

# CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021



## CRESTWOOD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Crestwood is getting ready to celebrate its 75th Anniversary as a City in 2022. Preparations for a big, one day anniversary bash have begun, thanks to the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Currently, the committee is still in the initial idea stage with preliminary plans for a 5K run in the morning and a parade down Watson Road, followed by a concert, food trucks, evening fireworks, and kid's activities throughout the day.

While back in 1947, the City was officially incorporated on November 12, the date of the event is still to be determined. The committee has tentatively scheduled it for summer 2022 as the time for people to get together and celebrate Crestwood's 75th birthday. This will allow for slightly better and more predictable weather.

The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee welcomes any ideas you may have and is looking for volunteers to help with the planning and working the events.

There will also be sponsorship opportunities for the celebration. If you want to volunteer or be a sponsor please contact Chairman and Ward 3 Alderman, Greg Hall at [ghall@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:ghall@cityofcrestwood.org).

Additionally, Committee member and Ward 4 Alderman, John Sebben, is our local historian for Crestwood's 75th. He would welcome any historical memorabilia, articles, photos (such as the ones above), and stories you might have about Crestwood. Alderman Sebben would appreciate hearing from you and can be reached at [jsebben@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:jsebben@cityofcrestwood.org).

The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee will be meeting the first Monday of the month throughout the year at 7:00 p.m. in the Crestwood Aldermanic Chambers. Those meetings will be open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

We look forward to celebrating the City's 75th Anniversary with you, your family and friends. Can't wait to see everyone there!

**SUNCREST FEST  
RETURNS SEPT 18  
SATURDAY SEPT. 18**

**PARADE AT 10:15AM  
FAIRGROUNDS OPEN  
11AM - 8PM | KITUN PARK  
RIDES | GAMES | MUSIC**

The Cities of Crestwood and Sunset Hills are excited to announce that the 3rd Annual SunCrest Fest is back on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

The location of the event will once again be between Kitun Park and Truman Middle School, with parking close by at several Sunset Hills locations.

The day will start with a Parade at 10:15 a.m. along Eddie & Park Road from Sappington Road to Truman Middle School. Fairgrounds will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the fairgrounds will be professional carnival rides with two large attractions, classic carnival games, food booths, kids activities, lots of live music and more. This year will also include a dunk booth with Lindbergh School District participating.

There is no fee to enter the festival but there are associated fees with the rides, food, and games.

Ride Bracelets will be available for purchase from the Community Center for full or half day enjoyment. An all day pass will be \$30, if purchased before Saturday (\$40 on the day of the event). Half day ride bracelets from 11-3 or 4-8 will also be available for \$20 (\$25 day of event).

SunCrest Fest will follow St. Louis County guidelines for COVID precautions at the time of the event.

For more information, contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860 or visit [www.sunset-hills.com/suncrestfest](http://www.sunset-hills.com/suncrestfest).

# NEWS BLURBS

## CITY HALL REDEDICATION

The rededication of the Crestwood Government Center will take place directly before the August 24, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. The open house and ribbon cutting are open to the public. To schedule a tour of the new facility, please call the City Clerk's Office at 314-729-4700.

## CRESTWOOD NIGHT OUT

After taking a year off due to COVID-19, the Crestwood Police Department is pleased to announce that this year's National Night Out event will take place as scheduled, on September 11, 2021. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL HOURS

Reminder for the pool, when Lindbergh School District heads back in the fall starting August 23, the Aquatic Center hours are reduced. The pool will only be open fully on Sat and Sun (with reduced capacity on Fri nights). Labor Day will be the last official day for the pool with special hours from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Please remember to take care of your property throughout the entire year. Per City code, all grass and weeds must remain at 7" or below and all yard waste, such as grass clippings and broken tree limbs, must be maintained at all times.

## YARD WASTE PICKUP

Weekly yard waste pickup is unlimited and includes grass clippings, leaves, vines, hedges and shrub trimmings, tree trimmings, and tree limbs. All yard waste should fit in a clearly marked can or biodegradable paper bag. Yard waste stickers are available at City Hall for anyone that would need some. Residents may also bundle limbs with twine or rope; bundle dimensions must not exceed 48-inches in length and 12-inches in diameter and should be of a weight to be carried easily and safely by one person. Yard waste does not include dirt, rocks or railroad ties.

# PUBLIC WORKS CORNER: OAK GALLS

Our public works parks maintenance division wanted to take a moment to inform the citizens of Crestwood about an issue that has been seen around the City over the past few months – Oak Galls.

Horned and Gouty Oak Galls, the two most common oak galls, are created when tiny female wasps lay eggs on the leaves of oak trees. When the larvae emerge in the spring, they inject enzymes into tree branches. The result is a growth or "gall" that forms on the branch to protect the wasps from the weather and provides nutrients until they mature.

These galls are unsightly, but do not always kill the tree. However, since galls seem to form on trees that are already stressed, it is easy to assume that the gall has killed trees that have these growths.

Oak galls appear frequently in suburban areas, such as Crestwood. They also have the ability to cause worse damage in suburban areas, as the pavement/turf areas are more hospitable to fungi, solitary oak trees taking a brunt of galls instead of sharing the burden, and drought situations that can decrease tree health in all species.

### Potential Treatments

There are no proven chemical treatments for the pests currently living on a tree. However, a home owner can try a



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tree trunk injection, from a professional, to limit future occurrences. While this may assist in the issue, one would need to determine the overall health of the tree to determine if this is fiscally responsible.



If there are only a few galls appearing, it is best to prune them out of the tree and then burn the branches, if possible, to destroy the larvae. It is also important to clean up leaf litter and fallen twigs every fall to try to limit an increase in the number of galls come spring.

If a large infestation has occurred, pruning will not help and may do more harm than good. In the case of a major infestation, the tree will decline drastically and removal may be necessary.

For more information on Oak Galls, please visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens website or the University of Missouri-Extension.

# SAPPINGTON HOUSE AWARDED GRANT

Historic Sappington House recently hosted a reception in honor of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), who funded a crucial rainwater mitigation project to preserve the soft exterior bricks on 213-year-old Thomas Sappington house.

The grant application was submitted in 2019 and was subsequently funded by the NSDAR. Only 20% of more than 200 submissions are approved annually. The historically suitable gutter/downspout installation and improved drainage system



was determined to be necessary given the ongoing crumbling of the brick face.

The original bricks were fabricated on the frontier property in what was then the Louisiana territory during Thomas Jefferson's presidency.

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## TOUCH-A-TRUCK & CONCERT IN THE PARK

FRI, SEPT 10, 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
Participation is FREE  
Whitecliff Park  
All Ages

Join us for a fun night at Whitecliff Park for two FREE events in one. Touch-A-Truck runs from 5-7 p.m. followed by a concert from Mojo Universe, starting at 7. Kids will be able to climb in, hop on and honk the horns of some really big trucks and other vehicles. Enjoy a kids play area and food trucks before the concert, then relax for a night of music. Coolers are welcome, but glass is prohibited.

## COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

SAT, SEPT 25, 8:00 A.M. - NOON  
Participation is FREE  
Throughout Crestwood & Sunset Hills  
All Ages

Time for a bit of fall cleaning before the winter months! All participating houses need to register for their chance to be included on the map by Sept 22. Registration is FREE and those shopping do not need to register. Maps will be made available for Friday, Sept 24. The City Wide Yard Sale is rain or shine but some houses may choose not to participate in the event of bad weather.

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

## POLICE RECEIVE NEW KITCHEN



The Crestwood Police Department recently received a Team Depot Donation from The Home Depot, which gave them the resources, including new appliances, to remodel the department's kitchen.

Chief Jonathan Williams wished to send a special thank you out to Home Depot and Shawn Schwab from the Bridgeton store for coordinating the project.

"Our officers look forward to many delicious meals and a whole lot of coffee out of the kitchen," Williams said. "We simply cannot thank them enough for not only gifting the materials and appliances but also making the process so easy."

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

Aug 13 & Sept 3 (all ages)  
Participation is FREE, Crestwood Parks  
There will be two Movies in the Park this fall, so watch *Onward* at Ferndale Park on Aug 13 at 8:00 p.m. and *The Croods* at Crestwood Park on Sept 3 at 7:30 p.m.

## TRAIL TIME FOR TOTS

Aug 20 & Sept 3 (ages 2-5)  
\$5/residents and \$7/non-residents  
Trail Time for Tots is a unique opportunity for children and their parents/guardians to make new friends while learning about nature through trail walks and activities.  
**DOGGIE DIVE AT THE POOL**  
Sept 7, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (all ages)  
\$15/Residents & \$20/Non-Residents  
Come and join us for one last dog day of summer! This is a day dedicated for the dogs to swim in the pool. Pre-register your pup to save \$5 on admission. Dogs in the same household receive \$5 off per dog.

## GRANT'S TRAIL STAY-CATION: PART 2

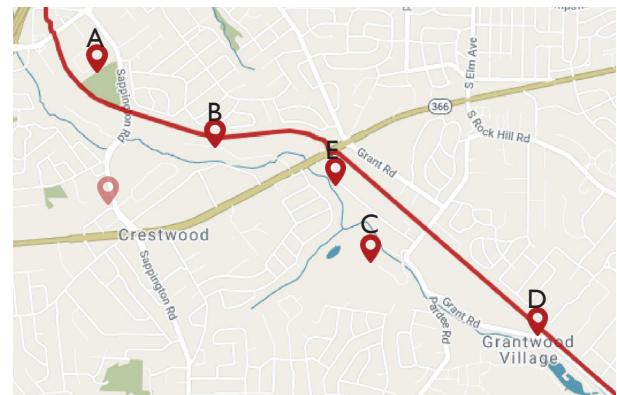
As mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter, below are a few suggestions of activities to do and places to eat while out and about.

In Part 2 of 3 of the 2021 Grant's Trail Stay-cation series, we will be starting in the middle of town and heading south to Grant's Farm.

To start the day, one should drop by Yolklore's full service drive thru to pick up breakfast for your crew (or eat in, if the dining room is open).

From there, a great place to park while using Grant's Trail would be at the Gravois Trunk Storage Facility parking lot (Map E), over by Pardee Lane and Watson Road. This lot is open to the public at no charge and there are dozens of spaces.

After parking, head over to the trail (on the other side of Public Storage) and go south, along the edge of Crestwood where one will run into the Budweiser Clydesdale fields and stables. A short time later,



you will find the entrance to Grant's Farm. It's free to enter but might require a reservation depending on the day. If you want to add something historical as well, turn the other direction and visit the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site.

On the way back, if everyone still has energy, take a quick detour and stop by Victory Raceway for some indoor karting.

**Total distance:** Approximately 2.5 miles roundtrip, depending on the route.

**Time commitment:** 1 hour by foot, or about 30 minutes by bike (plus any time spent at one of the activities).

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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.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED (LABOR DAY)

All Day SEPT 6

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M. AUG 24, SEPT 14, 28

### CRESTWOOD NIGHT OUT

SEPT 11

### SUNCREST FEST

All Day SEPT 18

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### POLICE

Emergency: 911  
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### FIRE

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### PUBLIC WORKS

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### COMMUNITY CENTER

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