

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

MARCH-APRIL 2025



People often ask me, “What’s going on in Crestwood? The short answer is - a lot!

Our City is experiencing amazing progress, and 2025 is shaping up to be another busy year. From new businesses to long-awaited improvements, there’s plenty to look forward to - whether you’re eager to visit Andy’s Frozen Custard, watch the construction of our new Community Center, or witness a log cabin raising at Sappington Park.

First up are businesses planning to open in Crestwood. Katie’s Pizza, Andy’s Frozen Custard, Dunkin’ Donuts, Syberg’s Mexican Restaurant, Grace Chicken+Fish, Once Upon A Child, and more have all received approval and are finalizing their plans to open their doors. Other retailers are in lease negotiations and more construction is planned, so watch for announcements throughout the year.

While our business community grows, several major projects will reach key milestones this year. Whitecliff Bridge is on track to wrap up construction by Memorial Day, just in time for pool season. Soon after that, the new Community

Center will break ground. When completed in late 2026, this long-anticipated facility will offer expanded event spaces, top-tier fitness and recreation amenities, and the indoor walking track so many residents are excited to use.

Also this spring, families and students can look forward to the reopening of the Crestwood Park Playground. After much planning, community input, and hard work, the City will unveil an updated play area designed to provide a safe and engaging experience for all.

Significant infrastructure improvements are also lined up for 2025. Concrete street repairs will be a major focus, with nearly \$1 million allocated for paving and repairs throughout the City. In addition, a new sidewalk will be constructed along Samoa Drive, connecting Spellman Park to Rayburn Avenue and improving the walkability of our neighborhoods.

Lindbergh schools are also seeing major upgrades. Construction at Crestwood Elementary School is well underway, adding modernized spaces and a much-needed improvement to parent pick-up staging.

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PROP A UPDATES



After more than a year of significant planning with stakeholders, elected officials and residents, the City of Crestwood is going out to bid on the new Community Center coming to Whitecliff Park.



The current project - which includes the new community center and the nature play area - will have bids being received by the City in March and approved by the Board of Aldermen in April.

This will lead to building mobilization over at Whitecliff Park in June, just weeks after the bridge replacement over Gravois Creek is completed at the Park entrance.

The new Community Center is scheduled to be completed in late 2026, with a formal groundbreaking will be forthcoming this Summer.

Additionally, construction of the new playground and surfacing at Crestwood Park has commenced and, weather permitting, will be done in late March/early April.

As a reminder, with construction occurring all throughout the Crestwood parks system over the next few years, please stay clear of those sites.

To learn more about any of these projects, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofcrestwood.org/propA

NEWS BLURBS

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, APRIL 8

The City'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 or where to vote in April's election, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections directly at 314-615-1800.

2025 STRATEGIC GOALS

The Board of Aldermen held their annual strategic goals work session in early February to discuss 2025's goals. To learn more about these goals, please visit www.cityofcrestwood.org/goals.

WATSON RD PROJECT UPDATE

While originally scheduled to begin in 2024, MoDOT's Watson Road project start date will now be Spring 2025 - but will start at the St. Louis City limits and work west. The project may not cross into Crestwood City limits until 2026.

As a reminder, the project will resurface the entirety of Watson Road from I-44 to the City of St. Louis limits, improve sidewalks/crosswalks and signals 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.

CHARTER COMMISSION TO BE HELD IN 2025

Crestwood's Mayor and Board of Aldermen have convened the decennial Charter Review Commission to be held throughout 2025, starting on March 10, in accordance with the City's Charter.

The Charter Review Commission will meet monthly to consider whether any amendments to the Charter are appropriate, before remitting their recommendations back to the Board, and ultimately the Crestwood voters, who will have a chance to vote on any proposed amendments in the 2026 general election.

A Charter is the most fundamental legal document of the City. Like the United States Constitution, it establishes the form and structure of City government, defines the power of City officials, and establishes the basic procedural mechanism which govern the conduct of City officials and administration.

Of the nearly 1,000 cities, towns and villages in the State of Missouri, Crestwood is one of just 45 that hold the distinction of being a home rule/charter City.

Crestwood's Charter was first adopted

in November 1995, before being amended in 2006 and 2016.

The 2025 Commission is made up of two members from each ward and one elected official. This year's Commission will include:

Ward 1

Lisa Bozdeck & Matthew Koehler

Ward 2

Christopher Pickel & Bob Sweeney

Ward 3

Megan Vedder & Ted Yemm

Ward 4

Beth Johnson & Angela Sebben

Elected Official

Mayor Scott Shipley

All meetings of the Charter Review Commission will be held at the Crestwood Government Center and are open to the public. Residents can find agendas, minutes, and recordings of each meeting on the City website.

To learn more about the Charter, please visit www.cityofcrestwood.org/charter.

CRESTWOOD'S CONSERVATION CONSULTANT

Crestwood recently contracted with EcoLandscaping STL to oversee the development of a comprehensive conservation program for the community.

Starting in 2025, this new initiative will focus on identifying habitat restoration projects within Crestwood's parks, creating sustainable landscapes on other City-owned properties, and offering opportunities for volunteer engagement, public outreach, and educational programming.

These efforts demonstrate Crestwood's commitment to a healthy environment that will improve the quality of life for our residents and local ecosystems.

More information regarding the ecological restoration project currently



underway at Crestwood Park - Missouri Department of Conservation's 'Back To Nature' grant - as well as future volunteer opportunities will be available on the City's website.

With this expertise now available to Crestwood, residents are encouraged to submit their conservation and nature-related questions to their attention at conservation@cityofcrestwood.org.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Long Elementary School is finalizing plans for a two-phase expansion to provide similar updates and safety enhancements.

Crestwood's founders can continue to "rest easy" as the crumbling retaining wall at Sappington Cemetery is finally being replaced with modern concrete block. This long-overdue project will ensure the historic cemetery remains protected for generations to come.

Preserving our past doesn't stop there. This summer, the City will experience a good old-fashioned log cabin raising as the historic Joseph Sappington Log Cabin is reconstructed at Sappington Park, giving new life to this 200-year old part of our history.

2025 will be a Banner Year! Keep an eye out for Crestwood-themed streetlight banners along Watson/Sappington Roads. These banners will bring a fresh, unified look and showcase our community pride.

Whether you're excited about new businesses, public space improvements, or historic restorations, 2025 is shaping up to be a year of positive change. As these projects come to life, expect more updates, and many more reasons to be excited and proud to live in Crestwood – A Place for Progress!

–Scott Shipley, Mayor

JOIN OUR TEAM!



Seasonal Staff Perks!

- FREE Individual Pool/Community Center Passes!
- M-F daytime work hours for camp staff
- Valuable work experience to add to your resume!

[Scan to apply!](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

Crestwood Parks & Recreation

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Death of a Blackheart Murder Mystery Dinner

Easter Egg Scramble

New location Crestwood Park

4/12



Citywide Yard Sale

*Register by 4/21!

Chalk the Lot

*Register by 4/21!

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Parks and Recreation

(314)729-4860

www.cityofcrestwood.org

9245 Whitcliff Park Lane

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Scan for detailed event information!



Ninth Annual Country Craft Festival

Saturday & Sunday April 26-27 ~ 9:00-3:00pm

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 at Crestwood Elementary School and in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue. In case of severe inclement weather, the fair will be rescheduled for June 28-29. Phone 314-822-8171 for more information.

VENDORS AND HISTORIC DEMONSTRATORS– Contact Dyann Dierkes if interested in participating, call 314-605-5895 or email dyannnd@historicsappingtonhouse.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Half Day, APR 18

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., MAR 11, 25; APR 8, 22

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

7 P.M., FRI, MAR 21

PUZZLE PALOOZA

6:30 P.M., FRI, MAR 28

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

11 A.M., SAT, APR 12

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