

CRESTWOOD

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022



Municipal Partnerships

With nearly 90 municipalities throughout St. Louis County, there may appear to be a lot of fragmentation in the region. However, most residents would be surprised at just how much cooperation there is among cities.

The City of Crestwood relies on municipal partnerships for everything from public safety to parks and recreation events and many things in between. The City works in partnership with dozens of other municipalities to leverage buying power and achieve economies of scale to save the City money.

Some of these programs include various lines of insurance provided by the St. Louis Area Trust (SLAIT), a self-funded municipal insurance pool; the St. Louis APWA Salt Co-op, whose combined purchasing enables municipalities and school districts to obtain the best possible pricing for deicing salt; and co-op purchasing on large procurement contracts for goods and services such as computers and even police cars.

Beyond financial savings, every single department within the City benefits from shared experiences and training with others in their respective fields, something that keeps Crestwood employees educated on future trends and grows relationships with our regional partners.

Below are some of the specific programs the City of Crestwood utilizes:

Fire Department

Within the Fire Department, mutual aid between fire districts and departments is the lifeblood of emergency response efforts. For an incident like a house fire, a standard response would likely include a six fire truck response within Crestwood, meaning five of those trucks would be from neighboring Departments.

There is a significant amount of coordination to ensure those other agencies are still able to respond to emergencies while their trucks are on scene, which includes strategically relocating emergency vehicles, as needed. Our dispatch agency, Central County 911, coordinates this complex emergency response. They provide dispatching for more than 30 fire agencies in the area.

Police Department

The Police Department's most extensive partnership is with the Sunset Hills Police Department. Just over one year ago, in July 2021, Crestwood partnered with Sunset Hills to provide police dispatching services. This partnership provides a more efficient level of service, and also saved the City money which allowed the Department to enhance police training and salaries.

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The 75th Anniversary Committee has been working hard this year to close out the year with a wonderful array of events.

On Sunday, August 14, the Aquatics Center is going to host their own 75th Anniversary event with 75¢ admission and 20¢ sno-cones. There will also be live music by the Skylark Brothers from 3:00-6:00 PM.

The main event for September is the 75th Anniversary Golf Tournament on Monday, September 12 at Aberdeen Golf Club (4111 Crescent Road in Eureka), starting with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Come on out and join the Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and foursomes from many different Crestwood businesses for a round of golf with plenty of food and drinks.

Other events in 2022 will include:

- 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, Concert, Pumpkin Pi 5K, and more throughout the City
- Saturday, November 12 - Trivia Night at St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Church

For the most up to date information and to pre-register for events, visit www.crestwood75.org.

NEWS BLURBS

CITY'S BUDGET AWARDED

The City was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for their FY2022 budget, by the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA). In order to receive this award, which was only awarded to 40 municipalities in the State of Missouri, the City had to satisfy dozens of nationally recognized guidelines for effective budgets.

CRESTWOOD NIGHT OUT

This year's Crestwood Night Out will be held on Saturday, September 10 from 6:00-9:00 P.M. Crestwood Night Out is a long standing event sponsored annually by the Police Department in an effort to bring neighbors together and strengthen community bonds. Neighborhoods throughout Crestwood organize events such as block parties, ice cream socials, and outdoor movie nights.

OPERATION ETCH-AND-CATCH

The Crestwood Police Department is the first department in the St. Louis Area to launch Operation Etch-and-Catch. Utilizing partnerships with local automotive service shops, the program is designed to etch a vehicle's license plate number and apply a line of brightly colored paint to the vehicle's catalytic converter, in an effort to assist the Department in deterring converter thefts. For more information, visit the City's website, www.cityofcrestwood.org/etch

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

As a friendly reminder, please spend some time during the late summer/early fall preparing your property for winter. Deadwooding trees, removing dead bushes, and clearing yard waste now, can assist when it's time for the optimal tree planting weather in October/November.

If you would like to report a concern, all requests must be submitted using the online form on the main page of the City website or emailed to codeenforcement@cityofcrestwood.org.

CITIZENS ACADEMY RETURNING

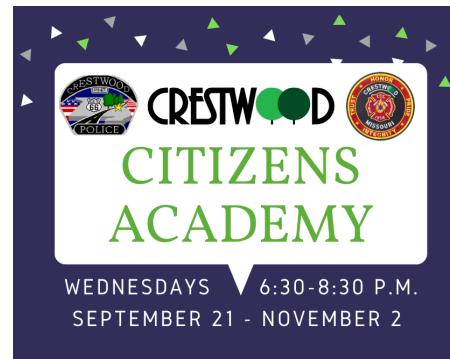
Starting on September 21, the City will be rebooting its Crestwood Citizens Academy, a free seven-week program that teaches residents of Crestwood how local government works.

The program was previously held in summer 2018 and spring 2019, before being cancelled the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Classes are scheduled to be held from 6:30-8:30 P.M. on Wednesday nights, from September 21 to November 2 and hosted by City Administrator Kris Simpson as well as the City's department heads and division managers.

Citizens Academy will cover more than a half dozen different municipal government topics including administration, planning and economic development, policing, emergency medical services, parks and recreation and more.

"We want residents to come away with a better understanding of how decisions are made, how each department operates,



WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:30 P.M.
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and how residents can get involved," City Administrator Simpson said.

Each course will include tours, demonstrations, a question-and-answer session, and educational discussions to help participants better understand city services and current projects. The classes are open to any Crestwood resident or business owner over 18 years of age.

Pre-registration is required by September 9. To register, please contact Deputy City Administrator Jeff Faust by email at jfaust@cityofcrestwood.org or by phone at (314) 729-4779.

LT. MEIER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

In July 2022, Lieutenant Kent Meier celebrated his 25th year of service in the City of Crestwood. After nearly 10 years as a patrol officer and detective, he was promoted to Sergeant in 2008, before being promoted to Commander of Support Services earlier this year.

"It's hard to believe that 25 years have passed since I began my career with the Crestwood Police Department," Lt. Meier said. "As a young police officer, I had aspirations of progressing through the ranks, however at the time couldn't imagine myself being in the position I am in today. I am thankful for the opportunities the city has provided and look forward to the future."

Lt. Meier also spent part of 2021 and 2022 in the classroom, graduating from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association



Command College in April 2022.

As the Lieutenant in charge of support services, Lt. Meier oversees all of the Department's non-patrol services, including the detective bureau, training, records, crime analysis, statistical reporting, technology, fleet management, and procurement.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

OUTDOOR CONCERTS AT SAPP HOUSE

Sat Aug. 13, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
\$20 for adults; Free for kids 12-under
Historic Sappington House

Mark your calendars for three outdoor fundraising concerts featuring McLovin on Aug 13, Rogers and Nienhaus on Sept 24, and a Battle of the Bands on Oct 8. Bring your lawn chairs. Food and drink available for purchase from the Barn. Parking is available at Crestwood Elementary and the Reco Avenue overflow lot. For more information, please call 314-822-8171.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION

TOUCH-A-TRUCK & CONCERT IN THE PARK

Sat. Sept 10, 5:00-9:00 P.M.
FREE for All Ages
Whitecliff Park

Back by popular demand, starting at 5:00 P.M., Touch-A-Truck let's kids put their toy trucks away and see the real thing in person. Climb in, hop on, and even honk the horn of some really big trucks. Starting at 7:00 P.M., pull out your air guitar and join us for our Concert in the Park featuring the band, *Shadow Play*. Coolers, snacks, and drinks welcome but no glass.

THE DOGGIE DIVE

Tues, Sept. 6, 5:00 P.M. (All Ages)
\$10/residents, \$15/non-residents (per dog)

Whitecliff Aquatics Center

Come join us for a party for our favorite pooches, where they will be allowed to splash splash & doggie paddle around the pool. Please note copies of rabies vaccination and current tags are required at the time of registration. Each dog must have a handler and children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Fri, Sept. 23, 7:00 P.M. (All Ages)
FREE, Crestwood Park

Come see movies with us on the big screen! Grab some popcorn, your blanket, and watch the movie, "Sing" with us this Summer! Movies will start playing at dusk and could be cancelled in the event of poor weather conditions.

SUNCREST FEST



The Cities of Crestwood and Sunset Hills are excited for the fourth annual SunCrest Fest on Saturday, September 17 at Kitun Park, next to Truman Middle School. Fairgrounds open at 11:00 A.M. and the event lasts until 8:00 P.M.

For more information on SunCrest Fest, please visit the City's website, contact the Community Center by phone at 314-729-4860, or visit www.sunset-hills.com/suncrestfest.

CITY PARTNERSHIPS

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As a result, Crestwood and Sunset Hills now share a radio channel, improving mutual aid between the cities. When needed, officers from both cities assist each other, essentially doubling the size of our respective police forces.

The Police Department's municipal partnerships expand beyond our neighbors and exist throughout our region as a whole. Crestwood Detectives are members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis and are regularly called out to assist in homicide investigations.

Four of our Officers are assigned to the St. Louis Area Police Chief's Association Mobile Response Team. These officers, who receive extensive training throughout the year, work as a team with officers from multiple municipalities to respond to large scale emergencies.

Parks & Recreation

Within our recreation activities, our closest partner is the City of Sunset Hills. This September is our third annual

SunCrest Fest, which is held right next to the Kitun Dog Park at Truman Middle School. While run by Sunset Hills, Kitun Dog Park is open to Crestwood residents at the same resident rate, as both communities partnered on a grant to fund improvements to the park.

Beyond that, Parks and Recreation Departments throughout the state ask questions and borrow ideas from one another for programming and park features. We take what works in different areas and adapt it for Crestwood.

Other shared activities include the City Wide Garage Sale with Sunset Hills; Lunch and Bingo with Webster Groves, Sunset Hills and Rock Hill; and the Southwest St. Louis County Municipal Swim League, which partners our swim and dive team with 10 other municipalities in the area.

Crestwood also partners with eight municipalities to provide inclusive recreation services in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act. This award-winning program enables people of all abilities to participate in as many of our recreation offerings as possible.



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www.cityofcrestwood.org
for any updates and cancellations.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, SEPT. 5

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., AUG. 23, SEPT. 13, SEPT. 27

CRESTWOOD NIGHT OUT

6 P.M., SEPT. 10

75TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

1 P.M., SEPT. 12

SUNCREST FEST

11 A.M., SEPT. 17

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