

Commonwealth Comments

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

March/April 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.

HOA BOARD ELECTIONS

2 Civic Association Board member positions 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.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

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

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

2018 POOL SEASON

Pool tags are required for entry to either of The Commonwealth pools. They 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 facility. 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. A Pool Tag Application form will be posted on our website once Crest has it ready (www.commonwealthcivic.com).

Commonwealth Community Garage Sale

A huge thank you to Fatima Haq for stepping up and organizing our February Garage Sale. Fatima did a wonderful job! If you are interested in organizing a fall/winter Garage Sale, please shoot an email to news@commonwealthcivic.com. Let's get a date on the calendar!



Fatima with neighbors and shoppers.



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.

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832-449-3936
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The 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 or Sue Hauenstein: news@commonwealthcivic.com.

Deed Restrictions help keep our home values up!
They are a necessary evil and add to the value of our homes. While, the HOA strongly recommends that you get approval **BEFORE** beginning a project, there are, of course, some exceptions.

You may certainly put a tarp on the roof after you suffer storm damage (hurricane season is approaching), but please do not replace the roof without MDR Committee approval. And, you may stand the fence back up if it falls, but a new fence requires approval from the HOA. Incorrect repairs can be extremely costly.

If you are new to The Commonwealth, you may not know that we have a Commonwealth Civic Association sponsored swim team that practices right here in our neighborhood. The Briarwood pool behind Commonwealth Elementary School serves as the home pool for our team.

The Piranhas team has been around for over 20 years. Many of our long-time residents will attest to the huge number of hours spent at Monday afternoon/evening swim meets. The numerous records broken, awards won and smiles of our children are testament to the fact that the swim team is a real asset to our community.



Learn more about the Commonwealth Piranhas at:
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Don't forget 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 Heather Esteban or Monica Hamm at Crest Management (281-579-0761), if you have any questions or need an application.

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

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!

If your fence is in need of repair, please take a few moments to read through our deed restrictions and undertake repair and replace before the HOA is forced to ask you to do so.



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

While we do **NOT** have a crime problem in The Commonwealth, it's a sad fact that we all need to consider our home security a priority.

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.

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Yes, we've just concluded the March Primary Election, however, you're not done yet! There will be run-off elections. That being said, we need you back to vote again, in May, **TWICE!**

There is a mayoral election May 5 and one Sugar Land City Council At Large position. The School Board members were unopposed, so it should be quick and easy! The Primary run-offs are on May 22nd. Watch our email alerts and our Facebook page for reminders.



Our elected officials KNOW which communities vote and they pay attention to them. We don't have to agree, we simply need to vote. Commonwealth needs to speak up. Your vote is your voice. **PLEASE VOTE - It's in the best interest of yourself and your family!**



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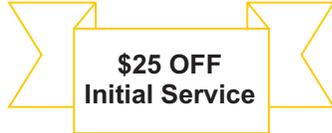
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Summer Surprise!
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Watch the email alerts
(and the marquee) for details on
our Pool Season.

Spring Has Sprung

It's spring cleanup time for our yards.

We should soon be learning which plants and shrubs survived the freezes. Please keep in mind the current Landscaping Guidelines (ACC Guidelines, Sec. 17) when you replace your missing plants, shrubs, and trees.

Generally, landscaping does not require a Modification Application unless it is intended to achieve a structural objective such as a hedge. Front and side lawns in public view must be primarily sodded with San Augustine grass.

Lattices, trellises, and permanent borders require approval. Planting beds in front of the house must be planted with non-deciduous shrubs that are dense enough to obscure the view of the house slab from the street (at least 75% coverage). Planting beds that are visible should be covered with natural color or black mulch (i.e. no dyed red mulch).

The current ACC Guidelines may be found on the CommonwealthCivic.com website.



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.



**Happy Easter
Happy Passover**
to those who celebrate!



Have a blessed Good Friday

Our Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic

We are not trying to wish away 2018 but, in reality, our July 4th event is just around the corner. It takes a LOT of volunteers to ensure a safe and successful event. Please start thinking about how you wish to participate. We need assistance with set up, parade route safety, children's events, food prep and service and clean up. Board member David Cao will be the organizer of this event and will be reaching out in our next newsletter. We need your help!

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.

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

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
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POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	9-1-1



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Welcome Spring



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 the 2017-2018 season.

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

April Flowers

April 11 at the home of Joy Ku, 4722 Abingdon Ct



DRINKO' de Mayo

May 3 at the home of Namita Asthana, 4418 Castlewood

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