  
\$889,000



**10 Seaton Ct**  
\$449,000



**4722 Yorkshire**  
\$479,800

FOR SALE

**4318 Saint Michaels**  
\$669,000

**3926 Bratton**  
\$369,900

**4818 Burbury St**  
\$534,800

**3806 W Wisteria**  
\$384,999

#### Modifications & Deed Restrictions - continued

**Roof Replacement:** please submit an application and wait for approval **before** proceeding with your roof replacement projects. Our Modification Committee will make sure that you are proceeding with an approved shingle color and address any other details to make sure you remain in compliance.

**Fence Repairs:** when replacing individual wood pickets, please make sure that you are replacing them with the same quality cedar picket used in the original construction of your fence. These individual picket replacements need to be lined up with the dog ear tops on the existing pickets.

We look forward to helping you move forward on your home improvement/modification projects!



**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**

### Crime Watch

Our Crime Watch program helps keep our residents safer. We would really like to grow our Block Captains number. If you don't already know your Block Captain, it is likely you do not have one.

The position of Block Captain is not a demanding one. There are no mandatory meetings. We ask only that you maintain a list of contact information for the people on your block: Name, address, email address and phone numbers. (It is also helpful if you make note of the vehicles that belong at each home.) You become the HOA contact in case of an emergency. You will share any information provided with the people on your block.

If you would consider volunteering for this position, please contact Leigh Mattson: [leigh@mattsonrealtor.com](mailto:leigh@mattsonrealtor.com) or Sue Hauenstein: [news@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:news@commonwealthcivic.com).

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!

## Association Information

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

Clubhouse Rentals  
Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals  
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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> |              |
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| <b>POLICE &amp; FIRE EMERGENCY</b>                     | <b>9-1-1</b> |



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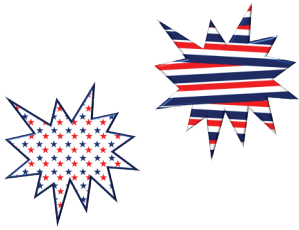
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## Saturday, August 25 8 a.m. - noon

You have all summer to empty those closets,  
clean out the garage, and declutter the attic.

To be included in the map,  
(distributed at the Clubhouse that morning)  
you must register by August 15-details in future email.



Please note: City of Sugar Land ordinances prohibit ANY signs from being placed in the common areas of our community.

This includes Garage Sale, Realtor Signs, political signs, and signs for all goods and services.

The City will pick up and trash the signs when they drive through.



The Commonwealth Women's Club  
is on summer break.

We will bring you information on their  
September meeting in our next newsletter.

Meanwhile, you can be added to the  
email distribution list by shooting a note to:  
[Monicaclancy@clancylearning.com](mailto:Monicaclancy@clancylearning.com)