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Saved by the Tent!

The Commonwealth's Fourth of July Parade and Picnic was, once again, a success. The annual event was well attended despite the terrible downpour! There was plenty of food and fun to go around.

A HUGE thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make the event a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to Mark Thompson, Ron Frerich and Debbie Frerich for all of their efforts on behalf of the residents of The Commonwealth!

News From the City of Sugar Land

For several weeks, beginning in August, the SLPD will be targeting two specific types of traffic violators. Those who have been speeding and those who are drinking and driving.

During that time, the traffic unit will have additional officers working overtime on this grant funded project.

The officers' efforts will concentrate on our major highways, 6, 59 and 90.

The goal is strict enforcement of violations, thus reducing the number of automobile accidents over the Labor Day weekend.

*Thanks to Officer Ron Foster
of the Sugar Land Police
Department for keeping us
informed!*

The Commonwealth Women's Club

The Commonwealth Women's Club will be back again this year with lots of fabulous, fun ways to spend an evening with neighbors.

The Commonwealth Women's Club provides an opportunity for women with various interests to meet and share ideas in a social setting. The club also offers community service opportunities.

Details of the 2006-07 programs had not been finalized at the time of this printing.

There is generally a Champagne Social held in September. The get-togethers are held on Thursday evenings in various locations.

For more information and a firm date for the September meeting, please contact **Valinda** at **281-265-3157**.

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Open Position

Clubhouse Holiday Rentals

Yes, it's ONLY September, however, if you are thinking about hosting a Holiday Season party for friends or colleagues, you may wish to start thinking about reserving the Commonwealth Clubhouse now. Our beautiful facility rents early and often for the holiday season. Rates are very reasonable. If you have a date in mind, call Cindy (281-265-4485) to check availability as soon as possible.

Here we go again.....

2006 is one of those years where some people feel as though we are asked to go to the polls waaaaay to often!

I hope you do not view taking the time to vote as a chore. It is a real privilege that in, our country, we have a voice to represent us in Washington, and Austin, and Fort Bend, as well!

Don't think for a minute that YOUR vote doesn't count. We have had several local elections over the past few years that were won by a mere handful of votes!

Please be an educated, informed voter.
Do your homework before you vote at
The Commonwealth Clubhouse
between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on
Tuesday, November 7.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

This community newsletter is published as a service of The Commonwealth Civic Association.

It is our aim to offer the information you want to receive.

If you have a request or suggestion for the newsletter, please email: newsletter@commonwealthcivic.com

Your input is important to us!

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We are most fortunate to live in a community that values the beauty of the neighborhood. The outside of our homes are well cared for, as are our yards.

We pay a landscape company to keep up our common areas. They do a wonderful job, however, their fee is based upon a predetermined schedule. Extra work means extra costs.

Please do not throw debris, lawn or tree clippings on to the levees or the public areas. Not only is it unsightly, its presence costs each of us additional dollars.

We appreciate your co-operation.

There have been numerous reports of vandalism this summer. Eggs thrown at houses or vehicles may seem like a harmless prank, however, with the intense heat, an egg baked on to an automobile's paint job can be quite costly to repair. Not to mention what it can do to a wood door!

Cars parked on our streets have also been targeted by vandals. There have been reports of windows broken out by baseball bats and/or rocks.

If you experience vandalism in any form, please contact the police department at 281-275-2500 and make a report.



Association Committees

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| Clubhouse Rentals | |
| <i>Cindy O'Hara</i> | 281-265-4485 |
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| <i>Steve O'Hara</i> | 281-265-4485 |
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| L.I.D. Representative | |
| <i>Mike Homeyer</i> | 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.

You may sign up by sending an email to: commonwealth@stansellweb.com please include your name and contact information.

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Labor Day - 10 a.m - 5 p.m. (Monday)

Saturday, September 16 & Sunday, September 17
 noon - 8 p.m.

Last day for swim season is September 17

Briarwood:

4-8 p.m. Friday, September 1
 10 a.m. -8 p.m. Saturday, September 2
 noon - 8 p.m. Sunday, September 3

Labor Day - 10 a.m - 8 p.m. (Monday)

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, September 9
 noon - 8 p.m. Sunday, September 10

Last day for the Briarwood Swim Season is
 September 10.

Don't forget that pool tags are required.

Fort Bend ISD Update

The current career of Dr. Betty Baitland, Superintendent of FBISD, comes to an end on January 1, 2007 at which time her retirement becomes official. During the past year, Dr. Manuela Pedraza, Director of Human Resources, has served as the Acting Superintendent of FBISD.

This summer the board began an earnest search for a new superintendent for the school district. The board hired Dr. Ben Canada, with the Texas Association of School Boards Executive Search Services to recruit potential candidates for the position. At the May meeting Dr. Canada stated that he hoped to have the position filled by October.

A series of public meetings was scheduled around the district to hear from stakeholders as to what type of characteristics they would like to see in the school district leader. Additionally, input was garnered electronically by way of a survey posted on the district web site.

The survey indicated that the community wants a Superintendent with a background in education and a knowledge of sound business practices. The board will narrow their choice of candidates from the list of applicants and they hope to name the finalist at any moment.



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Fort Bend AWARE (Alzheimer's Women's Auxiliary Resources and Education) is pleased to announce that Memory Walk 2006 will take place on Saturday, October 28 at 8 a.m. in front of the AMC First Colony 24 Theatre.

For more information about the Memory Walk 2006 or Fort Bend AWARE, please call Shalene at 713-266-6400,

National Night Out!

Numerous Commonwealth residents participated in this year's National Night Out event last month.

Firefighters, law enforcement officers from various departments and elected city and county officials were spied moving from one party to the next.

If your block did not participate this year, maybe **YOU** can organize a get together for next August!

Clubhouse Rental Fees are increasing to \$95.00 for the first two hours of the rental (\$20 each additional hour). This increase is effective immediately.

In case you missed it! Sugar Land was voted one of the top three cities in the country in which to live, by yet another publication!

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The children are back in school.

Be sure to watch those School Zones!

(THANK A TEACHER TODAY!)

Warwick Duck Pond Survey Results

After a recent professional survey, several recommendations were made to the Commonwealth Board of Directors regarding concerns about both water quality and aesthetics at the pond on Warwick.

A lake management company was contacted to do an analysis of the pond area and report back to the Board. According to this report there are marginal grasses that are now in the water that were not there originally. These are grasses that are not aquatic in nature and indicate that the pond's water level is normally lower.

Due to the current lower level of the water and fertilizer runoff from surrounding areas, the pond has become inundated with nuisance aquatic weeds and algae. There is evidence of algae that will be recurring, depending on weather, due to sufficient nutrients and no competition from other species.

There is also a significant amount of “muck” located at the bottom of the pond. This “muck” presents a constant source

of nutrients for the growth of the nuisance weeds and algae. Conventional aeration equipment will not work, due to the depth of the pond.

Several issues, concerns and possible courses of action will be discussed by the Board of Directors as they look for solutions to these pond issues.

In the meantime, **PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS.** We want to discourage their presence since they contribute to the “muck” and lower the water quality of the pond.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this report, contact one of the members of the Board of Directors for more information.



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

Have a safe and relaxing Labor Day!

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

Important Phone Numbers

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| Police (Non-Emergency) | 281-275-2500 |
| Animal Control | 281-275-2596 |
| Fire Department | 281-491-0852 |
| Water & Street | 281-275-2750 |
| Trash Collection | 281-275-2772 |
| Recycling Coordinator | 281-275-2770 |
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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 Valinda Weibel at 281-265-3157.

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; Kim Newby (Fort Settlement Middle School) at 281-778-9218; Kathy Waldheim (Clements High School) at 281-565-2739; or Jo-Lynn Gill (Elkins High School) at 281-565-3823.

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

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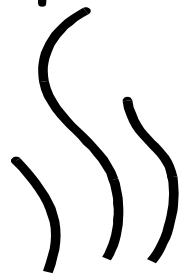
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**The Commonwealth
Clubhouse**

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minutes or the entire
time!

Questions? Email Sue at:
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