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*Underwritten by
The Commonwealth
Civic Association*

*Spring Has
Sprung*

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

Civic Association Board of Directors Information

The Commonwealth Board of Directors

President
Jim Levermann

Vice President
David Bristow

Treasurer
Melissa Harrington

Secretary
Jennifer Vance

Member At Large
Sarah McCoy

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



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.

Additional 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
ronaldt@crest-management.com 281-945-4663

The 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.

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Tammy - Account Representative
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For accounting matters such as account information, account balances and payment information

Commonwealth Groups & Activities

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 Jennifer Vance 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.

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

Commonwealth Communications

Commonwealth Email Alert Sign Up:

Shoot an email to news@commonwealthcivic.com
Include your name and address
and we will add you!

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.

Please encourage your Commonwealth friends and neighbors to sign up for our Commonwealth Email Alerts. That is the only way to receive this newsletter and to ensure you are kept in The Commonwealth loop.

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

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

For those interested, we also have a Facebook Page - The Commonwealth HOA - where we post plenty of items of interest, not all of which is included in our emails.



Civic Association News

Commonwealth
Comments

&

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!

The Commonwealth Website:
www.commonwealthcivic.com

The Crest Management Website:
www.crest-management.com/

Commonwealth Votes!

Reminder --- The Commonwealth HOA Annual Meeting will take place in May. Crest Management will be mailing out information before then.

If you are thinking about running for the HOA Board, please start creating a resume and attend a couple of board meetings before that time.

We will also include additional information in the May newsletter.

All Elections Affect YOU!
Please give them your attention!

Election Time Again -

**City and School Board Elections
are also held in May.**

Two positions will be on the ballot for FBISD.

Look for additional information closer to the election.

**OUR Future.
Voice.
Vote.**

The City wants YOUR Input

Civic Arts Initiatives - Civic Arts Strategic Plan & Implementation Guide

Adopted in 2014, the Cultural Arts Strategic Plan and Implementation Guide launched a process to ensure sustainability and vitality of the city's cultural offerings. This plan will be undergo review in 2024 and will be updated to reflect the City's current processes and future goals.

Review Process

The process for developing the 2024 Strategic Plan and Implementation Guide will be public and participative with the overall goal being to maintain the flexibility necessary to promote and sponsor a wide variety of art within Sugar Land.

If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact CivicArts@sugarlandtx.gov to sign up for our listserv.



The Commonwealth Piranhas Swim Team is excited to announce the opening of its 2024 swim season!

Priority registration and rates for residents of The Commonwealth HOA area will be offered from March 1st to March 10th.

Don't miss the opportunity to register during this window as age groups fill up fast! Registration will open for returning swimmers who live outside The Commonwealth HOA area on March 11th.

The Commonwealth Piranhas is a recreational, competition swim team. Parents are required to volunteer during swim meets. This is a great opportunity for our community to build great young swimmers, as well as allow the kiddos to have a wonderful summer experience! Swimmers should be able to make the majority of practices and participate in at least 3 swim meets.

Our youngest swimmers (6 & Under – usually 4/5 is a great age to start) are required to demonstrate the ability to, at minimum, independently swim the length of the pool in any form. Their skills should progressively increase. For example, 7&8 year olds should have a good knowledge of freestyle and hopefully some instruction in backstroke as they will be learning all four strokes. The 9&10 year olds will be swimming all four strokes. Our other age groups are 11&12, 13&14 and 15 & Up (until 18). The age group is the swimmer's age on May 31st.

Swim team practices and home meets are held at the Briarwood pool behind Commonwealth Elementary. After-school practices begin during the week of April 29th, and then shift to a morning schedule by age group after the end of the school year. We practice every day Monday – Friday!

Please visit our website www.cwp.swimtopia.com for registration, meet details, and last year's practice schedule (it will be similar this year).

For questions, please email us at:
gocommonwealthpiranhas@gmail.com.

Piranhas Facts

The Piranhas Swim Team is one of the oldest swim teams in Sugar Land. It was established in 1991.

The goal is to promote swimming as a life long activity.

The Piranhas Swim Team enables each swimmer to achieve their personal best and promotes family and community involvement in recreational swimming.

The Piranhas swim with Southwest Houston Recreational Swm League

The Piranhas is open to both residents and non-resident swimmers.

Our home pool is the Briarwood pool in The Commonwealth.

**The Commonwealth Piranhas Swim Team,
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Go Piranhas!!!!

Sponsorships welcome!

Sugar Land & Fort Bend County News

WWW.SUGARLANDTX.GOV

Incorporated in 1959

Mayor of Sugar Land:

Joe Zimmerman

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Carol McCutcheon

At-Large Sugar Land Councilmembers:

William Ferguson

Jennifer Lane

STAY IN THE LOOP

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.

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

FortBendCountyTX.Gov -

e-notifications at the bottom of the page.

SUGAR LAND PARK PAVILION AND FACILITY RENTALS

Facility reservations must be made in-person at the Imperial Park Recreation Center:

**234 Matlage Way
Sugar Land, TX 7778**

Reservation hours are: Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm.

The deposit is due when you make your reservation and rental fees are due 10 days before your event.

Online reservation requests are now available for pavilions at the following parks: City Park, Eldridge Park, First Colony Park, Lost Creek Park, Sugar Land Memorial Park.

For online reservation requests or to check availability, visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/ParksRegister

SUGAR LAND EXCELLENCE

Ninety-seven percent (96.6%) of respondents to the Citizen Satisfaction Survey, believe that Sugar Land is either an "excellent" or "good" place to live, 95% believe it is an "excellent" or "good" place to raise children, and 91% believe it is an "excellent" or "good" place they are proud to call home.

SUGAR LAND CLASS REGISTRATION

A wide variety of classes and activities take place at the **Imperial Park Recreation Center** and the **T.E. Harman Center** for senior programs. (Click on the buttons below for further information.)

281-275-2885 for more information, or check current program offerings at: www.SugarLandTX.gov/ParksRegister.

Imperial Park Recreation
Center

234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land TX 77478

T. E. Harman Center
(for Senior Programs)

226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478

NOTES and REMINDERS

*Our Pool Company,
A-Beautiful Pools,
is currently hiring.*

*For information, contact
281-376-6510 or visit:
A-BeautifulPools.com*

Have something to celebrate?

Our beautifully decorated 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 Crest Management.

281-579-0761

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.



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.

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If you have content suggestions, please contact:

news@commonwealthcivic.com

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www.commonwealthcivic.com

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Useful Phone Numbers

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: A-Beautiful Pools 281-376-6510

A-BeautifulPools.com

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*Join Friends and Neighbors at our
Annual HOA Spring Fling*

SPRING FLING

BRIARWOOD PARK

FRIDAY, MAR. 22 @ 5:30

SNOW CONES, INFLATABLE FUN,
GAGA BALL, NEIGHBORS!

