



COMMONWEALTH COMMENTS

Commonwealth's Spring Fling is Back!

Please join us!

After an absence of many years, our Special Events Committee is bringing our (very popular) Annual Spring Fling back!



SPRING FLING

Saturday, April 1

9 a.m. - noon

Lots of family fun

Bounce House | Egg Hunt | Crafts | Petting Zoo
Visit from a Special Bunny and more!

Adult volunteers are needed on the day of the event.
This event is perfect for those much needed High School "YES" hours.
Please contact Katy - aggiekaty@hotmail.com

HOA BOARD ELECTIONS

3 Board members are up for election this year.

Crest Management will be sending election notifications before the Annual Meeting so that candidates may place their names on the ballot.

It is possible to be nominated (or nominate yourself), from the floor on the night of the meeting.

If you have any questions about the election process or wish to have your name on the ballot, contact:

Heather Esteban, CMCA, AMS
Community Manager
Crest Management Company,
17171 Park Row, Suite 310,
Houston, Texas 77084

281-579-0761
heather.esteban@crest-management.com

2017 POOL SEASON

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 complete the pool registration form on the home page. Pool tags will be mailed to residents upon receipt and verification of the request form. Registration and pick up of pool tags in person at Crest Management's office will incur a \$20 Charge.

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 a valid pool tag will be allowed into the pool (with exception of prearranged pool parties through the pool company). Each pool tag allows 2 guests.

The Pool Tag Application will be posted on our website once Crest has it ready (www.commonwealthcivic.com).

See the pool schedule on page four.

The Commonwealth Civic Association Board of Directors

Virginia Mack, President	281-207-5200
David Bristow, Vice President	281-980-3150
David Cao, Treasurer	281-701-8070
Bob Beskow, Secretary	832-671-9426
Steve O'Hara, Director	281-265-4485

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

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HOA Newsletter - Sue Hauenstein
281-265-4556
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Activity Directory

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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 gregamack@gmail.com.

Mommy and Me Play Group

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.

This is OUR Neighborhood

When residents pay Civic Association dues, they, rightfully, have certain expectations. Other than expecting the HOA to enforce deed restriction violations (see page 6), our residents want to be assured that the Association will do their part in maintaining and repairing our assets.

Not only does this augment the community's grounds and facilities, it also helps keep our home values high. As new neighborhoods are built in the area, more and more amenities are offered. It is in the best interest of our homeowners that we remain competitive, without taking on debt.

To that end, our Board of Directors, last year, created a Neighborhood Enhancement/Improvement Committee, ably led by Zach Weimer, to make recommendations as to which changes need to be made and to aid in prioritizing them.

On the list this year is resurfacing the Knightsbridge pool. Resurfacing was planned for this spring, however, the Board is now considering postponing until fall as they obtain pricing on other modifications/enhancements to the pool.

They very much want resident input. A decision must be made SOON. Summer is coming!

You can learn more about the options by attending an upcoming Committee meeting.

Some of the other improvements being considered are:

- enhancement options for the large lake at the back of the neighborhood, near the Briarwood pool and tennis courts. Ideally, an area for photo ops (i.e. graduations, weddings, etc.) so that residents have an area they can use for professional or personal photo shoots. This might include a sitting area and additional landscaping.
- upgrades to our parks and playgrounds.
- decorative lighting down Commonwealth Blvd.
- the construction of additional bathrooms to serve tennis players/residents walking through the neighborhood/ children on the playground vs modifications to the existing bathrooms that secure the pool from access during the off-season.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, March 22

6:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse



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Pool Schedule and Hours of Operation-Knightsbridge

MAY 6th – June 1st (Weekends Only)
Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
MEMORIAL DAY 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

POOL OPENS FOR DAILY USE ON JUNE 2nd

JUNE 2nd - AUGUST 27th
Monday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

AUGUST 28th - SEPTEMBER 4th (Weekends only)
Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
LABOR DAY 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Pool Schedule and Hours of Operation-Briarwood

MAY 6th – June 1st (Weekends Only)
Saturday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
MEMORIAL DAY 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

POOL OPENS FOR DAILY USE ON JUNE 2nd

JUNE 2nd - AUGUST 27th
Monday CLOSED
Tuesday - Saturday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

AUGUST 28th - SEPTEMBER 30th (Weekends only)
Saturday & Sunday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
LABOR DAY 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



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 HOA Facebook page. We post frequently, sharing information that we feel is of interest to our residents. One more way to stay connected!

SUMMER Pool Opening PARTY

Saturday, May 6
1-3 p.m.

Briarwood Pool

Snowcones by the pool!
What could be better?

Susan M. Delclos, DMD, MDS, PA
ORTHODONTIST 281-261-2504
2869 Dulles Avenue (at Cartwright)



Henry Delclos, D.D.S.
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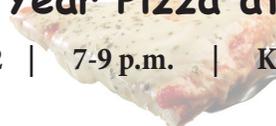


July 4th Parade & Picnic
(Around the corner!)
We will be seeking volunteers for planning and execution!

Our Annual Parade & Picnic usually attracts over 500 residents and requires the assistance of dozens of volunteers. Board Member David Cao takes responsibility for the planning and staffing of this event. If you are able to help in the days before the July 4th celebration, or on the day of, please shoot an email to: qdcao@yahoo.com. Planning will begin in May.

End of Year Pizza at the Park!

Friday, June 2 | 7-9 p.m. | Knightsbridge Park



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!



Some of our younger residents enjoying Camp Commonwealth!

Show Me The Money

Most of us purchased our homes in The Commonwealth because the neighborhood is beautifully planned and maintained. (Good schools don't hurt!)

To many, Deed Restrictions are the bane of their existence; to others, they simply help to maintain property values. To a large extent, they are critical to keeping our community attractive to future/prospective home buyers. Whether you love them or hate them, you agreed to uphold the deed restrictions and modifications guidelines when you purchased your home.

As we approach the time of year when many of us are planning to make updates or modifications to our homes and yards, we must be mindful of these guidelines.

Deed Restrictions address and restrict what a homeowner is permitted to change on the outside of the home. From paint color to pool construction and front doors, from fences to window panes, landscape lighting, security cameras and roofing, our deed restrictions outline the parameters of the changes we can make to the exterior of our homes.

The Commonwealth Civic Association contracts with Crest Management to manage the business affairs of the Association (under the oversight of our elected board). The Management Company does a twice monthly drive-by survey of all homes in the community. They send letters of notification to residents with a violation and recommend to the Directors when legal action is required for compliance.

Whether your fence needs repair, you are painting your home or planning to add a pool to the backyard, it will benefit your emotional well being and your pocketbook, to visit the HOA web site (or call Crest) before you begin. The guidelines and the **required forms** can be found on our website and must be submitted to the MDR Committee for approval.

At the time of this writing there are dozens of deed restriction violation letters outstanding with The Commonwealth HOA. The Association will attempt to work with residents facing economic hardship or, who for other justifiable reasons, are unable to immediately resolve the violation. If you receive a letter, please take steps to remedy the problem as soon as possible.

Contact Crest and let them know when your issue will be resolved. They will try to work with you. Doing so will not only keep you from having to deal with a stressful situation, it will save the HOA money (which DOES affect your homeowners dues, costing not only you, but also the rest of the community additional money).

Production of each violation letter costs the Association \$\$\$\$. Not only is there a cost for stationery and postage, we must also pay our management company to create the letters. Once the time limit for addressing the problem has passed, it is possible that the Association will be forced to engage an attorney to pursue the matter with the resident.

If the process proceeds to this stage, it becomes an expense for the homeowner from two different pockets - the annual HOA dues we pay and the personal bills from your own attorney. Save yourself time, money and grief - submit your application and any required paperwork **BEFORE** you begin your project.

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. The HOA will pursue this offense - it does frustrate your neighbors.


*May the luck of the Irish be
with you!*



Association Information

Landscape Committee (meets as needed)
 Contact Steve O'Hara 281-265-4485
 for the next meeting time and date.

Clubhouse Rentals
 Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals
 A-Beautiful Pools 281-376-6510

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 monthly meetings
 at the Commonwealth Clubhouse
 the **FIRST Tuesday of each month**
 starting at noon
www.fclid2.com

For more information, call Ron at 281-265-0137.

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!

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. 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.



Useful Phone Numbers

Police (Non-Emergency)	281-275-2020
Animal Control	281-275-2596
Fire Department	281-491-0852
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Trash Collection	281-275-2772
Public Works	281-275-2450
Street Lights (Centrepoint)	713-207-2222
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POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	9-1-1

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City and School Board Elections
 Saturday, May 6
 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 The Commonwealth Clubhouse is a polling location.

Early Voting takes place
 Monday, April 24 - Tuesday, May 2
 Fort Bend County voters may vote at ANY polling location in Fort Bend County.

To find out about opportunities to learn about/meet the candidates, follow The Fort Bend Voters League on Facebook.

The Commonwealth Has A Swim Team!

The Piranhas, Commonwealth's swim team, is open for registration!

The team practices at the Briarwood pool after school through the month of May. Morning practices start in June. Regular meets are held on Mondays in June 5 - July 3.

This is a great opportunity for your child to strengthen his/her abilities and learn to be part of a team. The children make friends and get plenty of exercise.

To register or get more information, please visit: www.cwp.swimtopia.com.

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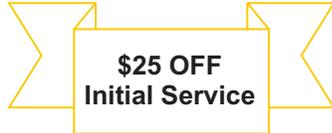
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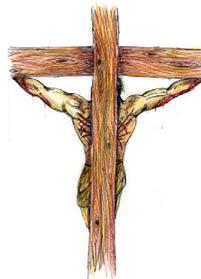
Attorney fees will be added beginning in May.

These fees accumulate very quickly and can cost you thousands of additional dollars.

If you are in arrears, please contact Crest Management 281-579-0761.

Credit cards are accepted for payment of Association dues.

HAPPY EASTER



MOMMY & ME

Are you living with a toddler or pre-schooler? Got a mini-me following you around the house? Would your child like to make some new friends while you meet other moms (or dads) wishing to entertain youngsters during the day?

Our Mommy & Me play group has four playdate possibilities for you. If you'd like to join in, shoot Blanca an email and spend some time on the playground having fun with your kids! (The entertainment is aimed at a younger crowd, however, the group is appropriate for elementary school aged children and younger).

March 25th @ 5:30 pm Castlewood Playground/ "Smore's around the Campfire"

April 8th @ 2:30 pm Knightsbridge Playground/Easter Crafts

April 22nd @2:30 pm Castlewood Playground/Earth Day Crafts



KIDS JUST WANNA' HAVE FUN!

Blanca: blancabarron00@yahoo.com



Some of the members of our Chinese Club celebrating the Chinese New Year at our Clubhouse.
Open to all Commonwealth residents.
Join them!



The Commonwealth Board very much appreciates our resident volunteers! A thank you lunch was held in the Clubhouse last month!

Summer Job?

If you have a college student looking for a summer job close to home, have him/her contact our pool company, A-Beautiful Pools.

They are hiring summer lifeguards.

Spring Break is a great time to contact them!

Visit their website: www.a-beautifulpools.com or call them for more information.

A-Beautiful Pools - 281-376-6510.

A-Beautiful Pools also offers swim lessons at our pool. Contact them if you, or one of your children, is in need of some lessons!



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The Commonwealth Women's Club

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 one, or both, of the remaining meetings for 2016-2017.

Make some new friends or reconnect with old ones and have a relaxing evening with the ladies!

Please keep in mind that, while get-togethers are planned for the entire year, occasionally a date, time, or location must be changed due to issues or challenges that arise.



End of Year Party

**Thursday, May 4
7 p.m.**

4106 Trent

Please be sure to get on the Club's email distribution list in order to receive reminders
or to be advised should there be any last minute changes!
conniebonni@yahoo.com