

# Commonwealth Comments



## November/December 2023



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The Commonwealth  
Civic Association*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.fclid2.com)  
For more information, call Ron at 281-265-0137.

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For accounting matters such as account information,  
account balances and payment information

# Commonwealth 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**WE SURVIVED THE  
SUMMER OF 2023**

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## Tips for a Greener Holiday

- ❁ Place Christmas trees at the curb on the green waste collection day. Remember to remove all tinsel, lights and ornaments.
- ❁ Break down gift boxes and cardboard boxes, and put them in the recycle cart. If they are too big to fit in your cart once broken down, call Republic Services at 713-726-7307 for a bulk cardboard pickup. Do not forget to remove all packaging materials.
- ❁ Cooking oil can be dropped off at the Public Works Service Center at 101A Gillingham Lane, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Just sign in at the front desk. The Service Center will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.
- ❁ Donate first, and recycle second. Donate unwanted clothing and other textile items to local charities. Textiles that are not donated may be recycled. Put the items in the textile bags that the city provides for textile recycling or in boxes labeled with the green tag, available on the city's website at [www.SugarLandTX.gov/TextileRecycling](http://www.SugarLandTX.gov/TextileRecycling).
- ❁ Recycle old electronics by visiting the Fort Bend County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1200 Blume Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471 or local retailers who may also provide electronic recycling services.
- ❁ Use reusable bags or totes while doing holiday shopping to reduce the consumption of plastic bags.
- ❁ Reuse decorations, ribbons, bows, packing peanuts and gift bags for future holidays.





Visit the  
Crest Management  
website for:

Exterior Modification Requests, Contacts, to Access Account  
information, pool tags,  
meeting dates, etc.



If you have questions or need help downloading a Modification Application  
from the website reach out to RONALD at Crest at 281-945-4663.

## REMINDER

If you are planning improvements/renovations to the outside of your home, please do not forget to submit your  
MDR application BEFORE beginning the work. Unapproved changes can be costly to the homeowner.

For timely approval, applications should be in the office of  
Crest Management on or before the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

## Questions About Trash Pickup?

Visit the City of Sugar Land's website to learn more!  
[www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov) - Search for your area of concern on the site.  
Or call 3-1-1.

**In the 1990s, The Commonwealth HOA began producing a PRINTED newsletter.  
It was mailed to each residence on a monthly basis.  
A few years ago, due to the increasing cost of printing and mailing the newsletter,  
the Board decided to switch to an electronic version.  
It is currently produced every other month.**

**Since we made the switch, we have had a large number of new people move into the community.  
A great number of them are unaware of both the email alert system AND the newsletter.**

**We ask that you please share this edition of Commonwealth Comments  
with a neighbor who may not be aware of its' existence!  
The newsletter and the email are the major communications methods for the neighborhood.  
If you are not on our email alert list, you miss out on a lot of helpful information.**



If you would like to advertise your business in our bi-monthly (electronic) newsletter,  
6 issues annually, please send an email to [news@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:news@commonwealthcivic.com) and  
we will share the rate information. Ads range from business card sized to half page.

We also offer Classy Ads (**for residents only**) which are merely a listing of your business  
and a link to your business web page.

**Simpson's Tree Service**



**Tree Trimming and Removal**  **Free Estimates**

Mention this ad and receive  
**\$50 OFF** All services over \$500\*  
**\$25 OFF** All services under \$500

**When Quality Counts... Call 281.980.0095**  
**www.SimpsonsTreeService.com**

The Association continues to receive inquiries about our next Community-Wide Garage Sale.

The Commonwealth Civic Association permits Garage Sales organized and run with approval of the HOA. The Association is happy to help publicize and underwrite the cost of hosting a Community-Wide Garage Sale, however, it will require a resident volunteer to organize and oversee the operation. The HOA then permits signage throughout the neighborhood.

If you would like to help oversee the next Garage Sale, simply reach out to Sarah at : [commonwealthcivic.com/contact-us](http://commonwealthcivic.com/contact-us)

## Have You Tried the Neighborhood Walking Club?



A Commonwealth neighbor has started a Walking Club for our community.

**5:30 AM Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Interested parties can email: [gumbylee@gmail.com](mailto:gumbylee@gmail.com).

\* This will be a 1 mile loop (to begin with) and then we can add more mileage as needed. She is also considering Saturdays @ 7 or 8 AM.

Contact her to share your interest, suggestions, comments.

*New Group Activity*

It's never too early to reserve  
 The Commonwealth Clubhouse  
 for a gathering of family and friends.

The Holiday Season is approaching.

Contact Ronald at Crest  
 to check the schedule.

**281-945-4663**  
[ronalddt@crest-management.com](mailto:ronalddt@crest-management.com)

Rates and rules are reasonable!



## Lots of Holiday Time Approaching.

**If you are planning to leave town for any length of time, please consider the following:**

1. Advise a trusted nearby friend or neighbor of the dates you will be gone.
2. Be sure they have contact information for you.
3. Put some lights on timers so your home appears to be occupied at all times.
4. Ask that friend/neighbor to regularly check your front door for packages or door hangers.

You may contact the Sugar Land Police Department and request addition to the [House Watch Program](#).

*The House Watch Program is designed to provide Sugar Land homeowners a means of having their residence checked periodically by an officer when they are away from home on vacation or an extended weekend.*

*Learn more by clicking the House Watch link above.*

# Winter Veggie Co-op

The Winter Veggie Share starts Tuesday, October 3rd.

The good news is that the Winter Share runs from October through the end of March and encompasses a long season that will include a variety of greens, root vegetables, cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, and many other fan favorites.

As long as we continue to have at least 6 members from the neighborhood, Harvest Green Farm will gladly continue to deliver to the Commonwealth.

You can sign up for the Winter Share here: <https://www.harvie.farm/farm/harvest-green-village-farm/signup>

Please let me know if you have any questions about the share, and thank you for supporting the farm!

**Nathan** and the Village Farm Team



# Sugar Land & Fort Bend County News

[WWW.SUGARLANDTX.GOV](http://WWW.SUGARLANDTX.GOV)

Incorporated in 1959

**Mayor of Sugar Land:**

*Joe Zimmerman*

**City Councilmember for District 4 (Commonwealth):**

*Carol McCutcheon*

**At-Large Sugar Land Councilmembers:**

*William Ferguson*

*Jennifer Lane*

At the quarterly meeting between the HOAs and the City of Sugar Land, Board President Jim Levermann and Vice President David Bristow heard reports from the Sugar Land Police Department, the Sugar Land Fire Department, a Right of Way update, Planning and Development Update, Development Services and an Economic Development Update.

There is always time for Q&A at the end of each meeting.



## 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.



**Click on the blue envelope to see the City of Sugar Land's Sign Up Form**

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

[FortBendCountyTX.Gov](http://FortBendCountyTX.Gov) -

*e-notifications at the bottom of the page.*

## Sugar Land Council Members to Host Town Hall Meetings

Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and get updates on topics such as the city's top priorities and redevelopment updates during two Sugar Land town halls hosted by the city's district council members.

District 2 Council Member Naushad Kermally and District 4 Council Member Carol McCutcheon will host a joint town hall **Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Smart Financial Centre**, 18111 Lexington Blvd. District 1 Council Member Suzanne Whatley and District 3 Council Member Stewart Jacobson will host a joint town hall Monday, **Nov. 13 at the Sugar Land Heritage Museum**, 198 Kempner St. Both meetings are scheduled from **6:30-8 p.m.**

Visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov/myneighborhood](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/myneighborhood) to verify residential addresses in each City Council district and other information specific to neighborhoods.



# Sugar Land Unveils Spring 2024 Music Festival Lineup

## Outdoor concerts

The city of Sugar Land is set to host a series of music festivals at The Crown Festival Park in 2024. The Sweet Beats Music Festival and Sugar Land Jazz Fest are presented in collaboration with Spectrum Concessions.

Providing a celebration of music, local food, shopping and more, the **Sweet Beats Music Festival** will take place May 4-5. A variety of stages will provide the backdrop for performances that will showcase a blend of local talent and nationally acclaimed headliners. The family-friendly event will also feature reptile shows, BMX demonstrations, treats from local vendors, body marbling - a form of temporary body art and much more. Alongside activities for children and families, adult attendees will be able to enjoy tequila tastings, regional beers, and food offerings at the on-site tequila bar and beer garden.

The following weekend, **Sugar Land Jazz Fest** will feature nationally touring artists May 11-12. The two-day festival will be the region's first and only smooth jazz festival, highlighting multiple artists daily, and offering a celebration of art, culture and community. Artist line-ups for both festivals will be unveiled soon. (Watch your email alerts.)

The Sweet Beats Music Festival and Sugar Land Jazz Fest are produced by Spectrum Concessions, a Texas-based production and hospitality company that coordinates a wide range of events, from festivals to seasonal celebrations, across the United States and Canada.

“Bringing this impressive lineup of music festivals to Sugar Land is a testament to our city’s rapid growth and our emerging reputation as a hub for top-tier global entertainment,” said Director of Economic Development Elizabeth Huff. “We’re so excited for both residents and visitors from across the state to be a part of these vibrant events.”

For more information on these upcoming music festivals, visit [www.sweetbeatsmusicfest.com](http://www.sweetbeatsmusicfest.com) and [www.sugarlandjazzfestival.com](http://www.sugarlandjazzfestival.com).



# Farmer's Market at Imperial Park

In October, the Farmer's Market at Imperial Park, a beloved local institution, came under the management of the City of Sugar Land. This transition marked a new chapter in the market's storied history, as it moved from the hands of the market's creator, the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce to become an integral part of the city's offerings.

The Farmer's Market at Imperial Park, located at 234 Matlage Way, has been a cherished gathering place for residents and visitors alike, offering a diverse range of fresh produce, artisanal goods, and a lively, family-friendly atmosphere every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. With this change in management, the City of Sugar Land aims to further enhance the market's role as a hub of community engagement and economic opportunity.

## Key Highlights of the Transition:

**Community-Centric Focus:** The City of Sugar Land is committed to preserving the warm and welcoming atmosphere that has made the market a beloved destination for families and food enthusiasts. There will continue to be a strong emphasis on supporting local businesses and providing a welcoming space for all to enjoy.

**Expanded Offerings:** While retaining the market's core offerings of fresh produce, artisanal food, handcrafted items, and more, the City plans to introduce new elements to enrich the overall experience, such as themed events, educational workshops, and special promotions.

**Strong Partnerships:** The City will actively seek partnerships with local organizations, schools, and nonprofits to further strengthen the market's ties to the community and foster collaboration that benefits all residents.

For more information about the Farmer's Market at Imperial Park please visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov/farmersmarket](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/farmersmarket) or contact [farmersmarket@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:farmersmarket@sugarlandtx.gov). For other updates, follow Sugar Land Parks and Recreation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SugarLandParks.

***If having fresh fruits and vegetables in your home appeals to you, consider joining The Commonwealth Veggie Co-op with Harvest Green. Learn more [HERE](#).***

**Delivered right here in Commonwealth, every week!**

# NOTES and REMINDERS

Have something to celebrate?

Our beautifully redecorated 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](http://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.



The Commonwealth Civic Association does not investigate, qualify, or certify this newsletter's advertisers.

The business of each advertiser is independent of the Association.

## 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:

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[www.commonwealthcivic.com](http://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: American Pools 281-916-0020  
[americanpool.com/locations/houston-pool-services](http://americanpool.com/locations/houston-pool-services)

*Even during our darkest hours,  
we have much to be thankful for.*

*We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

**Your Commonwealth Board of Directors**

*Jim Levermann*

**David Bristow**

*Melissa Harrington*

*Sarah McCoy*

*Jennifer Vance*



**Thankful**

**Gobble till ya**



**WOBBLE!**  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**November 12 - Diwali**

One of the most important Hindu festivals of the year, Diwali focuses on celebrating various gods and goddesses. The day before Diwali, homes are cleaned and decorated with flowers, and white is painted on the front door to bring good luck. The Festival of Lights features lamps lit everywhere for the entire five days to ensure that Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess that brings good fortune, finds her way home.

