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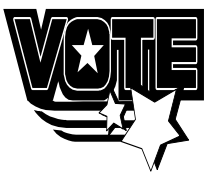
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Commonwealth
voters
(Precinct 4129)
vote at The
Commonwealth
Clubhouse.

School Board Election May 12

Under normal circumstances, the May 12 ballot would offer voters the opportunity to elect Sugar Land City Council members as well as FBISD school board trustees. This year, District 4 City Councilman Michael Schiff did not draw an opponent. As a matter of fact, none of the council members up for re-election drew opponents. This turn of events allows the City of Sugar Land to cancel their election.

Fort Bend ISD does, however, have contested races in their election. Incumbents, Lisa Rickert and Ken Bryant have each drawn opponents.

Mrs. Rickert is running against local businessman, Bob Broxson, an Avalon resident.

Mr. Bryant has three opponents: Ann Hopkins, a current FBISD administrator living in Houston. Noel Pinnock, an HISD employee living in Missouri City and David Reitz a businessman from the area just south of Sienna.

Most of the candidates have websites:

Position 3 -
Lisa Rickert - www.rickert.com
Bob Broxson - www.bobbroxson.com

Position 7 -

Ann Hopkins -
www.annhopkinsforfbisdboardposition7.blogspot.com/

Noel Pinnock -
www.pinnockforschoolboard.blogspot.com/

David Reitz -
www.reitzcampaign.blogspot.com/

School board trustees are elected for three year terms.

Additionally, on the May 12 ballot, voters will have the opportunity to vote on \$156 million in Fort Bend County mobility bonds. (*Editors note: at print date, the only information I was able to find can be seen at: www.kfbm.net*)

Do your research and cast your ballot during early voting April 30 - May 8, 2007

Community Emergency Response Team

The CERT team program educates people about emergency preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response. This training can help you assist your community or your workplace immediately after a disaster.

For more information about how you can be trained, contact Anjali at 281-275-2880.

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You've read about the summer pool hours, and you know that your family will enjoy many hours at the pool this summer. Your biggest concern is probably how safe your child will be in the water.

The Commonwealth pool company hires certified lifeguards. There are always two lifeguards on duty. While the lifeguards keep a watchful eye on all of the swimmers, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is

water safe. The best way to do that is to teach your child to swim. Children who know how to tread water, swim and dive safely create a safer pool environment.

Our pool company, **Miller Aquatics**, has been teaching swimming lessons for over 26 years and teaches small, controlled classes with no more than four children in each 30 minute class. Parents or guardians are required to stay at the pool during the swim lesson to supervise and cheer their children taking the class.



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Lessons are given Tuesday through Friday between 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., enabling both working and non working parents to participate.



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Safety Tips for Tennis Players

Each year thousands of tennis players sustain injuries while playing tennis. Some of the injuries can be avoided by doing the following:

- a. Practice sessions should comprise a balanced variety of tennis strokes and other training activities.
- b. Novice and recreational players should consider attending some type of instructional clinics/training.
- c. Good preparation is also very important. Conditioning and fitness.
- d. Both competitive and recreational players are advised to undergo a graduated skills development and training program, which may include cross training, guided by results of an initial pre-season fitness test.

e. Players should replace fluid loss by consuming 2-3 glasses of water at least 30 minutes before play and 1-2 glasses every 15 minutes during play when playing in hot weather.

f. Players should use a broad spectrum sunscreen.

g. Although highly individualized, the following basic schedule is suggested for the serious player: structured tennis (3 x 2-3 hour sessions a week); supplementary exercise (2 X 1 hour sessions per week); tennis play according to skill level at a frequency and intensity that does not produce over-use injuries; and fitness testing every 6 months.

h. All players should routinely warm-up, cool-down and stretch before and after every game and training session.

Lastly, enjoy your tennis courts at both the Knightsbridge and Briarwood facilities. If you have any suggestions for improving our tennis courts and etc.....please let me know.

submitted by
Conrith W. Davis, Board Member

Board Meeting

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

Landscape Committee Meeting

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

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Spring Cleaning!

Storage Concerns

If your grandmother was like mine, spring and fall were always major housecleaning occasions; time to turn the mattresses, wash down the windows, clean out the cupboards and the closets!

Out with the old, in with the new. But where to put it all? Spring is a great time to make room for all those new summer clothes and recreational "toys".

Our phone rings almost every week with one non-profit organization or another offering to come by and pick up all those "treasures" we no longer want or need. The big advantages; they cart it all off and on top of that, they leave a taxable donation form at the door.

(If you'd rather make a few bucks up front, there's always the annual Commonwealth Garage Sale to store up for, or visit the E-Bay Store on highway 6.)

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cupboards or closets, (it's tough enough to do my own), but in my house remodelling research, I did run across several suggestions for organizing those closets!

First, if you haven't worn it for a year, GET RID OF IT! (Easier said than done, I'm afraid.) Take the coats, sweaters and other winter clothing and store it. Consider mounting storage units under a sloping ceiling or behind other clothes.

Limited space makes it much more challenging to remain organized. Stackable shelves and cubes help with storage of accessories and shoes. You can find canvas bags and wire baskets to store anything from stuffed animals to wearing apparel.



It's hard enough to share closet space with a spouse, but sharing with a sibling can be doubly difficult. If possible, separate the space into two sides. Color coordinate the storage units and, if necessary, use name tags to label which side and which bins belong to whom.

If you have a junk closet (crammed with so much "stuff" you don't even know what's in there!), it's time to clean it out and consider purchasing floor-to-ceiling storage cubes or components. Mount wire hangers on a side wall for your broom and dustpan.

Whether you are just organizing your lives, or getting ready to sell, the entire venture will seem much less daunting if you do one project at a time. Visit the storage section in your local department store or a store specifically designed to help organize closets. (Grandma wouldn't believe what's available these days.) And good luck!

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 Management on or before the second Tuesday of the month

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"The Commonwealth Architectural Control Committee needs volunteers for the architectural committee that reviews monthly applications for home improvements. The Committee meets the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Crest Management at 281-561-0797.

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FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 17**



Dr. Carey Patrick Says Goodbye



Dr. Carey Patrick

Carey Patrick, O.D., partner in the Vision Source eye care center on Highway 6 at Austin Parkway, is leaving the practice to move to Dallas.

"It is hard to leave so many fabulous people," said Dr. Patrick. "Our friends, neighbors, colleagues and my patients are so supportive. It is even harder to say good-bye when everyone is so wonderful."

According to state law, an optometrist's patient records are to remain in the doctor's custody when she leaves a practice, unless arrangements are made with another doctor to take responsibility for them. "For the

convenience of my patients, I will entrust my patients' records to Dr. Anh Doan, O.D., my current partner," Dr. Patrick said. Dr. Doan will continue to practice at Vision Source and Dr. Patrick's patients can continue to call the same phone number and come to the same clinic location to access their records.

"To all my patients - past and present - I wish you well!"

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TUESDAY, MAY 15
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

The Commonwealth Civic Association
ANNUAL MEETING

Three incumbents are on the ballot: Conrith Davis, Mark Thompson and Tom Wooley. Ballots, which were mailed to residents, are due in the Crest office by 5 p.m. May 11.

Save the time and date.

**Learn about how your dues
are spent and why.**

Don't miss this meeting!

AND Don't Forget

**OUR ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE AND COOKOUT WILL BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE
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