

# NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020



**I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER** my sincerest thanks to the Crestwood community for re-electing me to serve as your Mayor. It has been my honor to work for the citizens of Crestwood, and I look forward to continuing this service over the next three years. I remain committed to making Crestwood a better place to live, work, and play.

I would like to provide a brief update about the recent developments regarding the Crestwood Mall site. In early June, the City was notified that Walpert Properties, the lead developer on the Crestwood Mall redevelopment project, had decided not to move forward with their purchase of the property from UrbanStreet Group.

While we were disappointed and frustrated with this outcome, the City has already taken steps to pursue alternative options by issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the acquisition and redevelopment of the former Crestwood Mall site. Qualified developers will have until August 18 to submit their proposals. The City will continue to keep the public informed as updates are available.



We continue to monitor the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic and make adjustments to City operations in response to local, state, and federal guidelines. We recently released our Parks and Recreation COVID Reopening Plan, which provides updated guidelines for visiting the Crestwood Aquatic Center and Community Center, as well as plans for resuming pavilion reservations, tennis court reservations and ballfield reservations. The reopening plan and full list of guidelines is available on the City website.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all of the first responders and health care professionals for their hard work and contributions to the well-being of our communities. I would also like to extend my support to our teachers, students, and families who are about to embark on an extremely challenging beginning to the school year. Please continue to wear masks in public to do your part to stop the spread of this destructive virus. As we enter the second half of 2020, I am encouraged by the strength, resilience, and civic responsibility displayed by our community. Please stay safe and be well.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### FACILITY UPDATE



THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION has released new guidelines in the reopening of their facilities. Anyone entering the Community Center or Aquatic Center must have an ID card. All members and guests will be screened for COVID, and a COVID waiver must be signed prior to entering the facilities. Social distancing is required at both facilities except with members of the same household. There will be no cash transactions at any of the facilities. A full list of guidelines is available on the City website.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER

Hours of operation:

- Monday - Thursday: 8 AM - 7 PM
- Friday: 8 AM - 5 PM
- Saturday: 8 AM - 4 PM
- Fitness Center, Gymnasium, and Dance Gym open to 50% capacity
- No locks or showers
- No lost and found

#### AQUATIC CENTER

- Open: Monday - Saturday
- Session 1: 11 AM - 2:45 PM
- Session 2: 3:15 PM - 7 PM
- Patrons must have a current membership or ID card
- No NEW non-residents will be allowed to purchase a membership

City staff appreciates your patience and understanding as we work to make this implementation as smooth as possible.

# BLURBS

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

All code enforcement requests and inquiries should be submitted online through the City website or emailed to [CodeEnforcement@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:CodeEnforcement@cityofcrestwood.org). Crestwood's Code Enforcement Officer is no longer handling inquiries via the direct telephone number. Citizens should utilize the online form, Code Enforcement email, or call the Public Works Administrative Assistant at 314-729-4725.

## CRESTWOOD NIGHT OUT - CANCELED

Due to the uncertainty and continued threat surrounding COVID-19, the City has made the decision to cancel Crestwood Night Out for 2020. Crestwood Night Out is an annual event sponsored by the Crestwood Police Department in an effort to strengthen neighborhood spirit. We look forward to continuing the annual event in September 2021!

## UPDATED GOLF CART ORDINANCE

The Crestwood Board of Aldermen have amended the section of City code that relates to the use of golf carts and other motorized vehicles within the City. The ordinance allows for the operation of low speed vehicles, golf carts or similar devices upon roads posted or regulated at 25 miles per hour or less, may cross roads posted or regulated at 30 miles per hour or more, but cannot be operated on sidewalks. The operator must be insured, have a valid driver's license, and the vehicle must be licensed by the State of Missouri if state law requires a license. Operators and passengers must wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt that meets federal guidelines.

# CRESTWOOD SELECTS NEW DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF



**THE CITY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that the Police Department has selected Michael Ford to serve as Crestwood's new Deputy Police Chief, following the retirement of former Deputy Chief Rich Noland in early July.

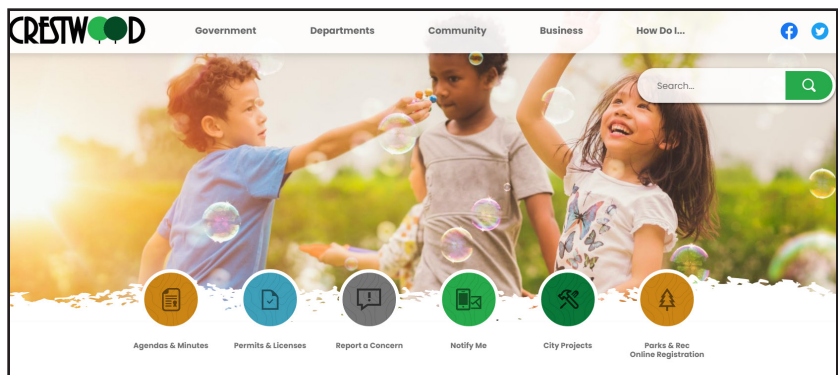
Ford has been with Crestwood for over 23 years, serving as a patrol officer, detective, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, and now deputy chief of police.

Chief of Police Ron Compton has served with Ford for over 23 years.

"We are very excited to have him in the position," stated Chief Compton. "I am confident he will do a great job, just as he has always done in the past."

Congratulations Deputy Chief Ford!

# CRESTWOOD HAS A NEW WEBSITE



**WE ARE VERY EXCITED** to announce the launch of our newly designed website! As of July 29, 2020, visitors are directed to a brand new site with upgraded features allowing visitors to "Report a Concern" and choose "Notify Me" to receive notifications about city events, meetings, job postings and community alerts.

Other new features include a "News Flash" section on the homepage where visitors can easily retrieve the latest community news, and

a "City Projects" page that tracks the progress of ongoing city projects.

Our goal was to make the new website easier to navigate and more user-friendly, and we hope it provides visitors a better way to stay informed and engaged in city activities.

**BE SURE TO VISIT US AT:  
[WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG)**

# CRESTWOOD EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**THE CITY IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE** the advanced training and achievement of Crestwood employees by featuring a list of degrees, certifications, and professional organization leadership roles in each department.

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT - 9 EMPLOYEES

- 6 Masters Degrees
- 7 Bachelor Degrees
- 1 Certified Municipal Clerk
- 1 Missouri Registered City Clerk
- 1 Certified Public Manager
- 1 Certified City Planner
- 1 Certified Court Administrator
- *President* - Eastern Division of the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association
- *Region Director* - International Institute of Municipal Clerks

## POLICE DEPARTMENT - 33 EMPLOYEES

- 1 Masters Degree
- 10 Bachelor Degrees
- 11 Associate Degrees

(POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.)

- 1 Professional Designation for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

## PARKS & RECREATION - 6 EMPLOYEES

- 5 Bachelor Degrees
- 2 Certified Parks & Recreation Professionals
- 1 Certified Aquatic Facility Operator
- 1 Certified Pool Operator
- 1 Certified Playground Safety Inspector
- *Aquatic Section Secretary* - Missouri Parks and Recreation Association
- *Director at Large* - Missouri Parks and Recreation Association

## PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION - 7 EMPLOYEES

- 3 Masters Degrees
- 3 Bachelor Degrees
- 1 Professional Engineer
- 2 Certified Floodplain Managers
- 1 Certified Police Officer
- 1 Certified Construction Inspector

## FIRE DEPARTMENT - 23 EMPLOYEES

- 1 Bachelor Degree
- 5 Associate Degrees
- 1 Certified NFPA Fire Protection Specialist
- 3 Missouri State Certified Fire Investigators
- 2 Missouri State Certified Fire Inspectors
- 4 Missouri State Certified Fire Service Instructors
- 1 Missouri State Certified Live Fire Instructor
- 1 Hazardous Materials Technician
- 1 Confined Space Rescue Technician
- 2 Trench Rescue Technicians

## PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE - 8 EMPLOYEES

- 1 Bachelor Degree
- 1 Associate Degree
- 2 Certified Arborists
- 1 Certified Journeyman Carpenter
- 2 Certified Construction Inspectors
- 1 Certified Asphalt Roadway Construction
- 1 HVAC Certification

## SAPPINGTON HOUSE EVENT LANDSCAPES OF SUMMERTIME PAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

**ENJOY SUMMER FUN AT THE** Sappington House for Landscapes of Summertime Past, presented by Historic Saint Louis, on Saturday, August 15 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Attendees are invited to view the formal flower and herbal gardens and take a tour of the historic home. Plein air artists will be there to sketch their nature observations, while the Missouri Fiddlers play old-time favorites.

Enjoy a historical skit by costumed Sappingtons or climb in one of the park's trees with Vertical Voyages. Artifacts from an archaeological dig of the summer kitchen will also be on display. Refreshments will be served.

Tree climbing reservations are required for the noon session. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sappington House at 314-822-8171.

**TICKETS**  
**\$5/ADULTS & \$1/CHILDREN**  
**TREE CLIMB/\$20 PER PERSON**

**FOR RESERVATIONS: CALL 314-822-8171**



## SUNCREST FEST 2020: CANCELED

The Cities of Crestwood and Sunset Hills regret to announce the SunCrest Fest, scheduled for September 19, has been canceled due to the uncertainty and continued threat surrounding the covid-19 pandemic. City officials in partnership with the carnival company agree canceling is the appropriate decision and look forward to a healthy return in 2021.



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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](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org) for updates and cancellations.*

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS**  
7 P.M. AUG 25, SEP 8 & SEP 22

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
6 P.M. SEP 2

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**  
SEP 7

**POLICE BOARD MEETING**  
7 P.M. SEP 21

# CONTACT INFORMATION

**GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
(314) 729-4700  
Fax: (314) 729-4794

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
(314) 729-4776  
Fax (314) 729-4882

**POLICE**  
Emergency: 911  
Non Emergency:  
314-729-4800  
Fax: 314-729-4848

**FIRE**  
Emergency: 911  
Non Emergency:  
314-729-4742  
Fax: 314-729-4751

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
Administration  
314-729-4720  
Maintenance  
314-729-4734  
Fax: 314-729-4738

**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
314-729-4860  
Fax: 314-729-4877  
[cityofcrestwood.org](http://cityofcrestwood.org)

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
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**MAYOR**  
Grant Mabie

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**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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