

# CRESTWOOD

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2021



## POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION APPROVED; AWARDED APRIL 13

The Crestwood Police Department officially completed their final assessment on March 5 for accreditation through the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation.

"The Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation accreditation increases the effectiveness and efficiency in which we can deliver law enforcement services to our community," said Chief of Police Jonathan Williams.

"This accreditation will help the Crestwood Police Department not only establish standards that address and reduce liabilities but it will also help the department maintain the most current best practices in the field of law enforcement."

The accreditation is nearly four years in the making for the City of Crestwood. Since 2017, Sgt. David Gray has been tasked with re-writing all of the Police Department's General Orders and Directives. These directives, the Department's policies and procedures, must follow 145 separate criteria set forth by the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation.



On top of that, Sgt. Gray was tasked with three years of extensive record keeping, as the Police Department must prove each year that they follow all of these directives. Going forward, every three years, the Department will be reassessed to ensure they are maintaining the high level of service expected of every accredited agency.

"Our accreditation confirms the professionalism, hard work, and dedication of the Crestwood Police Department," said Chief Williams. "Sgt. Gray's performance as the Accreditation Manager was and is simply outstanding. The entire department is grateful for his hard work over the past three years. One of the assessors even said Sgt. Gray's organizational skills were some of the best he had seen in his many years doing this processs."

At the Tuesday, April 13 Board of Aldermen meeting, representatives from the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation will present the Police Department with their accreditation.

## CITY ELECTION APRIL 6



The City of Crestwood's general election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. On the ballot this year for all residents of Crestwood will be Proposition 1. A simple majority is required to pass the measure. The Official Ballot Language is listed below:

### City of Crestwood Proposition 1

"Shall the City of Crestwood be authorized to impose a semi-annual registration fee of \$200 to be paid by the owner of any residential structure in the City which has been vacant for six months or more and is in violation of the City's Housing codes?"

Yes  
 No

Additionally, four aldermen are on the ballot for Tuesday's election, one for each ward. These candidates are running for a three-year term. They are Jesse Morrison (Ward 1), Justin Charboneau (Ward 2), Scott Shipley (Ward 3) and John Sebben (Ward 4).

The new aldermen will be sworn in at the Board of Aldermen meeting on Tuesday April 27, pending certified election results from St. Louis County.

For a sample ballot or any questions about the General Municipal Election on April 6, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections at 314-615-1800 or by email at [stlouisvotes@stlouisco.com](mailto:stlouisvotes@stlouisco.com).

# NEWS BLURBS

## POLICE BODY & IN-CAR CAMERAS

On March 9, the Board of Alderman approved the purchase of body and in-car cameras for the Police Department. The Department has signed an agreement with Digital Ally for 21 body cameras and eight in-car cameras. The Police Department is hoping for daily use of the cameras in late spring or early summer.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

As a yearly reminder, with Spring here, please remember to take care of your property. All grass must be below 7" in length at all times and all grass clippings should be picked up and properly disposed of, not left in piles on the lawn. If you would like to report a concern or are inquiring about a neighboring property, all requests must be submitted using the online form on the main page of the City website or emailed to [CodeEnforcement@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:CodeEnforcement@cityofcrestwood.org).

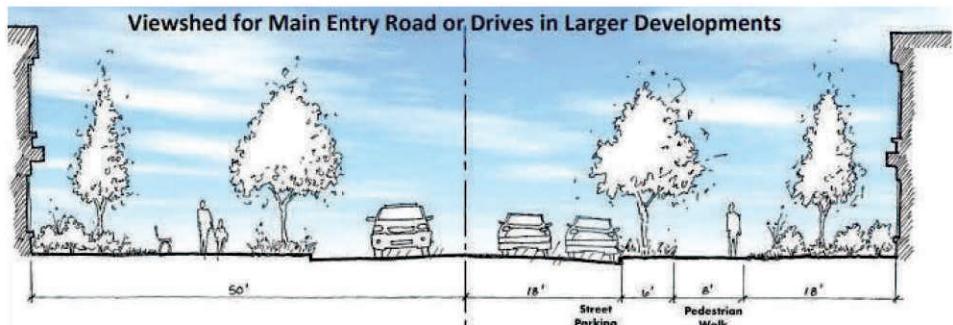
## SIXTH ANNUAL CRAFT FESTIVAL

The Sixth Annual Country Craft Festival at the Sappington House will be held this year on April 24 & 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discover a cache of treasures at our open-air fair featuring hundreds of originals handmade by talented vendors, see old-time artisans ply their historic skills, enjoy live music, delicious food and animals to pet. Kids will have fun at the Young'uns Outpost, with a costumed passport program for craft activities. In case of inclement weather, the fair will be rescheduled for June 26-27. Admission is free. For more information, please call 314-822-8171.

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

A link to the COVID-19 vaccination registration form is available online at [stl-corona.com/covid19-vaccines](http://stl-corona.com/covid19-vaccines). Residents are also encouraged to visit [covidvaccine.mo.gov](http://covidvaccine.mo.gov) or contact DPHCOVIDvaccine@stlouisco.com for assistance.

# CITY APPROVES NEW ZONING CODE, WATSON ROAD OVERLAY AREA



In January, the Crestwood Board of Alderman passed a comprehensive update to the City's 300-plus page Zoning and Subdivision Code. Located in Chapter 26 of the City's Municipal Code, these 12 articles, with 78 sections, have been restructured as a Unified Development Code.

The overall process of the comprehensive update took nearly three years from the start in March 2018. After more than a year of reviewing the draft code with the Planning, Zoning, and Architectural Review Commission, as well as several public hearings along the way, the City brought the Zoning Code update to the Board of Aldermen in November 2020.

The Board hosted several additional meetings throughout December 2020 and January 2021 to discuss and make minor changes before finally approving the update at their January 12 meeting.

Below are some of the biggest changes from Chapter 26:

- The single largest change that occurred in the Chapter 26 rewrite was the adoption of an overlay for all properties along Watson Road. The Watson Road Overlay (Section 26-170) establishes a new streetscape along Watson Road – to encourage walkability by recommending building placements closer to Watson Road as well as establishing building material and architectural standards within the overlay.

- Another large change to the Zoning code is a brand new use table (Section 26-140). Previously, the City used NAICS

code, which provided a look at the highly specific use of a building, but did not take into consideration the scale or scope of said business. The new use table groups similar uses together and looks more at the scale of the business when considering appropriate locations.

- The City also streamlined the development application process. The changes put all of the most common procedures in one section (26-070) and reference all of the applicable subsections in the ensuing pages.

- Additionally, the City also took steps to reduce the amount of meetings applicants must attend, when appropriate. For any applications that no longer would go in front of the Board of Aldermen, the Board established a process called Power of Review, where they can still call up applications to review if they have concerns about the project.

- Fencing regulations were also revised. For example, corner lots previously had special regulations that have now been updated, allowing residents 20-30 feet of additional fence-able yards.

## Landscape Code Update

Lastly, in conjunction with the City's changes to the Zoning code, Crestwood is also currently in the process of updating its landscape code. To stay up to date on this project, please visit the 'City Projects' page on the City's website ([www.cityofcrestwood.org/cityprojects](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org/cityprojects)) and provide feedback to the City Planner via email at [charashe@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:charashe@cityofcrestwood.org).

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## CITY WIDE YARD SALE

SAT, APRIL 24, 8:00 A.M. to NOON  
Must register as a seller at no cost  
Participation is FREE  
All Ages

It's time for some Spring cleaning and here is your chance to participate in the city-wide yard sale between Crestwood and Sunset Hills!

Registration to have your yard sale listed is required by Wed, April 21. For more information or to obtain a map, call the Crestwood Community Center at 729-4860.

REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION)

## POOL OPENING

SAT, MAY 29, 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
Daily Admission is \$4-5/RESIDENTS &  
\$6-8/NON-RESIDENTS  
All Ages

Get ready to get your swim on! The Crestwood Aquatic Center at Whitecliff Park will be opening Memorial Day Weekend. Regulations are still pending St. Louis County's approval but get ready to enjoy some fun in the sun courtesy of the City of Crestwood.

For more information, call the Crestwood Community Center at 729-4860

## BLOOD DRIVE AT WHITECLIFF

Sat, April 10 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Hosted with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, pre-registration is required for donations.

## TRAIL TIME FOR TOTS

May 8, 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (ages 2-5)

May 8, 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. (ages 5-8)

\$5/Residents & \$7/Non-Residents

Trail Time for Tots is a fun opportunity for children and their parents to make new friends while learning about nature through trail walks and activities.

## STAR PARTY: ASTRO NIGHT

Sat. May 22, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

FREE for All Ages

Explore the galaxy with the St. Louis Astronomical Society on our Crestwood Park Softball Fields. Bring your own chair and blankets and enjoy!

## CRESTWOOD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CHAMBERS COMPLETE, ADA RAMP NEXT

Construction throughout the City of Crestwood has been eventful so far in 2021. At the Crestwood Government Center, for example, crews have officially started phase three of the project at City Hall.

Phase three involves improving the front entrance of the building by sprucing up the doors and putting in an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp and the accompanying handicapped accessible spots for use at the main entrance, instead of using a secondary entrance. Therefore, due to construction, the main entrance will be closed through the end of May or early June (pending weather delays), while the project is underway.

This comes on the heels of the completion of phase two in the interior of the building. Phase two involved updates to the main floor of the Government Center building where crews rebuilt the Board of



Aldermen Chambers, updated technology in the space, laid new floors, and installed new skylights in the lobby.

### Whitecliff Park Construction

There are also two other major projects currently underway at Whitecliff Park. Construction has begun on the boardwalk and brand new pavilion around the Quarry area. Both projects have been funded by various Municipal Park Grant Commission grants and the City is excited to see the projects come to life. Work is scheduled to be completed in Winter 2021.

## \$1.2 MILLION BRIDGE GRANT AWARDED

Several years ago, the State of Missouri -- who monitors the condition of all bridges that span more than 20 feet -- informed City staff that due to its age, the Whitecliff Park Lane Bridge would need replacement in the coming years.

Last year, the bridge's condition reached the point where replacement was recommended in the near future. The City applied for a Surface Transportation Block Grant with the Federal Highway Administration and received a \$1.2 million federal grant to replace the bridge. The City will contribute \$300,000, bringing the total project cost to \$1.5 million.

The City will be seeking bids to hire a firm to complete the bridge design, with work scheduled to begin in late 2022 or early 2023.

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March 31 - April 1, 2021

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*Due to COVID-19, all upcoming meetings and events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please check the City website at [www.cityofcrestwood.org](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org) for updates and cancellations.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEETINGS  
7 P.M. APR 13, APR 27, MAY 25

CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
APRIL 2 (Closed at Noon)  
MAY 31

SIXTH ANNUAL COUNTRY  
CRAFT FESTIVAL  
9 A.M. APRIL 24-25

POOL OPENING  
11 A.M. MAY 29

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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314-729-4720  
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### COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mary Stadter

WARD 3:  
Greg Hall  
Scott Shipley

WARD 4:  
Ismaine Ayouaz  
Tony Kennedy