

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

MAY-JUNE 2024



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

"So, what's going on in Crestwood?"

That's a common question I hear from people who live outside of our area. For the past few years, it's been great to share news about the construction at Crestwood Crossing, the new businesses in our City, and the renovations that other businesses have undertaken. We all share in that success, and people outside of Crestwood have noticed.

In 2024, we have a new chapter of that story to share. As you surely know, Proposition A passed with 60 percent support citywide. This marks a new milestone for Crestwood, and again, we will all share in that success.

The changes coming as part of Prop-A are historic for Crestwood and should not be underestimated. They will help bring everyone together as a community and will literally help to improve our health and wellbeing. Designs for the new building will be finalized by the end of the year with construction planned to

begin in 2025.

There are more exciting and important projects happening all around the City this year. This includes more than \$1 million in improvements to our streets and sidewalks as well as many new parks projects. Ferndale Park will see a completely new and upgraded playground. The main bridge into Whitecliff will be replaced, starting after the summer busy season. The Aquatic Center will get a new roof after 20+ years of service. A new restroom will be installed at the Quarry, and the Whitecliff lower parking

lot will be expanded to handle the increased popularity of that site. Sanders and Spellman Parks will receive improved lighting. And thanks to a dedicated Crestwood volunteer, all the windows at the Historic Sappington House are being restored.

The Fire Department will take delivery of the City's new firetruck this spring that has been planned for many years,

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PROP A UPDATE

With the April 2 General Election, the voters of Crestwood approved Proposition A for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a new community center, renovating the existing facility, and undertaking other park and recreation improvements within Crestwood parks.

With this voter approval, the City will work with the project architects, engineers, and other experts and stakeholders to formalize construction plans with the goal of going to bid for a general contractor in Spring 2025.

From there, construction of the new community center and the nature playscape is scheduled to begin soon after in 2025, with possible completion by the end of 2026.

Once that portion of the project is complete, the existing building will be reimaged and turned into the pickleball and family games complex. That portion of the project is anticipated to take another 18 months, pending the opening of the new center.

As for the other projects, the new playground and surfacing replacement at Crestwood Park will be completed in 2025, while the loop trail addition and pedestrian bridge from Lodge Pole/Sheryl Ann at Whitecliff Park will be done in a yet to be determined time frame, most likely between 2025-2027.

The timeline of these projects will be finalized in connection with the completion of the Whitecliff Park Lane bridge replacement project, as to minimize the usage of Vauk Drive.

For additional information on the Prop A improvements, please visit our website at www.cityofcrestwood.org.



NEWS BLURBS

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Tuesday, April 2 was the general municipal election throughout the State of Missouri. On the ballot for all voters was Proposition A. That ballot measure passed with 2,183 votes for and 1,467 votes against.

Additionally, in each of the City's four wards, four aldermen were elected to serve three-year terms through April 2027. They are:

- Ward 1: Jesse Morrison
- Ward 2: Rebecca Now
- Ward 3: Grant Mabie
- Ward 4: John Sebben

CDBG HEARING ON MAY 28

At the May 28 Board of Aldermen meeting, the City will be holding their official public hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 314-729-4700.

ETCH-AND-CATCH PROGRAM

For those that might have missed the update last year, the police department has partnered with local repair shops to uniquely identify the catalytic convertor on your vehicle. The repair shop, free of charge, will etch your license plate number on your convertor, which will help deter theft, and if stolen, can assist in the investigation into the theft. More details and a list of participating repair shops can be found on the police department page of the City website.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

As a reminder, please make sure to continuously 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 need to report a concern, please visit the City website or email codeenforcement@cityofcrestwood.org.

CITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The City of Crestwood is known for their premier public safety and superior parks and recreation services. What some in the community may not know about is how many services the City provides that are free, or low-cost, to residents of Crestwood.

For example, if you are interested in receiving a FREE street tree planted for you along your property, from our trained professionals in the parks maintenance division, please reach out to our parks and recreation department. Applications can be found on the City's website and are accepted on an ongoing basis, throughout the year. Trees are limited annually due to budgetary constraints, so this is a first come, first serve basis. Trees are typically planted in the fall, when they have the best chance of survival. *Please note, not all properties can accommodate a street tree, so restrictions apply.*

The parks department also has a commemorative tree/bench program, where parks staff will work with the applicant on where to locate the tree/bench in one of the City parks. The application can be found on the City's website and has an associated fee.

Fire Department

The Crestwood department of fire services provides free assistance replacing batteries in smoke detectors for elderly Crestwood residents. All the resident needs to do is reach out to the crews on duty and they will investigate smoke detectors and replace batteries for those residents in need of that service. To contact the fire department, please dial their main directory at 314-729-4740.

The department also provides free CPR and AED training as well as fire extinguisher training for schools, businesses, and community groups in Crestwood. Those interested in said training can reach out to the department's deputy chiefs for more information and scheduling.

Police Department

One of the many services that the police department provides is the free vacation watch service. If you are away on vacation, patrol officers will check on your address multiple times to make sure the home and property are safe and secure. A vacation watch request can be submitted through the police department page on the City website.

The department also has their own free, Tip411 smartphone app that can be found by searching Crestwood MO PD on Google Play or the Apple App Store. The app lets users send anonymous tips directly to and receive important alerts directly from the department. Users can also start an anonymous, two-way conversation with an officer/detective, which has led to important leads and cases closed throughout the time the department has been utilizing the app.

The police department is always willing to provide a tour of the station or provide safety talks to your organization, group, or business. Tours and presentations can be arranged by contacting the Community Resource Officer, Dion Olson at dolson@cityofcrestwood.org or by phone at 314-729-4824..

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

Any City of Crestwood resident(s) or neighborhood group could be eligible to receive up to a \$500 grant to beautify a public right-of-way, public space, common ground, or even private property with one of the City's beautification grants. FY2024 grants will be accepted through this July.

For more information about the program, which is administered by the City's parks and recreation department, please visit the City website or reach out to the grant liaison Phil Lanio at planio@cityofcrestwood.org.

REMINDER: ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION

Recently, it has come to the City's attention that there are multiple residences within the City that do not have approved address identification posted on the exterior of their property.

This is concerning to the City as a lack of proper identification can delay an emergency response in the event you or your neighbors might need assistance.

Residential and commercial buildings are required to place the numerical address of the building in a conspicuous location that is visible from the street.

On a residential structure, for example, this identification is typically put around the front door, above the garage, and/or on the mailbox in the right-of-way.

For reference, the posted address characters must follow these guidelines:

- Characters shall contrast with the background
- Address numbers should be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters
- Numbers shall not be spelled out
- Each character shall not be less than 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch

If you should have any questions, please reach out to the fire department at 314-729-4740.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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along with a second ambulance towards the end of the year.

April of this year also marked a new chapter for our Board of Aldermen. Justin Charboneau completed his third and final consecutive term as Ward 2 Alderman. During that time, he served with distinction on multiple committees and boards. I thank him for that service. I also welcome Rebecca Now, who was elected as Ward 2's new Alderperson. She has previously served on the Crestwood

PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CRESTWOOD
Parks and Recreation

May 17
Star Party

@ Whitecliff Crestwood Park

May 24
Splashtacular

@ Whitecliff Aquatic Center

June 13-16
Summer Playhouse: Disenchanted the Musical

@ Whitecliff Park

June 21
Date Night at the Quarry: Dirty Dancing (21+)

@ Whitecliff Quarry

314.729.4860

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Park Board, and I look forward to working with her and the entire Board of Aldermen.

Once again, this year we will host an Electronics Recycling Day and Paper Shred Day. These events have been very popular during the past few years, and each year we fill more trucks and keep actual tons of trash out of our landfills. The Electronics Recycling Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, and the Paper Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 12. More details will be shared as we get closer to these dates.

I'm excited about the improvements happening in 2024, and we have more planned for 2025. These changes and updates will benefit adults, families, children, and seniors by creating A Place For Everyone.

That place isn't just a new community center or a new playground, but that place is Crestwood, and together we make it special and share in its successes. There is plenty to share, and I am proud of our community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Scott Shipley



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SUMMER 2024 REC CONNECT

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, MAY 27

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., MAY 28; JUNE 25

SPLASHTACULAR AT THE AQUATICS CENTER

5 P.M., FRI, MAY 24

DATE NIGHT AT THE QUARRY FEATURING DIRTY DANCING

8:30 P.M., FRI, JUNE 21

CONTACT INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT CENTER

314-729-4700

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MAYOR

Scott Shipley

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WARD 4:

Tony Kennedy

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John Sebben

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COMMUNITY CENTER

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