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TENTH Annual Home Holiday Decorating Contest

The Commonwealth Annual Holiday Party held in December was, once again, a HUGE success. A big **thank you** to those volunteers who helped pull it off! There was food and fun for all in attendance.....and a special visitor to boot.

Winners of the Annual Home Holiday Decorating Contest were announced:

Most Original -	Daniel & Rebecca Roth	11 Aylesbury
Best Theme -	Charles & Natascha Odum	4907 Glen Hollow
Kid's Favorite -	Thomas & Victoria Leibowitz	62 Stalybridge

Congratulations to all of the homeowners who participated. Commonwealth looked exceptionally seasonal this year!!!! And a special congratulations to the winning families.



Dues are Due!!
Civic Association dues are overdue if
not received in the office of Crest
Management by January 31, 2002.
Interest begins to accrue on
February 1, 2002



COMMONWEALTH ACTION TEAM IS BORN

Names are still being accepted for the Commonwealth Action Team (CAT). Members of this committee will voice neighborhood concerns and challenges to the Association. The team will consist of the current Board and up to three residents from each of our five neighborhoods. The CAT will participate in reviewing Association policy changes, community improvements and problems and concerns of the residents.

To be a member of the CAT, residents must be in good standing with the Association and be able to communicate by e-mail. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of February, March, June, October and November.

If interested, please respond immediately to:
commonwealth@stansellweb.com

For up-do-date Civic Association information:
www.commonwealth-civic.com

Community Awareness Corner

Upcoming Meetings

Landscape Committee Meeting

Meets once a month. Call Steve O'Hara at 281-265-4485 for the next meeting date and time.

Modifications Committee Meeting

Third Tuesday of each month - 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse

CAT Meeting

Third Thursday of February, March, June, October & November
7:00 p.m.
at the Clubhouse

Board Meeting

Fourth Thursday of each month - 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Bubba sez:
"Texans don't exaggerate, they just remember BIG!"

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One of the prime responsibilities of The Commonwealth Civic Association is to provide for the maintenance, repair and operation of the common areas and facilities in our community. Crest Management Services is hired by the Association to provide professional management of these services. The Board of Directors retain basic management powers, but through a contractual arrangement delegates day-to-day maintenance to Crest Management.

Basic services provided by Crest in accordance with generally accepted industry standards and, at the direction of the Board, are:

- implement decisions of the Board
- oversee maintenance of the Association's property
- maintain all records for a specified period of time

- prepare specs, solicit bids and negotiate contracts for board approval, as well as oversee the work itself
- inspect the common properties and recommend improvements and repairs
- provide deed restriction inspections and report regularly occurring deed restriction violations for board action
- assist in preparation of the annual budget
- prepare monthly financial statements
- provide assessment billing, receiving and collection and
- provide counseling and advice to the Association.

Non-routine services may be provided for an additional fee. When you request services from Crest, please keep in mind the scope of their contract.



Dues are due....if you have not received your assessment invoice, please notify Crest Management at 281-579-0761 to avoid penalties.



Commonwealth Alert

In an effort to be proactive in keeping our residents abreast of events that directly impact our community, The Commonwealth Civic Association maintains a web page, updated by residents Paula and Charles Stansell, and overseen by the Association. (You can visit the web page at www.commonwealth-civic.com). In order to be even more effective, the Association has initiated a Commonwealth *e-mail Alert* available to all residents who wish to sign up.

It is important to note that the Association will **NOT** be sharing these email addresses with any commercial ventures and **NO ADVERTISING** (or jokes!!!) will be forwarded. This email network is **STRICTLY** for alerting/providing information for our residents regarding matters that the Association feels is important to the daily lives of Commonwealth residents.

If you are interested in being added to this list, please send an email to: commonwealth@Stansellweb.com

Q & A

Q: What should trigger a telephone call to the Sugar Land Police Department?

A: Any suspicious activity. For example, you should call if you notice things such as: malicious mischief, erratic driving, peepers or property intruders. Be prepared to identify yourself and describe what you see, where you see it and any other pertinent information (ie. license plate number). The Police Department can be reached at 281-275-2500.

Do not use 9-1-1 unless you perceive an immediate threat of loss of life and/or property.

Q: Whom do I call if I see water flowing from a manhole cover on my street?

A: Call ECO Resources at 281-240-1300.

Q: Who do I call if the water coming from my water taps is discolored?

A: Again, contact ECO Resources at 281-240-1300.

If you have a general interest question we MAY be able to assist you with, please email us at newsletter@commonwealth-civic.com or call Sue at 281-265-4556

Attention Advertisers!!!

This newsletter is published in January, March, May, July, September and November. The deadline for each issue is the first day of the previous month. Ads and payment must be received by that date. All Ads must be mailed to **Commonwealth Comments, 3909 St. Michaels Ct., Sugar Land, Texas 77479** and must include a check for full payment. Ad rates begin at \$50.00 per issue.

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\$10.00 - 15 word maximum and must be submitted with the check by the newsletter deadline.

Next newsletter deadline is February 1 (for the March issue)

Dealer's Choice

*This month
Commonwealth
Comments
features Com-
monwealth
Civic Associa-
tion Board
President Tom
Wooley.*

This month our focus is on Commonwealth Civic Association Board President Tom Wooley. Tom is currently serving his fifth year on the Homeowner Association Board and his fourth term as President.

Tom is a Chemical Engineer in his **TWENTY-FIFTH** year with Fluor Daniel which is conveniently located here in Sugar Land. Happily, there is no long commute for Tom. During his career, Tom has lived in China, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Holland. Tom was born and reared in Houston and escaped to the suburbs with his wife, Melinda, eleven years ago.

The Wooleys have two sons, David, who is 19 and a student at Wharton County Junior College and Robert, 11 who is a student at Commonwealth Elementary School.

Tom loves living in The Commonwealth and has thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with The Commonwealth Civic Association. At the current time, Tom is excited about overseeing the completion of the landscape plan and the construction of the new monuments that will grace the entries and exits to our community.



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Safety is always a concern of our Association, but it is of special concern along Commonwealth Blvd. We want to start the new year by reminding our residents to be mindful of the stop signs and speed limit on this major thoroughfare.

This is the route many of our children use to reach the elementary and middle schools. One can never be too careful around youngsters!!!!

Nuts & Bolts



It is the responsibility of the homeowner who intends to make an exterior modification to first submit a modification application and have it approved before the work begins. This protects the homeowner from potential expensive re-work to meet the civic association guidelines. In addition, the homeowner is required to apply for, and meet, all city building requirements. Modification Application forms are available from Crest Management or from our web page, www.commonwealth-civic.com.

Considering having a pool installed?

If you are considering having a pool installed, please CUT AND SAVE the following information. The MDR committee has put together this information to assist anyone submitting an application for a pool.. This is provided in an effort to reduce the number of applications that are returned for lack of information. **Please note changes and additions.**

1. Obtain application from Crest Management (or www.commonwealth-civic.com)
2. Fill out application **completely** and return to Crest Management.
3. Attach a copy of your plan with the pool and deck location and dimensions indicated.
4. Indicate on plat: site access and all drain lines as well as location of all pool equipment.
5. Backwash and drain lines must drain to the street.
6. Blueprint of pool must indicate schedule 40 PVC used for all drain lines.
7. Pool and deck must be at least 5 feet from side and rear lot lines and should not encroach on any easements.
8. Pool and deck must be within building setback lines.
9. See 9.0 in your Architectural Control Guidelines for more details.

A deposit, if needed, must be received by Crest Management before authorization for building can be given.

In Memory

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Mrs. Faye Becker**, Chairman of the Modifications & Deed Restriction Committee.

Faye passed away as a result of masive injuries suffered in an auto accident last month. Faye was involved with the Civic Association for over ten years. Her knowledge of the Association's covenants and her sense of fairness served her well in her capacity as Chair of the committee. Her talents and contributions were many.

She will be missed by her community.

Faye lived in Commonwealth Park with her husband Cal.

Donations in Faye's memory may be made to the Alzheimers Association or to the Leukeumia and Lymphoma Society.



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agement - 281-579-0761 so she can arrange to
have it repaired.**

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!!!!!!

My face in the mirror
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty.
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely
And so does my lawn.
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In its continuing effort to promote life in The Commonwealth, the Association is once again planning a **Realtors Open House** for this spring.

Every couple of years we sponsor a reception and invite local Realtors to visit our clubhouse and tour The Commonwealth.

Response has always been very positive.

If you are interested in helping, contact us at:

commonwealth@stansellweb.com

or leave a message with Laura at Crest Management

281-579-0761

Keep Sugar Land Beautiful (KSLB) is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating residents of the Sugar Land area about litter control, recycling, responsible waste management and conservation. KSLB is co-sponsoring the first annual **TOURING HISTORIC SUGAR LAND** family event. See the web site for more info!!!!

Deed Restriction Violations Impact You!

As all of our homeowners are aware, The Commonwealth Civic Association has very detailed deed restrictions. Our Board(s) of Directors have always believed that it is important to the success of this community that these restrictions are strictly enforced. A beautiful, well maintained neighborhood assists us in maintaining the value of our homes.

Twice each month Crest Management drives through every street in the community. They visually inspect every home and all of our common areas. Homes with violations are noted and then a notification letter is sent to the homeowner. It is hoped that problems will be resolved by the homeowner within a reasonable amount of time.

If you have a concern or question regarding your violation, call Crest to discuss it (281-579-0761).

Follow up letters are very expensive for the Association, so please make every effort to correct your violations as soon as possible. The Board of Directors may vote to take legal action against homeowners who do not comply with the deed restrictions. Individual homeowners involved in law suits with the Association are required to reimburse the Association for legal costs. Again, a costly endeavor.

PLEASE work with the Association to maintain our beautiful neighborhood.

Don't forget

Valentines Day
February 14

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The Commonwealth is a wonderful area in which to live. The community continues to flourish. It is important that we all feel a sense of community spirit and unity. Please support locally held special events and activities. You can be a part of cultivating and nurturing our success by way of participation on any of the Association's various committees. Please consider getting involved.

For more information on how **YOU** can be more involved, contact Paula at:

Commonwealth@stansellweb.com

The Association considers this newsletter a vital communication link with the community. Your input is invited and welcome. If you have any suggestions or comments, email us at:

newsletter@commonwealth-civic.com
or call Sue at 281-265-4556.

Association News Update

The Board of Directors has selected **Natural Graphics** to design our logo and construct 3 new monuments. Work is in the design at this time.

Ads in Commonwealth Comments are available beginning at \$50.00. If you would like to advertise, call Sue at 281-265-4556.

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Silver Fox Gala

*Saturday, February 23
7:00 p.m.*

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This even is being held in conjunction with the
Tabletop Design Showcase mentioned on page 9

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Silver Fox Gala

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Tabletop Design Showcase doors open at 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Sugar Creek Country Club and the public is invited to enjoy the talent and creativity of tabletop decorators presenting elegant, whimsical and unique tabletop creations. This tabletop adventure will feature the bold, the beautiful and even outrageous in complete table décor. Enjoy the unique features of each themed table setting including table linens, chair covers, lavish centerpieces, dinnerware, flatware, decorative accents and much more.

Tickets for the tabletop design showcase are \$15 and guests will receive a gift bag filled with decorating information and goodies.

Special Interest Groups

The Commonwealth Women's Club

The Commonwealth Women's Club is open to all women residing in The Commonwealth. The club's purpose is to stimulate civic, philanthropic, educational, and cultural interest in the community, as well as foster a cordial welcome to new residents. Volunteer outreach is available to those who are interested. If you are interested in this group, or would like more information, please contact Susan at 281-980-3290 or Donna at 281-265-7108.

Hispanic Club

If you speak Spanish and are interested in joining this informal group, contact Lucy at 281-265-2610, for information, date and location.

Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch is a group of mothers who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children and the school they attend. If you are interested in joining us, please contact: Louisa Chiasson (Commonwealth Elementary School, Lake Olympia Middle School) at 281-565-6849, Cathy Graves (Clements High School) at 281-265-7940, Mary Marwil (Elkins High School) at 281-265-0877 or Kathie Waldheim (Fort Settlement Middle School) at 281-265-2739.

If information about your group is incorrect or outdated, please advise Sue at 281-265-4556

If you are interested in publicizing a Commonwealth-based special interest group, give us a call at 281-265-4556

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Police & Fire Emergency	9-1-1

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