

Commonwealth Comments

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

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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.

Time to Clean Out Those Closets and the Garage!

The Commonwealth's

Community Garage Sale

is scheduled for

Saturday, March 23

To be on the map, you must register with Fatima Haq by Friday, March 15 at: Fataymah@gmail.com

Underwritten by The Commonwealth Civic Association

Kicking Off The New Year

Our Committee Kickoff meeting provided Board member Courtney Hochhalter with insight into which direction attending residents were interested in heading this year.

After introductions were made, there was discussion on resident involvement in making this neighborhood an even more sought out place to live. The board wants to beef up our social agenda by increasing the number of community activities offered during the year. We want your input and your assistance. We are also seeking out more people to give input on our Landscape Committee. The Modifications Committee is always looking for volunteers to become involved in helping the HOA maintain our property values. And a major push this year will be to get more resident participation in our Enhancements Committee.

The Civic Association needs to know what improvements you want to see in the community. Where do you want to see capital improvement money invested? Contact any board member or shoot your comments to: news@commonwealthcivic.com.

The Commonwealth Civic Association Board recently demonstrated their appreciation to our volunteers with a small luncheon at the Clubhouse. Unfortunately, we rarely take the time to show our board how much we appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Please take a moment to thank the board members for the amount of time they spend on HOA business (with NO pay!). These volunteers help maintain our home values and ensure that residents receive the services we pay for in a timely fashion - at a FAIR cost.

A Special Thanks to Dave Bristow for going above and beyond trying to solve the fiber optic cable debacle that many of our neighbors are challenged by.

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 area restaurants and occasionally met 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 Dave Bristow and let him know of your interest. The Association will help publicize your group and attempt to help you grow. dgbristow@windstream.net.

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, the write idea - news@commonwealthcivic.com

If you are not receiving regular email 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.

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

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Mommy & Me Playgroup

The Commonwealth Mommy and Me Playgroup is still active, however, on a scaled-back basis.

As moms with young children understand, schedules are hectic, plans change and youngsters get sick. Rather than selecting pre-arranged playdates, our organizer, Blanca, is collecting email addresses and telephone numbers of those who wish to be a part of the group.

When something is scheduled, she will reach out and let you know. Now that the weather will be warming up and more conducive with being outside with young children, activities will pick up.

Our aim is to socialize our young children and help moms meet other moms with small children. We think that if you join us, not only will your child enjoy the time, you may just make a few friends for life!

You will find Blanca's contact information on page 2.

Your HOA Board invites your participation in the success of our neighborhood. Join us! Get involved.

Playing It Safe

Sugar Land's Emergency Notification System

Sugar Land is committed to keeping residents safe and informed. The emergency alert system is a communication service available to all Sugar Land residents to receive emergency alerts and city notifications. All residents are encouraged to sign up. Once a subscriber, you will have the ability to customize subscription preferences. Notifications are available via email, text, and/or phone.

To register:

Visit the City of Sugar Land website and search "Emergency Notification System"

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Sugar Land's Safe Return Registry



Who amongst us doesn't appreciate a happy ending? Many of us have family members and/or friends who are non-verbal or affected by Austim, Alzheimer's, Dementia, or some other mental/intellectual disability.

Safe Return was implemented by the Sugar Land Police Department in order to assist during encounters with members of the community having special needs. The program evolved from discussions between Sugar Land Police Officers and local parents.

When seconds count in an emergency situation, the Safe Return Program registry allows first responders to have access to critical information designed to help safely reunite families of registered participants.

Participation in the program is **completely voluntary and free**. An application must be submitted to the Sugar Land Police Department annually. Eligibility includes:

- ☎ Participant or guardian is a resident of Sugar Land
- ☎ Participant attends school within SLPD jurisdiction

☎ Participant may be unable to communicate basic personal information due to a diagnosed medical disorder.

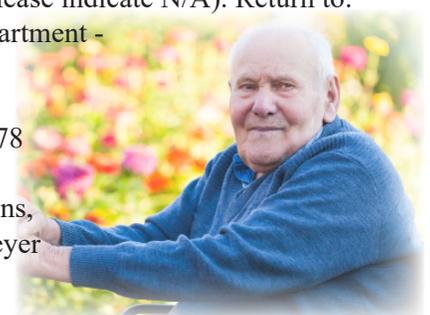
☎ Participant is prone to wander away or runaway from guardians, residence or school due to a diagnosed medical disorder.

☎ Guardians voluntarily submit a completed application and photo with all required medical information.

You must renew and register again ANNUALLY. The City suggests doing so on the registrant's birthday so you won't forget. You will **not** be notified.

To learn more and to register, visit the City of Sugar Land's web page and type "Safe Return Program" in the search bar.

Download and print the form (complete the entire form, if an area is not applicable please indicate N/A). Return to:
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Records Division
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Don't start digging up the front yard garden or the backyard for that new pool just yet! (This includes replacing windows, roof or fence also.)

Familiarize yourself with the Deed Restrictions and run your plans by The Commonwealth Modifications Committee first. Make sure that you have PRIOR approval before shovelling that first load of dirt.

It can be very expensive to remedy errors made because you've decided that it's time for a change.

Deed restrictions maintain property values.
 Help us out!

Remodeling Tips for Kitchen and Bath

This is the time of year when many of us turn our thoughts to remodeling/updating our homes. We asked Hamre's Remodeling and Flooring to share some tips with us. You can learn more about Hamre's at www.HamresRemodeling.com. (281-494-9200)

CABINETRY: Replace or paint? It depends on the condition of your existing cabinets, your desire for more or different storage and your budget. We carry Mid-Continent Cabinetry, which is a semi-custom factory built cabinet. Visit our showroom to see cabinet displays, door styles and finishes.

COUNTERTOPS: Granite or Quartz?

While Granite continues to be a traditional countertop material, Quartz countertops have become a more popular because of the wider variety of transitional colors and designs in home decorating. In addition to Granite, we carry Silestone, Cambria and Vicostone Quartz countertops.

FLOOR TILE & WALL TILE:

Rectangles or Squares?

The shape, size and color can shape your look from contemporary to transitional to traditional. We show the latest looks in tile in our showroom without overwhelming you.

WOOD FLOORS & TILE THAT LOOKS LIKE WOOD: Which works better for you?

Tile that looks like wood has become popular due to its durability and styling. There are so many new colors to choose from. Wood floors continue to hold their appeal for areas where the aesthetic warmth of a wood floor is important.

LIGHTING: Recessed lights, pendant lights or track lights? Or, a combination of them? Undercabinet lighting is important as task lighting and can provide warm ambiance at the same time.

PLUMBING: Free standing or built in bathtubs? Do you keep the bathtub or remove it and make the shower larger? It depends on space, functionality and budget.

PAINTING: When is the best time to select colors? Paint selections should happen after the other materials have been selected. Paint color often helps tie it all together.



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The City of Sugar Land has parking restrictions that limit parking for a maximum of 48 hours without moving the vehicle. We have had reports of passenger vehicles parked very close to intersections (less than the 10 feet restriction) and frequently for extended periods of time, sometimes weeks. This limits the view of oncoming vehicles and creates an unsafe situation for both residents and emergency vehicles (Not to mention trash trucks.)

Please comply.

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2869 Dulles Avenue (at Cartwright)



Henry Delclos, D.D.S.
PEDIATRIC DENTIST 281-265-4177
2225 Williams Trace Blvd., Ste. 106

PS Lightwave Fiber Optic Cable Progress

PSL started the burial project that will lead to taking the low fiber optic cable down from the poles in Commonwealth last month. They began at Scenic Rivers Drive and are working west along the south side of Commonwealth Blvd.

Most of Commonwealth was covered with utility easements that required all utilities other than electric distribution facilities to be buried. Most developers granted aerial easements for telecom and electric distribution public utilities so PS Lightwave didn't bother to worry about easements. We caught them and now they are having to spend quite a bit of money to do what they should have done from the beginning in Commonwealth and Avalon. On an unfortunate note, when Perry Homes took over the development of Commonwealth they declared an aerial telecom public utility easement in Bridgewater III around the southwest corner of Commonwealth near Avondale. That declaration allowed Entouch to run their fiber optic cable on the utility poles from the FCLID 2 pump station to around behind Berkshire Ct where it crosses the levee into Riverstone.

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Association Information

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Crest Management 281-579-0761

Pool Rentals
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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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LET'S TALK GREEN WASTE

Green waste service is provided once a week and is recycled into mulch or compost at a composting facility.

Green waste includes: Grass clippings - Leaves - Brush - Tree limbs - Christmas trees (ornaments and lights removed) Organic material produced in your yard or garden. Does **not** include food waste or treated wood.

Program Guidelines:

Set your green waste out by 7 a.m. on your collection day but no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening before. No more than 10 cubic yards will be collected.

Loose materials such as grass clippings and leaves should be placed in a reusable container or in bags and tied. Clear or translucent bags are recommended. Compostable bags are not required.

If a reusable container is used, it needs to be removed from the curb by the end of the day, after your collection has occurred.

Brush and tree limbs must be less than 4 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet in length; or between 4 and 6 inches and less than 2 feet in length.

Brush and tree limbs must be stacked in small piles (3 feet high and 3 feet wide). Bundling of tree limbs is not required, but recommended.

Green waste should be set out at the curb at least four feet from other objects.

Do not place green waste in your city issued garbage or recycle cart.

If you have a lawn care professional tending your yard, please request that they service your yard prior to your collection day.

Guidelines for landscapers are available on the website:
www.sugarlandtx.gov.

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