

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I enjoyed celebrating Crestwood's 75th Anniversary with all of you in 2022, and am excited about the promising future that lies ahead as we look towards the next 25 years.

On January 17, the draft Park Master Plan was presented to the Crestwood Park Board. This Master Plan will guide the City as it makes park improvements for the next 10-15 years. This comprehensive document, the first in the City's history, was created after a year of formal surveying and work on the part of the Park Board, Crestwood City staff, elected officials, and consultants.

The plan will address all City parks and facilities throughout the City's park system particularly our '70s-era Community Center. While the building has served the City well, it is probably the most outdated community center in St. Louis County among cities of our size and stature.

While we're excited with the improvements outlined in the Master Plan, this is a plan that will have to be implemented over many years. Some of these improvements can be funded right away with cash-on-hand, at the same time others may not be funded for years, through the use of

park grants, capital funds, or even the issuance of bonds, depending upon the will of the public.

For more details on the plan, which are subject to change before being formally approved, the proposed Master Plan can be found on the City's website at www.cityofcrestwood.org/parksmasterplan or by scanning this QR code:



We strongly encourage all members of the public to review the Master Plan and provide feedback to the City and their Aldermen by February 17. The Board of Aldermen will be considering approval of the Master Plan at their meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The Crestwood Board of Aldermen approved a strong budget for 2023, with a variety of infrastructure and street projects funded. Among those projects include new sidewalks on Elmont Lane, Westglen Drive, Trelane Avenue, and Pardee Road, and substantial concrete slab replacements on Buxton Drive, Del Vista Drive, Joshua Drive, Laramie Drive, Lavant Drive, Sun Country Trail, and Rusticwood Trail.

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MARIJUANA SALES TAX ON BALLOT

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Crestwood residents will vote on Proposition M, a proposal to impose a three percent sales tax on the adult use of marijuana purchased within the City of Crestwood.

A simple majority is required to pass the measure. The Official Ballot Language is listed below:

Official Ballot Language

"Shall the City of Crestwood impose a sales tax of three percent (3.0%) on the sale of adult use marijuana within the City of Crestwood to provide funding for the City's police department, fire department, infrastructure, and other City needs?"

Yes

No

This proposal comes after Missouri voters in November approved an amendment to Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution allowing for the sale of recreational marijuana, effective December 8, 2022.

The approved Amendment 3 authorizes a city to impose an additional sales tax of up to three percent on the retail purchase of recreational marijuana, upon approval of the majority of qualified voters in such city. Currently, all sales tax on recreational marijuana goes to the State of Missouri's programs, with none of the money staying locally in the City of Crestwood.

If approved by a majority of qualified voters, Section 25-26 of the City Code will be amended and collection of said sales tax will be distributed to the City, starting in late 2023.

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

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 Proposition M. A simple majority is required to pass the measure. Also on the ballot for all voters is the election of Mayor, who is elected at-large from the City. The candidates are running for a three-year term, which shall expire in April 2026. One candidate filed for Mayor, Scott Shipley.

For a sample ballot or any questions about the General Municipal Election on April 4, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections at 314-615-VOTE or by email at vote@stlouis-countymo.gov.

PARKS HIRING FOR SUMMER

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking applications for anyone 16+ looking for a summer job. There are positions open for day camp staff, aquatic center concession and front desk staff, and fitness instructors.

In addition to a competitive hourly wage, new team members also get a FREE individual pool and community center membership. For more information on where to apply, please contact the Whitecliff Park Community Center in-person or by phone at 314-729-4860.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

For the upcoming April 4 General Municipal Election, the St. Louis County Election Board is in great need of 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 16 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.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HIRED

The City of Crestwood is pleased to announce that James Swingle has been hired to serve as the Director of Public Works. Mr. Swingle comes to the City from the Parkway School District, where he served as the Manager of Planning and Construction Services.

City Administrator Kris Simpson is excited to add Mr. Swingle to the team, stating, "James brings over 20 years of experience in construction and engineering, including the past decade with Parkway School District. His qualifications and commitment to public service are excellent and I know he will do a great job in service of our community."

Mr. Swingle graduated from Missouri S&T with a bachelors in Civil Engineering, where he was in the Army ROTC program.



He proudly served as an Army officer from 2001-09, including four years on active duty. Upon leaving active duty, he started in construction design and management in the St. Louis area. In 2012, Mr. Swingle started with Parkway School District as the owner's construction and design representative, and eventually ran a team who managed the design and construction for all construction projects in the school district. Outside of work, he is married to his wife Kim of 22 years, and has two boys, Drew and Collin.

"I look forward to expanding my public service from the School District to the entire City of Crestwood," Mr. Swingle said. "I am truly blessed to be here and look forward to meeting and working in this great community."

TRAFFIC CALMING EFFORTS EXPLAINED

Speeding is one of the top safety concerns that residents bring up each year. This year, the City will be exploring different ways to help slow people down.

The traditional "speed trap" works well when a police officer monitors speed on a street, but what happens when said officer is not on that street: the speeders return. One way to help reduce speed and improve streets is through roadway design, also known as traffic calming.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers defines traffic calming as the combination of measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. Traffic calming consists of physical design and other measures put in place on existing roads to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Have you ever been driving down a road and all of a sudden the driving lane nar-

rows, there is a painted crosswalk with bright signage, or a decorative island in the center of the road with flowers and a street lamp? These are examples of traffic calming.

The design of the roadway either forces the driver to slow down or sub-consciously slow down because of the objects seen. Sometimes as a by-product, depending on the traffic calming needs and design, there is a chance to bring beauty and identity to a street while accomplishing the goal of slowing down.

Traffic calming is one of many tools the City is using in their strategic traffic enforcement plan. We will continue to collect data, identify areas of concern, and create cost-effective action plans to address these concerns.

Public safety is a team effort between the Police Department and the community – only when we work together can we make a safer Crestwood.

2023 SAPPINGTON HOUSE EVENTS

2023 looks to be another fantastic year at the Historic Sappington House.

Located at 1015 S. Sappington Road, the Historic Sappington House grounds feature the Thomas Sappington House, the Library of Americana, the Barn Restaurant, the Loft Gift Shop, and the future home of the relocated Joseph Sappington Log House.

The tentative schedule of Spring events put on by the Sappington House Foundation will be headlined by the April 29-30 Eighth Annual Country Craft Festival, which will feature hand-made originals by talented vendors, old-time artisans plying their crafts, live music, food, activities, and much more.

There will also be a behind-the-scenes, professional cooking demonstration at The Barn Restaurant in March and an evening outdoor concert by Rock Opera (five performers that replicate the greatest hits of the '60s and '70s) in May.

For more information about the Sappington House and their events, please visit historicsappingtonhouse.org, visit their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/SappingtonHouseFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/SappingtonHouseFoundation) or give them a call directly at 314-822-8171.

PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER



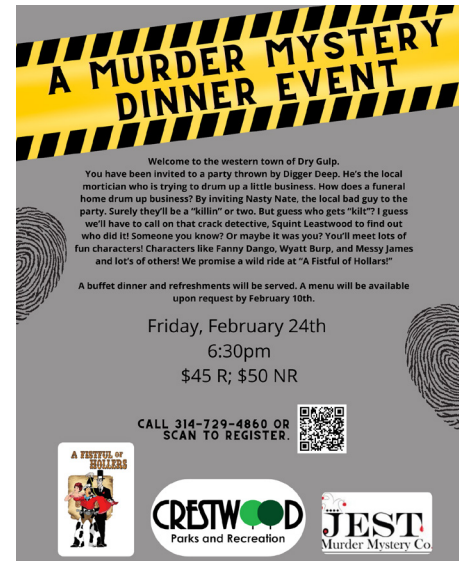
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FAMILY Valentine's BINGO

Gather up your family and join us at the Crestwood Community Center for an evening of Bingo! This program is family friendly and all ages are welcome. Pizza and refreshments will be served. 10 rounds of Bingo will be played with a prize for each round winner.

Thursday, February 9
6:00-7:30 pm
\$10 per person

BINGO



A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER EVENT

Welcome to the western town of Dry Gulch. You have been invited to a party thrown by Digger Deep. He's the local mortician who is trying to drum up a little business. How does a funeral home drum up business? By inviting Nasty Nate, the local bad guy to the party. Surely they'll be a "killing" or two. But guess who gets "killed"? I guess we'll have to call on that crack detective, Squint Leatwood to find out who did it! Someone you know? Or maybe it was you? You'll meet lots of fun characters! Characters like Fanny Dango, Wyatt Burp, and Messy James and lots of others! We promise a wild ride at "A Fistful of Hollars!"

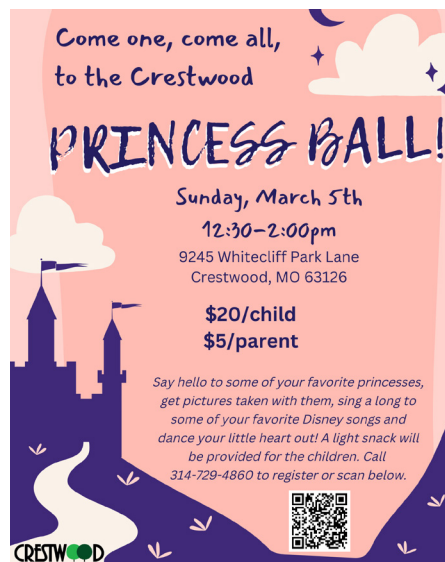
A buffet dinner and refreshments will be served. A menu will be available upon request by February 10th.

Friday, February 24th
6:30pm
\$45 R; \$50 NR

CALL 314-729-4860 OR
SCAN TO REGISTER.

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Come one, come all,
to the Crestwood

PRINCESS BALL!

Sunday, March 5th
12:30-2:00pm
9245 Whitecliff Park Lane
Crestwood, MO 63126

\$20/child
\$5/parent

Say hello to some of your favorite princesses, get pictures taken with them, sing a long to some of your favorite Disney songs and dance your little heart out! A light snack will be provided for the children. Call 314-729-4860 to register or scan below.

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Not Your Grandma's Bingo

Friday, March 24
7:00pm (doors open 6:30pm)
\$20 per ticket (ages 21+)
**pre-registration is required*

Who said grandma and grandpa should get all the fun? Join us at the Crestwood Community Center for a night of word bingo and other fun games! Round and game winners will be awarded. Bingo daubers will be provided.

Dress in costume as a grandma or grandpa & enter the costume contest- 1st place wins a prize! This event is *adults only*. Food and beverage are welcome (no glass bottles).

Register for the event here:

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The City's Department of Fire Services will have more updates upcoming as they are awaiting the delivery of two ambulances as well as the delivery of our new front-line pumper fire truck. This means the residents of Crestwood will soon be served by an entirely brand new fleet of fire apparatuses.

Over the course of 2023, the residents of Crestwood will be receiving a new broadband service provider with the installation of i3 Broadband fiber internet. i3 will be installing their fiber throughout the City,

within the public right-of-way, over the course of the 2023. This new entry into the broadband field will create additional competition with AT&T and Charter, and hopefully result in better prices and service for Crestwood residents.

We expect to see Dierbergs open this year, and a variety of other retailers and restaurants at Crestwood Crossing in the months to follow. We also expect construction to begin in earnest at the new McBride subdivision at Crestwood Crossing shortly. We are excited to welcome new residents and new members to our business community in our thriving City.

Finally, this will be my last newsletter before passing the torch to Ward 3 Alderman Scott Shipley who is running unopposed for Mayor in April 2023. I would like to thank you all for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your Mayor. I have tried to repay it to the best of my abilities, and it has been an honor and privilege to serve you. I will continue to do whatever I can to promote the success and prosperity of the City of Crestwood going forward.

And as always - please Shop Local, Shop Crestwood!

Grant J. Mabie
Mayor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, FEB. 20

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., FEB. 14, 28; MAR. 14, 28

A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

6:30 P.M., FEB. 24

THE PRINCESS BALL

12:30 P.M., MAR. 5

NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S BINGO

7 P.M., MAR. 24

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Non Emergency:
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