

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

JUNE/JULY 2021



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the Board of Aldermen to new Ward 1 Alderman Jesse Morrison and new Ward 4 Alderman John Sebben. Both gentlemen previously served several years on Crestwood's Public Works Board. The countless hours put in by the members of the City's boards, commissions, and committees to advance the interests of the citizens of Crestwood is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Aldermen has approved the formation of a 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee to oversee the planning and preparation for the events and commemorations to mark Crestwood's 75th birthday in 2022. Please email Chairman and Ward 3 Alderman, Greg Hall, at ghall@cityofcrestwood.org with any ideas you have, or if you are willing to serve as a volunteer in any capacity. The Committee's first meeting will be June 7, and they will be meeting the first Monday of each month throughout the year to plan next year's events and celebration.

The Crestwood Redistricting Committee was also formed in accordance with the City Charter. Once the City receives the necessary data from the Census Bureau later this year, this Committee will analyze



the data, and recommend any necessary boundary changes in the City's wards to the Board of Aldermen. Any changes will be made prior to the opening of filing for the 2022 Aldermanic elections.

The City of Crestwood has entered into a multi-year agreement to have police dispatching administered by the City of Sunset Hills. This will go into effect beginning July 1st. We believe this collaboration will be best for the City in the long run.

This change will keep more police officers on the street instead of having to pull them to cover dispatch shifts, it will unify the Crestwood and Sunset Hills Police departments on one radio channel to allow for better coordination of public safety, and allow us to save taxpayer dollars and reinvest those resources back into the City. Our agreement is modeled off similar recent agreements including the City of Des Peres contracting with the City of Kirkwood and the City of Manchester contracting with the City of Ballwin

The Mall redevelopment project continues to advance positively. The TIF Commission will be holding a public hearing on June 17th concerning the project.

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POOL OPEN NOW THRU SEPT 5



The City of Crestwood Aquatic Center opened on Memorial Day weekend, on May 29. The pool season this year will run through September 5, with hours listed below:

Hours of Operation

May 29 - Aug. 22

Mon-Thurs 11:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Fri-Sat 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Sun 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Aug. 23 - Sept. 5

Mon-Thurs Closed

Fri 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Sat 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Sun 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

As far as pool guidelines, the City will continue to update them, in coordination with St. Louis County, throughout the 2021 season. Two things that have already been updated this season include an increased occupancy limit and deck chairs being made available to guests. Some other restrictions such as social distancing will remain in place.

Daily prices for the pool season are \$5 for residents (\$4 for children ages 4-11) and \$8 for non-residents (\$6 for children ages 4-11). Children ages 3 and under are free.

To learn more about the Crestwood Aquatics Center including guidelines and programming, please visit the City of Crestwood website at www.cityofcrestwood.org or call the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

NEWS BLURBS

NEW GYMNASIUM FLOOR

After a recent flooding issue to the gymnasium floor at the Community Center, the City installed a brand new floor in May, which replaces the old floor that was installed in 1979.

SWIM LESSONS & MORE

For anyone interested in any aquatics programming such as swim lessons, water fitness classes or swim camp, please visit the City of Crestwood website at www.cityofcrestwood.org or call the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

With summer here, the Crestwood Fire Department would like to remind you to use good grilling safety practices. Whether using propane or charcoal, make sure to put the grill on stable ground, away from siding and deckrails, out from under leaves and branches, and also declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill, keeping children and any pets away.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

As a yearly reminder, if you are taking your dogs out for a walk, please remember to pick up after them.

T.R.I.M. GRANT COMPLETION

Over the past year, the Parks Division of the Public Works Maintenance staff applied for and was awarded a T.R.I.M. (Tree Resource and Improvement) Grant, administered through the Missouri Department of Conservation. The initial cost to the City for this project was \$8,000 of which the City will be reimbursed \$6,000.

The City contracted with Davey Resource Group to complete the awarded street tree inventory update. The inventory, which is maintained by the City, allows us to track trees in the right-of-way behind the curbs. This inventory also tracks the species, size, tree condition, GPS coordinates and a picture of the tree at the time of the inventory.

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROVES BODY WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

Starting in April, the Crestwood Police Department began using body worn cameras for uniformed officers and in-car cameras for all patrol vehicles.

Having come from a department that utilized body worn and in-car cameras, Police Chief Jonathan Williams understands the benefits. "Not only will the cameras increase the department's accountability and transparency but they will also help improve our level of service," Chief Williams said.

"Body worn cameras reduce citizen complaints, provide on-the-job training, increase officer performance, and are an incredibly useful way to preserve information. The police department, and the entire community as a whole, will benefit from our use of the cameras."

After more than a year of research and a half dozen proposals from vendors, the department purchased 21 body-worn and eight in-car cameras from Digital Ally, a video solution and software management company based in Lenexa, KS.

"Digital Ally was the best fit for our needs," said Chief Williams. "Their devices record quality video, their software is easy to manage, and their customer service is

outstanding, all at a fraction the cost of other vendors. Picking Digital Ally just made sense."

In addition to training the officers on how to use the cameras, the department created numerous policies and standard operating procedures that instruct when an officer will activate their camera. The policies follow the best practices set forth by the department's accreditation through the Missouri Police Chief's Charitable Foundation.

These policies and procedures state that uniformed officers are to wear body worn cameras while on-duty and while these cameras are not designed to be recording all of the time, each camera will be manually turned on by the officer when in-call for service.

Each patrol car is also equipped with an in-car camera that records both outside and inside the car. The in-car cameras turn on automatically when the emergency lights are activated or the camera can be manually turned on, should that be requested by the officer.

So remember, the next time you see one of our fine Crestwood Police Officers, smile, because you may be on camera.



RAYBURN PARK'S NEW SCULPTURE

The City of Crestwood received its 2021 Sculpture on the Move, "To Bee or Not To Bee" at Rayburn Park in May. The artist is Alexander Mendez. The sculpture will be on loan to the park for the next two years.

This is the third sculpture in the City of Crestwood, in addition to "Blue Eyes" at the Government Center and "Muse-IC" at the Community Center.

Sculpture on the Move, sponsored by the Creative Communities Alliance, is a program in the St. Louis area that promotes art appreciation across the region.



EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SKYLARK BROTHERS AT SAPPINGTON HOUSE

SAT, JUNE 5, 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
\$20 per adult, children under 12 FREE
Historic Sappington House
All Ages

Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy some classic rock music at the Sappington House Complex on June 5. Food and drinks will be on sale at the The Barn restaurant during the event. Parking is available at Crestwood Elementary and in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue.

For more information, please call the Sappington House at 314-822-8171.

MOVIES IN THE PARK AT RAYBURN PARK

FRI, JULY 9, 8:30 P.M. - END
Participation is FREE
Rayburn Park
All Ages

Rayburn Park is turning into a movie theatre for one-night only! Join us at dusk to see Shrek on the big screen. Bring some popcorn and a blanket to enjoy this FREE event in the Park, starting at 8:30 p.m. The event could be cancelled, if there are windy or wet conditions.

For more information, please call Whitecliff Community Center at 314-729-4860.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION

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Following the work of the Commission, the Board of Aldermen will be considering the project for approval later this year.

Tentatively, the City is planning on resuming in-person meetings in July, following the conclusion of our Government Center construction projects. Once completed, we will be holding an open house, and providing tours of the renovated portions of the facility.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to 'Mayors for Meals' for the St. Louis Area Foodbank this May. Last year, Crestwood residents donated more pounds of food than several larger cities, and this year was no different. As a City, we donated more than 1300 pounds. Thank you to everyone who donated!

I hope everyone gets a chance to get the most out of their summer. From the opening of the Aquatic Center, to the dozens of parks programs, to the countless businesses and restaurants within the City, please enjoy everything Crestwood has to offer.

Stay safe, and shop Crestwood first!

GARDEN & HOUSE TOURS

June 12, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (all ages)

\$5 per adult, \$1 children under 12

Historic Sappington House's gardens will be featured on the Crestwood leg of the area-wide historic tour. For more information, visit historicsaintlouis.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

June 25, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (all ages)

Participation is FREE, Whitecliff Park

Concerts in the Park are back, so get ready to rock out with our first band of the summer. Fill up your cooler (no glass) and grab your chairs for this FREE event.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE - JUMANJI

July 24, 9:00 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. (all ages)

\$20/Residents & \$25/Non-Residents, per car

Join us on the old Drive-In Theater lot (between Woodard and Schnucks at 9490 Watson) for an old school drive-in movie experience on the big screen. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

GRANT'S TRAIL STAY-CATION: PART I

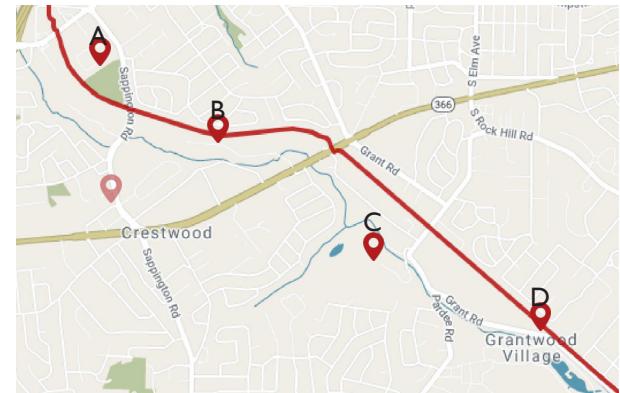
Grant's Trail, part of the Great Rivers Greenway system, is a more than 10-mile long trail connecting numerous parks, schools, historical sites, and communities throughout St. Louis area.

Running from the Kirkwood, MO trailhead on the other side of I-44 to River City Blvd. near I-55, the trail offers runners, walkers and cyclists of all ages a year-round experience.

With everyone trying to get out of the house more in 2021, we have decided to offer a few suggestions of activities to do and places to eat while out and about.

Part 1 of 3 of the 2021 Grant's Trail Stay-cation series will focus on our favorite summer amenity - Whitecliff Park.

Parents and residents of all ages looking to move more can easily use Grant's Trail by accessing it in the Watson Industrial Park (Map B). The City has public parking available by our Public Works garage.



After parking, head south on the trail until reaching Pardee Road, before heading west on the sidewalk on Pardee. This will lead you straight to the Whitecliff Park entrance (Map C). From there, you can take a scenic walk around the Quarry area or head straight up the hill to the Aquatics Center to cool off in the pool, before heading back.

Total distance: Approximately 3.5 miles roundtrip, depending on the route.

Time commitment: 1 hour, 45 minutes by foot, or about 45 minutes by bike (plus any time spent at the Aquatics Center).



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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 for updates and cancellations.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M. JUNE 22, JULY 27

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

6 P.M. JUNE 2, JULY 7

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 5

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

7 P.M. JUNE 25

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