

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2022



PARKS MASTER PLAN COMING IN 2022

For anyone that has ever been to a park in Crestwood, have you ever thought – What if we did this? Why is this missing? Why hasn't this been updated recently? This is what I want my park facilities to look like!?

The City of Crestwood has an exciting opportunity for you to have your voice and ideas heard as they work through the comprehensive Parks Master Plan process.

Envisioning the future of the department, the Parks Master Plan will lay the ground work to encompass the parks and trail system, Community Center, Aquatic Center, and all of the related programs and special events in the City of Crestwood.

Vireo, a Kansas City based consulting firm who specializes in Parks planning, has been hired to complete this all-encompassing plan, which will take approximately 8-10 months to complete and approved, hopefully by the end of September 2022.

This comprehensive plan will then be used as the guide for decision making over the next decade for the Parks and Recreation Department, Park Board, and Board of Alderman, based on the needs of the residents of Crestwood.

Community input is an essential compo-

ment of the planning process. That's why, we want to see you get involved. A series of open houses, surveys, and meetings will be conducted to determine what will be placed in the Master Plan.

The first open house took place on March 9 and had more than 100 residents turn out for the event. Two additional open houses will be Saturday, May 14 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Whitecliff Park for the 75th Anniversary Concert and Movie Night and Friday, May 27 from 5:00-8:00 P.M. at the Aquatic Center for the Splashtacular event.

A statistically-valid survey will be sent to many resident's homes in late April/early May with a link to answer the questions. (If you do not use a computer, a paper survey can be turned in at the Community Center). An additional survey will be available on the City's website, the Facebook page, and in person at the Community Center.

We absolutely want to hear from as many residents as possible in order to meet the needs of the community. If you cannot attend an open house, please email Director Eilien Ramirez at eramirez@cityofcrestwood.org to share any ideas you may have for the future of the Department.



As 2022 continues, the 75th Anniversary Committee has events scheduled throughout the year to commemorate this occasion.

The next event on the calendar will be the concert and movie night on Saturday, May 14 at Whitecliff Park. The event will begin at 4:00 P.M. with the Ticket to the Beatles band performing. It will be followed-up by the movie, Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2, which is expected to start at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Other events in 2022 will include:

- Friday, June 3 - Bowling Night at Crestwood Bowl
- Saturday, August 13 - Glo-Bingo at the Whitecliff Community Center
- Saturday, September 24 - Rogers and Nienhaus Concert at the Historic Sappington House Complex
- Saturday, October 15 - Celebration Day including a Parade, Taste of Crestwood, Fireworks, Pumpkin Pi 5K, and more throughout the City
- Saturday, November 12 - Trivia Night at St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Church

**Please note: the golf tournament that was previously planned for April 1 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. On the ballot this year for all voters of Crestwood will be Proposition 1 - a fire sales tax increase. A simple majority is required to pass the measure. There will also be voting for one alderman in each of the City's four wards.

PARKS HIRING FOR SUMMER

The Crestwood Parks and Recreation Department is now hiring for part-time positions in the summer. These positions include Aquatics Center front desk and concession stand staff, day camp counselors, Community Center clerks, and various recreation positions including youth soccer referees.

AQUATICS CENTER PRICING

The Parks & Recreation Department updated the Aquatics Center membership fees for the 2022 season. For more information, please visit the City website at www.cityofcrestwood.org or contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

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 either be spread out and mulched into the lawn or bagged 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.

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

The City will hold a public hearing to discuss the estimated allocation of \$23,400 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The hearing will take place during the Board of Aldermen meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 PM. For more information on CDBG, please visit the City website at www.cityofcrestwood.org.

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER: HONEYSUCKLE

The Crestwood Beautification Committee wanted to inform our community about one of the most destructive, invasive species in the region - Bush Honeysuckle.

Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), a thug of a plant, is native to the Asian continent and does not belong in any of our native habitats. It crowds out desirable native plants by outcompeting them for light, water and nutrients; the berries provide poor nutrition for birds; and it threatens the future of our native woodlands. In addition, non-native honeysuckle increases tick and mosquito abundance in areas where it's allowed to grow.

If you encounter honeysuckle on your property, it's recommended that you take action to remove and eradicate the plant as completely as possible. There are multiple effective methods of removing bush honeysuckle. Selecting the right approach depends upon a number of factors, such as the area covered by the invasion, the size of the plants to be removed, and your personal capabilities and preferences. For more information on how to address this invader, please visit the City website.

"Honeysuckle Hacks"

Prior to the pandemic, the City and the Beautification Committee, embraced an initiative to remove invasive honeysuckle

#Back2Nature Honeysuckle Hacks Crestwood Park

This event is part of a series. Registration is required and all volunteers will need to complete a waiver. Register by scanning the QR Code or visit openspacesstl.volunteer



The City of Crestwood will recently awarded a grant through the MDC Back To Nature St. program for various habitat restoration projects at Crestwood Park, including invasive species removal, stream restoration, woodland enhancement, and the creation of pollinator gardens. This grant will support the City's ongoing habitat improvement in urban area parks, encouraging partnerships for supporting community conservation efforts, native habitat restoration and long-term natural landscape management, and engaging the public through conservation education and volunteer opportunities.

For more info visit openspacesstl.org



throughout the park system and all city-owned properties. However, this is an ongoing project that is always looking for volunteers. There are several events planned this spring, where the City is seeking volunteers to help with our removal efforts, including March 26 and April 30 in Crestwood Park and April 2 in Whitecliff Park.

All events will be held from 9 A.M. – Noon with tools and gloves provided. Volunteers should wear boots or other closed-toe shoes and bring a water bottle.

For more information, please visit the Crestwood website, Latest News Section.

BACK TO NATURE GRANT AWARDED

The Missouri Department of Conservation recently awarded Crestwood a \$75,000 Back To Nature Grant. These funds will be used to establish natural areas at Crestwood Park starting later this year, through 2024.

The primary goals of this program are to create a more robust urban wildlife habitat, establish community partnerships, engage the public in conservation education & volunteer opportunities, and train organizational staff in the stewardship of natural landscapes.

This project is also supported by com-

munity partners that include the Crestwood Beautification Committee, The Open Space Council, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, and DTLS Landscape Architecture, as well as local schools.

The total project area is approximately 8.75 acres and includes locations throughout the park. Restoration activities involve removing invasive honeysuckle and creating multiple habitats to benefit pollinators and other wildlife.

For more information about this project and volunteer opportunities, please visit the City website.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

PAINT AND SIP

SAT APRIL 23, 9:00 A.M.-NOON
\$48/residents, \$52/non-residents
Whitecliff Community Center
Adults 21+

Let's do brunch! Grab some friends and join us for a morning of fun, as we paint a beautiful spring canvas. Included in your registration is a waffle from the WalkAway Waffles food truck, coffee and orange juice (as well as all painting materials). This is a BYOB event, if you would like to add even more fun to your experience. All artistic abilities are welcome, as the class will be led by a professional instructor.

SPLASHTACULAR

FRI MAY 27, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
FREE
Whitecliff Aquatics Center
All Ages

Come to the official kick off to the Summer at Whitecliff! The Aquatics Center will be open and free to the public, starting at 5:00 P.M. There will be a band and food trucks as well as various activities and games.

For more information about any parks events, please contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

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.

SAPPINGTON HOUSE EVENTS SCHEDULE

The Historic Sappington House Park is hosting multiple events this Spring/early Summer. Their largest event of the year is the Seventh Annual Country Craft Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 23-24, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. both days.

Come discover a cache of treasures from the silly to sublime at our open-air fair featuring antiques, arts and crafts, books, garden and home décor, jewelry and things that resist categorizing – originals handmade by talented vendors.

See old-time artisans ply their historic skills. Enjoy live music and delicious food. Kids will have fun at the Young'uns Outpost, with a costumed passport program for craft activities.

Admission to the event is free and additional parking is available at Crestwood Elementary School and in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue. In case of severe weather, the fair will be rescheduled for June 25-26. For more information, please contact by phone at 314-822-8171 or visit www.historicsappingtonhouse.org.

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

Sat, Apr 9, 10:00 A.M. (All Ages)
\$4/residents, \$6/non-residents
Whitecliff Community Center

Catch Peter Cottontail at Whitecliff Park for the annual Easter Egg Scramble. There will be activities for those children big and small. Eggs will be filled with goodies and special surprises. Bring your family and take a picture with Peter Cottontail himself. If there is inclement weather, this event will be moved inside the Community Center.

CITYWIDEYARD SALE

Sat, Apr 23, 9:00 A.M. (All Ages)
FREE

Spring cleaning is here and it is your chance to participate in the city-wide yard sale between the communities of Crestwood and Sunset Hills. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 20. Maps and list of addresses will be available starting Friday, April 22.



Saturday Night Concert Series

The Sappington House Foundation is also hosting a series of concerts in late May/early June to help raise funds for the relocation and repurposing of the Joseph Sappington Log House.

These outdoor concerts will include Javier Mendoza (aka Hobo Cane) on May 21, Gateway City Big Band on June 4, and Rock Opera on June 11.

All of the concerts will be \$20 for adults and free for children under 12. Bring your lawn chairs. Food and drink will be available for purchase at The Barn restaurant.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the City website at
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for any updates and cancellations.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Half Day, APR 15 (Closed at Noon)
All Day, MAY 30

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., APR 12, 26; MAY 24

CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION

All Day, APR 5

75TH CONCERT/MOVIE NIGHT

4 P.M., MAY 14

SPLASHTACULAR

5 P.M., MAY 27

CONTACT INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT CENTER

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Fax: 314-729-4794

POLICE

Non Emergency:
314-729-4800

FIRE

Non Emergency:
314-729-4742

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314-729-4776

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314-729-4720

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