

# NEWSLETTER

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2019



*(Rendering of the Quarry Area from the Whitecliff Park Master Plan)*

**NOW THAT SUMMER** is approaching, I hope everyone will have more time to enjoy the outdoors in Crestwood's Parks. At the Crestwood Aquatic Center in Whitecliff Park, you can enjoy a multi-purpose lap pool with two diving boards, lazy river, family play pool with three slides, climbing wall, and a zero depth beach area among other things. In addition to the pool's amenities, Crestwood staff offers a wide range of Aquatics Fitness Classes from June through August. Aquatic Center individual and family membership passes are available to Crestwood residents at a discounted rate, and pass holders may bring up to four paid guests daily. Information about membership passes and aquatic fitness classes can be found in the Crestwood RecConnect Guide on the City Website.

Additionally, be sure to check out Crestwood's Summer Series events, including Movies in the Park, Books in the Park, and

Concerts in the Park! More details and a full schedule are provided on page 3 of this newsletter.

Crestwood is continuously working to upgrade its parks. One exciting piece of news I am happy to announce is that Crestwood has been preliminarily awarded a \$125,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The funds from this grant will enable us to construct new features at the quarry area in Whitecliff Park. This has been a project the City has wanted to pursue for 20 years since our 1999 Whitecliff Park Master Plan! The City is still awaiting the official notice to proceed from the National Park Service and Missouri Department of Natural Resources, which is expected in September or October of this year. Upon receipt, the City will have 12 months to begin construction on the project,

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## CRESTWOOD PROPERTY TAX ROLL BACK PROJECTED



In 2019, the St. Louis County Assessor reassessed the fair market value on all residential and commercial property located within St. Louis County. The assessed value is applied to tax rates established by the taxing districts to determine the amount of tax levied against a property.

While the 2019 preliminary values show a 21% increase in Crestwood's assessed values, property taxes collected by the City of Crestwood will only increase by 1.9% due to the Hancock Amendment of the Missouri Constitution.

The Hancock Amendment limits the tax increase to the increase in the consumer price index (CPI), which this year is 1.9%. While most property owners will see an increase in their assessed values, their taxes won't increase by the same percentage. The result is a reduction in Crestwood's preliminary property tax rate to .5920, down 15% from last year's rate of .6980.

In 2018, the assessed value of a \$200,000 home was \$38,000. The Crestwood Residential Property Tax rate of \$0.6980 generated \$265 in City of Crestwood property taxes.

After a 21% increase for 2019 the assessed value of the same house rises to \$45,980. With a preliminary residential property tax rate of .5920, the 2019 property tax bill is \$272, just \$7 more than 2018.

# BLURBS

## SUMMER STREET REPAIRS

The following city streets have been designated for slab replacement in 2019: Dalcrest Lane, Raycrest Lane, Arban Drive, Buxton Drive, and Glencrest Drive. Starting on June 3, residents can expect to encounter construction work and partial street closures. The project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks.

## SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES

The Crestwood Board of Aldermen is thinking about increasing fines for speeding in school zones. You can provide input on this issue by contacting the Board of Aldermen at [www.cityofcrestwood.org/contacttheboard](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org/contacttheboard)

## FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN CRESTWOOD

The Police Department would like to remind our residents that it is unlawful for any person to possess, use, discharge or explode fireworks within 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.

## CITY RECEIVES CLEAN AUDIT FOR FY18

CPA firm Schmersahl Treloar delivered their audit report to the Board of Aldermen on May 28. Their report issued a clean opinion of the city's financials for 2018.

## 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!

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Crestwood employees, David Wheeler and David Jacobs for earning their "Roads Scholar I" certificates through the Missouri LTAP (local training assistance program) Scholars Program. The program provides training to increase knowledge of local public works and road systems and improve administrative, supervisory, technical, and worker skills, and is aimed at training skilled personnel within Missouri local transportation and public works agencies. Participants must complete the required classes during the prescribed 4-year period before achieving level I of the program.

Wheeler has been with Crestwood for 5 years, and Jacobs is going on 35 years. Congratulations guys!



*(David Wheeler and David Jacobs pictured left to right)*

## RAYBURN PARK GRAND RE-OPENING

**JOIN US** on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. for the grand re-opening of Rayburn Park. Mayor Grant Mabie and the Crestwood Board of Aldermen will be on hand to cut the ribbon to the newly renovated park, which has two new playgrounds, a walking trail, and an accessible parking lot.

## TODDLER PLAYGROUND DEDICATED TO FORMER ALDERMAN BILL SISLER

The toddler playground will be named after former Crestwood Alderman Bill Sisler, who served on the Board of Aldermen from 1977 to 1979 and from 1981 to 1991. During his twelve years of service, Alderman Sisler served as an Aldermanic Representative to the Fire Board, Public Works Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Disabled Citizens Advisory Committee. The Crestwood Board of Aldermen is proud to dedicate the toddler playground in Rayburn Park to Bill Sisler, whose hard work and dedication helped make Crestwood a better place.

The City is pleased to honor former Alderman Sisler for his contributions to the City over many years!



*(Rendering of new playground in Rayburn Park)*



*(Rendering of toddler playground in Rayburn Park)*

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 21 & JULY 19, 7:30 P.M.**  
**FREE EVENT**  
 All Ages

See the movie on the big screen! Grab some popcorn, your blankets, and watch a free movie this summer with us at one of your neighborhood parks!  
*Lilo & Stitch* - June 21 - Rayburn Park  
*Smallfoot* - July 19 - Spellman Park  
 Movies will start playing at dusk and could be canceled in the event of windy or wet conditions.

**SUMMER ALTERNATIVES**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 21, & JUL 12 6:30 P.M.**  
**\$10/CRESTWOOD & LINDBERGH STUDENTS ONLY**  
 Ages 11-14

Crestwood and Lindbergh students join us at the Crestwood Aquatics Center for a night of fun, dancing, and socializing, all under the supervision of the Crestwood Police and Parks & Recreation Departments. *Tickets must be purchased the Thursday prior to the event at the Crestwood Community Center. Proof of residency or Lindbergh ID will be required to purchase.*

**QUARRY FISHING**  
**Sat. Jun 22 & Jul 20, 9 A.M. to Noon**  
**\$6 Residents/\$8 Non-Residents**  
 Children ages 12 and under must have an adult with them. Pre-registration is required 2 days prior.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: FANFARE**  
**Fri. Jun 28, 7 to 9 P.M.**  
**Summer Playhouse Stage: Whitecliff Park**  
 Join us for a free summer concert! Coolers, snacks, and drinks are welcome, but no glass please.

**18TH LAZY RIVER DUCK RACE**  
**Thu. Jul 4, 2 P.M.**  
**CRESTWOOD AQUATIC CENTER**  
 Adopt your duck for \$5 a "quack" and watch as hundreds of rubber ducks race around the lazy river! Purchase at the Crestwood Community Center

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which we expect will include at minimum the construction of a boardwalk along the quarry edge.

Lastly, the comprehensive renovation of Rayburn Park is almost complete. This project was also completed with the assistance of a grant from the Municipal Parks Commission which covered 85% of the cost. The grand re-opening of Rayburn Park will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 10 a.m. We hope to see you there!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and are able to enjoy some of the many events and programs offered here in Crestwood!

If you would like to stay up to date with what is happening in Crestwood Parks and the City of Crestwood, you can follow us on Facebook by searching for "Grant Mabie, Mayor of Crestwood, Missouri," "City of Crestwood," and "City of Crestwood Parks and Recreation Department."



## STORIES IN THE PARK MONDAYS, JUNE 10 - JULY 8

**CRESTWOOD PARKS & RECREATION** and St. Louis County Library - Oak Bend are joining together to have story time in the park for Preschool and Kindergarten age children. Join us as we explore Crestwood's parks and discover new books!

### SCHEDULE

- June 10 - Spellman Park
- June 17 - Crestwood Park Pavilion #2
- June 24 - Whitecliff Park Pavilion #3
- July 1 - Ferndale Park
- July 8 - Rayburn Park



## SAPPINGTON HOUSE EVENTS

**HISTORIC ST. LOUIS PRESENTS "PAINTING A SUMMERTIME PAST"**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 15 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

Enjoy summer fun at Historic Sappington House for the Crestwood component of the area-wide historic tour event with 26 participating sites. See the site's formal flower and herbal gardens and take a tour of the historic home. Look at the discovered artifacts from the final day of the student archaeological dig, watch the Missouri Fiddlers play old-time favorites, or climb to the heights in the park's trees with Vertical Voyages (\$20 per person). Reservations are required; call 314-842-1867, extension 230 for more information or visit [historicsaintlouis.org](http://historicsaintlouis.org).

**JOHN SAPPINGTON DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13 AT 10 A.M.**

The John Sappington DAR and the Spirit of St. Louis Sons of the American Revolution will hold a re-dedication ceremony for the Revolutionary Patriot markers at the Sappington Family Ceremony on Watson Road. Join Sappington descendants for a moving ceremony with a revolutionary color guard.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M. JUN 25 & JUL 23

### RAYBURN PARK GRAND RE-OPENING

10 A.M. JUN 15

### MOVIE IN RAYBURN PARK - LILO & STITCH

7:30 P.M. JUN 21

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - FANFARE

7 P.M. JUN 28

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 4

### MOVIE IN SPELLMAN PARK - SMALLFOOT

7:30 P.M. JUL 19

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