

# COMMONWEALTH COMMENTS

A newsletter for residents of The Commonwealth:

Bridgewater, Commonwealth Estates, Commonwealth Park, Oxford, Sutton Forest, Sutton Park and Sweetwater XII

## 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](http://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](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com)).

PLEASE NOTE - Due to changes in the FBISD calendar, we had to make minor tweaks to our pool schedule. You may view the revised pool schedule on the home page at [www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com).

## HOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Commonwealth Annual Civic Association Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. 3 Board members are up for election this year.

Homeowners should have received notification by U.S. Post. This notification will include an agenda and a proxy.

During this meeting, residents elect members of our Board of Directors. Positions are available on a rotating basis. It is possible to be nominated (or nominate yourself), from the floor on the night of the meeting.

Board members devote several hours each month to overseeing the business of the Association. Monthly board meetings are held at the Clubhouse and from time to time a special meeting may be called.

Board members set and approve the annual budget which determines the annual assessment amount; they also receive information on all legal issues that involve the Association. The Board ensures that all Association property and amenities are maintained and ensure that our community remains competitive.

If you are not able to attend this meeting, please give your proxy to someone who will be in attendance or send it to Crest Management.

If you have any questions about the election process contact: Heather Esteban, Community Manager Crest Management Company, 281-579-0761 or [heather.esteban@crest-management.com](mailto:heather.esteban@crest-management.com).

## 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  
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## 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.

### 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

Thanks to Blanca, this group has really taken off. Blanca has wonderful activities planned and the kids have a great time, as do 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.

### 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.



**IMPORTANT!!!!  
POOL SCHEDULE  
CHANGE!!!!**

Fort Bend ISD changed their school calendar (which affects our pool schedule) AFTER our Board had approved the 2017 Commonwealth Pools Schedule.

Crest Management was quickly able to revise our pool schedule, however, it was AFTER our newsletter went to press in March.

Please visit our website: [www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://www.commonwealthcivic.com) to view the REVISED POOL SCHEDULE!

Recently, a resident in our community contacted the management company to let us know that he "sighted an alligator going down Commonwealth Blvd." toward University past Pendleton after the bridge in the ditch area at the edge of the lake. The resident guessed it was 6 to 8 feet long. We want to remind our residents that we have a lot of natural native wildlife in our area (i.e. alligators, armadillo, opossums, raccoons, deer, squirrels, skunks, coyotes, nutrias, snakes, snapping turtles, ducks, etc.) While we appreciate that spotting these animals can be quite a treat, we all need to be aware of and take caution to avoid getting close to them. Even though they may look harmless they can get scared and hurt someone. Remember, these are WILD animals.

Please be careful around our natural green belts, woods and water ways. And keep your pets confined to your yard!

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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!

## End of Year Pizza at the Park

Thursday, June 2 | 6-9 p.m. | Knightsbridge Park

A great way to end the school year!

## Attention Commonwealth Swimmers!

A-Beautiful Pools has mandated a 10-minute break for lifeguards every hour.

Unfortunately, this means NO ONE, including adults, may be in the pool. The guards will use that time to take a well needed break from the sun, but will also be taking care of pool business (cleaning in and around the pool).

Additionally, they will not be offering swim lessons this season. Our HOA is currently seeking a way to make swim lessons happen. Watch for an email alert and check the website for updates.

**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!**

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2869 Dulles Avenue (at Cartwright)



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PEDIATRIC DENTIST 281-265-4177  
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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.

## MOD/COM Revisions

Our Modifications and Deed Restrictions Committee will be introducing some revisions/updates to our deed restrictions/guidelines in the near future. These revisions will deal specifically with landscaping and possibly some other guiding principles. It is hoped that they will be ready in time for the Annual Meeting or shortly thereafter.

Tennis Fans will appreciate the fact that both tennis court facilities will be resurfaced over the next couple of months.

They will not be done at the same time, allowing for tennis games throughout the work schedule.



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## Women's Club

The Commonwealth Women's Club has wrapped up the 2016-17 year. And a successful year it was!

This group of Commonwealth neighbors have developed strong friendships over the years and they'd



to have you join them.

The ladies meet once a month from September through May. Get on their distribution list in order to get advance notice of the September meeting.  
[conniebonni@yahoo.com](mailto:conniebonni@yahoo.com)

Make some new friends or reconnect with old ones and share some laughs and fellowship with some amazing ladies.



## Modifications/Deed Restrictions

The question about security cameras comes up often these days. While we do **NOT** have a crime problem in The Commonwealth, we all need to consider our home safety.

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.

(Decorative door and window grill work and/or security bars are not permitted on exterior doors or windows. Homeowners concerned with residence security should consider a monitored alarm system and modern locking systems.) Don't forget to seek prior written approval before making modifications to the outside of your home.

Check out our Deed Restrictions at  
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## Association Information

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

Clubhouse Rentals  
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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](http://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](http://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
Water & Streets	281-275-2750
Trash Collection	281-275-2772
Public Works	281-275-2450
Street Lights (Centrepoint)	713-207-2222
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There will be back-to-school teen (and pre-teen) pool parties at our Knightsbridge pool at the end of the summer.

We hope to announce details (time and date) in our summer newsletter.

Watch this space for more information. Plans will also be announced in our Email Alert and on our Facebook page, The Commonwealth HOA.

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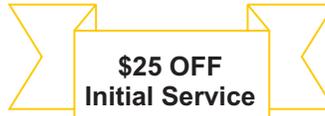
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Once again, The Commonwealth Civic Association Board  
has approved a community-wide garage sale.

If you want to be included on our map which will be  
distributed at the Clubhouse on the morning of the sale,  
you must register your name and address with:

**hunterphyllisc@yahoo.com**  
by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15

Every registered home will receive a **free**  
Yard Sale sign for their yard.  
Ads will be placed in all local papers,  
as well as on-line  
in advance of the sale.

## Mommy and Me

Our newest community group has proven to be very  
popular and under Blanca's leadership, very successful.

This group is geared towards pre-schoolers and toddlers but  
elementary school aged children are welcome to attend with  
mom.

Blanca selects a fun theme for each outing. In the past she  
has arranged for a bounce house for the youngsters and in  
April did an Earth Day activity with very engaged children.

The following dates have been scheduled, however, we are  
unable to share the exact time and location at press time.

The May playdate will kick off Mother's Day weekend with a  
"Moms and Macaroons" event.

- May 13th
- May 26th
- June 10th
- June 24th

Get on the email list for details and updates.  
blancabarron00@yahoo.com or call her at 713-885-7664.