

Commonwealth **C**omments

July/August 2023

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**An electronic newsletter for
residents of The Commonwealth:**

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Sweetwater XII**

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

Board Meetings

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.**

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

www.crest-management.com

The Commonwealth Board of Directors

President
Jim Levermann

Vice President
David Bristow

Treasurer
Melissa Harrington

Secretary
Jennifer Vance

Member At Large
Sarah McCoy

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



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 **ronalddt@crest-management.com 281-945-4663**

Our 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.

Board Member Liaisons

Clubhouse, Pool and Swim Team – Jennifer Vance

Communications: (newsletter, website, eblasts and marquee) – Sarah McCoy

Community Events and Clubs – Sarah McCoy & Melissa Harrington

Enhancement Committee – Sarah McCoy & 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 reach a Board Member, click on the envelope.



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

Activity Directory

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 Melissa Harrington 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

Yoga & Guided Meditation

zestandzen1@gmail.com

To find out where and when, contact Varsha. She hopes to restart classes AT the Clubhouse in the near future!

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

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

Commonwealth Email Alert Sign Up:

Shoot an email to news@commonwealthcivic.com
Include your name and address.

Please encourage your Commonwealth friends and neighbors to sign up for our Commonwealth Email Alerts.
That is the only way to receive this newsletter.

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.

For those interested, we also have a Facebook Page:
The Commonwealth HOA
where we post plenty of items of interest.

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



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



Independence Day Parade & Picnic

see page 6 for details

URGENT!

Our community has been here for well over 30 years. We are definitely aging. And, we are, for the most part, aging well.

This does, however, bring a multitude of challenges for our HOA. One of the recently prevalent issues revolves around our mailboxes!

The HOA is responsible for replacing the group mailboxes when they begin to decay.

Unfortunately, the HOAs are required to order from a particular vendor and must use a specified contractor for installation. The Post Office then hands out the keys.

The worst part is that the lead time to getting one replaced is close to 2 months.

Meanwhile, the PO makes no attempt to deliver the first class mail, as required by law.



Residents can help a great deal if you will report decaying mailboxes to Crest Management as soon as the problems begin. Don't wait until the mailboxes are not closing or are falling apart. The sooner we order the mailbox, the quicker the problem is remedied. Thank you for paying attention to this matter!



***A huge thank you to those who were able to attend
The Commonwealth Civic Association's
Annual Meeting in May.***

***Congratulations to Jim Levermann and David Bristow
on their re-election to the Board AND
Melissa Harrington on
her successful bid for a board position.***

***The community thanks Dr. John Frenzel for his service
to The Commonwealth and wishes him success and
happiness with his move.***

The Commonwealth Women's Club is back up and running again!

They did hold a June Social at the home of Namita Asthana and a great time was had by all in attendance. Get on the list to see plans for July/ August and September!

To learn more about the group, reach out to Namita at: asthana.namita@gmail.com

(281) 773-0689

They would love to meet you!!!

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**Please share this edition of
Commonwealth Comments
with a neighbor who may not be aware of its' existence!**

The Civic Association Board is investing in enhancing our landscaping along Commonwealth Blvd and really wants community input on the landscape plans.

This is your home, most likely your largest investment. Have a say in keeping home values high. Get involved.

Please consider joining the Landscape Committee to assist with future phases of our upgrades!



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 each month. Questions? Reach out to Crest at 281-579-0761.

**Call Ron at Crest Management - 281.945.4663
if you have any questions or need help downloading a
Modifications Application from the website.**

Questions About Trash Pickup?

Visit the City of Sugar Land's website to learn more!
www.sugarlandtx.gov - Search for your area of concern on the site.
Or call 3-1-1.



**A huge thank you to those residents
who step up and volunteer to serve on
Commonwealth Committees.
Our Civic Association is only as strong as
our residents help us to be!**

You are greatly appreciated!

NOTIFY ME

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

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.

**Click on the icon
below to see the
City of Sugar Land's
Sign Up Form**



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The Commonwealth's 4th of July

Picnic and Parade

8:30 a.m. Volunteers begin set up. Sign up to volunteer!
Both adult and youth volunteers needed throughout the day. Sign up here:

[Click Here to
Volunteer](#)

Enjoy our
Stilt Walker/Juggler
Face Painters

Water Slide Open

At the Clubhouse
July 4th

10 A.M. DJ gets the party
started while families
decorate bikes/wagons
(decorations supplied)

Parade begins
at 10:30 A.M.

Food & Drinks
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Ice Cream
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Pools are Open~



Commonwealth Comments

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Commonwealth Email Distribution List

The Commonwealth is very fortunate to have an HOA Board that believes in keeping residents as informed as possible. A little research will reassure you that your Civic Association has been very successful at keeping home values up and attracting new residents in a timely fashion.

We keep our residents aware of meetings that impact life here, not only in The Commonwealth, but also in the City of Sugar Land and in Fort Bend County. We do our best not to overwhelm your in-box, but we do give you a heads up regarding important local issues and opportunities to meet and mix with decision-makers that impact your quality of life. Our information always comes from the source. Don't miss this opportunity to keep informed!

REMINDER - CW Pool Tags are Required

- ◆ Pool tags will be issued to any homeowner that is in good standing with the Association.
- ◆ To obtain pool tags, go to www.crest-management.com and click request a pool tag/access device on the home page.

Pool tags will be mailed to residents upon receipt and verification of the request form.
There is a \$20 expedite fee to pick up pool tags in person at Crest Management's office.

Pool tags will be checked by management personnel when entering the pool facility. If a tag is not in the resident's possession or cannot be verified, residents and/or others may be asked to leave the facilities. Only residents, with their guests, with a valid pool tag will be allowed into the pool.



Commonwealth Veggie Co-op



The Commonwealth's partnership with the
HARVEST GREEN VILLAGE FARM VEGGIE SHARE
has proven to be a GREAT success thus far.

Pick up is now available each week at our Clubhouse.



To JOIN —> Fill out the nonresident form on the website below
The farmers will know from the address you enter where your pick up location is:

<https://www.harvie.farm/profile/harvest-green-village-farm>

If you'd like to Tour the Farm, reservations can be made here —> <https://hgvillagefarm.ticketleap.com/>

For questions about our Commonwealth pickup, email Jenna Ross at: jennagiarratano@hotmail.com

If you would like to advertise your business in our bi-monthly (electronic) newsletter, 6 issues annually, please send an email to news@commonwealthcivic.com and we will share the rate information. Ads range from business card sized to half page.

We also offer Classy Ads (**for residents only**) which are merely a listing of your business and a link to your business web page.

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Commonwealth Swim Team News

The Commonwealth Piranhas Swim Team had a great season under the leadership of Head Coach Linda Miller, Assistant Coaches Hunter Miller and Philip Miller, and Staff Coaches Jonathan Ramkisson, Arina Connell, Lila Schroer, Isabelle Chang, and Hannah Laverde.

The Piranhas competed in Division 2 of the Southwest Houston Recreation Swim League (SHRSL) and helped 160 swimmers from ages 4 to 18 improve their strokes and become faster through daily practices and weekly competitions during the season. Many of our swimmers made it to the annual All Stars competition – a showcase of the fastest swimmers in the league! **Congratulations to all of them – we are proud of you!**

Aside from the coaching staff, our team is run completely by volunteers. Thank you to our parent volunteers for making each meet successful. Our junior coaching volunteers also deserve a shoutout: Jacob Weimer, Anthony Schroer, Dominic Laverde, Theresa Andrews, Addison Andrews, Elizabeth Johnson, Ethan Romero and Danae Romero.

Our community-famous announcer, Darrell Haun comes back year after year to act as Starter for the races and is appreciated more than he knows! The CW Piranhas Board also puts in countless hours to make the team run smoothly. Next time you see one of them, ask about the Piranhas, and tell them THANK YOU for serving on the board and helping to make The Commonwealth such a great neighborhood for families.

2023 Board Members:

Jean Konrady – President
 Melissa Schroer – VP & Sponsorships
 Lindsey Drouet - Treasurer
 Roberto Rodriguez – Outgoing Treasurer
 Melissa Johnson - Secretary & Fun Friday
 Katy Weimer - Merchandise
 Casey Flatt – Volunteer Coordinator
 Sarah Parkinson – Volunteer Coordinator
 Esra Yilmaz – Volunteer Coordinator
 Helen Nguyen - Concessions/ Party Planner



Mark your calendars for 2024 registration!

We start registering right after FBISD Spring Break.

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Questions?
 Email: gocommonwealthpiranhas@gmail.com

Commonwealth Piranhas Business Sponsors:

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Mayor of Sugar Land:
Joe Zimmerman

City Councilmember for District 4 (Commonwealth):
Carol McCutcheon

At-Large Sugar Land Councilmembers:
William Ferguson
Jennifer Lane



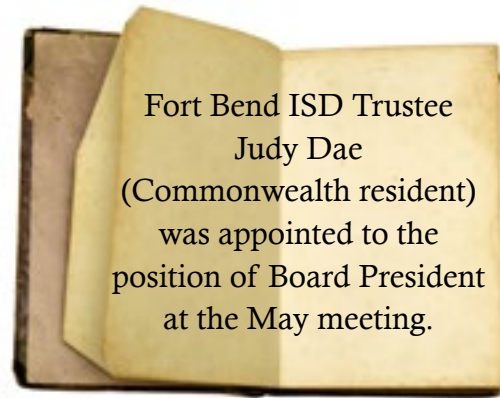
May Election Results

Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees:

Position 1 - Angie Hanan (re-elected)
Position 4 - Shirley Rose (re-elected)
Position 5 - Sonya Jones

FBISD Bond Referendum

All propositions on the FBISD Bond Referendum passed.



City Meeting Update

On June 21 Mayor Joe Zimmerman, Councilmember Carol McCutcheon and City Staff joined around 40 residents at our Clubhouse to address misinformation circulating regarding City Council procedures on Economic Development in Sugar Land.

There is basically very little available free space for development in the city limits. The two major areas are the Imperial Historic District and the space around the Smart Financial Center.

The City's main objective is to remain relevant and competitive with other areas of the region, while preserving our quality of life.

There are not yet ANY firm plans for these areas, however, the city leans towards mixed-use zoning; thus providing housing options for various stages of life.

Preservation is number 1 on their list, specifically the Historic Char House. Many people have interpreted City documents to say that Council and public input will not be included in the outcomes. The City denies that this is the case.

There was discussion surrounding Activity Centers and their value to the community. These are multi-use, compact, walkable areas integrated with office and living spaces. (For example: Lake Pointe and Imperial.) The Mayor anticipates that there will be public hearings in late July/August and that Council WILL have the final say.

Our residents attending the meeting were fully invested in the discussion that took place and several of our neighbors grilled the mayor about the plans, as well as the public hearings.

Be sure you are on our Email Alert List to ensure that you receive the latest information provided to the Civic Association.

While stating that the City is not in the wildlife control business, they say they are committed to helping with the Feral Hog situation. They are reaching out to local LIDS to help manage the problem and appear to be expecting the LIDS to carry the burden of controlling the hogs.

Stay tuned for updates.

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 Ronald @ Crest Management.

281-945-4663

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.

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 --

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.

Useful Phone Numbers

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| Police (Non-Emergency) | 281-275-2020 |
| Animal Control | 281-275-2596 |
| 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 |
| <i>when calling about street lights, relay pole #.</i> | |
| CITY OF SUGAR LAND | 3-1-1 |
| POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY | 9-1-1 |

Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals: American Pools 281-916-0020
americanpool.com/locations/houston-pool-services

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Commonwealth Pool Schedule and Hours of Operation

Knightsbridge

Through AUGUST 6th

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|---|------------------|
| Monday | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Tuesday | CLOSED |
| Wednesday - Saturday | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Sunday | 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. |
| (Tuesday) July 4th | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| but will be closed on Wed, July 5th for cleaning! | |

AUGUST 7th - OCTOBER 1st
(Weekends only)

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| Saturday | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Sunday | 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. |

Labor Day 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Briarwood

JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 6th

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| Monday | CLOSED |
| Tuesday - Friday | 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Sunday | 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. |

AUGUST 7th - SEPTEMBER 4th
(Weekends only)

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|----------|------------------|
| Saturday | 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Sunday | 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. |

Labor Day 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The pool schedule and hours are subject to change based on staffing AND the FBISD school calendar. If you have any questions regarding obtaining pool tags you can contact Ronald with Crest Management at ronalddt@crest-management.com or 281-945-4663.

Briarwood Splash Pad

PLEASE NOTE:

- Access to the restroom during pool hours will be through the main pool entry gate.
- The restroom will be accessible from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.
- The splash pad will be open each year from **March 1st- October 31st from 8 a.m. until dusk.**
- The posted rules at the splash pad must be followed.
- If the restrooms need cleaning or attention, please contact Ronald with Crest Management (contact info below).

If you have any questions regarding pool tags or access, you can contact Ronald with Crest Management at: ronalddt@crest-management.com or 281-945-4663.



Our splash pad has a new activation button. You will find it on the floor. Simply use your foot (or hand) to start the fun!

Pool Tags are required for Commonwealth Pools!

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Happy Independence Day!



Have a safe
and happy holiday

Freedom!
Independence

**We wish all of our
students a
successful first day
back at school AND
a safe, fulfilling
school year!**

