

# Commonwealth Comments

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

November/December 2019

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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.

## Holiday Party Celebration

Friday, December 13 5-8 p.m.

The Commonwealth Clubhouse

See details on page 5

## Commonwealth Community Garage Sale

Once again, a HUGE thank you to **Fatima Haq** for all of her work organizing our Fall Garage Sale.

At the time of this writing, we had almost 40 homes registered to participate. Other homes may participate without being on our map.

We hope that, if you participated, you had a very successful sale.

Stay tuned for the date for a Spring Garage Sale should a volunteer step forward.

**NOTE:** Unfortunately, the county chose to forego our Commonwealth Clubhouse as a location for early voting during the November 5 General Election.

While we are disappointed with this decision, we hope our residents DID go to the polls to help determine whether or not the County and City of Sugar Land Bond Proposals will come to fruition.

Details in the January newsletter.

The next election will take place in March, 2020.

## Tennis Anyone?

If you are a tennis playing Commonwealth resident, you are aware that it is often difficult to find the courts free.

And to make it even more challenging, often those people are not residents of our neighborhood (and not guests of a resident).

Please see our new procedure on page 6



# 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 only 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 Mack gregmack@gmail.com	The guys are always looking for players for last minute pairings on various golf courses in the area.
<b>Special Events/Activities</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 Konrady 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 Sumita Ghosh and let her know of your interest. The Association will help publicize your group and attempt to help you grow. dgbristow@windstream.net.



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.

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

## Useful Phone Numbers

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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
<i>when calling about street lights, relay pole #.</i>	
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If you are considering renovations to the outside of your home or to your property, save yourself time AND money by getting HOA approval BEFORE you begin the work.

All exterior modifications done to the home require approval PRIOR to doing any work. The most common projects that require approval include but are not limited to:

- New windows
•Fence/gate replacement or installation
•Driveway gate
•New roof
•Painting any portion of the exterior of the home
•Replacing the front door or garage doors
•Landscape lights (even solar power lights)
•Children's play structures
•Storage shed/outdoor building
•Any work done to concrete walkways, driveways and sidewalks
•Pool or hot tub
•Patio or deck
•Patio cover/gazebo/ pergola
•Room addition
•Outdoor kitchen
•Powerpoint presentation

We have a powerpoint presentation that was created for residents. If you would like a copy emailed to you, send your request to news@commonwealthcivic.com.

The Census is Coming!!!!

The U. S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. They are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places and economy. ALL information provided is confidential.

They are simply attempting to get an accurate resident (adults and children) count for each geographical area. They will NOT ask for any personal information such as social security #, bank account information, political affiliation, etc.

In 2020 they will implement new technology to make it easier to respond to the census. You will be able to respond online or by phone, as well as by mail.

Responding quickly SAVES TAX DOLLARS. Your immediate response to providing the information required, reduces follow up visits. If you respond online or return the form quickly, no one will be stopping by to interrupt your day :)

Let's take the challenge and try to get a 100% return rate from Commonwealth residents. Your participation impacts our lives in multiple ways!

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Savings of \$9,500

It appears that the children had a blast and the parents learned a great deal about our butterfly population at our **Monarch Madness Event** last month.

Thanks to Sumita Ghosh for organizing the event and to Barbara Keller-Willy for the presentation.



Pictured above: some of our guests.



"Strutting their stuff" with our presenter, Barbara Keller-Willy.

If you notice errant sprinklers in our common areas, please report them to Crest Management.

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



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## Annual Holiday Party

at

*The Commonwealth Clubhouse*

**Friday, December 13**

**5-8 p.m.**

Food, drinks, photo booth, music by DJ Raj!  
AND.....an extra special visitor for the kids.

This time of the year, everyone celebrates!  
Please join us for a few hours of merriment

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**Deed Restrictions**  
help keep our home values up!

They are one of the most important tools our Board has to help maintain and enhance our property values. The HOA strongly recommends that you get approval **BEFORE** beginning a project, there are, of course, some exceptions.

You may certainly put a tarp on the roof after you suffer storm damage (hurricane season is approaching), but please do not replace the roof without MDR Committee approval. And, you may stand the fence back up if it falls, but a new fence requires approval from the HOA. Incorrect repairs can be extremely costly.

## 10 S N E I?

As you may be aware we have a new online system for reserving our tennis courts. If you are a tennis player, we encourage you and your family to sign up.

This step is being taken to ensure that only Commonwealth residents and their guests have access to our courts and encroachers are displaced.

The website URL:

[www.sites.onlinecourtreservations.com/reservations](http://www.sites.onlinecourtreservations.com/reservations).

For residents to sign up as users, they must email Ashleigh at Crest with their Address and Member name. Both are required to validate their membership. (ashleigh.rutledge@crest-management.com)

Once membership is validated, we have a resident who is happy to guide and on-board new users.

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*Have a wonderful  
Thanksgiving Holiday!*



# Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6 - 5 - 8 p.m.  
Sugar Land Town Square Plaza, 15958 City Walk

The steps of City Hall light up with holiday cheer and entertainment as Mr. and Mrs. Claus bring their holiday magic to Sugar Land Town Square. This event is free and open to the public.

The fun includes: holiday crafts and activities } face painting } entertainment } photos with Santa food and beverages available for purchase.



*Wishing our residents the happiest of celebrations during this holiday season.*

*We hope that you are able to spend quality time with family and friends.*



*Raj Walawalkar  
Dave Bristow  
Sumita Ghosh  
Jim Levermann*



## Commonwealth Alert List

At this point in time, we have fewer than 800 current email addresses on our list. In a perfect world, The Commonwealth HOA would already have a complete list of ALL resident email addresses. (A huge thank you to those residents who have been responding to our request for home addresses to add to our list. We appreciate you!)

Our list was started after a hurricane hit the Houston area leaving Sugar Land without electricity for days. It was dangerously hot. The City of Sugar Land was handing out water to residents in need, however, there was no way for us to organize and get that information to our residents in a timely fashion by walking door to door. Those with generators were able to connect with the internet so we opted to begin a list that would connect our residents in times of urgency.

To those NOT on our distribution list, please know:

- ~ We do NOT ever share our email addresses.
- ~ We try very hard not to overwhelm you with emails. In fact, we attempt to send out only information we feel is beneficial to our residents. For example, most emails are sent in response to traffic or weather advisories. If there is a possibility of torrential rain or flooding, we let you know. If there is a Civic Association event, we give advance notice, a reminder and a last minute notification. We also attempt to share opportunities for city and county government involvement (i.e. committees, boards, classes, etc.)

Please consider adding your email address to our list and joining our Facebook page. We believe that we provide information you will be happy to receive. Shoot us an email with your home address.

[news@commonwealthcivic.com](mailto:news@commonwealthcivic.com).

**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.

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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## The Commonwealth Women's Club

*What A Girl Wants*  
*Tuesday, December 10*  
*Kelley Otero*  
*15 Leigh Ct.*  
*7 P. M.*

To receive full details and an evite, get on our email list.  
Shoot an email to Monica Clancy: [monicaclancy@strategicascent.com](mailto:monicaclancy@strategicascent.com)

## El Tiempo

**Tuesday, January 14**

Get on our email invite list  
for full details or to RSVP for this  
tremendously FUN evening!  
Shoot an email to Monica at  
[MonicaClancy@strategicascent.com](mailto:MonicaClancy@strategicascent.com)

**Night Out - Girl Talk**  
**Mexican Food**

**The Bus Always Fills Up Fast!**

