

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Building the Next Chapter of Crestwood

A recent visit with my family and grandkids reminded me what matters most: listening, supporting, and caring. These simple acts are the foundation of a good life—and they're also at the heart of how Crestwood serves its residents. Whether through public meetings, community programs, or projects like the new Community Center, your City government strives to listen to residents, support their needs, and care for the quality of life we share.

With that in mind, I'm excited to share an update on the new Community Center at Whitecliff Park. This important addition to our community was shaped by resident input to be a place for fitness, gathering, and growth. If you've been by the park lately, you've likely seen the progress. Much of the underground work is complete, and the walls are now rising for the gym and lower-level areas.

Every step of this project reflects the same care and collaboration that define Crestwood.

Engineers, architects, project managers, technicians, and City staff continue to work together every day to ensure the building is constructed with the quality and attention to detail it deserves—something that will serve residents well for decades to come.



Earlier this year, we invited residents to help name this new facility, and you stepped up!

While "Community Center" would have been an accurate name, the building and its setting called for something more distinctive and enduring. Dozens of great suggestions came in, but one quickly rose to the top. The Board of Aldermen agreed, and I'm pleased to share that our new facility will be called The Cliffs at Whitecliff Park. The name honors the stone bluffs that define the quarry area and complements the building's modern-craftsman design, which features natural stone and wood throughout.

Construction will continue through 2026, with completion targeted for late December and a public opening planned soon after. The Cliffs will



The Board of Aldermen approved "The Cliffs at Whitecliff Park" as the name for the new Community Center at its September 23 meeting and adopted the logo on October 14.

offer something for everyone: an expanded gym with an elevated walking track, a state-of-the-art fitness and weights area, flexible classrooms for programs and fitness, and a rentable event space with a beautiful fireplace and balcony overlooking the park.

As the walls rise and the building takes shape, I'm reminded of the strong foundation built by generations of Crestwood residents. When it's complete, The Cliffs will honor that legacy and reflect the values that guide us—listening, supporting, and caring. And when those doors finally open, we won't just be walking into a new building. We'll be stepping into the next chapter of Crestwood, together.

Scott Shipley

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CRESTWOOD CONNECT

Upcoming Holiday & Winter Closures

As the year winds down, please take note of the following City of Crestwood facility closures for holidays and maintenance:

Community Center closed:

- Winter Cleaning, Dec. 11-15

City Offices & Community Center closed:

- Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 27-28
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- New Year's Day, Jan. 1

City Offices & Community Center close at noon:

- Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
- New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

Registration For Camp Crestwood Opens Jan. 13

Our summer camp is open to kids entering 1st-6th grade in fall 2026. Activities include outdoor games, nature fun, field trips every other week, and plenty of time at the Aquatic Center! Camp runs June 8-July 3 (Session 1) and July 6-31 (Session 2) at Whitecliff Park, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily, with optional extended care. Registration opens Jan. 13 at 8 a.m. for Crestwood residents (Jan. 20 for nonresidents) online at cityofcrestwood.org/register or in person at the Community Center.



Ridgewood Neighborhood Town Hall Nov. 17

Join Ward 1 Aldermen Morrison and Zavist for a community discussion on preserving the unique architecture and character of the Ridgewood neighborhood at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Government Center. Residents are encouraged to share their ideas and feedback.

Holiday Happenings

Celebrate the season with Crestwood Parks & Recreation! From games and crafts to citywide scavenger hunts, we've got a full lineup of festive fun for all ages. Register today at cityofcrestwood.org/register



Not Your Grandma's BINGO!

Nov. 14 • Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

BINGO Starts 7 p.m.

(Ages 18+) Join us for a night of word bingo and other entertaining games! Prizes will be awarded to game and round winners, and bingo daubers will be provided. Come dressed in your best grandma or grandpa costume and enter our costume contest!

R: \$20 NR: \$30

Whimsical Wrapping & Crafty Creations

Dec. 3 • 6-9 p.m.

Create three unique and affordable hostess gifts while learning how to wrap them like a pro. This hands-on workshop will cover techniques for wrapping oddly shaped items, gifts without boxes, and even ways to disguise surprises.

R: \$50 NR: \$60

Holiday Light Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 19 • 6:30-8 p.m.

(All Ages) Start at the Community Center to grab your clue list, then head out to spot as many holiday lights as you can in one hour! Return for cookies, hot chocolate, and an awards ceremony. The top team wins a prize, and all participants receive a limited-edition ornament.

\$6/person

Candy Cane Hunt

Dec. 20 • 10-11 a.m.

(Ages 3-6) Rudolph and his friends have been playing reindeer games—and now Santa's candy canes are missing—and we need your help to find them all before Christmas! Join us for a festive morning filled with prizes and holiday fun.

R: \$10 • NR: \$12

Holiday Puzzle Palooza!

Dec. 20 • 6:30-10:30 p.m.

(Ages 6+) Gather your team for a festive night of friendly competition! Each group gets the same wrapped, holiday-themed puzzle. The first to finish wins a prize, and everyone takes their puzzle home. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

\$60 per table

Santa at the Station

Dec. 6 • 9:30 a.m.

The Crestwood Fire House will transform into a Christmas wonderland for a pancake breakfast and photos with Santa himself! This free, family-friendly event is open to the community—but space is limited. Preregistration is required by contacting knaccarato@cityofcrestwood.org or calling 314-729-4742.

CODE CORNER:

Keep Sidewalks Clear, Streets Open, and Firewood Properly Stacked

As winter approaches, the City of Crestwood wants to remind residents about a few important ordinances that help keep our community safe, accessible, and looking its best during the colder months.

Keep Sidewalks Clear

When snow or ice falls, it's the responsibility of the property owner, tenant, or occupant to clear the sidewalks in front of their property as soon as possible. If a building has multiple tenants, the person whose unit is closest to the street is responsible for clearing that section of sidewalk.

- *Why it matters:* Clearing sidewalks promptly helps prevent slips and falls and ensures that neighbors, children walking to school, and mail carriers can move safely throughout the community.
- *Quick tip:* Shovel early and often—removing snow before it's packed down by foot traffic makes the job much easier.

Parking During Snowfall

When there's an inch or more of snow, ice, or freezing rain, street parking is allowed on only one side of the street—and the side changes depending on the year.

- Even-numbered years: Park on the side with even-numbered addresses.
- Odd-numbered years: Park on the side with odd-numbered addresses.

Because we're currently in 2025, parking during snow events should be on the odd-numbered side of



the street. This rule will continue through the end of the 2025–26 winter season, including January 2026.

This rule stays in effect until snow removal operations are complete and the weather emergency has ended. On streets where parking is already restricted to one side, that restriction continues as usual.

- *Why it matters:* Limiting parking to one side of the street allows snowplows to safely and efficiently clear the roads. When vehicles are parked on both sides, plows can't get through—leaving snow piles that can block driveways and make driving hazardous.
- *Quick tip:* This winter, think “odd year, odd side” to help plows and neighbors get around safely.

Firewood Storage

If you store firewood outdoors, it must be stacked at least five (5) inches off the ground, and kept behind the front of your home (not in front

Who Maintains Our Roads?

Snow removal in and around Crestwood is a team effort. Several agencies share responsibility for keeping streets clear and safe.

City of Crestwood

- Most residential streets

MoDOT

- Watson Road

St. Louis County

- Big Bend Boulevard
- Sappington Road
- Eddie & Park Road

or beside it).

- *Why it matters:* Keeping firewood elevated helps prevent pest infestations, rot, and mold. Storing it behind the front building line keeps yards tidy and maintains neighborhood appearance standards.
- *Quick tip:* Use a simple firewood rack or bricks to keep logs raised off the ground.

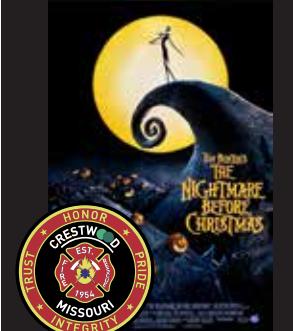


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MOVIE NIGHT

At the Crestwood Fire House
The Nightmare Before Christmas



Dec. 13 - 6 p.m. 
FREE TO ATTEND! 

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Visit cityofcrestwood.org for meeting updates and cancellations.

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Nov. 5, Dec. 3 - 6 p.m.
Planning, Zoning & Arch.
Review Commission

Nov. 10, Dec. 8 - 6:30 p.m.
Charter Review Commission

Nov. 13, Dec. 11 - 7 p.m.
Board of Zoning Adjustment

Nov. 18 - 6:30 p.m.
Ways & Means Committee

Nov. 19 - 7 p.m.
Public Works Board

Nov. 24 - 7 p.m.
Public Safety Board Meeting

Nov. 25, Dec. 9 - 7 p.m.
Board of Aldermen Meeting

Dec. 16 - 7 p.m.
Park Board Meeting

Contact Information

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Fire Nonemergency

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