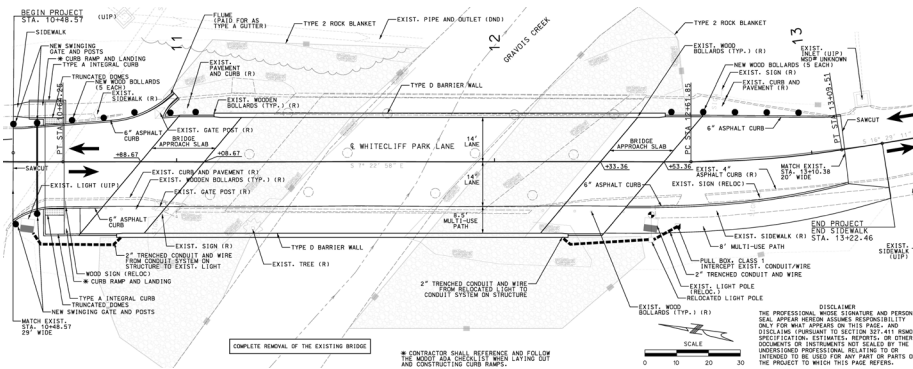


CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024



WHITECLIFF PARK BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

The bridge at the main entrance of Whitecliff Park will be removed and replaced, starting this September. The project mobilization period began right after pool season ended on Labor Day, with the bridge itself coming down later this month. Completion of the project will take place by Memorial Day 2025, before the start of next year's pool season.

During this construction period, all visitors to Whitecliff Park and the Whitecliff Community Center will be required to enter through the one lane in, one lane out temporary entrance/exit at the upper parking lot (near the tennis courts), along Vauk Lane. **The GPS destination for the temporary park entrance is 9255 Vauk Lane.**

Once the new bridge is complete in 2025, the temporary entrance off Vauk Lane will be blocked off and only used for emergencies.

To help defer the costs of the newly constructed bridge, the City is working in partnership with the State of Missouri and the U.S. Department of Transportation. About five years ago, the State of Missouri, who monitors the condition of all bridges that span more than 20 feet, informed



City staff that due to its age, the Whitecliff Park Lane Bridge would need replacement in the coming years.

When the bridge's condition reached the point where replacement was fully recommended, the City applied and successfully received a \$1.2 million Surface Transportation Block Grant from the Federal Highway Administration to replace the bridge. In total, the grant will fund more than two thirds of the forthcoming project costs.

SUNCREST FEST



SAT. SEPT. 21
11AM-8PM • KITUN PARK
RIDES • GAMES • MUSIC

The Cities of Crestwood and Sunset Hills are excited for the sixth annual SunCrest Fest on Saturday, September 21 at Kitun Park (12343 Eddie and Park Road), next to Truman Middle School.

SunCrest Fest fairgrounds open at 11:00 A.M. and the event lasts until 8:00 P.M. The fairgrounds will feature professional carnival rides with two large attractions, classic carnival games, live music, numerous food booths, kids activities, and more.

Ride bracelets will run \$35 for an all-day bracelet, if bought during the week before (\$40 day of the event). Half-day bracelets for either 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. will run \$25 (\$30 day of). Bracelets will be sold at both the Crestwood and Sunset Hills Community Centers.

The day will kick off with a parade down Eddie and Park Road starting at 10:15 A.M., followed by a car show in the Truman parking lot from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Live music will be played throughout the afternoon and evening including Rock Opera from 2:30-4:30 P.M. and Almost Famous from 6:00-8:00 P.M. DJ Shaggy Sounds will be playing music throughout the day, between live performances.

For more information about SunCrest Fest, please contact the Crestwood Community Center at 314-729-4860 or visit the City's website, www.cityofcrestwood.org.

NEWS BLURBS

CITY'S BUDGET AWARDED

The City was recently awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for their FY2023 budget, by the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA). In order to receive this award, which was only awarded to less than 40 municipalities in the State, the City had to satisfy dozens of nationally recognized guidelines for effective budgets. This is the City's ninth consecutive Budget Award.

CRESTWOOD NIGHT OUT

Crestwood Night Out is a long standing event sponsored annually by the Police Department in an effort to bring neighbors together and strengthen community bonds. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 5:00-9:00 P.M. Neighborhoods throughout Crestwood organize events such as block parties, ice cream socials, and outdoor movie nights.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

The City will be hosting a Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, October 12 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 this event FREE of charge to all Crestwood and St. Louis County residents.

WATSON RD PROJECT UPDATE

While originally scheduled to begin in summer 2024, 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.

PROP A: CRESTWOOD PARK PLAYGROUND

One of the main Prop A projects of note is the replacement of the aging playground at Crestwood Park - the largest and busiest playground in the City - with a brand new playground and safety surfacing in 2025.

Over this summer, the City's Parks and Recreation Department took all of the previous suggestions provided, along with potential vendor designs, to the Crestwood Park Board in August and the students of Long Elementary School to help narrow down their choices. Once complete, the narrowed down, final recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen, who will review the plans for formal approval by the end of the year.



Construction of the new playground is scheduled to begin in early 2025, with completion expected later that year.

Other Project Updates

The City is also proactively working towards the new community center in Whitecliff Park. Throughout the summer, the City has been meeting with the project architects, stakeholders, and others to finalize design plans and work through all of the proper site due diligence needed for a project of this scale.

Later this fall, the final development plans will be presented at a Board of Aldermen meeting and the formal bond issuance will occur. The project is still on track to begin in 2025.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER: PERMITS NEEDED

The City would like to remind all residents that if they or a contractor are doing any sort of major work to their properties, it is probable that a permit would be required for the work being performed. While it can feel burdensome to pull permits with both the City of Crestwood and St. Louis County, the purpose of every permit is to protect what you value most – your family and your home.

Permits and inspections help protect your loved ones from faulty construction/installations, which can lead to potentially catastrophic mistakes, such as house fires, flood damage and structural problems.

These minor inconveniences help you avoid those costly repairs down the line and preserve your home's value, your biggest financial investment. When selling your home, you may be required to fully disclose all remodeling work and correct, or even remove, unpermitted non-compliant work.

Permits are required for many reasons that people are aware of such as room additions, interior remodels, and structural changes to the main or accessory structure

on a property. They are also needed for reasons that people might not realize including decks, balconies, porches, fences, driveways, retaining walls (over two ft.), excavations, grading, fire escapes, swimming pools (over 24 in.), concrete or asphalt slabs (over 200 sq. ft.) and much more.

If you have questions or are unsure if a permit is required, please contact the Public Works Department directly at 314-729-4720 and they would be happy to answer your questions.

PERMITTING SOFTWARE

To assist in helping property owners secure permits and licenses in the most efficient manner, the City is working with the Davenport Group to create an online permitting software system.

This software, which is set to be operational around the end of 2024, will feature an online user interface, ability to upload documents and plans without coming into City Hall, and the capability to pay by credit card, in addition to the services the City already provides.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REACCREDITED

Earlier this summer, the Police Department completed their second accreditation process with the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation. The Department was first accredited in 2021, and every three years must earn reaccreditation through the Foundation.

The reaccreditation process involves a thorough review of 209 Missouri State Standards submitted to the assessors, interviews with Police Department employees, and an on-site inspection of our facilities. The assessment found the Department is currently in compliance with State Standards and met the criteria for reaccreditation.

"Our reaccreditation with the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation confirms our commitment to professionalism and compliance with best practices in law enforcement," Police Chief Jonathan Williams said.

"Our flawless assessment is a testament to the dedicated service provided by the men and women of the Crestwood Police Department."

The Crestwood Police Department will be up for review and reaccreditation in June 2027.

PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

CRESTWOOD
Parks and Recreation

FREE FALL EVENTS

SEPT 7

TOUCH A TRUCK

3:00PM - 5:00PM
Woodard Parking Lot- 9490 Watson Rd.

SEPT 21

SUNCREST FEST

10:15AM - 8:00PM at Kitun Park
12343 Eddie and Park Rd.

SEPT 28

CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

8:00AM - 12:00PM
Register by September 25th!

**SEPT 28
& OCT 19**

HONEYSUCKLE HACK

9:00AM - 12:00PM @ Crestwood Park

OCT 4

MOVIE IN THE PARK- COCO

7:00PM at Ferndale Park



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SAPP HOUSE EVENTS

The Sappington House Foundation will be hosting their annual Outdoor Concert Series on the Historic Sappington House grounds this September. Three local rock bands will be playing including The Pulse on Saturday, the 14th, The SappingTones on Friday, the 20th, and the Wild HouseKats on Friday, the 25th. Tickets are available at the gate for \$25 per adult (free for children under 12).

For more information, please contact the Sappington House Foundation at 314-822-8171.



2024 SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Experience the soundtrack of your life

at Historic Sappington Park, 1015 S. Sappington Road 63126

Tickets on Sale at Gate ~ Adult \$25 for each concert ~ Children under 12 Free

September 14 Saturday
5 - 8 pm

The Pulse

Pop/rock band with girl singer

Historic Sappington Park will soon feature TWO historic houses ~ Thomas' brick and cousin Joseph's LOG!

Fundraising is ongoing to rebuild/repurpose the log structure to expand interior education, exhibit and event spaces

September 20 Friday
6 - 9 pm

The SappingTones

Hometown classic rock band



September 27 Friday
6 - 9 pm

Wild HouseKats

Local fan favorite rock band



One drink ticket per attendee while supplies last

Mystery gift cards boxes and 50/50 chances on sale

Bring your lawn chair or blanket

Extra Parking at Crestwood Elementary School and in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue

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Sappington
Houses

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FALL/WINTER REC CONNECT

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
All Day, SEPT 2

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETINGS**
7 P.M., SEPT 10, 24; OCT 8, 22

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5:00 P.M., SAT, SEPT 14

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