

Commonwealth Comments

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

November/December, 2004

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You Are Invited to a Party

See details on page 10!



Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Don't forget to leave the lights on!

Judging will take place on Friday, December 10
and Saturday, December 11
between 7 and 10 p.m.

Gift Certificates will be awarded in three categories.

-  **BEST OVERALL**
-  **Best Block***
-  **Kids' Favorite**

**includes 5 or more homes*

Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners will be announced at the Holiday Party on Monday, December 13



The holidays are just around the corner.
Thanksgiving is November 25
Remember that most Fort Bend students will be on
Thanksgiving break from November 20-November 28
and the winter break follows!
Please drive cautiously!

Keep our children safe!

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The Commonwealth Civic Association is currently in the process of reorganizing our Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood meetings are being held to advise residents of the planned structure of the organization, how they can be involved and how to best protect themselves and their families from crime.

The new plan involves informing residents of local criminal activity on an ongoing, timely basis. Our intent is to do this electronically and keep meetings to an absolute minimum. Neighborhood Watch is a successful nationwide program.

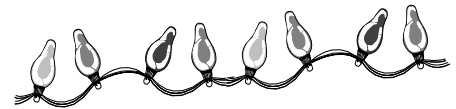
For more information, please call Tom Wooley at 281-265-1734.



Commonwealth Park was the first Commonwealth neighborhood to hold an organizational meeting of the new Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested in being a block captain in Commonwealth Park, contact Sue Hauenstein, Area Coordinator, at 281-265-4556.



Melinda Phillips and Becky Fields won the door prizes at the Commonwealth Park organizational meeting last month.



**Commonwealth
Garage Sale**

another Garage Sale in the Spring if a volunteer comes forward to oversee the planning.

Other commitments prevent Tina from taking on the project next spring, but she is more than willing to guide or partner with another volunteer, if you prefer not to do it alone. Please email commonwealth@stansellweb.com if you are interested.



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Association Nuts & Bolts

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Gates & Gate Covers

Guidelines covering gates:

Full wooden panel to match trim of house or existing fence.

No chicken wire, chain link or lattice.

Driveway wrought iron and simulated iron gates are permitted, but shall be painted black, or the same color as the house trim.

No decorative figures allowed on fences or freestanding.

Burglar Bars

Acceptable provided they are in harmony with house.

Must be painted to match exterior trim.

Interior burglar bars that are visible from the street must also be applied for.

For more information on The Commonwealth Architectural Control Guidelines, refer to the copy of the document which should have been provided for you by your Title Company at closing.

The Modifications Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

To be considered at the monthly meeting, resident applications must be received by Crest Management on or before the 2nd Monday of each month.

Please keep this deadline in mind while working on your individual modifications timeline.

Association Committees

Clubhouse & Pool Rentals
Crest Management 281-579-0761

Neighborhood Watch
Nancy Castellvi 281-265-2769

Welcome Committee
Maura Ritchie 281-980-6347
Gwen Dahlin 713-304-1048

Landscape Committee
Steve O'Hara 281-265-4485

Modifications & Deed Restrictions
Dan Lumpkin 281-265-6709

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Mike Homeyer 281-980-3794

Commonwealth Alert

Be sure to sign up for our
Email Alert system.

This is a service of The Commonwealth Civic Association in conjunction with residents Paula and Charles Stansell, who oversee the Association's web page: www.commonwealthcivic.com.

NOTE: The Association will **NOT** be sharing these email addresses with any commercial venture and **NO ADVERTISING** (or jokes!) will be forwarded to residents. This email network is **STRICTLY** for alerting/providing information regarding timely matters that the Association feels are important to our residents.

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Back To School Coffee

The turn out was low, but enthusiastic, at our annual Back To School Coffee held in August. The event was sponsored by The Commonwealth Civic Association.



City Councilman Michael Schiff dropped in for a little while to talk with residents.



Visiting with old friends are: Gail Thorwaldsen and Paula Stansell (standing) and Cindy O'Hara, Natalie Traplicki, and Virginia Mack (seated).



Enjoying some down time are Cynthia Liska (left) and Virginia Mack (right). Cynthia is a realtor with Cynthia Liska and Associates, ReMax Heritage. Virginia is with ReMax Southwest. Virginia and Cynthia are both big Commonwealth Civic Association supporters and long-time Commonwealth residents. Both are always the first to volunteer to support HOA events. Virginia supplied Starbucks coffee and Cynthia brought cheesecakes she purchased from Commonwealth resident Annette Turner (who has begun selling her beloved cheesecakes!) Sue Hauenstein supplied cookies and bottled water.. Thanks ladies!



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Sugar Land 101

The City of Sugar Land is again offering residents a great opportunity to learn, serve, and lead the City. This 10 week program runs from February 3 - April 14, 2005. The program allow citizens to familiarize themselves with the structure, function and purpose of City government. It better equips and encourages residents to assume leadership roles within the community.

Participants are introduced to more than 15 City departments, learning firsthand how they operate and serve the needs of the community. They will gain a new perspective of the city.

Requirements for acceptance:

- residence in the City of Sugar Land for at least one year.
- must be a registered voter
- must not currently hold an elected city, county, state or federal position or be running for a city, county, state or federal position.

The class is free of charge and is typically held on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For more information, see the city's web site: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Enrollment is limited. Participants are asked to commit to the entire 10 week program. Applications must be received by November 15. Applications are available at City Hall, Parks and Recreation, and online. They may be faxed to 281-275-2721, emailed to citymgr@sugarlandtx.gov or mailed to: Sugar Land 101, P.O. Box 110, Sugar Land, Texas 77487.

If you have any questions, contact the City Manager's office at 281-275-2710.

The City of Sugar Land is again offering residents a great opportunity to learn, serve, and lead the city. The City is accepting applications for Sugar Land 101.



Sugar Land AARP, in partnership with the Sugar Land Police Department, will sponsor a driving course to seniors (50 years and older) on November 8-9th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the training room at the Police Department on Highway 6. Graduates will be eligible for an insurance premium reduction.

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For more information contact Bill Gallagher at 281-980-0211.

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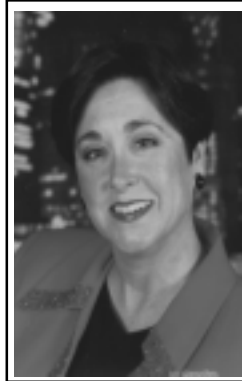
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Commonwealth's Women's Club

A woman's group supports the community in many ways. They sponsor social activities, provide an opportunity for women with various interests to meet and share ideas, and they provide community service. In the Spring of 1995, a group of Commonwealth women organized The Commonwealth Women's Club. The Commonwealth Women's Club held its first "Welcome Party" in September of 1995. Many of the original organizers have departed our midst, but the group still parties on today--almost 10 years later! And the club has morphed with the members' needs and desires year by year.

The club members are a mix of young and old, business women and stay at home moms. Some have youngsters and others have grandchildren. There are new residents and long-timers. Don't miss the fun. Attend the December Ornament Exchange.



In September the ladies had their annual Champagne Social. In October they held a Costume Party.

If you are interested in meeting more of your neighbors or learning more about the club, call Susan at 281-980-3290.



Dues are \$25.00 per year - to offset the cost of drinks, mailings, food, prizes, etc. Guests are encouraged to visit!

This year's calendar is as follows:

December 9 - Ornament Exchange

January 20 - Ladies Night Out (Gringo's)

*February 17 - Fabulous Feathers and Fur
Fun in February!*

March 17 - Spring Fling

April 21 - The annual Luau Pool Party

*Meetings begin at 7 p.m. - Come late or
leave early, if your schedule demands it.*



*This is a great group
of neighborhood
ladies. Stop by soon!*



*This year's officers:(above -left to right)
Treasurer-Donna Danto; Secretary-Connie
Buckingham; President - Susan Chaluh;
and Vice President-Valinda Weibel.*



*Women's Club Members visiting with old
friends and meeting some new people.*



*Gay Austin and Dana Cart visit
during the Champagne Social*



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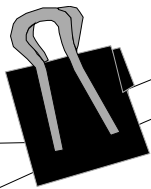
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Monument Award

National Graphics, our monument designer, entered the Commonwealth monument in to a design contest earlier this year, where it won **First Place for Commercial Signs**, 2004. The award was made by the Texas Sign Associations.

A SPECIAL thank you goes to Association Director Jim McGregor for his work on this distinguishing project.



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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

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



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Important Phone Numbers

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Animal Control	281-275-2596
Fire Department	281-491-0852
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Newsletter	281-265-4556
Police & Fire Emergency	9-1-1

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If you have any questions, call Sue at 281-265-4556.

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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.



Happy Holidays



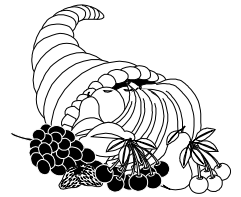
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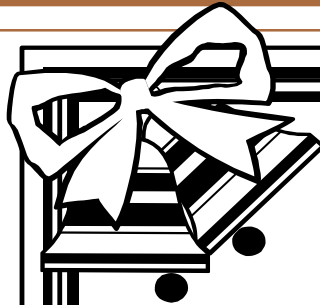
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