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FBISD First Day Back to School
Thursday, August 14

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idea !

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July 4th Celebration



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Face Painter

Pool Party

Mist Station



Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

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25 Trophies for best decorated bikes, strollers or wagons

Parade Route:
Leave Knightsbridge parking lot and cross Commonwealth Blvd. ~ St. Ives to Warwick ~ right on Heatherwilde to Castlewood ~ right on Trent, cross Commonwealth ~ right on St. Micheals Ct. ~ right on Knightsbridge and back to the clubhouse.

There will also be a shorter route for strollers and wagons

Residents along the parade route are encouraged to cheer on the parade participants.



Parade lineup at 10:45 a.m.

Parade leaves at 11:00 a.m.

Food served at 11:30 a.m.

Judging for the Decorating Contest at 12:01 p.m.

Awards at 12:30 p.m.



Annual Meeting Update

The Commonwealth Civic Association Annual Meeting was held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, May 20. The meeting was well attended. Tom Wooley, President of the HOA introduced board members: Jim McGregor, Steve O'Hara and Paula Stansell. Zelma Loeb was unable to attend. Wooley, Stansell and Loeb were re-elected by acclamation after a quorum was established.

Ron Frerich, Levee Improvement District (L.I.D.) Director, gave an update on the L.I.D.'s progress with the bagging of the waterways in Commonwealth.

Carolyn Bonds, of Crest Management, gave an update on the Association's financial standing.



Board of Directors Members:
Steven O'Hara,
Paula Stansell and
Tom Wooley

Modifications Committee Chair, Dan Lumpkin discusses changes/additions with a homeowner



Residents focus on the information presented by the board at the Annual Meeting



Community Awareness Corner

Praying for Rain... (at least at this writing!)

The cooperation of the community is needed to help keep debris from entering our pool areas. Debris should **NEVER** be discharged into any of the community waterways or into the street sewers. Based on the design of our pool areas there will, at times, be standing water. The HOA and the county do spray for mosquitoes on a regular basis.

The diesel engine that powers our pump station is a backup power source. The primary power source for our pump station is Center Point Energy and the back up generator has never been needed to operate the pumps. Since the pump station was installed, the pumps have only come on automatically one time and this was for a short duration. (It was not an emergency situation.

Our L.I.D. Directors live in The Commonwealth and they are all committed to ensuring the levees and the pumping equipment are ready to protect our community if the need arises. The equipment is inspected and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommended schedule.

Please be sure to read the **local** papers or join our email alert list to keep apprised of the city's watering plan (should we need to ration our water this summer).

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.commonwealthcivic.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



**Please Remember
that children are out of
school for the summer -- DO
NOT count on them to do
WHAT they should, WHEN
they should....
Drive cautiously!!!**

Scoop It!

We all want a cleaner neighborhood, but pet waste is a subject everyone likes to avoid...literally. No one likes dog mess. But pet waste is more than smelly and unpleasant, **it is a health risk to pets, water bodies, and people, especially children!**

Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas is washed into storm drains when it rains and channeled untreated to neighborhood creeks, and lakes. Pet waste (including cats') left on the ground contributes harmful bacteria, parasites, and viruses to our waterways. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.

Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pet. When walking your dog, take a plastic bag along and dispose of the waste properly in a trash can.

See the Top Ten Reasons to Scoop on page 11 of this newsletter.

This information provided by the City of Sugar Land and the Public Works Department.

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Vandalism Costs

A few weeks ago someone vandalized the entry marker at Regents Park and Palm Royale. The sign has been cleaned, but we would like to find out who is responsible for the vandalism.

It is the Association's policy to file charges against individuals who damage our community property. If you have any information concerning this, or any other vandalism in The Commonwealth, please email the Association at: commonwealth@stansellweb.com.

FBISD Bond Referendum

It is inevitable that the FBISD Bond Referendum WILL come back to the taxpayers in one form or another. At this writing no decision has been made regarding the amount or content of the new bond referendum.

While no recommendation has yet been brought to the School Board for approval, it is expected that the referendum will take place in October and that decisions regarding content (and amount) will be voted on by the School Board in July.




Greetings
To The Grad

Class of 2003

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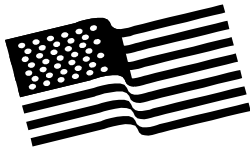
It is the responsibility of the homeowner who intends to make an exterior modification to first submit a modification application and have it approved before the work begins. This protects the homeowner from potential expensive re-work to meet the civic association guidelines. In addition, the homeowner 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.



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 in
 session....You
 deserve a
 break today!

**Friday, August 15
 10:00 a.m. - noon
 at the Commonwealth Clubhouse**

Two Hours Adult Time! ~ No Children!!! ~

Talk about what to do with all this free time, finding a
 doctor, a dentist, or a babysitter.....Share that latest
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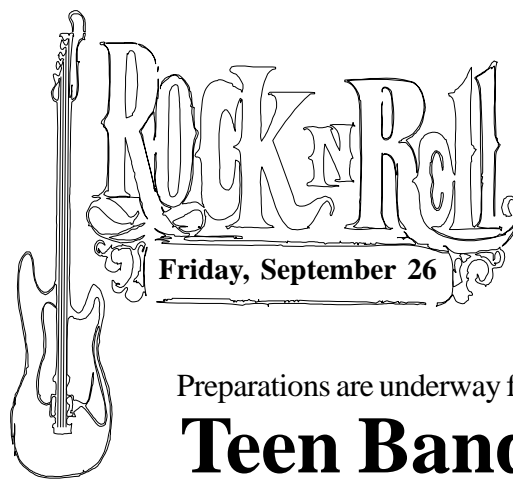
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**Planning is underway,
 more details in the next
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Parent Volunteer Chaperones
 needed!
 One three hour stint!
Friday, September 26

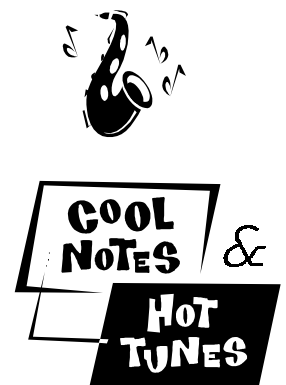


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Preparations are underway for
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National Night Out Tuesday, August 5

On August 5, neighborhoods throughout Sugar Land are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the **20th Annual National Night Out**.

This nationally acclaimed event is meant to encourage neighbors to get together and spend some time getting to know each other. Residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and host some type of neighborhood block party. Many neighborhoods sponsor cookouts, ice cream socials, parades, etc.

This Night Out offers an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other and exchange contact information. The Mayor, City Council members, and other city officials will be visiting as many parties as possible in their respective districts. If you would like to register with the city as hosting a get-together, you may visit the city's homepage at www.sugarlandtx.gov and click on National Night Out.

As a Neighborhood Watch community, The Commonwealth Civic Association encourages your participation for this particular nationwide endeavor. It is critical that we recognize who belongs in our neighborhood and who doesn't in order to take a bite out of crime. We hope that you will be the one to take the initiative and organize your block. Get your neighbors together between 7 and 10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5 and join the City of Sugar Land to "**Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party**".

~ To volunteer as your Block Party Captain, call Tom at ~
281-265-1734

Before you leave town for your summer vacation this year.....

Please be sure that a trusted neighbor knows, not only when you are leaving and returning, but how to reach you, or someone **WITH A KEY**, to enter your home in case of an emergency.

You never know when that water pipe may burst or your security alarm may start sounding!!!!

It is imperative that **SOMEONE** knows how to reach you or how to enter your home.

(You may also register with the Sugar Land Police Department)

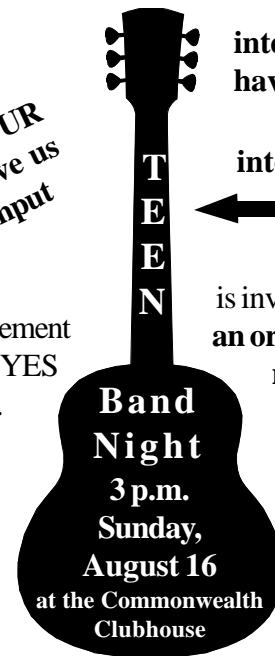
Any Commonwealth Teen

Teens....
This is **YOUR**
event, give us
your input

interested in
having some
input
into the next

Your involvement
counts for YES
hours.

is invited to attend
an **organizational**
meeting



If you are unable to attend, but would like to give your opinion, contact Mary at 281-980-3511

Calling All Seniors!!!

Seasoned Citizens that is

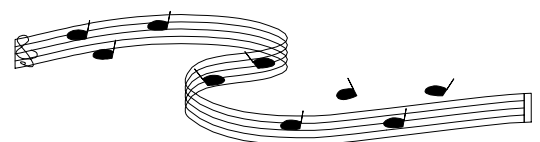
Senior citizens are invited to celebrate National Night Out from noon to 3 p.m. on Monday, August 4 at the Sugar Land Community Center at 226 Matlage Way.

Lunch will be served at noon and then attendees will enjoy the sounds of Johnny Dyson and the Bank Notes Band.

Listen to the music or enjoy a whirl around the dance floor.

There is no charge, but reservations must be made by calling 281-275-2885 by July 30.

If you are attending, please bring a non-perishable food item for local food banks.





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Mosquitos can breed in any container holding water. It could be a rain gutter that doesn't drain properly, a low spot in a hidden area of your lawn, or even an old unused or forgotten pet dish. Tour your property and look for locations where stagnant water might exist. Generally we begin to see large populations of mosquitos ten days to two weeks after a heavy rain. Eliminating the breeding sites around your home will help reduce those numbers.

Mosquitoes tend to be most active during the dawn and dusk hours. If you must be out of doors during these periods, wear long sleeves and long pants and spray an insect repellent containing 35% N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide commonly known as DEET on your clothing. Use sparingly on bare skin. As these repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, avoid applying the repellent to the hands of children.



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University Blvd/Commonwealth Update

University Blvd.'s extension to U.S. Hwy. 59 is expected to be completed later this year. The four-lane, curb- and-gutter roadway will extend from U.S. 59 to Commonwealth Blvd.

The new route will allow Commonwealth residents the ability to avoid more heavily traveled routes such as Highway 6 and Sweetwater Blvd. to get to the highway.

The 1.6 mile road will also provide access to the University of Houston System at Sugar Land located at the intersection of University Blvd. and U. S. 59. As part of the \$10 million project, a 14 foot wide hike-and-bike trail/pedestrian walkway will be included on the west side of University Blvd.

Sugar Land and Fort Bend County split the design cost. Federal funding pays for the remaining construction.

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 - 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

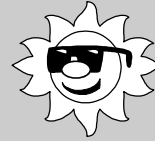
Modifications to be considered at the monthly meeting must be received by Crest on or before the 2nd Monday of each month.

Board Meeting

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

CAT Meeting

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



Enjoy your air conditioner!!!!

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Top 10 Reasons to Scoop:

10. Poop attracts disease-carrying pests.
9. Pet waste ruins the reputation of dog owners.
8. If you have kids, it can get tracked into the house.
7. Pet waste offends the neighbors.
6. Some dogs eat poop...don't make it more difficult for their owners.
5. Scooping keeps poop from accumulating faster than it degrades.
4. Shows respect to your neighbors.
3. Pet waste ruins the appearance of the property.
2. Scooping is healthier for you and your pet.
1. Runoff from pet waste can contaminate local water bodies.

Provided by the City of Sugar Land and the Public Works Department

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: Debbie Glasscock (Commonwealth Elementary) at 281-980-4118; Sheryl Poole (Fort Settlement Middle School and Clements High School) at 281-491-4690; Mary Marwil (Elkins High School) at 281-265-0877.

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.

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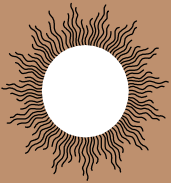
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