

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year, and best wishes for a peaceful, healthy, and prosperous 2022.

2022 is also a special year for the City of Crestwood. In November, the City will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. There will be events throughout the year, beginning with a golf tournament on Friday, April 1, and capped off by the 75th Anniversary Parade and Celebration Day on Saturday, October 15.

The Crestwood mall redevelopment plan was approved by the Board of Aldermen late last year, and we anticipate ground moving starting this spring.

We are also looking forward to the opening of Aldi in the former Shop 'n Save site, the opening of Dollar Tree in the former Tuesday Morning site, the opening of Taco Bell in the former Jack in the Box site, the opening of Brite WorX Car Washery in the former Sweet Tomatoes site, the major exterior renovation of Imo's, and the demolition of and opening of a new McDonald's, among other business news.

Residential growth continues to be strong, as the City gained around 500



people in the last Census, raising our population to 12,404 (the first time the City has had over 12,000 residents since the 1980 Census), and our housing market continues to be white hot.

The City is investing heavily in infrastructure this next year, and has allocated more than \$1.7 million for road projects as well as more than \$325,000 for sidewalk repairs and new sidewalk construction. Additionally, the City will be installing new street lights in several, much needed locations around town for the first time in almost 20 years.

In Whitecliff Park this year, Crestwood will be redesigning the bridge and entrance to the park, working on Phase II of the Quarry project with installation of a new

pavilion and restrooms, rebuilding the basketball courts, resurfacing the tennis courts, and designing a bridge entrance to the park across Mulberry Creek to connect to the Sheryl Ann/Lodge Pole area of Ward 1. There are various projects planned in other City parks as well, headlined by the replacement of the Sanders Park bridge over Gravois Creek.

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The City of Crestwood is officially in its 75th year in 2022!

While November 12 is the big day, the 75th Anniversary Committee has events throughout the year to commemorate this occasion.

The kickoff event for the year will be the Crestwood 75th Anniversary Golf Tournament on Friday, April 1. The four-person scramble will take place at Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka (4111 Crescent Road, 63025), with registration starting at 10:00 A.M.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$150 per person and includes greens fees, use of the driving range, box lunch, beverages, snacks, prizes, giveaways and heavy appetizers after. Registration for your team of four can take place at www.crestwood75.org/golf. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To learn more, please contact Mary at info@crestwood75.org.

Other events in 2022 will include a bowling night, trivia night, concert, and much more, capped off by the 75th Anniversary Celebration Day on Saturday, October 15, featuring a parade, 5K, and fireworks. *Please note: the trivia night that was previously planned for March 12 has been postponed until the Fall.

As dates and times are subject to change, for the most up to date information on Crestwood's 75th, please visit www.crestwood75.org for additional details, more events, and to join the 75th Anniversary mailing list.

NEWS BLURBS

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 5

The City of Crestwood's general municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. On the ballot this year for all voters of Crestwood will be Proposition 1. A simple majority is required to pass the measure.

Also on the ballot are four aldermanic seats, one for each of the City's four wards. These candidates are running for a three-year term. They are as follows:

Ward 1 - James Zavist

Ward 2 - Mike Balles

Ward 3 - Greg Hall

Ward 4 - Tony Kennedy

Ward 4 - Nicholas Ranciglio

For a sample ballot or questions about the election on April 5, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections by phone at 314-615-1800 or by email at stlouiscovotes@stlouisco.com.

ARNOLDY SERVICE AWARD

Each year, the Police Department recognizes an officer for their outstanding service to our community. For 2021, the Frank Arnoldy Outstanding Service Award winner is Officer Chris Partlow.

Officer Partlow has been with the Department since 2018. Besides his outstanding work as a police officer and field training officer, he volunteered his time on numerous occasions at department community events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Crestwood Beautification Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with removing the very invasive bush honeysuckle from our park system. Volunteer work days will be held on March 26, April 2, and April 30. Please visit the City's website for more information.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

The City Clerk's Office would like to remind all home businesses that a one-time home occupation permit as well as a yearly business license are due to the City. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 314-729-4700.

FIRE PROTECTION SALES TAX INCREASE ON APRIL 5 MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT



On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, Crestwood residents will vote on Proposition 1, a proposal to increase the current fire protection sales tax from one-quarter to one-half of a cent. Proceeds from the sales tax increase will be used to establish a city-run ambulance service.

Currently, Crestwood contracts with Abbott EMS for ambulance service. The Board of Aldermen decided it was time for the City to provide this service, as for the past year the City has seen ambulance response times from Abbott that are unacceptable. From January-August 2021, Abbott's response time was longer than 5 minutes on 89% of calls, and the average response time was more than 10 minutes.

If ambulance service was provided in-house, Crestwood would aim to match the City's current fire emergency response time of 4 minutes or less. For example, when the City of Olivette switched to providing ambulance service in-house, it saw its EMS response time drop from over 9 minutes to 3 minutes and 35 seconds.

In St. Louis County, there are just three fire departments/districts including Crestwood, that use a for-profit ambulance pro-

vider. If Crestwood voters approve Proposition 1, Crestwood would join the 30 other municipal fire departments/districts and provide our own ambulance service.

Beyond faster EMS response times, providing an in-house ambulance service would enable Crestwood to receive mutual aid ambulance services from our surrounding jurisdictions including Webster Groves Fire Department, Kirkwood Fire Department, Mehlville Fire Protection

District, Fenton Fire Protection District, and Affton Fire Protection District.

Currently, because the City does not provide its own ambulance service, Crestwood receives mutual aid from surrounding fire departments and districts on fire 911 calls, but not EMS 911 calls.

The City's fire protection sales tax was first approved by voters in 2003. By law, all of the proceeds of this sales tax must be used for fire and emergency medical service operations.

The City anticipates hiring five additional firefighter/paramedics, and purchasing an ambulance, if voters approve Proposition 1.

Please note: This newsletter is paid for by the City of Crestwood.

Official Ballot Language

"Shall the City of Crestwood impose a fire protection sales tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%) (an increase of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) above the current fire protection sales tax) for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the Crestwood Fire Department?"

Yes

No

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

NERF WARS

FRI FEB 11, 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
\$9/residents, \$11/non-residents
All Ages

Let the battle begin! Grab your Nerf gun and family for the ultimate indoor Nerf War! Safety glasses and Nerf darts are provided. All you need to bring is a Nerf gun and a guardian. (No Automatic Guns) Pre-Registration is required 48 hours prior to the event. For more information about any parks events, please contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

TRAIL TIME FOR TOTS

SAT MAR 5, 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
SAT APR 16, 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
\$5/residents, \$7/non-residents
Ages 2-8

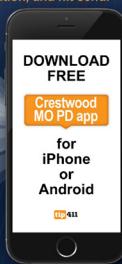
Trail Time for Tots is a very unique opportunity for children and their parents/guardians to make new friends while learning about nature through trail walks and outdoor activities. Come together for some screen-free time with your little ones and other families, where we sing songs, play games, and enjoy the beautiful nature areas of Whitecliff Park!

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION

PD's TIP411 APP

HELP FIGHT CRIME.

Send anonymous tips to the Crestwood Police Department. Text keyword CRESTWOODTIP to 847411, add a space, type in your tip information, and hit send.



A service of
Crestwood Police Department



The Police Department is increasing its crime-fighting arsenal with a new app to help residents connect with the department, to find information, to view alerts, and to submit anonymous tips from their smartphone.

Developed by tip411, the Crestwood MO PD app puts a powerful new tool into the hands of community members of all ages. The "Crestwood MO PD" app is available for download for free via the Google Play or Apple App Stores or from links provided on the City's website, www.cityofcrestwood.org.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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The City will also be working on their first Comprehensive Parks Plan of the entire parks and recreation system in Crestwood history. There have been some master plans for individual parks in the past, but the newest of those are now more than 20 years old. We want to hear from residents on the parks features and programming they want to see over the next 20 years so we can work towards those goals.

The Police Department will be renovating and remodeling the remaining areas of the station that were not touched recently in order to maximize space, make needed technology and safety upgrades, and improve overall working conditions.

Lastly, please be sure to vote on April 5th. In addition to Crestwood's four Aldermanic races, Crestwood voters will be asked to consider Proposition I, which if passed would allow the City to provide in-house ambulance service at a very high level like almost every other City and Fire District in St. Louis County.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION AT THE BARN

Wed, Mar 23, 6:00 PM (all ages)
\$10/per person, reservations required

Historic Sappington House Complex

Experience a new appreciation of how the professionals prepare meals at The Barn!

Go behind the scenes to learn how The Barn chefs make a savory tomato bisque, and enjoy a dessert demonstration. 20 attendees maximum. Make reservations with The Barn at 314-966-8387.

OTHER RECREATION NOTES

Leagues will be coming back to Crestwood including t-ball, softball, and sand volleyball. Keep your eyes open for registration dates.

Day Camp registration begins on Tuesday, March 22 at 8:00 A.M. for Crestwood residents. Registration can be done online or in-person at the Community Center.

Crestwood and St. Louis County voters will also be asked to consider Proposition C, which is a countywide use tax that would close the last online shopping loophole. Use Tax revenue from Proposition C would be shared with St. Louis County municipalities, like Crestwood, on the same sharing basis as the one-cent countywide sales tax which is the single largest source of income for the City.

The passage of Proposition C would allow the City to maintain its high-quality Police, Fire/EMS, Parks, and Public Works services while still keeping our property tax rates as some of the lowest in the County. Presently, Crestwood has the third lowest combined municipal/fire tax rate of St. Louis County cities over 10,000 population, trailing only Kirkwood and Town and County.

This is an exciting time for the City and I cannot wait to celebrate the 75th Anniversary with you all!

Grant Mabie
Mayor



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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.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, FEB 21

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., FEB 8, 22; MAR 8, 22

75TH ANNIVERSARY COMM. GOLFTOURNAMENT

11 A.M., APR 1

CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION

All Day, APR 5

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