

# CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2023

## MEET THE MAYOR-ELECT

Earlier this month, on April 4, the voters elected Scott Shipley as Crestwood's next Mayor. He will be officially sworn in at the April 25 Board of Aldermen meeting, at which time he will assume the role and duties of Crestwood Mayor.

While the City normally shares a Mayor's message each April, this issue of the newsletter will be focused on formally introducing the community to Crestwood's Mayor-elect Shipley:

Former Alderman Shipley began his Crestwood public service career in 2019 when he was first elected as Ward 3 Alderman and was subsequently re-elected in 2021. He also served as President of the Board of Aldermen from 2020-2021 and as aldermanic representative on most of the City's boards and commissions.

Looking forward to this new challenge, Mayor-elect Shipley stated, "I proudly stand with Crestwood's City staff, the Board of Aldermen, and all the dedicated volunteers who serve on our City's boards and commissions. Together, we share a commitment to making Crestwood a great place to call home."

While first elected in 2019, Mayor-elect Shipley's ties to the Crestwood community are much deeper. Back in 1989, he and

his wife Amy chose to start a family and establish roots here in Crestwood. They soon became active members of Our Lady of Providence church and raised four children. Together as a family, they developed a strong sense of faith and a commitment to serving others.

Shipley earned a master's degree in Telecommunications & Information Management from Washington University

and went on to enjoy a successful 30-year career with Southwestern Bell and AT&T, where he worked in IT and sales. In 2014, he was blessed with the opportunity to retire early.

Embracing this new chapter, he decided to start a small business and devote more time to giving back to his community

through various service projects with his church, the Boy Scouts, and other local organizations. Since then, Shipley has been able to pursue his passions to hopefully make an impact to those in our community.

As Crestwood's future Mayor, Shipley plans to focus heavily on community engagement, park improvements, and long-term planning for city infrastructure and services.



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## VANDALISM HITS CRESTWOOD PARKS

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP  
OUR PARKS SAFE AND CLEAN  
FOR EVERYONE!



The City of Crestwood needs your help to keep our Parks system one of the best in the St. Louis area.

Since the beginning of 2023 there have been three instances of significant property damage at Whitecliff Park. In January, a support railing within the Aquatics Center was damaged; in February, a door on a storage shed was damaged; and most recently, in March, the new fence around the observation deck at the Whitecliff Quarry was damaged.

There have also been smaller incidents of damage that have occurred at several of our other parks throughout the City.

This type of damage does serious harm to the City from the economic costs (damages can range in the tens of thousands of dollars) to the opportunity costs (time, energy, missed possibilities, etc.). The damage also ruins the potential benefits and overall beauty of our Parks for all residents and visitors.

The City is taking active steps at securing our parks, but we can use your help. To achieve our goal of providing superior parks and recreation, the City is asking for you to share with us if you see anything going on. To this end, the police department is offering a \$500 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this damage.

Let's work together to keep our parks beautiful!

# NEWS BLURBS

## 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.

## PARKS MASTER PLAN

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is currently in front of the Board of Aldermen for final approval. This Master Plan will guide the City as it makes park improvements for the next 10-15 years.

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/parks-masterplan](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org/parks-masterplan) or by scanning this QR code:



## BURNING LEAVES PROHIBITED

The Crestwood Department of Fire Services would like to remind all residents that burning leaves and trash is strictly prohibited within St. Louis County and the City of Crestwood, noting "All open burning of yard waste including leaves, brush, or tree trimmings is prohibited."

## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

The Department of Public Works would like to remind everyone to remove mold off of all surfaces from siding to fencing, particularly in the spring. This ensures that all surfaces are maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition at all times.

# PUBLIC WORKS CORNER: SEWER LATERAL

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The City's Public Works Department administers many different programs for residents of Crestwood, including the sanitary sewer lateral program.

This particular program is of note for two reasons – one, residents already pay for the program. Implemented in 1999, all residents pay a \$28 assessment collected each year on their personal property taxes.

Two, the program is one of the least understood, which is why this article is going to try its best to explain some of the differences that apply to this program:

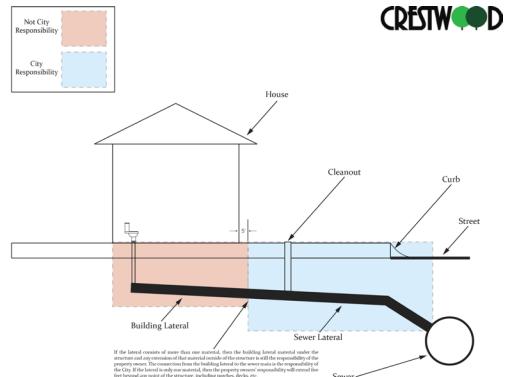
### What is a lateral sewer line and why is it important?

Working backwards, down the middle of the street, the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) built sewer collection lines that run down the middle of each block and steer waste to MSD's wastewater treatment plants. What connects each property to those collection line runs are underground pipes called 'sewer lateral' lines.

While these pipes that lead to your home are designed to last for more than 50 years, many things can happen to require their replacement sooner. For example, if your household has kids, they can flush all sorts of items down the toilet in just those moments where they sneak off alone. If kids do flush toys, clothing, or other objects down the toilet, those items might never make it through the lateral line. As these items collect, they obstruct the line, create blockages, and eventually lead to those disgusting sewer backups in our homes.

Not only is this a stinky cause of concern for your family, it could also be much more costly as a problem with your lateral sewer line could cause noteworthy damage to the foundation of your property or even damage your neighbor's property.

*Please note that these blockages are YOUR responsibility, not the City of Crestwood... but we are here to help.*



Each property owner can get a relatively inexpensive assessment done by a plumbing company, who can tell you if they see blockages when your property is dealing with a sewer issue. Depending on what that blockage is, may qualify you for monetary assistance from the city.

### Crestwood's Sewer Lateral Program

The sewer piping in the ground was not meant to last forever and the City recognizes we are a mature City where our infrastructure is showing its age.

If replacement is required, Crestwood's sewer lateral program provides residents a means to repair failing sewer laterals without having to directly pay for this expensive work outright. The City of Crestwood has a quality Sewer Lateral Assistance Program that can be read about here: <https://www.cityofcrestwood.org/182/Sewer-Lateral-Program>.

While the program does not cover the cost of routine maintenance of the sanitary sewer line, it can pay for the repair of nearly any broken section of a sewer lateral from outside the house foundation wall to MSD's main sewer line.

As previously noted, for any homeowner who didn't know what a sewer lateral line was, they probably didn't know that regular service and maintenance could be performed every year or two to keep the lateral sewer line clear. Options include using RootX, a foaming root control which kills roots without harming pipes as well as calling in a licensed plumber to do an annual cabling and cleaning of the pipes.

# SAPP HOUSE EVENTS



## Eighth Annual Country Craft Fair

April 29th-30th ~ 9:00am-3:00pm  
at the Historic Sappington House

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 animals to pet. Kids will have fun at the Younguns Outpost, with a costumed passport program for craft activities. Free admission and parking at Crestwood Elementary School and in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue. In case of severe inclement weather, the fair will be rescheduled for June 24-25.

Vendors and Historic Demonstrators- contact Dyann Dierkes by calling (314) 605-5895 or by email at [dyann@historicsappingtonhouse.org](mailto:dyann@historicsappingtonhouse.org)



Call (314) 822-8171 for more information



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"As a result of many years of careful planning and disciplined spending, our City enjoys a strong financial footing," Shipley noted. "We hope to leverage that position going forward to accomplish exciting new improvements for our parks and facilities."

However, recent dramatic price increases and shortages of new-hire applicants highlight the need for a long-term roadmap of the city's financial future, Shipley added.

"While our streets are repaired each year, about 30% have issues hidden below

# PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER



## Citywide Yard Sale Saturday, April 22

Spring cleaning is here and now is your chance to participate in Crestwood's Citywide Sale! Visit the Crestwood Community Center or online at [cityofcrestwood.org](http://cityofcrestwood.org) to register for free. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 19 at 8:00 am. Maps and list of addresses will be available ONLINE via Facebook and Instagram by the end of business day, Friday, April 21.



## Paint & Sip

Grab some friends and join us for an evening of fun, as we paint something perfect for a St. Louis sports fan!

Included in your registration is the painting and supplies as well as light appetizers/snacks. 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 from Painting on the Rocks. You will leave with a canvas you can be proud of, and the memory of a great evening!

Monday, April 24th

6:30-9:00pm

S45R: \$54 NR

Registration Deadline: Jan. 6

To register, call 314-729-4860  
or visit our website!



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the surface that will require their full replacement in the coming decades. We will need to identify these significant future costs, plan for them, and do what's needed to ensure that we address this challenge."

In the end, Mayor-elect Shipley wants to emphasize his willingness to be there for the community he loves.

"Our residents deserve a hometown that strives to provide personal safety, a healthy and sustainable environment, excellent schools, attractive neighborhoods, exceptional outdoor spaces, dependable infrastructures, well-planned commercial amenities, and engaging activities for all," Mayor-elect

Shipley said. "Realizing this vision will require building strong community support, as well as fostering a government workplace that prioritizes integrity, continuous improvement, and extraordinary service. By working together with residents, we can ensure that their needs and priorities are reflected in everything we do."

"Feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or to just talk about our community and how we can improve it. As mayor, I represent you and your neighbors and will strive to make Crestwood a great place to live for all of us. I look forward to meeting you."



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## 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, MAY 29  
Half Day, APR 7 (closed at noon)

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., APR 11, 25, May 23

### 8TH ANNUAL COUNTRY CRAFT FAIR AT THE HISTORIC SAPPINGTON HOUSE

9:00 A.M., APR 29-30

### SPLASHTACULAR

5 P.M., MAY 26

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