

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Season of Progress in Crestwood

As we move into the heart of summer, there's a lot happening in Crestwood that I'm excited to share with you.

In June, the City launched a new monthly e-newsletter, Crestwood Connect. It's one of the best ways to stay informed about upcoming events, City services, and important news that affects us all. If you'd like to stay in the loop between issues of this printed newsletter, I encourage you to sign up and give it a try.

See page 2 for details on how to subscribe.

The Joseph Sappington log cabin reconstruction at Sappington Park is moving forward. The Historic Sappington Foundation has worked for years to make this project a reality, and their efforts will soon result in a revitalized landmark that adds to our City's character. Once completed, the restored cabin will enhance the area's historic significance, serve as a small event space, and align with the long-term master plan for the park.

Progress is also being made on major park improvements made possible by the passage of Proposition A. On May 6, we celebrated the opening of two new playgrounds at Crestwood Park—the first completed projects funded through Prop A. Judging



by the number of kids and families enjoying them each day, they're already fulfilling their purpose. These

improvements were designed to meet the needs of our entire community, and we're just getting started.

On May 23, we broke ground on the new Community Center, with construction now underway and completion targeted for the end of 2026.

This is the largest investment in parks and recreation in our City's history, and once finished, it will offer a welcoming space for residents of all ages to enjoy for years to come.

Thank you for your patience during the replacement of the main bridge in Whitecliff Park. It closed last September, and while the detour helped us get by, we were all thrilled to see the new bridge open in April—about a month ahead of schedule.



Mayor Scott Shipley, center, breaks ground on the new Community Center with members of the community on May 23 at Whitecliff Park.

This is another long-term investment in Crestwood's infrastructure that will serve our community well.

You may have also noticed the new Crestwood-themed banners along Watson and Sappington. Each one highlights a different aspect of life in Crestwood under the theme "A Place For ____." Just as important, all images featured are actual Crestwood residents and City staff. These aren't stock photos—they're our neighbors and coworkers. That was intentional. The banners are a reminder that Crestwood's strength lies in its people, and in the many ways we show up for one another.

As always, thank you for your support and engagement. If you have questions or ideas, please reach out.

See you around town,

Scott Shipley

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CRESTWOOD CONNECT

Stay Connected With The City's New E-Newsletter

Crestwood now offers a monthly email-newsletter delivered straight to your inbox.

Get the latest updates on City projects, events, public meetings, and more—all in one convenient place. Visit the City's website and click the Communications Hub icon on the homepage, or scan the QR code.



Fireworks Use Prohibited

Just a reminder: fireworks are prohibited throughout St. Louis County, including within the City of Crestwood, as outlined in Chapter 9-39 of the Municipal Code and Section 810.020 of the County Code.



Electronics Recycling Event August 23

Crestwood will host a free Electronics Recycling event 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Government Center. Nearly anything with a cord can be recycled. Come early, as the first 200 televisions can be recycled at no cost (limit two per vehicle). After the first 200 televisions, a charge will apply. For a full list of possible fees, visit cityofcrestwood.org/calendar.

This event is funded by a grant from Saint Louis County Department of Public Health utilizing County landfill surcharge funds. Please note that the event is for St. Louis County residents only, no businesses.

Crestwood Citizen's Academy Returns

Get a behind-the-scenes look at how local government works by registering for the Crestwood Citizens Academy.

Led by City Administrator Kris Simpson and City department heads, this free, seven-week program includes guided tours, demonstrations, Q&A sessions, and discussions about key City services and current projects. The program is open to all Crestwood residents and business owners age 18 and older.

2025 Class Schedule

Sessions are held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Government Center unless otherwise

noted.

- Aug 13, Overview & Administration
- Aug 20, Parks and Recreation *at the Community Center*
- Aug 27, City Clerk & Municipal Court
- Sep 3, Public Works *at 9353 Watson Industrial Park*
- Sep 10, Police Department
- Sep 17, Fire Department
- Sep 24, Elected & Appointed Service

Preregistration is required and closes August 10. Contact Deputy City Administrator Jeff Faust at jfaust@cityofcrestwood.org or call (314) 729-4779.

Code Corner: Flatwork

If you're installing or replacing more than 200 square feet of impervious surface (like concrete, asphalt, or pavers), a flatwork permit is required. This includes new patios, driveways, walkways, and other hardscapes. Impervious surfaces prevent water from soaking into the ground, which can lead to increased runoff that contributes to erosion, property damage, and strain on the City's stormwater system.

If your project increases the total amount of impervious surface, you'll also need to include stormwater management techniques in your application.

Your submittal should include a plan showing the location of the work—and stormwater solutions, if required. To apply for a permit, click the "Permits & Licenses" icon on the



homepage of the City's website.

Not sure if your project qualifies? Here are some quick examples:

- Replacing a 200 sq. ft. patio? **Permit needed**
- Replacing and expanding beyond 200 sq. ft.? **Permit needed**
- Adding 200 sq. ft. next to an existing patio? **Permit needed**.
- Adding less than 200 sq. ft. without touching the existing patio? **No permit needed.**

PARKS & RECREATION:

Summer on Stage & in the Sun

Make a splash, spark creativity, and dive into summer fun with Parks & Recreation! From themed summer camps and hands-on art adventures to basketball clinics and water-based activities for all ages, there's something for every interest and energy level. Unless otherwise noted, learn more or register at cityofcrestwood.org/register.

Summer Camps

Pickleball Camp, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 7-11, (Ages 7-12) Campers will learn the basics, practice drills, and play games.

Crayola Artblazers, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri., July 14-18, (Grades K-5) Experiment with art techniques and create a unique artist-inspired project each day.

Aqua Camp, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1, (Grades 1-6) A week of thrilling water activities, arts & crafts, games, and open swim time.

Hogwarts Camp, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1, (Grades 1-6) Experience the Sorting Hat, learn Potions and Defense Against the Dark Arts, play Harry Potter-themed games, and craft your own wand.

Minecraft Camp, 12:30-3:30 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1, (Grades 1-6) Explore the endless possibilities of this beloved game and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

Larry Hughes Basketball Academy 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Aug. 4-8, (Ages 6-14) Founded by former NBA player Larry

Hughes, LHBA focuses on skill development, basketball IQ, character, and leadership.



Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp

9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 11-15, (Ages 7-12) Participants will learn the rules and skills of flag football and track & field, while gaining valuable life lessons in sportsmanship. Register at skyhawks.com.

Aquatic Programs

Sensory Play Day, 7:15-8:15 p.m. July 6, (All ages) Open to all people with sensory processing sensitivities, along with their families and caregivers, this event provides a safe, welcoming space to enjoy the water at your own pace. Advanced registration required.

Playtime at the Pool, 10-11 a.m. July 4 & Aug. 1, (Ages 3 months-3 years) The kiddie pool is reserved exclusively for young swimmers and their parents or guardians.

Poolside Party for Adults, 12-2 p.m. Aug. 19, (Ages 18+) Enjoy a peaceful swim in the competition pool, whether you're exercising, doing water aerobics, or simply floating in the sun—without the usual crowds. No alcohol allowed.

Group Swim Lesson, Times Vary, July 7-17 & July 21-31, (Ages vary) Swim lessons are based on age and skill level, with eight 30-minute classes. Registration closes one week before the start date.

SUMMER ARTS in the PARKS

Join us for a summer full of music, movies, and live theatre—all in the great outdoors. Crestwood's Arts in the Parks series brings the community together for relaxing, entertaining evenings under the stars.

CONCERT IN THE PARK: REAL ROCK REVIVAL

7-9 p.m. Aug. 8 @ Whitecliff Park
Free to attend

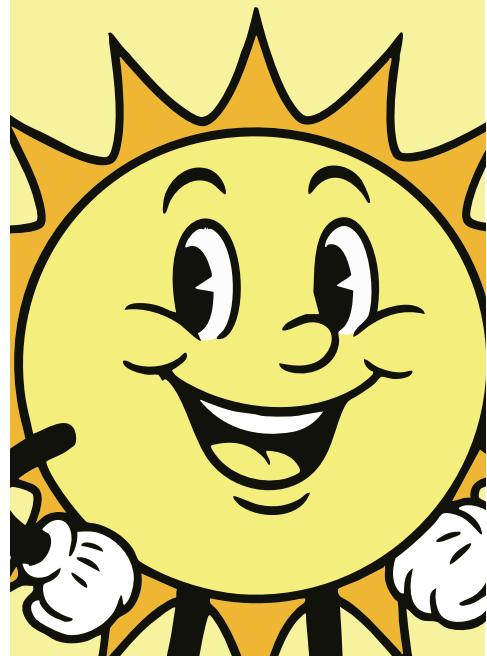
MOVIES IN THE PARK: COOL RUNNINGS

8:45 p.m. July 25 @ Aquatic Center
Free to attend

WHITECLIFF SUMMER PLAYHOUSE: CRAZY FOR YOU

8:15 p.m. July 17-20 @ Whitecliff Park
\$7 adults, \$3 youth (tickets on sale 6:30 p.m. before each show)

Learn more by visiting
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Visit cityofcrestwood.org for meeting updates and cancellations.

July 2 & Aug 6 - 6 p.m.

Planning, Zoning & Arch.
Review Commission

July 4, Independence Day

Community & Government
Centers Closed

July 10 & Aug 14 - 7 p.m.

Board of Zoning Adjustment

July 14 & Aug 11 - 6:30 p.m.

Charter Review Commission

July 16 - 7 p.m.

Public Works Board

July 22 & Aug 26 - 7 p.m.

Board of Aldermen Meeting

July 28 - 7 p.m.

Public Safety Board Meeting

Aug 19 - 7 p.m.

Park Board Meeting

Contact Information

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A PLACE FOR** *Community*

