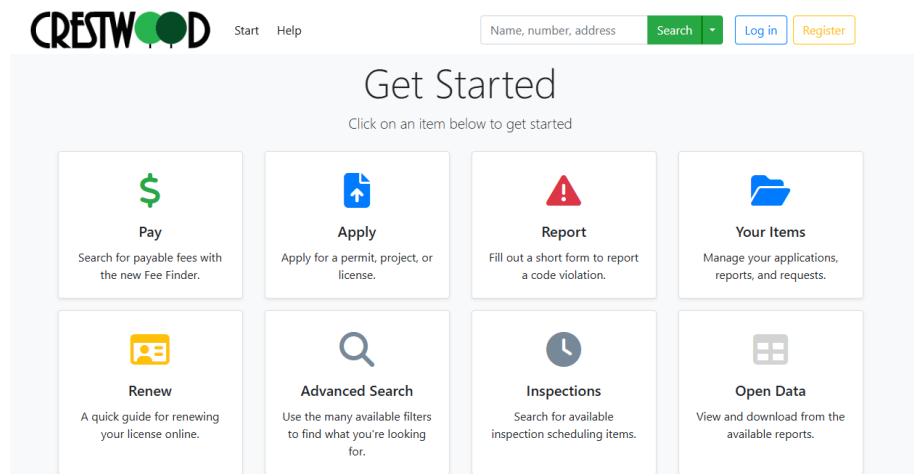


CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025



JOSEPH SAPPINGTON HOUSE COMING IN '25



In late 2024, the Crestwood Board of Aldermen approved the Sappington House Foundation's request to bring the 1816 Joseph Sappington log cabin to the City's Sappington House Park.

The park, located at 1015 S. Sappington Road, is the current site of the Thomas Sappington House, the oldest complete brick structure in St. Louis County, the Library of Americana, The Barn restaurant, and Loft Gift Shop.

The Sappington House Foundation previously completed Phase I of the project where the Joseph Sappington House, a traditional log house, was disassembled, piece by piece, and moved off the site of its previous home.

Phase II will reassemble the log cabin on the Sappington House grounds - between the Library of Americana and the The Barn Restaurant - on a concrete foundation with basement.

The City will reimburse up to \$125,000 for the project, including \$25,000 for utility relocation costs.

The public is invited to a groundbreaking ceremony, hosted by the Sappington House Foundation on Saturday, January 11, scheduled for 2:00 P.M. The ceremony will take place on the cabin's future site.

For more information on the project, please contact the Sappington House directly at 314-822-8171 or visit their website at <https://www.historicsappingtonhouses.org/>.

ONLINE PERMITTING SOFTWARE NOW LIVE

The City of Crestwood's permitting and licensing process is now paperless.

Residents, businesses and contractors will be able to create a free account, apply, track, interact, and pay for a variety of applications through the website. Applications can be applied for and tracked on a computer, tablet or phone.

The image above is what the new permitting site will look like to external users. Check it out now by scanning the QR code.

Creating an Account

When creating a new account, applicants will be prompted to enter a registration code. If this is your first time creating an account with the City of Crestwood, please press the skip button.

However, if you are renewing a license or previously submitted a permit with the City, please contact the City directly at 314-729-4700 to check for your assigned registration code. This will help you and the City ensure any previous applications, profiles, etc. get linked correctly in the new system.

Report a Concern/Code Enforcement

Residents can submit general concerns/questions using the new system. For those that would like to receive some updates on concerns they have submitted, logging in to the site is required. If the goal is to submit the concern anonymously, you cannot login to the site, but do note that updates are not supplied for those not logged in.

Payment Options

The City will now be accepting credit cards for payment of various licenses and permits. All electronic payments will be made online using the site but please note, there will be a 2.99% processing fee collected from the customer on each credit card transaction. The City will still be accepting cash and check in-person at the Government Center (1 Detjen Drive).

Staff is excited about these changes and will continue to work with everyone to ensure the process is as efficient and easy to navigate as possible.



NEWS BLURBS

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 8

The City of Crestwood's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Voters will elect four aldermen, one from each of the four wards, to serve until April 2028.

For any questions about how to vote in April's election, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections at 314-615-1800.

WINTER PARKING REMINDER

As we head into the winter weather (snow) season, please remember that the City asks for you to park on the EVEN side of the street for the entire 2024-25 winter season. If you see street crews out and about plowing, please give them a wide birth and allow them to do their job, to keep all residents safe.

WATSON RD PROJECT UPDATE

While originally scheduled to begin in 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.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

For the upcoming April 8 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 or by phone at 314-615-1858.

FY25 BUDGET PREVIEW, UPCOMING PROJECTS



In November, the Board of Aldermen approved the FY25 budget, which runs concurrent to the calendar year, highlighted by projects such as the installation of the restroom at the Whitecliff Quarry and the expansion of the Whitecliff Park lower parking lot, more than a million dollars in capital street/sidewalk improvements, and much more.

The FY25 fund breakdown is as follows:

General Fund

The general fund budget for FY25 is more than \$15 million and is the primary funding source used by the police, fire, public works, and general administration departments.

Some of the most noteworthy budget items that are funded within the general fund include:

- Replacing the electronic message center at the Government Center
- Addition of covered parking for Police Department patrol vehicles
- Additional traffic calming measures for approved residential streets
- Addition of two new employees, a communications manager and a facilities maintenance tech
- Relocation of the sand volleyball court, which is moving closer to the basketball/tennis courts in Whitecliff Park

Please note: in the FY25 budget, the general fund has an estimated fund balance reserve of more than 50 percent, a sign of a healthy overall fund balance.

Park and Stormwater Fund

Within the Park and Stormwater fund, the City has budgeted approximately \$2.7 million in expenditures. In addition

to day-to-day operational costs - which includes the Community Center, Aquatics Center, and all City parks - the City has budgeted for Back-to-Nature projects at Crestwood Park and ADA-picnic tables in Ferndale and other parks.

Capital Improvement Fund

Within this fund, the FY25 budget will include nearly \$2.5 million in expenditures in support of the City's largest capital improvement projects, including:

- Concrete slab replacements for Tea Rose Lane, Cordoba Lane, Craigwood Terrace, and Pardee Spur
- Design and construction of sidewalks along Samoa Drive from Rayburn Avenue and Spellman Park
- Improving the creek that runs alongside Pardee Road to address erosion

Prop A Fund

This newly created fund will encompass all Prop A spending, revenue and debt service payments for the next 20 years. In FY25, the City is budgeted to spend \$15.5 million on various Prop A projects and debt service payments, while adding nearly \$3 million in revenue. The fund balance is healthy, with more than \$21 million remaining for future expenditures.

Sewer Lateral Fund

The sewer lateral fund is exclusively dedicated to sewer lateral repairs using proceeds from an annual \$28 flat fee remitted on your personal property taxes. Expenditures for the fund are just north of \$150,000.

For more information on the budget, please visit the City website at www.cityofcrestwood.org.

PROP A UPDATES



The City is excited for all of the Proposition A project updates that are forthcoming in 2025.

Here is a run down of the various Prop A projects in the works:

The largest project is the construction of the new community center at Whitecliff Park. The new community center is currently in the final stages of plan development and various review processes, and will go out to bid in late January.

The nature play area, which is being constructed in coordination with the community center, has been through various brainstorming and community input sessions in late 2024. The plan will be formalized in early 2025, with the goal of opening the playscape together along with the community center grand opening.

Both of these projects are on schedule and are expected to go out to bid in early 2025, with a formal groundbreaking forthcoming later in 2025.

Crestwood Park Playground

The construction contract for a new playground and surfacing at Crestwood Park was approved by the Board of Aldermen in late 2024 and is scheduled to be completed, weather permitting, in spring 2025.

Scheduling note: With installation of the new playground set to begin in early February, the fencing off and removal of the current playground will occur by the last week of January.



PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

Crestwood Parks & Recreation CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan
21

Mario Kart Tournament

Living my Pampered Era

Jan
25

Jan
31

Nerf Wars

Sweetheart Dance

Feb
9

Mar
28

Puzzle Palooza

CRESTWOOD
Parks and Recreation
(314) 729-4860
www.cityofcrestwood.org
9245 Whitecliff Park Lane
Crestwood ~ MO ~ 63126

Scan for detailed event information!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



Space fills FAST! Register early before it's too late!

QUESTIONS OR PHONE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING (314) 729-4860!

Register in person OR online
starting at 8:00am on January 14th
for Residents or January 21st for
Non-Residents!

Camp Crestwood Session 1
June 2-27
Camp Crestwood Session 2
June 30-July 25



SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER ONLINE!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

All Day, JAN 1, 20; FEB 17

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., JAN 14, 28; FEB 11, 25

LEARN TO PLAY BUNCO

7 P.M., FRI, FEB 21

SWIFTIE SOIREE

2 P.M., SUN, FEB 23

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

6:30 P.M., FRI, MAR 21

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314-729-4700

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314-729-4800

FIRE

Non Emergency:
314-729-4740

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314-729-4720

COMMUNITY CENTER

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