

# CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

MARCH-APRIL 2024



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On a recent hike on a quiet Whitecliff Park trail, I was thinking how lucky I am to live in Crestwood. People tell me the same thing all the time - Crestwood is such a great community and a wonderful place to live. As I hiked, I began to reflect upon the 1946 classic, "It's a Wonderful Life", where George Bailey is toasted as 'the richest man in town'. It's not his wealth that's celebrated, but the wealth of his community relationships. That toast also echoes the spirit of our community.

Crestwood is much like Bedford Falls, a community created from acts of kindness, neighborly love, and shared responsibility. I've seen remarkable examples of this spirit in action: from dedicated volunteers at honeysuckle hacks and park clean-ups, to the simple acts of good neighbors, be it a friendly chat, a helping hand with yard work, or a warm greeting in the grocery store aisle. These moments make Crestwood a vibrant and caring community.

For that reason, I'm also excited about the

plans for the proposed new community center and park improvements included in Proposition A. Proposition A provides for a modern building and additional programs for seniors, adults, and families; and space where all generations can unite, grow, and foster our community.



This Proposition provides an opportunity for Crestwood to have a lasting legacy, cherishing the values and connections we uphold today. It's about making a meaningful impact that will resonate for years to come.

Proposition A is an investment in the heart of Crestwood. This will be a place for fitness, a place for growth, a place for community, a place for all of us.

Let's continue to nurture these bonds, support one another, and build upon the strong community foundation we have. Your voice and participation are vital in shaping the future of Crestwood. I encourage you to look for opportunities to participate, such as hosting a block party this year, attending our summer

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## GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 2



Calling voters of Crestwood! This year's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. On the ballot for all residents of Crestwood will be Proposition A - a Special Bond Election. To pass this measure, a 57.14% majority of all Crestwood voters is required. The Official Ballot Language is listed below:

### City of Crestwood Proposition A

"Shall the City of Crestwood, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$ 33,340,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new community center; renovating existing recreation facilities, and undertaking other park and recreation improvements in and adjacent to City of Crestwood parks?"

Yes

No

Additionally, voters will elect four aldermen, one from each of the City's four wards to serve until April 2027.

For any questions regarding the General Municipal Election in April, from where to vote to how to view a sample ballot, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections by email at [vote@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:vote@stlouiscountymo.gov), by phone at 314-615-1800, or click this QR code to visit the Board of Elections website.



# NEWS BLURBS

## WASTE CONNECTIONS UPDATE

As of March 1, Waste Connections will require that all waste containers be automation compatible. They will be delivering containers to all houses to help comply with these requirements. If your house did not receive them, or you have any questions about trash, recycling, or yard waste, please contact Waste Connections at 636-321-2100.

## PARKS MASTER PLAN

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, approved by the Board of Aldermen, will guide the City as it makes improvements to all seven Crestwood parks over the next 10-15 years. For more details on the Parks Master Plan, please visit the City's website at [www.cityofcrestwood.org/parksmasterplan](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org/parksmasterplan) or by scanning this QR code



## ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

For the upcoming April 2 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 at least \$250 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](mailto:jmchugh@stlouiscountymo.gov) or by phone at 314-615-1858.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

As a yearly reminder, please remember to take care of your property. All grass must be below 7" in length at all times and all grass clippings should either be spread out and mulched into the lawn or bagged and properly disposed of, not left in piles on the lawn. If you would like to report a concern, please visit the City website or email [codeenforcement@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:codeenforcement@cityofcrestwood.org).

# STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES

The Board of Aldermen held their annual goal setting workshop for the purpose of deciding long-term strategic priorities for the City.

"I'm proud of the strategic direction our Board has set for 2024. The priorities and goals are important to all of us and reflect the character of Crestwood," said Mayor Scott Shipley. "These goals are not just a roadmap for our city's development; they are a commitment to our residents' quality of life."

During this year's workshop, the Board of Aldermen set a focus on five pillars – Governmental Excellence, Vision and Growth, Quality of Life, Premier Public Safety, and Engaged and Connected Community.

## Governmental Excellence

Within governmental excellence, the objectives are to keep the City fiscally responsible and transparent, promote a highly trained and qualified staff, and provide high-quality customer service to all residents. Some of the projects intended to achieve those objectives include providing online permit capability, implementing a long-term maintenance plan for all City-owned properties, and reviewing the City's recruitment and retention strategies.

## Vision and Growth

The objectives of this pillar are supporting economic development, improving public infrastructure, and promoting a well-maintained and attractive community. Specific projects include working with MoDOT and Metro to install new bus stops along Watson Road, developing a sidewalk expansion policy, and working through an overall City beautification plan, which includes additional art and signage.

## Quality of Life

The quality of life objectives focus on promoting physical and emotional health through quality parks, facilities, and programs. A continued effort in creative

## LONG TERM PRIORITIES



GOVERNMENTAL EXCELLENCE



VISION AND GROWTH



QUALITY OF LIFE



PREMIER PUBLIC SAFETY



ENGAGED AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

programming for all ages and developing a long-term parks improvement and maintenance plan is just one of the projects.

## Premier Public Safety

Ensuring effective emergency response capabilities, leveraging infrastructure to improve public safety and active community engagement are focused objectives for this pillar. In addition to ongoing improvements already underway, the projects associated with premier public safety include expanded implementation of the City's traffic calming and streetlight policies.

## Engaged and Connected Community

This pillar is focused on community involvement through outreach and transparency. These projects include an increase in event signage and City updates throughout the community, implementing more access to elected officials and City staff, and promoting additional volunteer opportunities and events for all residents and businesses within Crestwood.

"To make these goals a reality, I encourage every resident to engage with us—attend city meetings, participate in community events, and provide your feedback," Mayor Shipley noted. "Your involvement is key to our success. Let's work together to make Crestwood a great place for all of us."

To learn more about Crestwood's strategic goals, please visit our website at [www.cityofcrestwood.org/goals](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org/goals).



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outdoor concert series, or signing up for classes at the community center. Invite a neighbor too! These are excellent ways to connect and engage with our vibrant community.

Your thoughts, feedback, and ideas are always welcome and are an important part of Crestwood's growth and prosperity. If you have any positive ideas for Crestwood or simply want to say hello, please don't hesitate to call, or email me. I am genuinely looking forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts.

Together, we can ensure that Crestwood continues to be not just a place to live, but a place to thrive. Your involvement and care for each other make Crestwood a remarkable place to live and is a reminder that, like George Bailey, the true wealth of our city lies in its people and the connections we build.

## PROP A TOWN HALLS

The City is hosting three informational town halls on Proposition A in March at the Community Center in Whitecliff Park. For more information on Prop A, please visit [www.CityofCrestwood.org/PropA](http://www.CityofCrestwood.org/PropA) and check out the enclosed insert.

### CRESTWOOD

## Town Hall Meetings

**1** Tuesday, March 19 from 6:00-8:00pm

**2** Wednesday, March 27 from 6:00-8:00pm

**3** Saturday, March 30 from 10:00am-Noon



**Crestwood Community Center**  
 9245 Whitecliff Park Ln

# PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

## Mom Prom

### Saturday, March 16

9245 Whitecliff Park Lane  
Crestwood, MO 63126

**\$30 per ticket**  
7:00-10:00pm (doors open 6:30)

Calling all ladies...Leave the fella's at home, grab your gal pals, put on a fancy dress, and come dance the night away! Winners will be awarded for the Tackiest Dress, Best Dancer, and a Prom Queen will even be crowned. The evening will feature a DJ, drinks/appetizers, contests, and photo opportunities. In addition to ticket purchases, we ask that a donation be brought for the Crestwood Animal Shelter which can be dropped at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 314.729.4860 or by scanning the QR code below.

**CONTESTS FOR**  
 Tackiest Dress  
 Best Dancer  
 Prom Queen



Scan here to  
register online



## Easter Egg Scramble

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

### 10:00AM SHARP

### \$5/TICKET



SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS

Hop on down to Whitecliff Park and join in the Easter Egg Scramble! Kids ages 2-10 can hunt for eggs filled with sweet treats and secret treasures in one of 9 specific age areas. Get a chance to meet and take a quick pic with the famous Peter Cottontail himself! If rain tries to spoil the fun, we'll just move the party inside the Community Center. Hurry up and grab your tickets while they are available before March 22 @ 5 pm, or you might miss all the egg-citing action!



## Bunco Night

### Friday, April 26

### 7:00pm (doors open @ 6:30)

### \$20/person

Are you an Experienced Bunco player or a Bunco Beginner? No matter your skill level, this will be a night you don't want to miss!

A review of rules & a practice lesson for new players will take place before the FUN begins.

Wine, soft drinks, and appetizers will be available at no charge. Pre-registration is required by 8pm on Thursday, April 25.

Prizes will be awarded to Most Buncos, Most Mini Buncos, Most Wins, Equal Wins/Losses, Most Losses, and Attendance Prizes!




Scan to register or call us at 314-729-4860!

## The Haunted Hunter Murder Mystery Dinner

### Friday, April 12th ~ Doors open at 6:30pm

### \$45 Res/\$54 Non-Res

Welcome to the most haunted place in America. The rumor is true! Word on the street? This place is haunted! That's right! ...and lots of famous sleuths, detectives and ghost hunters from around the world will be there to catch a glimpse of our famous, and elusive ghost "Billy". Gee, if someone gets "Whacked", we'll have plenty of detectives to solve the crime, won't we?!? Everyone plays a part- You could be "Sherlock Holmes", "Miss Garble", or even "The Hardy Boys". A buffet dinner and non-alcoholic refreshments will be served (attendees may bring their own alcohol). Please advise of any food allergies at the time of registration. Dinner menu will be available March 29th. Doors open at 6:30 and the mystery will begin promptly at 7pm. Dinner will be served following the first act at roughly 7:45pm





Scan here to register online



## Ninth Annual Country Craft Fair

### April 27th and 28th

### 9:00-3:00 pm 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 delicious food and animals to pet. Kids will have fun at the Young'uns Outpost, with a costumed passport program for craft activities. Free admission and parking across the street at Crestwood Elementary School and south of the pond in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue. Phone 314-822-8171 for more information.

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





## NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

Are you 16+ and looking for a summer job? If you join the Crestwood Parks and Recreation team, you'll get a FREE Individual Pool AND Community Center Membership!

- Aquatic Concession Staff (starting at \$12.30/hr)
- Aquatic Front Desk Staff (starting at \$12.30/hr)
- Camp Counselors (starting at \$15/hr)




Scan QR to apply!



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### PROPOSITION A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**  
Half Day, MAR 29

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEETINGS**  
7 P.M., MAR 12, 26; APR 9, 23

**PROPOSITION A TOWN HALLS**  
6 P.M., TUES, MAR 19,  
6 P.M., WED, MAR 27  
10 A.M., SAT, MAR 30

**9TH ANNUAL COUNTRY CRAFT  
FESTIVAL (AT SAPP HOUSE)**  
9 A.M. - 3 P.M., APR 27-28

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
314-729-4700

**POLICE**  
Non Emergency:  
314-729-4800

**FIRE**  
Non Emergency:  
314-729-4740

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
314-729-4720

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

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