

CRESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

JUNE/JULY 2020

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX RENEWAL VOTE JUNE 2, 2020

ON JUNE 2, CRESTWOOD VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER PROPOSITION 1, A PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT 1/2 CENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES TAX.

In 1993, Crestwood voters approved a half-cent sales tax to fund Capital Improvements. The sales tax was extended by voters in 2002, and now the Board of Aldermen is asking voters once again to consider continuing it at the June 2, 2020, election.

WHAT DOES THE TAX PROVIDE?

Revenue generated from the Capital Improvements Sales Tax funds capital purchases, maintenance items, and infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk and street repairs, park improvements, vehicle purchases, facility maintenance, and more.

HOW HAS THE REVENUE BEEN USED?

Over the last ten years, the proceeds from this sales tax have provided nearly **\$9 MILLION** for street repairs and maintenance, **\$5 MILLION** for improvements to Community Center, Aquatic Center, Government Center, and Public Works Facility, **\$2 MILLION** for replacing police cars, snow plows, and fire safety vehicles,

and **\$1 MILLION** for parks improvements and maintenance.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Prop 1 will provide revenues to fund the planned replacement of the City's EMS Rescue Truck in 2021, and fire truck in 2023. Also, Crestwood will use the proceeds of this sales tax to fund maintenance and improvements for Crestwood roads, parks, and facilities.

On June 2, 2020, Crestwood residents will be asked to vote on Proposition 1, which will continue the current half-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax. We encourage all Crestwood residents to get out and vote!

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VOTE JUNE 2, 2020

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

THE CRESTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT has provided the following checklist to help keep your home safe from a fire.

IN THE KITCHEN

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Take these steps today to prevent a cooking fire in your home:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.
- Keep things that can burn away from your cooking area.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they won't get bumped.

ELECTRICAL SENSE

Follow these safety tips to prevent an electrical fire:

- Plug only one heat-producing appliance into the electrical outlet. Never use an extension cord. Examples of heat-producing appliances are microwaves, coffee makers, and portable heaters.
- Extension cords are for temporary use only.
- If you have an electrical cord that is frayed or broken, don't use it.

HOME PROTECTION

Fire prevention is important, but also make sure you and your home are protected.

- Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Test your alarms each month.
- Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.

BLURBS

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Property owners should remember to keep their grass mowed and trimmed to the appropriate length. Crestwood Code requires grass to be below 8 inches.

GOVERNMENT CENTER: NOT A POLLING PLACE

The Crestwood Government Center is **NOT** a polling place for the General Municipal Election on June 2, 2020. If you normally vote at the Government Center, you can use the St. Louis County Election Board Polling Place Locator to find your polling location.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE FILING LIST

The City of Crestwood will hold a General Municipal Election on June 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing a mayor for a term of three (3) years. The only candidate that filed for Mayor is current Mayor Grant Mabie.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN CRESTWOOD

The Crestwood Police Department would like to remind our residents that it is unlawful for any person to possess, use, discharge, or explode fireworks in St. Louis County. This would include within the City of Crestwood. In addition to the legal prohibition, there is also a safety component. Every year, injuries occur due to the discharging of fireworks, and the loud noises can have an adverse effect on some people and pets.

WARM WEATHER PET SAFETY

Even with windows cracked, the temperature inside your vehicle can increase within minutes. If the outside temperature is 80 degrees, the inside of your vehicle can reach 99 degrees after 10 minutes, and 114 degrees after 30 minutes. When in doubt, leave your pet at home!

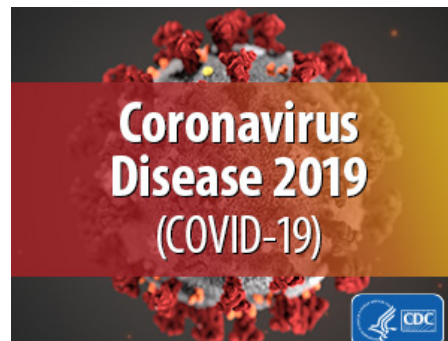
DRIVE BY GARDEN TOUR & SCAVENGER HUNT

BEAUTIFY CRESTWOOD is sponsoring a Drive By Garden Tour and Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The committee is looking for Crestwood residents to take part in the tour and show off their front yard! If you would like to participate in the tour or scavenger hunt, please email beautifycrestwood@gmail.com



INSIDE CRESTWOOD'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19



CRESTWOOD MAKES ADJUSTMENTS TO DAILY OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19.

Like many communities around the world, Crestwood has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in many ways over a short period of time. In order to continue serving the residents while also protecting the well-being of the public and our employees, the City of Crestwood made several adjustments to our daily operations.

Social distancing measures were put in place to minimize unnecessary public contact, as many of our non-emergency personnel transitioned to modified or full-time work from home. The Police Department set up a

secondary hub at the Community Center to physically separate each police shift in case of COVID-19 exposure, and the street maintenance crews switched to a staggered schedule to reduce physical contact.

The Parks and Recreation staff modified their communication efforts on social media by focusing on new ways to interact with people online. Staff posted daily activities, workout videos and games, and started hosting events on Facebook Live. City Boards and Commissions held virtual meetings via Zoom, allowing us to conduct City business while maintaining social distancing.

We strengthened our hygiene and sanitation efforts by setting up several hand sanitizing stations throughout our facilities, arranged for the bi-weekly disinfection of the Fire and Police Departments, and required emergency personnel to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE),

We would like to thank our employees, residents, and all of the first responders and medical professionals for their ongoing dedication and service during this time.

CRESTWOOD CONTINUES TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

CRESTWOOD MAKES SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FACILITIES AND PUSHES AHEAD WITH THE GOVERNMENT CENTER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

We know it's been hard over the past few months with the shelter-in-place order, but we've been busy and are excited to share some of the recent improvements we've made to our facilities!

At the Community Center, we installed a new glass wall to replace the wood paneled doors to partition rooms 106/107, the Gymnasium is equipped with a new divider curtain, and we expect to have new gym backboards installed as soon as delays from COVID-19 are relaxed.

The Aquatic Center Improvement Project is nearly complete! The project, which was partially funded by a Municipal Parks Grant, includes a new Massive Splash kiddie pool feature, a new sound system and speakers, and various maintenance replacements.

The Government Center Reconstruction project, begun in response to the major basement flooding from last year, is continuing. As of this writing, the City has finished plans with the architect and anticipates approving a construction contract in late May.

We are excited to showcase our recent improvements when it's safe to do so!



(New glass wall at the Community Center)



(Rendering of the Massive Splash feature)

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE? RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS

AS OF MAY 2020, CRESTWOOD HAD ONE OF THE HIGHEST SELF-RESPONSE RATES IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, COMING IN AT NO. 11 OUT OF MORE THAN 900 CITIES AND TOWNS.

Census results shape the future of local communities in a variety of ways — from determining the number of seats each state gets in the House of Representatives to informing decisions about how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for schools, healthcare, roads and bridges, emergency response, and other critical programs.

The 2020 Response Rate Challenge is a challenge to every city, town, and state to

beat their 2010 Census response rate. With a 84.8% self-response rate in the 2010 Census, let's continue to lead the way in Crestwood by making sure every resident is counted in the 2020 Census! Respond now at my2020census.gov.

**CRESTWOOD
SELF-RESPONSE RATE**
(May 2020)
82.7%

**RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS AT MY2020CENSUS.GOV,
TOLL-FREE NUMBER AT 844-330-2020, OR BY MAIL.**

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



(Mirela Celaj)

CONGRATULATIONS TO CRESTWOOD employee, Mirela Celaj, for earning her Master's in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology. As a Project Manager, Mirela oversees the City's sewer lateral program, reviews all residential home improvement projects, and reviews all fence and shed permits, among other things. She has worked for the Department of Public Works since 2014. Congratulations Mirela!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Due to COVID-19, all upcoming meetings and events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please check the city website at www.cityofcrestwood.org for updates and cancellations.*

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS
7 P.M. JUN 23 & JUL 28

FIRE BOARD MEETING
7 P.M. JUN 22

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
6 P.M. JUL 1

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
JUL 3

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Grant Mabie

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WARD 1:

Richard Breeding
Mimi Duncan

WARD 2:

Justin Charboneau
Mary Stadter

WARD 3:

Greg Hall
Scott Shipley

WARD 4:

Ismaine Ayouaz
Tony Kennedy

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