

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

SATURDAY, OCT. 15
EVENTS ALL DAY



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On October 15, the City of Crestwood will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a day of events - beginning with a 5k run in the morning; a parade down Watson Road, starting at noon; live music at the Schnucks Main Stage at Woodard, following the parade; a Taste of Crestwood throughout the day; and a fireworks show to close out the day. I look forward to celebrating with you all!

In addition to the main celebration on Oct. 15, the City will also be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 12, which is the City's actual 75th birthday and day of incorporation. For more information about the 75th events, please go to <https://crestwood75.org>.

Following the passage of Proposition I in April, the Board of Aldermen recently approved the purchase of two ambulances for the Fire Department. We expect our ambulance service to be fully operational in late 2023, with the exact start time dependent on equipment delivery. Once we begin service, we expect to be able to deliver faster response times with the top

tier service citizens have come to expect from the Crestwood Fire Department.

In recent months, City staff, elected officials, Park Board, Steering Committee and a team of consultants have been receiving citizen input and working to finalize the Parks Master Plan, which is on pace to be completed by the end of 2022. This doc-

ument will serve as the guidepost for the enhancement and operations of the Parks and Recreation Department for the next 10-15 years.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the surveying, and we look forward to implementing the community's vision for our parks. With this project, one

of the most consequential decisions to make in 2023 is whether to pursue a renovation or replacement of the almost 50 year old Community Center, which is due to have several major systems replaced soon. We continue to explore which is the most cost-effective solution, and which provides the most fulfillment of our park and recreation goals.

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The 75th Anniversary Committee is excited to remind everyone of the October 15 Celebration Day! Join us for a 5K run, Parade down Watson, Taste of Crestwood, Concert and Fireworks, specifically:

- The day kicks off with the Pumpkin Pi 5K Run at Whitecliff Park, starting at 8:00 A.M.
- Followed by the Parade on Watson Road (from New Sappington Road to Grant Road), starting at Noon
- Throughout the day, will be the Taste of Crestwood at multiple Crestwood businesses - including food specials and concerts.
- On the Woodard Main Stage, Schnucks Presents performances from Klose Kuarters at 2:00 P.M. and the Skylark Brothers at 4:00 P.M.
- The day will be closed out by Fireworks, starting at 8:30 P.M.

In addition to the main celebration day, the City will also be hosting a Classic St. Louis-Style Trivia Night on Saturday, November 12, starting at 7:00 P.M. The event will be emceed by KSHE95's Mark Klose and held at the St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Church Gym (1420 S. Sappington Road). The event will cost \$250 for tables of eight and registration is limited, so sign up soon!

For the most up to date information and to register for the trivia night, visit www.crestwood75.org.

NEWS BLURBS

STREET LIGHT REQUESTS

The City is currently working with Ameren on getting new street lights installed throughout the community. We are still filing through previous requests but are also looking for new petitions from homeowners who want to see additional street lights on their block.

Please note, priority will be given to property owners on corner lots or property owners who apply with their neighbor; however, all applications will be considered. To start the process, please contact the Deputy City Administrator Jeff Faust at jfaust@cityofcrestwood.org.

SAPPINGTON FAMILY QUILT

Through November 12, in celebration of the 75th Anniversary, the City of Crestwood will be showcasing the Sappington Family Quilt at the Government Center. The 11'x11' quilt was completed to celebrate the 300th year anniversary of the Sappingtons in America and features Sappington descendants from coast to coast.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

The St. Louis County Election Board is expecting high voter turnout for the mid-term election on November 8, hence the need for more election judges and student election judges to serve the public. Election judges are awarded a stipend of \$280 for their service, while students have the option to receive community service hours or \$170 in pay for their work. To learn more about being an election judge, please contact Jim McHugh at the Board of Elections by email at jmchugh@stlouiscountymo.gov or by phone at 314-615-1858.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

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

CHRISTMAS IN CRESTWOOD 2022

Christmas in Crestwood's Jollification Specialists have planned a safe and lively celebration for the 2022 holiday season, which will include a focus on the City's 75th Anniversary. The celebration will kick off on November 12, in recognition of Crestwood's birthday, with two contests that will run through December 31.

The essay contest for both students and adults will include an essay titled, "What I Love About Crestwood." The Where's Santa? Photographic Scavenger Hunt will only have 12 clue locations this year in an effort to gain more participation. There will also be a Most Creative prize within their photographs for those participating.

The headlining event will be on Saturday, December 3, when Santa is Coming to Crestwood. Starting at 1:00 P.M., Winter Wonderland is back. There will be activities and giveaways for kids including face painting, clowns, treats, and photos



with Santa. There will also be a goody bag food drive and food trucks available to purchase from during the afternoon.

At 3:45 P.M., the Santa Car Cruise will be using the same 6.5-mile route as last year, through the streets of all four wards of Crestwood. Finally, at 6:30 P.M., a spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by Streib Electric, will light up the skies to close out the day.

For more information about Christmas in Crestwood and to register for the car cruise, visit ChristmasinCrestwood.org.

WHITECLIFF PARK'S NEW SCULPTURE

The City received its 2022 Sculpture on the Move, "Over and Under" at the Whitecliff Community Center, in September. Designed by St. Louis-based artist Sukanya Mani, "Over and Under" references the migratory butterfly. Created on an 11' high pole, the sculpture consists of four perched butterflies with intricately cut wings and body, as a metaphor for migration and movement of global people and cultures.

In addition to "Blue Eyes," which is permanent at the Government Center, and "To Bee or Not To Bee" at Rayburn Park, this sculpture will be on loan to the park for the next two years.

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

SPIRITS OF SAPPINGTON HOUSE

Sat Oct. 29, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.
\$8 for adults; \$1 for kids 12-under
Historic Sappington House

Long dead spirits rise from their rest to tell stories of days gone-by. Colonial surgeon Dr. John Murphy will show scary medical instruments and Hazel Hauck will talk about old-time burial customs. Trek through Father Dickson Cemetery by lantern light. S'mores and cider will be served. For more information, please call 314-822-8171.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN FEST

Sat. Oct. 29, 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
Free to Enter, \$2 for additional activities
Whitecliff Park

Boo! It's time to get your costumes on and have a fun time at the Halloween Family Fun Fest at Whitecliff Park. There is something for everyone! Festival games, activities, trunk-or-treat, hayrides, food trucks and more! Everyone is encouraged to dress up. Additional charge of \$2 for wristbands will apply to the bounce house and various games.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION

FIRE SAFETY

Fire Prevention Week 2022 will take place from October 9-15 and will be the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. It is the perfect reminder that "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." This is a simple but important reminder that even the most basic actions can save lives.

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Start by following these three basic steps:

1. Your ability to get out of your house during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Make sure alarms are working correctly.

2. Draw a map of your home and show all doors and windows. Visit each room and work to find two ways out, if possible. Make sure all windows and doors are opening easily. If not, help them.

3. Once you come up with a plan, practice it. Make sure your plan has a meeting place outside and talk about your plan with everyone in your home.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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In the immediate future, the basketball and tennis courts at Whitecliff Park have been replaced and we expect the new pavilion near the Whitecliff Quarry to be installed by the end of the year.

Next year, the City intends to replace the pedestrian bridge in Sanders Park over Gravois Creek, to install a pedestrian bridge over Mulberry Creek from Sheryl Ann Drive to Whitecliff Park, and to replace the main Park entrance bridge over Gravois Creek. The Board of Aldermen had recently approved the hiring of engineers to design the Mulberry Creek Bridge, and we are excited to finally be on the cusp of finishing that long-desired project.

We continue to improve the City's infrastructure. Street work has been completed for the year, while sidewalk repair and installation of new sidewalks will occur this fall. The City will also be installing additional street lights in areas of need this fall, and is coordinating with MSD on needed stormwater projects.

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Oct. 7, 8, & 9, 7:30 P.M. (All Ages)

\$3/child and \$5/adult

Whitecliff Outdoor Stage

Bring your lawn chair/blanket to enjoy one more performance of the summer musical theatre. Tickets go on sale starting at 6:30 P.M. before each performance. Concessions are available or bring your own food and drinks (no glass).

NERFWARS

Fri Oct. 28, 6:30-7:30 P.M. (All Ages)

\$10 per person

Crestwood Community Center

Let the battle begin! Grab your family for the ultimate indoor NerfWar in Crestwood. Safety glasses and Nerf darts are provided, so all you need to bring is a Nerf gun and a guardian (No automatic guns please). Registration is required by Oct. 27.

In conjunction with the architects and MoDOT, the City is working on designing a median beautification project on Watson Road involving lighting, plantings, and artwork to be installed in 2024, during the repaving of Watson Road by MoDOT, which will beautify the main thoroughfare of Crestwood.

We are excited to have cut the ribbons on the new Aldi and the new McDonald's, and economic activity along the Watson Road corridor continues to be robust following the approval of the Dierbergs/McBride Crestwood Crossings project.

The residential housing market in Crestwood also continues to be strong. Not only did McBride have an overwhelming response to the sale of new homes at Crestwood Crossing, but over the past year, community wide home prices continued to climb, and almost 65% went under contract in less than a week.

Lastly, with kids back in school and the days getting shorter, please slow down in residential neighborhoods, be mindful of pedestrians, and respectful of your neighbors.

Grant J. Mabie

Mayor

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, NOV. 11, 24, 25

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., OCT. 11 & 25, NOV. 8 & 22

75TH CELEBRATION DAY

All Day, OCT. 15

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN FEST

11 A.M., OCT. 29

75TH TRIVIA NIGHT

7 P.M., NOV. 12

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