

# CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS



During our 75th Anniversary year in 2022, the Crestwood community celebrated our history since 1947. Before we officially turn the page, here are some of the highlights of the City during these past 75 years:

Originally incorporating as a Village with a few subdivisions and a few hundred residents, the City had a part-time police department that actually used their own cars until the early 1950s and a

volunteer fire department that housed their first pumper truck at a local service station on Highway 66 at Sappington Road

Now known as Watson Road, the City of Crestwood grew as Historic Route 66 did. It housed

two of the nearly 320 miles of the route within Missouri, as Route 66 went from Chicago to Santa Monica, CA

Our community was home for more than 50 years to Crestwood Plaza - the first mall in the St. Louis region and at one point in time, the single largest tax payer in St. Louis County

The community is home to Father Dickson Cemetery, a historic African-American cemetery, which was added to the

National Register of Historic Places in October 2021

Two U.S. Presidents have visited the City of Crestwood either before or after their time in office – John F. Kennedy in October 1960 and Bill Clinton in August 2004

Crestwood is home to the first McDonalds in Missouri/first on Route 66 nationally, when it opened in 1958 and re-opened earlier this year

Currently, the City is home to more than 12,400 people, 4,800 households, and 350 business, all of which will continue to grow in the coming years

Finally, we thank everyone who served this community over the years, including the 126 people on the Board of Aldermen and the 18 who served as Mayor, as well as the hundreds and hundreds more that have donated their time and efforts to the City's Boards and Commissions

Over the course of the last 75 years, so much has changed, but there is one thing that remains the same – the residents of Crestwood are what makes this one of the premier communities in the St. Louis area.



## CRESTWOOD FY23 BUDGET APPROVED

As the end of 2022 approaches, the City is gearing up for the new year, which includes the approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 (January 1-December 31, 2023) budget.

During the November 22 Board of Alderman meeting, the Board gave approval to the approximately \$19.5 million budget (in total expenditures), which includes more than \$15 million in the general fund. The City is projecting nearly \$17.2 million in total revenue.

Here is a quick glimpse of the City's four major funds - general, parks and stormwater, capital improvement and sewer lateral:

### General Fund

The general fund budget for FY23 is greater than \$15 million and is the primary funding source used by the police, fire, public works and general administration departments. Some of the most noteworthy budget items that are funded within the general fund include:

- High-quality median project on Watson Road, around the new Crestwood Crossing
- Additional equipment (medical supplies, stretchers, etc.) needed to operate the City's ambulance program
- Traffic calming measures, starting with Garber Road
- City-owned drone (within the PD)
- New streetlights, up to \$40,000
- Whitecliff Bridge Construction in 2023 (more to come next issue)
- Sanders Bridge Construction
- Whitecliff Community Center outdoor lighting

### Parks and Stormwater Fund

Within the parks and stormwater fund, the City has budgeted nearly \$2.5 million in expenditures.

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# NEWS BLURBS

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 4

The City of Crestwood's general municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. On the ballot this year for all voters of Crestwood will be the election of Mayor, for a term of three (3) years, which shall expire in April 2026. Candidates seeking to file shall do so between Tuesday, December 6 at 8:00 A.M. to Tuesday, December 27 at 5:00 P.M. For any questions about filing for office in Crestwood, contact the City Clerk Helen Ingold at 314-729-4711.

## PARKS PAVILION RENTALS

Beginning on January 3, 2023, pavilion rental rates in the City's parks will increase. The new resident rate is \$60, while the non-resident rate is \$120. As a reminder, reservations are available between April 1 and October 31, and can be made up to a year in advance, so it's not too early to schedule those parties, gatherings, and other events. If you are in need of a pavilion for 2023, please call 314-729-4860 or visit the Community Center in Whitecliff Park to book one.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLE EVENT

The City will be hosting an electronics recycling event on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 AM-Noon. It is free to recycle nearly everything with a cord (excluding televisions and CRT monitors, which run between \$5-50 per item).

## STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Ameren is responsible for maintaining all streetlights in the City. If you see any streetlights that are out, please help the City and your neighbors out by reporting it to Ameren, by phone at 1-800-552-7583 or by email at [servicerequests@ameren.com](mailto:servicerequests@ameren.com). The only information needed to file a request for service is the address - and when possible, the actual tag number on the pole (which looks like a dog tag, roughly eye level, on the light pole itself).

# PROJECT UPDATES FROM FY2022



As 2022 is wrapping up, the City wanted to update everyone as to the progress of the projects that were completed or nearing completion:

## Police Department

The Police Department had a complete remodel of their station, to include new restrooms, locker rooms, office spaces, furniture, and other various updates to the 1970s original space. Additionally, they also received three vehicle replacements, including the fleet's first F-150 in history.

## Fire Department

The Fire Department upgraded their station house to include new flooring, lighting, and paint colors. The City also put significant resources into the Department's apparatuses with the purchase of a new fire engine and two new ambulances, to be delivered in 2023.

## Public Works

The City spent more than \$1.5 million on street repairs for almost 30 streets throughout the City - a project that equates to more than 50,000 square yards of concrete and asphalt.

## Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department has had several pretty large updates going on over the past 12 months. In addition to the near completion of the Parks master plan, the biggest addition of the year was the new Whitecliff Quarry pavilion.

The City has also done significant improvements around the parks, including rebuilding/resurfacing the Whitecliff Park basketball and tennis courts, resurfacing the Sanders Park playground, and other maintenance upgrades to the Community and Aquatic Centers.

# i3 BROADBAND INTERNET INSTALL

The City will be receiving a new broadband service provider over the course of 2023, with the installation of fiber internet by i3 Broadband. i3 will be installing their fiber throughout the City, within the public right-of-way, over the course of the next 12 months. Their goal is to connect every property within the City.

As they go through their permitted sectors installing the lines, the company will also dispatch community liaisons to hand-deliver instructions as well as an-



swer questions from residents as to the product and installation process.

They are responsible for all cleanup work and restoring properties to their original condition. Should you have issues with this process, please contact i3 directly by phone at 877-976-0711 or at [engineering@i3broadband.com](mailto:engineering@i3broadband.com).

# CHRISTMAS IN CRESTWOOD 2022



Christmas in Crestwood's Jollification Specialists have planned a wonderful set of fun and free events for the 2022 holiday season. Here are some of the most important details:

- The headlining event will be on Saturday, December 3, when Santa Comes to Crestwood. This includes Winter Wonderland (with activities and giveaways for kids), the goody bag food drive, the Santa Car Cruise - a 6.5-mile caravan around all four of Crestwood's wards, and a fireworks display to close out the day.
- The Where's Santa? Photographic Scavenger Hunt, with just 12 clue locations this year, will run through December 31.
- The essay contest for both students and adults will include an essay titled, "What I Love About Crestwood!" This also runs thru the 31st and can be dropped off at the Government Center dropbox.
- Christmas in Crestwood Radio will be back this year for the entire month of December with around-the-clock and commercial-free music at [www.stlouisclassicrock.com](http://www.stlouisclassicrock.com).
- On their website, Christmas In Crestwood also has some great "Shop Local, Shop Crestwood" tips for anyone needing those extra gift ideas to finish off their lists.

For more information about Christmas in Crestwood and to register for the car cruise, please visit [ChristmasinCrestwood.org](http://ChristmasinCrestwood.org).

# PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

## Save the Dates!

The Crestwood Community Center will be closed for cleaning December 12 - 16

## January Program Registration

New sessions starting up for:

Taekwondo  
Gymnastics  
Dance  
Fitness Classes

Register today at [www.cityofcrestwood.org](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org) or call (314) 729-4860

**PAINT & SIP**

Grab your friends, your drink of choice, and join us for our Paint & Sip on Monday, January 9th. Led by professional instructor, Megan Steinlage with Painting on the Rocks, you will leave with a canvas you can be proud of! All painting supplies and light snacks will be provided. Just bring yourself and your beverage of choice!

**Monday, January 9th**  
**6:00-9:00pm**  
**\$45/person**

This program will be held at the Crestwood Community Center

*Sweetheart Gnome*

**Day Trip to Quaint Country Churches**

**December 16, 2022**  
**9:30 am - 8 pm**

To Apple Creek churches we go! By motorcoach, join the tour of country churches adorned in Christmas finery sponsored by Historic Sappington House. Enjoy a home-style meal and shop for handmade crafts, wine and fine meats. Cost \$70. Registration deadline is December 6 with NO REFUNDS past that date. Call Crestwood Community Center at 314-729-4860 to register. Trip is weather permitting. Departure will be from the Community Center at 9:30 am.

## Candy Cane Hunt

Rudolph and his friends are up to their reindeer games and hid Santa's candy canes at Whitecliff Park! We need your help to find them all for Santa in time for Christmas!

Ages 2-5 Dec 17 Sat. 10-11am  
 Ages 6-8 Dec 20 Tues. 5-6pm  
 \$10 R, \$12 NR  
 (Ages 6-8 will need a flashlight)

## Letters to Santa

Kids, here is your chance to not only send your Christmas wish list to Santa, but receive a letter back from the Big Man as well! Along with your wish list, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Santa will reply to letters that are received at the address below between November 21 & December 15.

**Santa Claus**  
 Care of Crestwood Community Center  
 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane  
 Crestwood, MO 63126



# BUDGET APPROVED

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In addition to day-to-day operational costs, the City has also budgeted for large-scale projects such as resurfacing the Ferndale Park playground, continuing the redesign of Whitecliff Park lower area, and repairs to the Aquatic Center.

## Capital Improvement Fund

Within this fund, the FY23 budget will include approximately \$1.6 million in expenditures including nearly \$1 million for City-wide street repairs and more than

\$200,000 for two, new sidewalk projects - the first, along Elmont Lane, Westglen Drive, and Trelane Avenue and the second, on Pardee Road between Eddie and Park and Garber Roads.

## Sewer Lateral Fund

The Sewer Lateral Fund is specifically set aside to assist homeowners with sewer lateral repairs (within the rules of the program). The FY23 has approximately \$138,000 budgeted for those costs.

Please note: in the FY23 budget, the general fund has an estimated fund balance reserve of more than 50 percent, a sign of a healthy overall budget.



### City of Crestwood

Thursday, December 22  
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Community Center, Rooms 106/107  
9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, 63126

Masks optional. Appointments required.  
To schedule an appointment, scan QR code  
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401  
or online at [bloodcenter.org/group\\_grp\\_#11218](http://bloodcenter.org/group_grp_#11218)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the City website at  
[www.cityofcrestwood.org](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org)  
for any updates and cancellations.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, DEC. 26, JAN. 2, 16  
Half Day, DEC. 23, 30

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., DEC. 13, JAN. 10, 24

### CHRISTMAS IN CRESTWOOD THROUGH DEC. 31

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

9 A.M., DEC. 3

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### GOVERNMENT CENTER

314-729-4700  
Fax: 314-729-4794

### POLICE

Non Emergency:  
314-729-4800

### FIRE

Non Emergency:  
314-729-4742

### MUNICIPAL COURT

314-729-4776

### PUBLIC WORKS

314-729-4720

### COMMUNITY CENTER

314-729-4860  
[cityofcrestwood.org/parks](http://cityofcrestwood.org/parks)

### MAYOR

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314-729-4710  
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