

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2024



FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW PUMPER

On June 18, the Crestwood Department of Fire Services hosted a “push-in ceremony” to showcase the new fire engine, and officially placed it in service.

A “push-in ceremony” is a fire department tradition that dates back to the days of horse-drawn fire equipment.

The Fire Department has been working towards this day for more than three years. The apparatus committee was formed to meet with and review several various apparatus dealers/ manufacturers to find the right partnership for Crestwood. The committee had the tough task of coming up with just the right truck design that would serve the department for the next 15-20 years, but still meet the City's budget limitations.

Purchased back in April 2022, the Pierce Enforcer PUC Pumper was essentially built piece-by-piece to the department's specific needs at Pierce's manufacturing facility in Appleton, Wisconsin. The process took more than 22 months to

complete and required two trips to their facility to ensure the pumper was built to spec before taking receipt of the pumper earlier this year.

Technically speaking, the specifications of the fire engine are what separates this apparatus from anything the City has previously owned. The pumper has an imbedded 750-gallon water tank and a 1500 gallon per minute pump, as well as a PUC pump which allows the vehicle to pump water and move at the same time, should that be needed. It also has TAK 4 independent suspension that allows the apparatus to have a 50-degree cramp angle turning radius – easier turning in small cul-de-sacs and more mobility in heavy traffic areas.

As always, the fire engine is capable of not only responding to all fire scenes but also all Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) incidents, with all of the same equipment and paramedic knowledge as the City's ambulance.

PROP A UPDATE

One of the main Prop A projects is replacing the aging playground at Crestwood Park, the largest and busiest playground in the City, with a state-of-the-art facility and new safety surfacing.

The public engagement process began on June 27 with an open house event at Crestwood Park, where residents shared their thoughts and ideas. The City recognizes the importance of community involvement and seeks your input to ensure the new playground meets the diverse needs of our residents. To facilitate this, a survey is currently available, inviting additional feedback and suggestions.

Parks staff was already aware of potential improvements such as providing more shaded areas, improving drainage, and enhancing inclusiveness. Preserving the existing trees during construction is also critical.

Our goal is to create a playground with ADA-compliant features to ensure everyone the ability to have a great time. Resident feedback will be shared with playground vendors to craft designs, offering a range of options to consider.

The City also encourage all residents to attend the Park Board meeting on August 20 at the Government Center. This meeting is a great opportunity for the community to help shape the future of Crestwood Park. Recommendations from this meeting will be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen, who will review the plans for approval later in 2024.

Construction of the new playground is scheduled to begin in 2025, with completion expected within the same year. This new playground promises to be a flagship feature of our community, offering a welcoming space for everyone to enjoy and create lasting memories.



NEWS BLURBS

ELECTED OFFICIALS TOWN HALL

The City of Crestwood would like to remind you to mark your calendars for Thursday, August 1 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. for the second Elected Officials Town Hall/Open House of 2024. Hosted at the Community Center in Whitecliff Park, this will be an open-house format, so drop by anytime during the event. This is a great opportunity to connect with your elected officials, share your thoughts, and stay informed about the latest developments in Crestwood.

FIREWORKS USE PROHIBITED

As a reminder, fireworks are prohibited from use in the entirety of St. Louis County, including the City of Crestwood, as noted in Chap. 9-39 of the Municipal code.

WHITECLIFF PARK BRIDGE

The bridge at the main entrance of Whitecliff Park will be taken down and replaced, starting this September. The project is scheduled to begin right after pool season ends, and should be completed by next Spring (before next year's pool season begins).

To keep the Park accessible this winter, a temporary entrance/exit will be created and used to enter the park via Vauk Lane during that period of time. Once the new bridge is complete, the temporary entrance will be blocked off and only used for emergencies.

WATSON RD PROJECT UPDATE

While originally scheduled to begin this summer, MoDOT's Watson Road project start date will now be Spring 2025. The project will resurface the entirety of Watson Road from I-44 to the City of St. Louis limits, improve all existing sidewalks/crosswalks to current ADA standards, and replace the bridge over Gravois Creek (between Brookview Drive and Pardee Lane) in Crestwood. The current construction completion date is Fall 2027.

OFFICER BLASE NAMED LINDBERGH SRO

The Crestwood Police Department and Lindbergh School District are partnering together to advance safety and security within our schools. Beginning this coming school year, a Crestwood Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) will join two officers from the St. Louis County Police Department assigned to the District.

A selection committee from the District interviewed several candidates for the position and ultimately selected Police Officer Kay Blase as Crestwood's first-ever SRO.

"We are very excited to partner with the school district to ensure students can focus on learning in the safest environment possible," Crestwood Police Chief Jonathan Williams said.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to not only increase safety and security within our schools but also grow the department's already strong bond with the community. Officer Blase will thrive in this position, and

she is excited to start her new role."

Officer Blase will be assigned to Truman Middle, Crestwood Elementary, Long Elementary, and Sappington Elementary.

One of the County SROs will be assigned to Sperreng Middle and the other three elementary schools, while the other County officer will remain assigned to the High School.

The selection committee noted that "Officer Blase's emphasis on her desire to serve as a strong role model, provide support to the school community, address student issues, and foster positive relationships made her best suited for the position, particularly within the elementary schools."

Officer Blase will receive specialized training for SROs this summer and has already attended several school safety conferences. She will begin her new assignment on August 1 and, when school is not in session, will work with Crestwood PD's Community Police Unit.



COMMON SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM NOTES

The City's Public Works Department administers the Sewer Lateral Program. All Crestwood homeowners pay into the sewer lateral fund and are eligible to use the program. In this newsletter, the City would like to talk through a few of the common questions regarding sewer laterals.

Why is the Lateral Program Needed

There are quite a few problems that occur when a lateral line acts up. There are issues of health, family safety, and the possible weakening and damage to your property. The question is not just a matter of why but also a matter of when.

When Should My Lateral Be Cleaned

Regular checkups and lateral cleaning should be done at least once every 2 years, but it may depend on the age of your house, how many trees/bushes are

on the property, and the types of items that are flushed down the drain and toilet.

Common Sewer Lateral Problems

Sewer laterals are just like any other pipe in the house. They can back up, clog, and get invaded by tree roots. While smaller pipes have a greater chance of getting clogged, any line could be affected by the items and materials that go down the drain/toilet (such as bones, cooking grease, hair, personal/baby essentials, etc.). Warning bells should go off when you see flooding in the basement, hear a weird gurgling noise coming from the pipes, or if you experience more clogging than normal.

For more answers about the program, please visit cityofcrestwood.org or contact us directly at 314-729-4720.

WHITECLIFF PARK'S NEW SCULPTURE



Earlier this year, the City of Crestwood received its 2024 Sculpture on the Move, located outside the Whitecliff Community Center.

"Magnify" is a kinetic and interactive art piece from Kirk Seese, a lifetime visual artist who specializes in large scale murals and public sculptures.

This piece is on loan to the City and will be on display at the Community Center for the next two years.

Sculpture on the Move, sponsored by the Creative Communities Alliance, is a program in the St. Louis area that is dedicated to the development of community arts across the region.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Crestwood will be hosting two community events to help both residents and the environment - Electronics Recycling on August 24 and Paper Shredding on October 12.

Both events will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 A.M.-Noon at the Crestwood Government Center.

The City partnered with the St. Louis County Department of Public Health, utilizing County landfill surcharge funds to provide these two events FREE of charge to all St. Louis County residents.

PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CRESTWOOD
Parks and Recreation

July 12
Music @ the Market
The Wild HouseKats @ Whitecliff Park

July 25 & 27
Christmas in July
@ Whitecliff Aquatic Center

July 18-21
Summer Playhouse: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
@ Whitecliff Park

August 11
Kids Triathalon
@ Whitecliff Park

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

AUGUST 24, 2024
9:00AM-NOON

Crestwood Government Center
1 Detjen Drive, 63126



FREE for all residents, including up to the first 150-200 televisions for any St. Louis County residents, at no cost (limit two per vehicle).

Anything with a cord can be recycled. Other fees only apply for televisions, CRT monitors, and other like materials

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PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

OCTOBER 12, 2024
9:00AM-NOON

Crestwood Government Center
1 Detjen Drive, 63126

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Saint Louis County Department of Public Health
utilizing County landfill surcharge funds.
St. Louis County residents only, no businesses

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, JULY 4

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., JULY 23, AUG 27

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

9 A.M.-NOON, SAT, AUG 24

MUSIC AT THE MARKET

5:00 P.M., FRI, JULY 12

KID'S TRIATHLON

8:00 A.M., SUN, AUG 11

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Non Emergency:
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