

Commonwealth Comments

A newsletter for the residents of The Commonwealth:
Bridgewater, Commonwealth Estates, Commonwealth Park, Oxford, Sutton Forest, Sutton Park and Sweetwater XII

The Commonwealth Civic Association Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar immediately for the annual HOA meeting
Tuesday, May 18
7 p.m.
The Commonwealth Clubhouse

As residents of The Commonwealth, we share common concerns and goals for our community.
Attend this meeting to hear our Board of Directors share their vision for the future.
Get your questions answered and express your concerns about issues that require attention.

By now, residents should have received official notification of this meeting and
a ballot to vote on the two board positions that are up.

If you have not yet returned your proxy, you may vote at the meeting.

Representatives from Crest and our L.I.D. will be present in attendance
and the budget will be presented.

4th of July Parade & Picnic

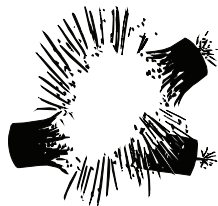
Join your Commonwealth friends &
neighbors for our
20th Annual Parade & Picnic

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
parade begins at 11
line up at 10:45

After the parade, stick around for
the best burgers in Sugar Land.



Watch for information
on local fireworks
displays in the Sugar
Land papers.



Your family's fun and safety are our
top priority.

Unfortunately, a successful event of
this size depends on the assistance of
numerous volunteers.

We need a minimum of 50 people to
help with the parade, food preparation,
entertainment and logistics!

If we do not get enough volunteers,
we will be forced to cancel this event.
Help us maintain our 20 year tradition,
call Crest Management at
281-579-0761
and volunteer to help!

*Fun for the entire family
The pools will be open!*

**Commonwealth
Civic Association
Board of Directors**

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President
281-265-4485

Mark Thompson
Vice President
281-313-4337

Virginia Mack
Secretary
281-207-5200

Tom Wooley
Director
281-265-1734

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Director
281-980-8416

*Board Meetings are held
on the fourth Thursday
of each month at 6 p.m.
in the Clubhouse.*

www.commonwealthcivic.com

**Board Meetings
Thursday, May 27
&
Thursday, June 24**

Crest Management Service
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Karen Janczek
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281-579-7062 (fax)

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Association.*

If you have not yet paid your Association membership dues, you are in arrears. Interest and penalties are mounting quickly. Please contact Karen at Crest Management to discuss your situation. Crest and the Board will do their best to work with you.

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9

Memorial Day
Monday, May 31
(no school)

**Last Day of School-
FBISD**
Thursday, June 3

FBISD Graduation
Friday, June 4
Saturday, June 5

Flag Day
Monday, June 14

Father's Day
Sunday, June 20

Independence Day
Sunday, July 4

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Commonwealth Resident



**Children will soon be out of school and
playing in our neighborhood.**

**Please do not assume that a young child
will "follow the rules".**

**Be sure to slow down - come to a full stop
- expect the unexpected.**

Drive defensively.

IRRIGATION

With the summer heat approaching, we will be watering our common areas on a more frequent basis. **If you notice a sprinkler head watering the street or otherwise working incorrectly, PLEASE notify Crest Management.**

2010 POOL HOURS

Briarwood Pool Schedule and Hours of Operation

MAY 1st - June 3rd (*Weekends Only*)

Saturday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
MEMORIAL DAY	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

POOL OPENS FOR DAILY USE ON JUNE 4th

JUNE 4th - AUGUST 22nd

Mondays	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays	CLOSED
Wednesday - Saturday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

AUGUST 23rd - SEPTEMBER 6th (*Weekends only*)

Saturday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
LABOR DAY	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Knightsbridge Pool Schedule and Hours of Operation

MAY 1st - June 3rd (*Weekends Only*)

Saturday & Sunday	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
MEMORIAL DAY	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

POOL OPENS FOR DAILY USE ON JUNE 4th

JUNE 4th - AUGUST 22nd

Mondays	CLOSED
Tuesdays - Saturday	12 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

AUGUST 23rd - SEPTEMBER 12th (*Weekends only*)

Saturday & Sunday	12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
LABOR DAY	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Pool tags are required at Commonwealth pools.

Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 18.

The pools are available for rental during the pool season.

*Contact: Greater Houston Pool Management at
713-771-POOL for more information.*

Association Information

Landscape Committee

*meets once a month.
Contact Steve O'Hara
281-265-4485
for the next meeting
date & time.*

Modifications & Deed Restrictions Committee

*meets the third Tuesday
of each month
7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.*

*Applications must be
received in Crest
Management's office on,
or before, the 2nd Tuesday
of each month to be
considered at the monthly
meeting. For more
information contact Crest
Management Service at
281-579-0761.*

Clubhouse Rentals

*Cindy O'Hara
281-265-4485*

Tennis Committee

*Conrith Davis
832-257-7774*

Pool Rentals

*Greater Houston Pool
Management
713-771-POOL*

L.I.D. Representative

*Ron Frerich
281-265-0137*

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*Sue Hauenstein
281-265-4556
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Summer Celebrations?



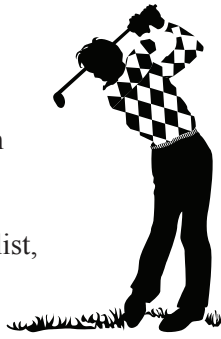
Don't forget that the Commonwealth Clubhouse is available for rent to residents in good standing with the Association.

Rates are very reasonable.
Contact Cindy at 281-265-4485.
The rental form can be viewed at:
www.commonwealthcivic.com

Note: No alcohol may be consumed during use of the clubhouse.

Installation of additional lighting at the Castlewood Park and the Knightsbridge pool has been completed.

The Commonwealth Men's Golf Group is accepting players for last minute pairings on various golf courses in the area.



If you would like to be added to the list, send an email to Greg:
greg.mack@tic.toshiba.com

The Commonwealth Men's Tennis Group is still active and accepting members. The group wants to launch a doubles ladder also. If interested in participating, shoot an email to Jeff at:
jeffreydave_arnold@hotmail.com



Let's Face It Neighbors.....

The Commonwealth is graying!
While we have plenty of families with young children, there are many residents who have been with us for almost 20 years (or more!).
The children have grown and flown the coop, and we're ready to have FUN again!
Interest has been expressed in starting an Empty Nesters/Retirement/Seasoned Citizens Group in the neighborhood. Would you be interested in meeting others who share your passion for an evening of bridge, nights on the town, card games, dinner parties, theatre, travel, wine tastings, or a few hours of quiet conversation, etc.?
If you think you might be interested in hearing more about this endeavor, please shoot an email to Virginia at:
virginiamack@ftbendhomes.com
or call 281-207-5200
and we will forward your contact information to the organizers.



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(OXFORD)
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(SUTTON FOREST)

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(COMMONWEALTH PARK)
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Call Virginia today! Virginia knows how to sell Commonwealth.

This is the time to list your home for the summer. There isn't much competition in The Commonwealth area this year and there are a lot of buyers currently looking for a home. Call me for assistance on getting your home ready for the market. If you're ready - call me to get things started - 281-207-5200 . I will help you sell your home for top dollar and quickly!

Virginia Mack, ABR, CBR, CRS, GRI

We haven't forgotten our Young Families either!

For many years, The Commonwealth had an extremely active Social Committee. This group organized community events such as: pool parties, egg hunts, Band Night, Coffees, Meet The Candidates Night, Garage Sales, Back To School parties, End of Year parties, and more.

While these residents worked tirelessly to arrange fun, interactive and educational functions, some have moved on, some have moved out and others decided to take a break!

We know that there are many more energetic and creative Commonwealth residents to take the reins. If this is something you might be interested in discussing, contact Virginia at 281-207-5200 or email: virginiamack@ftbendhomes.com.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day holiday!

Women's Club End of Year Party

Sleepless in Sugar Land (Pajama Party)



May 12
7 p.m.

at the home of Patty Ward

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Time to Fertilize?

The million dollar question for many people is “when to fertilize?” To answer this question, consider these four factors: climate, grass type, the fertilizer being used, and how you want your lawn to look.

For those of us who want our lawns looking their best, it’s a good idea to fertilize 4-5 times a year. At a minimum, for the sake of your grass, yards should be fertilized at least twice annually.

There are two types of grasses: Warm-Season & Cool-Season. Each grass has its own growing season, therefore, each requires a different schedule for fertilizing. As a rule of thumb, it is best to apply fertilizers when your lawn is actively growing. If you fertilize with nitrogen while your lawn is dormant, you can encourage weed growth, and eventually waste fertilizer.

Cool-Season Grasses tend to have two flourishing (or growing) periods. The first is after the lawn’s return from winter dormancy. The second is during the early fall, when temperatures moderate and droughts and heat waves typically are gone (after August).

Warm-Season Grasses flourish during the warmer summer months, and therefore tend to require fertilizing shortly after green-up in the spring and again in the late summer months. For Warm-Season grasses in the southern areas, it is best to concentrate a larger amount of nitrogen to be applied during the early-late spring applications and a lesser amount in the fall.

Industry Tips

- * Before you fertilize your lawn, have your soil tested.
- * It is important to accurately determine the size of your lawn and to calibrate your spreader prior to fertilization.
- * Proper nitrogen application timing and quantity are important and vary by turf species.
- * Never apply more than 1.0 lb. N per 1,000 ft in any one application unless 50 percent or more of the nitrogen is slow-release.
- * Use a mixture of quick- and slow-release nitrogen sources to allow for a quick green-up and an extended feed.
- * Do not apply fertilizer to lawns immediately following or preceding a heavy rainfall.
- * Sweep or blow any fertilizer off your driveways, sidewalks and streets back into the lawn after applying.

article submitted by Native Land Design

May’s City of Sugar Land elections have been cancelled. Mayor Thompson and Council members Jacquie Baly-Chaumette and Thomas Abraham were unchallenged. There is, however, a Fort Bend ISD election. Four candidates are running for the two open positions. Neither incumbent filed for re-election. Candidate web sites are listed on our web-site: www.commonwealthcivic.com Vote May 8th.

Imperial Sugar Update

Last spring, Cherokee Investments selected Johnson Development Corp. to be project manager for the Imperial Sugar Land development project on the 715 acre refinery site in old Sugar Land. In March a public update was held at the Sugar Land Community Center.

The project is bounded by Highway 90, Highway 6 and Voss Rd. It is expected that a road will be cut to connect the development with University Blvd. near Sam's and Ulrich will be extended to provide another connection to 90A. An east-west road will connect Burney/Main through the development to highway 6.

The Developer is at a conceptual stage of the approval process, plans have not been approved, so no announcements could be made regarding specifics of the construction. The process requires that proposals be submitted to the Planning and Zoning commission for review before going to City Council.

The proposal is for 2871 possible total units residential units, including both single and multiple family options. There may be up to 1000 units along Highway 6 and up to 1000 in the refinery area. The homes will offer multiple driveway and parking options and five foot sideyards.

The area is flat prairie land, perfect for a mixed use project. Office, commercial and retail space will also be incorporated. Hospitality and entertainment venues are expected, along with businesses such as a day care.

Demolition of the sugar mill buildings started in April. Demolition will be done in phases and at least two of the existing buildings will be repurposed within the project.

The developer stated that maintaining the historical significance of the area is a primary goal. Preservation of iconic structures is on the front burner and they are planning a permanent museum on site.

The Imperial Sugar Project, will be ruled by deed restrictions and architectural guidelines similar to the rest of Sugar Land's neighborhoods. Dirt work for roads and the first phase of single family homes should well underway by the end of 2011.

The area will be pedestrian friendly with a system of walking and biking trails along Oyster Creek. These trails are expected to one day hook up with Sugar Land Memorial Park and eventually Oyster Creek Park thus joining Sugar Land and Missouri City with an exciting system of outdoor opportunities for Fort Bend residents.

All parties are committed to the goal of guiding the redevelopment of the Imperial Sugar refinery site to accomplish a vibrant project for the community including historic preservation, aesthetic/architectural quality, and economic development objectives.

Newsletter email address: newsletter@commonwealthcivic.com



Photos courtesy of the City of Sugar Land website.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Crest Management
281-579-0761

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

Street Lights
(Centrepont)
713-207-2222

Police & Fire Emergency
9-1-1

**-May and June-
Don't forget
Mom & Dad.
Their days are
coming!!**

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. Mail to Commonwealth Comments, 3909 St. Michaels Ct., Sugar Land, Texas 77479 and include a check for full payment. Ad rates begin at \$65.00 per issue.

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

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COMMONWEALTH'S CPR/RED CROSS CERTIFICATION CLASS

A total of 13 residents participated in The Commonwealth's CPR/Red Cross Certification Class held March 27.

Sutton Park's Neighborhood Crime Watch (NCW) members, received a discount of \$10 paid from the NCW funds.

We were very fortunate that CPR/Red Cross instructor Margie Connolly was able to come to our location for a second year in a row.

Thanks to **Leigh Mattson** for her efforts in organizing this event and to **Dan Lumpkin** for assisting with registration and the photos too!

Contact Leigh at 713-823-6843 for more information on our Crime Watch Program.



National Night Out will take place
Tuesday, October 5th!



Neighborhoods throughout the nation join forces to fight crime for one evening each fall. 'Light Up Sugar Land' by turning on your outside lights. Residents in Sugar Land may register block or street parties with the city. Police officers, firefighters, the Mayor, City Council members and other City officials visit as many parties as possible. We hope you will consider hosting your block. More information in a future newsletter.