

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

January-February, 2012

Commonwealth Comments

Due\$ are Overdue

Homeowner Association dues are due in the office of Crest Management by January 1, 2012.

Dues are considered late if they are not received by January 31, 2012; at that time interest begins to accrue.

If you have any questions about the annual dues, contact Crest Management at 281-579-0761.



Community
Garage Sale

Save the date -
Saturday, April 14th

Register your address by sending an email to:

news@commonwealthcivic.com

Include your name, address and state your preferred email address.

STICKER SHOCK

Sadly, due to prolonged drought conditions this year, the Civic Association's water bill exceeded budget by \$100,000 dollars in 2011. While watering was severely reduced, it was not financially prudent to completely STOP watering our trees and common areas. The cost of replacing dead plants and trees would have far surpassed the amount of our water bills.

Additionally, the City of Sugar Land has raised water rates for the upcoming year.

Thus, the board was forced to increase 2012 HOA fees by \$50 per household generating a new rate of \$845 per year for each homeowner. This is the first fee hike in three years.



21st Century - Here We Are!

We are expecting the new and improved Commonwealth web site, to be on-line momentarily.

Many people have spent several months attempting to create a website that is content relevant, easy to maneuver, interesting, and pleasing to the eye.

A special thank you to Virginia Mack, Jay Clancy and Sylvia Noha who led this crusade into the new age.

Paula and Charles Stansell, who have managed our website for the past ten years, are "retiring" and have passed the baton to Charlie Braun, owner of bizINTOUCH, and long-time resident of The Commonwealth.

The plan is that our monthly newsletters will still be delivered during the first week of every other month and the important facts of each story will be included in the newsletter, however, eventually, more detailed information and photos will be available in our on-line (full color) version of the newsletter.

Charlie will also update the website with breaking HOA news and social event particulars, so be sure to stop by and check it regularly.

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(send your comments to: news@commonwealthcivic.com)

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The HOA would like to revive its Social Committee.

Committee members would be responsible for organizing social events for the community.

For example: children's events, teen band night, card game nights, supper club, neighborhood *BINGO*???, holiday parties, fishing tournaments, the potential revelry is endless.

The HOA supports events financially.

Let Virginia know (281-207-5200)

if you are interested in learning more.

Fore!!!



The Commonwealth Men's Golf Group is still 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 Joe at: jpisano19@gmail.com.

Ladies' Golf Group

Ladies - if golf is your thing,

Deborah has organized a Women's Golf group.

Give her a call at 281-313-4328

or shoot an email to: debmir@earthlink.net



If you did not receive an email from The Commonwealth HOA in December; you are not yet signed up for our Email Alert List
(or your email address has changed - if that's the case, please send an updated email address!)

You may sign up by simply sending an email, noting in which section of The Commonwealth you reside, to:
news@commonwealthcivic.com

Note: We do not share your email address with any outside parties. We do not send unrelated information or jokes. The purpose of the occasional email is strictly to keep residents advised and aware of issues and events that impact our quality of life.

Commonwealth Social Club

Singles Welcome

Our Social Club meets monthly and they are having a GREAT time. This is the group for you if you are 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.

To learn more about this group, please shoot an email to Virginia at:

virginiamack@ftbendhomes.com or call 281-207-5200.

The Commonwealth has several womens' tennis groups at various levels of play. Contact Virginia (281-207-5200) and she will put you in touch with the correct person.
virginiamack@ftbendhomes.com



The Commonwealth Men's Tennis Group always accepts new members, however, the group is in need of an organizer. If you are willing to take a leadership position in this group, please advise Crest Management.



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Man's Best Friend

The Sugar Land Animal Shelter's dogs and cats are available for a moderate adoption fee that covers spay/neutering, de-worming, flea treatment, vaccinations and micro-chips with lifetime registration.



For more information about Sugar Land Animal Services or to see all of the adoptable animals at the shelter, visit

www.sugarlandtx.gov/public_works/animal_services.

Sugar Land Rate and Fee Changes

The City of Sugar Land implemented several rate and fee changes on January 1.

The "surface water" rate increased from 76 cents to \$1.42 per 1,000 gallons. Residents pay a separate rate based on billed water consumption.

Water and wastewater rates will not change. Solid waste rates will decrease.

Congratulations Nancy's Commonwealth Curb Appeal Home Winner!

November 2011

Carol Pindel

Winners of the \$50 gift card



4907 Aberdeen Cir

Active Listings



Commonwealth Estates
59 Greenlaw
Totally updated
Pool/Spa & a Yard
\$550,000



Bridgewater
4911 Rutherford
Upgrades throughout
Pool/Spa, 3 car garage
\$375,000



Recently Sold by Nancy in Commonwealth

- 4407 Heatherwilde
- 4915 Kensington
- 27 Thetford
- 25 Pembroke
- 25 Rainford
- 4903 Glen Heather

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3739 Stocksbridge
4 bed/3 1/2 bath
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\$329,900



4415 Saint Michaels Ct.
5/6 bedrooms/3 1/2 bath
Renovated kitchen w/granite, custom cabinets, hardwood floors
\$549,900



4423 Warwick Dr.
One story + 2 living areas, hard wood floors, updated kitchen & baths, double paned windows
\$309,900

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Happy New Year!

Recently SOLD

54 Stalybridge Street
\$385,000

4407 Saint Michaels Ct.
\$377,000

3819 Saint Michaels Ct.
\$345,500

Sold in one week

Virginia Mack, Realtor, ABR, CBR, CRS, GRI

Sugar Land Residents Receive New Solid Waste and Recycling Carts

Cart deliveries for Sugar Land's enhanced solid waste and recycling program are complete.

Every household received a 95-gallon garbage cart and a 65-gallon recycling cart unless an alternate size was requested.

The number of requests for size change requests has overwhelmed the city and put them behind in scheduling replacement carts.

The waste management company has been giving residents instructions that contradict HOA Guidelines. If you receive a letter from the Association regarding cart placement during the month of December, please call Crest Management. They will work with you to remedy the situation.

Households in Sugar Land will receive automated garbage collection twice per week, automated recycling collection once per week, green waste collection once per week, bulky waste collection once per month and an on-call collection service.

Commonwealth trash pick up days do not change (Tuesday/ Friday)

Recycling takes place on Fridays

Green waste pick up in on Tuesday.

Bulky waste pick up takes place on the second Wednesday of each month.

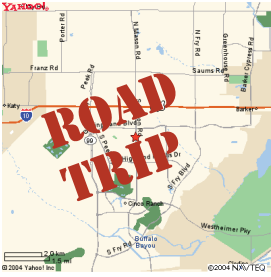
Old Containers

Old garbage containers can be utilized for green waste collection. Residents can store grass clippings, leaves and other items in the container for collection on the designated green waste collection day.

Containers made from a recyclable plastic that are no longer needed can be placed in the recycle cart. Containers that are not recyclable may be placed at the curb for collection on bulky waste collection days.

For more information, visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/solid-waste or call Sugar Land Public Works at (281) 275-2450.

Upcoming Women's Club Events



**Wednesday,
January 18
Road trip to
El Tiempo Cantina**

**Get Toasty By The Fire
Wednesday, February 22
Patty Ward
11 Greenlaw Ct.
7 p.m.**



For details about either get-together, contact Patty Ward at
281-565-9792 or pward2@earthlink.net



*A huge thank you to Patti Taylor & Sandy Willbourn
for dressing up our entries for the holidays!!!!
And thanks to Richard Murray, David Miller, the
Noha family, Jay Clancy and Dave & Patty
Kinzelman for helping to make our
Annual Holiday Open House a
BIG success.*

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Association Information

Landscape Committee

meets once a month.

*Contact Steve O'Hara (281-265-4485)
for the next meeting date & time.*

L.I.D. Representative: Ron Frerich 281-265-0137

Clubhouse Rentals: Cindy O'Hara 281-265-4485

Pool Rentals: Greater Houston Pool Management
713-771-POOL

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.*

Newsletter: Sue Hauenstein 281-265-4556 newsletter@commonwealthcivic.com

Commonwealth Civic Association Board of Directors

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

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
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Community Crime Watch Meeting

The crime rate certainly isn't going down!

Please join your Commonwealth neighbors
for a meeting with the
Sugar Land Police Department
where we will hear more about
which crimes are most prevalent
and what we can do about it.

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10
at the Knightsbridge Club House

Questions?
Contact Leigh Mattson at
Leigh@mattsonrealtor.com

CPR/First Aid Class In Commonwealth

It's that time of the year again -
CPR /First Aid certification class right here!!!
Class size is limited so please register early!
Registration 11-11:20

Class will start promptly at 11:30 - ending at 4:30
Location: Commonwealth Clubhouse
(Minimum registration is 5 participants. Registrants
will be notified by email if class is cancelled due to
insufficient registrations.)
Taught by Margie Connolly,
Red Cross Certified CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor.

For more info, email: leigh@mattsonrealtor.com

Saturday, February 25

Knightsbridge Club House
11 - 4:30 p.m.
\$45.00 per person (check/cash only)

Limited class size - Register Early!!!!