

Commonwealth Comments

A newsletter for residents of The Commonwealth:
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Sutton Park and Sweetwater XII

September/October 2018

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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.

A Little Rain Never Hurt Anyone!

We were thrilled with the turnout at our Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic. We had hundreds of residents participate despite the rain. We know the big tent helped draw you in and that everyone was grateful for its presence. Hot dogs and hamburgers were wolfed down, children and adults alike, played in the pool, laughter and fun was plentiful.

There are a few additional photos on our website: www.commonwealthcivic.com



**The Briarwood Pool is open weekends through
Sunday, September 30 - Noon-8 p.m.**

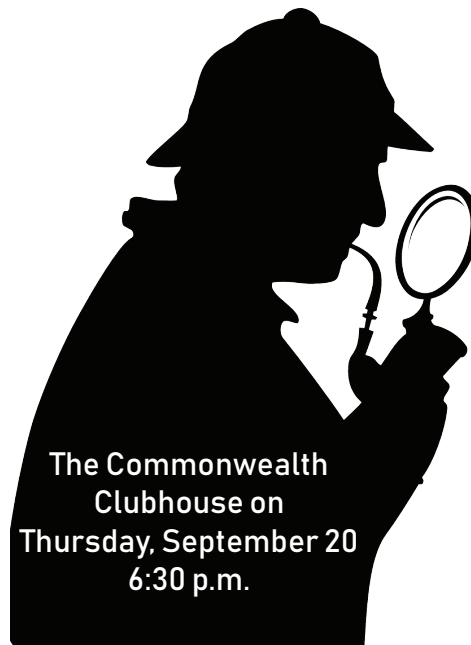
Annual Fall Crime Watch Meeting

Join us for our annual
Crime Watch Meeting.
Let's talk safety and security.

We will receive a report from the Sugar Land Police Department and receive some tips about navigating safely through the unexpected.

Learn about our Block Watch Program and what you can do to help keep your family and your neighbors safe.

We live in an uncommonly safe neighborhood, let's keep it that way!



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.

Commonwealth Social Club

Until recently, The Commonwealth had an active adult Social Club. Singles were welcome.

The group regularly scheduled evenings of fun at various restaurants around the area and occasionally meet in each others' homes for chit chat or board games, etc.

If you are interested in reviving this group, contact Dave at dgbristow@windstream.net.

Mommy and Me Play Group

Blanca plans wonderful, fun activities for our youngest residents (and 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.

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 Virginia and let her know of your interest. The Association will help publicize your group and attempt to help you grow. VirginiaMack@ftbendhomes.com or 281-207-5200.

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 gregmack@gmail.com.

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 Dave Bristow if interested. dgbristow@windstream.net

Women's Tennis

If you are interested in playing tennis with other Commonwealth women, call Jean at 713-385-4097.

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.

Newsletter - Sue Hauenstein
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Commonwealth Specialist

Current Commonwealth Listings

\$379,000 - 3914 Bratton St.



Master down. Upgraded Exec. Master Bath, New Carpet & Interior Paint ('17), SS Appls.

\$364,900 - 3811 Bratton St.



One story 4/2.5, On Cul-de-sac, Backs to Greenbelt, Upgraded Kit. w/Granite.

\$489,900 - 47 Sterling St.



Over \$50k in recent Upgrades, Laguna Style Pool, Backs to Greenbelt.

\$525,900 - 3909 St. Michaels Ct.



2 Master Bedrooms (1 on 1st fl. - 2nd on 3rd floor). 5/4.5 - All Baths & Kit. Upgraded. Pool/Spa & Rock Waterfall. New Paint/Carpet ('18)

\$575,000 - 4714 Dunleigh Ct.



5/3.5/3 Car Gar. on Lg. Cul-de-sac Lot Pool/Spa, Cov. Patio, Upgraded Kit. w/high/end Cabinets, Thermador SS Appls. All baths Upgraded ('18).



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Vote! November 6

We are not asking you to be as passionate as we are about ELECTIONS, (although it would make us VERY happy) but, every Commonwealth vote helps us demonstrate to our elected officials, that our community is active and involved.

There are many opportunities to meet the candidates (of both major parties), we hope you will seek them out. If we become aware of any events where both sides are invited, we will post the information on our Commonwealth HOA Facebook page.

Don't believe the hype. Meet the candidates and make informed decisions.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Early voting will take place from Monday, October 22 through Friday, November 2.

Is your fence in disrepair? Please do not wait until the Civic Association must approach you regarding replacing it. You can find the requirements for replacement fencing on our website: www.commonwealthcivic.com. See Guidelines and Forms.

In an effort to encourage our residents to stay informed and involved, we have an additional Facebook page specifically for our FBISD issues: "Commonwealth's FBISD Page". You must be approved to join.



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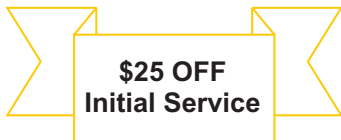
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Modification and Deed Restriction Forms

The Commonwealth HOA has now transitioned to on-line MDR application forms. You may access the forms by visiting: www.crest-management.com

Select Exterior Modification Request Form
Enter and confirm your address
Select your application

Follow the prompts and upload all requested items.

*Please ensure to submit all required documents and photos listed in the grey box.

Don't forget to submit a Modifications Application and wait for an approval letter PRIOR to starting any modification projects in your yard or to the outside of your home.

Call Heather Esteban or Monica Hamm at Crest Management (281-579-0761), if you have any questions or need an application.

It is very expensive to put the wrong color roof on your home and then have to replace it!

Great Opportunity For Your High School Junior!

Are you or is someone you know, an incoming high school junior who is curious about your community and your role in it? Consider joining the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) for 2018-2019! Applications are due no later than Oct. 1 by 5 p.m. Visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/MYAC for more information or email myac@sugarlandtx.gov for questions.

The City Has An Emergency Alert System

Sugar Land is committed to keeping residents safe and informed. The emergency alert system is a communication service available to all Sugar Land residents to receive emergency alerts and city notifications. All residents are encouraged to sign up. Once a subscriber, you will have the ability to customize subscription preferences. Notifications are available via email, text, and/or phone.

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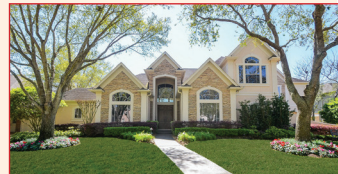
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Sugar Land 2018 Proposed Tax Rate

A tax rate of \$0.32762 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the City Council of the City of Sugar Land. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

While the City Manager's filed and recommended FY19 budget can be funded within a flat tax rate of \$0.31762; City Council is considering an increase of one cent for the final phase of the 2013 voter approved park bonds. The increase would support the final \$10.26 million in project funding along with the operating costs of the projects and complete the voter authorization in bonds.

This year's priorities: Investments in public safety - including drainage improvements to protect you and your property, innovations in Fire / EMS service and the design of new facilities critical to keeping you safe, such as a new Emergency Operations Center.

City Council will vote on September 4 to place a tax rate on the September 18th agenda for approval.

West Nile Virus in Sugar Land

The city of Sugar Land has confirmed the presence of West Nile virus at a mosquito trap located on University Boulevard near the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land in the Telfair subdivision.

The mosquitoes were trapped last month and Sugar Land was notified that at least one tested positive for West Nile.

The city has increased mosquito spraying to twice per week citywide and will continue working closely with the Texas Department of State Health Services to trap and test mosquitos for the presence of the West Nile virus. The traps supplement the city's larvicide and mosquito spraying operations.

Humans can contract West Nile virus from a mosquito bite. Infected mosquitoes get the virus from feeding on infected birds. The virus can cause serious illness or death.

Dr. Joe Anzaldua, the City's medical director and health authority, urges residents to take precautions to reduce West Nile exposure.

Learn more at www.sugarlandtx.gov. Look for news releases.



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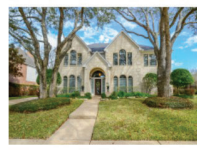
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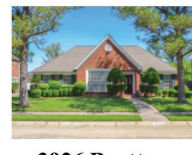
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4318 Saint Michaels
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4818 Burbury St
\$534,800

Board Restarts Landscape and Enhancement Committees

Our HOA board would like to reinvigorate two of our advisory committees: the Landscape and Enhancements Committees.

Years ago, under the leadership of former board member Steve O'Hara, the Landscape Committee was very active and, as you can see, helped make some excellent decisions for our neighborhoods. The hard work of our previous Enhancements Committee led to the excellent upgrades to the Knightsbridge Playground and Pool.

The board is interested in hearing from the residents with regard to maintaining and enriching Commonwealth so that it remains the "Jewel" in Sugar Land's crown.

If you are willing to lend a hand (the heavy lifting is handled by our landscape company and Crest Management) and participate in surveying and submitting input to the board in an advisory capacity, please contact Heather at Crest Management (281-579-0761). If there is enough interest, she will schedule a meeting and the committee can advise the board when they have determined which direction they wish to take our beautification projects.

Tree Maintenance Alert

The numerous mature and healthy trees in The Commonwealth, help give it the park-like ambiance we all appreciate. In addition, well maintained, quality species like oak and pecan, add to the value of our residential property

As an aid in properly managing these assets, homeowners are encouraged to visit a couple of easily accessed and well organized websites, via Google (i.e. "TreesAreGood.com" and "ANSI A-300" (note, Part 1, 2017 Pruning Standards).

The "takeaways" from these websites include the following:

1. Tree pruning should be done during the Winter, when trees are dormant.
 2. Avoid removing an excessive amount of living material at any one time.
 3. Minimize the size of cuts on living material to better enable the tree to compartmentalize those wounds.
- Numerous "tree service" contractors have been canvassing our neighborhoods in search of trees to trim, prune, or remove. Before turning your valuable trees over to someone with a truck, trailer, chainsaw and a business card, ask if they are familiar with and follow ANSI A-300, the standards of their industry. If they don't, consider finding a contractor that does, preferably an ISA Certified Arborist. This may cost a little more, but the results are likely to be much better.

Association Information

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.fcld2.com

For more information, call Ron at 281-265-0137.

Crest Management Company
 281-579-0761

To be considered at the monthly meeting, MDR 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.

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 (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
<i>when calling about street lights, relay pole #.</i>	
POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	9-1-1



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Sugar Land Partners with Waze

Sugar Land's recent partnership with Waze, a Google company, to improve mobility via information sharing is the first collaboration of its kind in the Houston region.

Waze is the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app. The data-sharing partnership will enhance information already available to drivers through a free, real-time crowdsourced traffic and navigation app.

The partnership will provide Sugar Land traffic engineers with an unprecedented look at real-time road activity, enabling our state-of-the-art Traffic Management Center to harness real-time driver insights to improve congestion and

make better-informed planning decisions.

Established as a two-way data share, Waze will provide Sugar Land's ITS website with real-time, anonymous, Waze-generated incident and slow-down information directly from the source -- drivers and passengers themselves. In exchange, Sugar Land will provide real-time construction, crash and road-closure data to Waze to return one of the most succinct, thorough views of current road conditions today.

Read the entire news release on the City of Sugar Land's website: www.sugarlandtx.gov. Search Waze news release.




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The Commonwealth Women's Club

The Commonwealth Women's Club is back from its' summer hiatus.

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for some FUN and fellowship!

The Commonwealth Women's Club is a social group for women living in The Commonwealth. We meet monthly throughout the school year.

The Women's Club has its own email distribution list and the HOA helps promote our events in the email alerts.

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 date or location.

Our emails are 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

On the Calendar for 2018

End of Summer
Tuesday, September 11
at the home of Leigh Mattson
4610 Warwick



A Taste of Italy
Wednesday, October 17
at the home of Donna Navia
4843 Hillswick Dr.



Friendsgiving in Avalon
Wednesday, November 7
at the home of former resident Susan Chaluh
5 St. George Ct.



What A Girl Wants Gift Exchange
Wednesday, December 5
at the home of Kelly Otero
15 Leigh Ct.

