

# Commonwealth Comments

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

May/June 2019

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## Crest Management Service

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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.

## The Commonwealth HOA Annual Meeting

Please join your Commonwealth Board of Directors  
Tuesday, May 21  
6:30 p.m.  
at the Clubhouse  
(corner of Knightsbridge Blvd. and Commonwealth Blvd.)  
for our Annual HOA Meeting.

3 Civic Association Board member positions are up for election at this meeting. Homeowners should have received a meeting notification - with an agenda and a proxy by this time. David Bristow, current board President and Raj Walawalkar, Treasurer will appear on the agenda for re-election.

At this meeting, we will elect three board members and hear reports from various committees and community vendors.

If you have questions about the meeting, or wish to have your name added to the ballot, please contact: Heather Esteban, CMCA, AMS, Community Manager, Crest Management at 281-579-0761

## Our Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic

is greatly anticipated every year.

We need help with pre-prep of sides for hamburgers and dogs.

We will need assistance with traffic (bicycles and strollers)

We need judges for the patriotic displays.

The health and safety of our residents is prime; **we NEED your help.**

We hope to have an organizational meeting shortly. Please join us to find out how you can help us host a SAFE and successful event for our families and our neighbors.

We promise not to ask for too much of your time. Look for an email alert soon!



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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.**

<b>Commonwealth Chinese Club - CCC</b> Darcy at: 847-800-2889 or email her at: danli2013@gmail.com.	Uniting Chinese-speaking families, promoting community news, events and spirit, engaging non-English speakers in community activities and mingling at social/informative events.
<b>Commonwealth Social Club</b> news@commonwealthcivic.com	A group in need of a leader. Enjoy adult nights out at various restaurants, game nights and socials in each other's homes.
<b>Mommy and Me Play Group</b> Blanca Barron blancabarron00@yahoo.com	For our youngest residents. Join other neighborhood moms and their small children for play dates at one of the area parks, or in each other's homes. Get on the notification email list.
<b>Men's Golf Group</b> Greg gregamack@gmail.com	The guys are always looking for players for last minute pairings on various golf courses in the area.
<b>Special Events</b> news@commonwealthcivic.com	Our residents LOVE participating in fun activities. If you are interested in helping organize and oversee future community events, please let us know.
<b>Tennis: Men's</b> Dave Bristow dgbristow@windstream.net	If you are interested in playing tennis with other Commonwealth residents, this group is for you. BUT.....the group needs a leader! Let us know if you're interested.
<b>Tennis: Women's</b> Jean 713-385-4097	Ladies time on the court! Play tennis with other Commonwealth women.
<b>Yoga &amp; Guided Meditation</b> Varsha zestandzen1@gmail.com	Varsha offers free yoga classes in our Clubhouse every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Please bring your yoga mat and a towel. Feel free to drop in and enjoy!

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.

The Commonwealth Landscape Committee  
 (meets as needed)  
 Contact Crest Management  
 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.

## 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 (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
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**Summer Pool Hours**

**Knightsbridge**

**APRIL 6th – MAY 28th (Weekends Only)**  
Saturdays except 5/18      10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Sunday                              12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
SATURDAY 5/18              2 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
MEMORIAL DAY              10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**POOL OPENS FOR DAILY USE ON MAY 29th**

**MAY 29th – AUGUST 11th**  
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 12th – OCTOBER 27th (Weekends only)**  
Saturday                              10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Sunday                              12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
LABOR DAY                      10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**You must have pool tags in order to use Commonwealth pools. You must be in good standing with the Association in order to get those tags!**

**Briarwood**

**MAY 4th – MAY 28th (Weekends Only)**  
Saturdays except 5/18      12 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sunday                              12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
SATURDAY 5/18              10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
MEMORIAL DAY              10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Tuesday - Saturday              12 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sunday                              12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**AUGUST 12th - SEPTEMBER 2nd (Weekends only)**  
Saturday                              12 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sunday                              12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
LABOR DAY                      10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**We have pool rules for a reason. All attendees must abide by the posted rules. Disregard for our rules may result in removal from the pool area and loss of pool tags.**

## Summer Is On The Way!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost here! The year is flying by.

Our HOA is actively working to offer the kids some home-grown entertainment this summer and we need resident participation and leadership. If you want to help us increase this year's activities, please let us know. We will help you find just the right spot for your time and talents.

Are you an organizer? Can you help give an event some structure? We'd love to have you on board. Do you know a lot of other moms and dads? Would you like to put something together for the community? We can help!

Funds are available for movie nights, a back-to-school teen party and more. Use your imagination.....let's keep our children busy and teach them about volunteering for a good cause!

If you have ideas for an evening of fun for adults or children within our neighborhood, reach out to a board member or shoot an email to [news@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:news@commonwealthcivic.com). If you simply want to become a committee member and assist, we can definitely use you!

AND.....you can start with our July 4th Parade and Picnic described on page one!

We would very much like to be able to host a Back-To-School Party for our high schoolers and middle schools again this year.

All we need is a volunteer to organize the event.

We normally have food and music by the pool, lifeguards on duty.  
What ideas do you have?



If you are willing to plan and organize an evening for our young residents, please contact David Bristow as soon as possible so a date can be secured and the party planning can commence!

[dgbristow@windstream.net](mailto:dgbristow@windstream.net)



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**Deed Restrictions  
&  
Modifications**

To have your outside modifications or new construction considered at the monthly meeting, your MDR application 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.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to **Fatima Haq** for organizing our recent Community Garage Sale. Things went smoothly and Fatima has agreed on a repeat for the fall. Watch the newsletter and email alerts for updates.

Thank you to our Commonwealth moms for attending the FBISD board meetings and keeping us advised on issues we need to be watching. **Judy Dae, Melanie Anbarci, Jenna Ross** and several other parents bring important information back to our board so we can keep YOU informed. Please express your appreciation to them.

If you currently attend (or would like to start attending) governmental entity meetings, we would love to hear from you.

Some of the meetings we feel are important to this area are: City Council, FBISD and Fort Bend County.

Our residents WANT to be kept informed.

Thank you also to our **HOA Board**, in conjunction with Avalon and Brazos Landing, for supporting our recent Candidate Meet and Greet. It was very successful. Thank you to **Judy Dae, Melanie Anbarci, Susan Tan and Terez Hanhan** for their assistance.

Additionally, thanks to ALL of the Commonwealth voters who voted in the recent City and School Board elections. YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE.

Susan M. Delclos, DMD, MDS, PA  
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Recent storms wrought havoc on the Houston area. If your property suffered any damage, please remember that in many cases, you must get HOA approval before making those repairs.

Please read through our deed restrictions **BEFORE** undertaking repair/replace. This will include new fencing, new roofing or even painting the house the same color it was previously (and more). Application forms may be found at: [www.crest-management.com](http://www.crest-management.com). Please be sure to include all documents requested in the grey box.

The HOA Board did NOT write these regulations, they were handed them by the developers of our neighborhood. Throughout the years, the Modifications Committee has periodically updated the ACC Guidelines (Architectural Control & Conditions) with reference back to the Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Requirements created by Commonwealth's original developer. The Board is charged by the CC&Rs with enforcing the ACC Guidelines. The CC&Rs also specified that a Modifications Committee will maintain the ACC Guidelines and make decisions regarding compliance.

These guidelines truly impact our home values and help make Commonwealth a desirable place in which to live.

We bought here because we loved the look of our neighborhood. Let's do our part to keep it that way!



## The Commonwealth Women's Club

**The Commonwealth Women's Club does not meet during the summer months.**

**Watch for the fall kick off date in a future newsletter. Better yet, get on their email distribution list.**

To best be kept informed, please get on our list. We never know when a hostess will have to cancel or an emergency requires a new time, date or location. The email list is the best way to find out about our upcoming events and any last minute changes that may occur.

To get on our list, shoot an email to Monica Clancy:  
[monicaclancy@strategicascnt.com](mailto:monicaclancy@strategicascnt.com)

**If you notice errant sprinklers in our common areas, please report them to Crest Management.  
281-579-0761**

**Watering the street does not help keep our grass and plants alive!  
And they don't keep our budget in hand either.**

## ***THE HOGS ARE BACK!***

They actually never left, they just took a winter break. The hogs tear up our turf while looking for food. They are also large and fast enough to pose a real danger to you and your pets.

If you wander our levees, PLEASE be sure you close the fence gates behind you. Replacing turf is not cheap. You can learn more on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Feral Hog page.

## **Notes From Sugar Land PD**

According to our contacts at the Sugar Land Police Department, Crime stats in CW are good. They continue to repeat "If you see something, say something!" It's a great crime deterrent.

Keep in mind, solicitors (with FEW exceptions) must have a permit. This permit should be displayed on a lanyard around the neck. Report solicitors without this identification.

Call the Police Department Dispatch # 281-275-2020.

Other points shared:

- test your security system monthly · keep your gates locked
- set the alarm every time you leave · consider a door bell camera.

**Summer Birthday?**

**Graduation?**

**Celebration of any kind?**

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Commonwealth residents LOVE their pets. Many of us walk our dogs through the parks and green belts and along our beautiful streets. For the most part, people pick up after their pets, however, some do not. PLEASE be respectful and pick up after your dogs.....don't let them make a pit stop in a neighbor's yard and please do not populate our common areas with feces!

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.

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](mailto: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.

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## The Board is Asking For Resident Input

Deed restrictions are a necessary evil and they definitely add to the value of our homes. Responsibility for their enforcement falls to our Board of Directors. In our community, the board has handed the responsibility of reporting infractions to our management company, Crest Management. Crest makes regular "drive throughs" in our neighborhoods, reports all failures to comply, and follow up with a homeowner letter to notify you that you are out of compliance.

We also have a Modifications and Deed Restrictions Committee to review all homeowner applications for changes to the outside of our homes. They verify that the changes we wish to make meet the requirements. They notify applicants as quickly as they are able. They also work with homeowners when the application is denied. These dedicated volunteers spend many hours helping our board maintain home values.

If you would like to volunteer to assist the committee with their work, please send an email to [news@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:news@commonwealthcivic.com) and we will pass it on.

Sumita Ghosh is the board member taking on the Landscape needs of our community. She invites any residents with an interest in gardening and landscape to join the committee and

assist her with making assessments and recommendations to the Board regarding landscape needs in The Commonwealth. They will soon begin the budgeting process, so you can have some very important input.

They would also like to reinvigorate our Enhancements Committee. The Enhancements Committee has made some wonderful suggestions in the past and we give them full credit for the water features added a few years ago.

If you are interested in helping The Commonwealth remain the "Jewel" in Sugar Land's crown, please consider joining one of these committees.

If you have ideas about other ways to maintain and increase our property values, be sure to attend a board meeting, held at our Clubhouse on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Homeowners may attend any board meeting, however, if you wish to address the board, please let Heather @ Crest know so she can make sure there is space on the agenda to allow the board to full hear you out. (281-579-0761)

