



Proposition C will go before Crestwood voters on April 4th. Find your polling place [here](#). Monitor our Prop C [web page](#) as it will be updated with more information over time.

Proposition C is a \$0.45 property tax levy increase, which resulted from public meetings and discussions about the city's financial condition. Faced with a growing budget deficit and increasing costs, Crestwood's Board of Aldermen unanimously voted to place Proposition C on the April 4, 2017 ballot. If approved, this would be the first general purpose property tax increase approved by voters in Crestwood's history. Specifically, Prop C will:

- *Retain current number of police officers and firefighters and other city staff*
- *Maintain current emergency and snow removal response times*
- *Eliminate deficit spending*
- *Enhance Crestwood's recognition as a highly desirable city to live*

Crestwood has dealt with challenging financial conditions since the early 2000s, and city revenues

**Jan 16**  
City Offices Closed

**Jan 17 7PM**  
Park Board  
Meeting

**Jan 18 7PM**  
Public Works  
Board Meeting

**Jan 23 6PM**  
[Kids' Canvas  
Painting Class](#)

**Jan 24 7PM**  
Board of  
Aldermen  
Meeting



Winter Season  
Parking  
Schedule

have declined by 21% since 2006. In response to this, the city has reduced costs by eliminating employees, reducing services, and putting off major projects. Despite these drastic measures, the city is still facing a significant annual operating deficit. If this trend continues, the city will extinguish its available fund balance by 2020. This must be avoided, and to do so the city needs to significantly cut expenses or increase revenues.

Prop C would cost the owner of a median \$182,000 house approximately \$2.99 a week. That's about \$12.97 a month. With a \$200,000 house, the cost of Prop C is 47 cents per day, or about \$14.25 a month. You can find an in-depth chart that illustrates the impact Prop C would have on property tax bills on our [Proposition C FAQ Sheet](#).

If Prop C does not pass, Crestwood will need to significantly reduce costs in order to balance the budget and end deficit spending. To do that it would be necessary to explore the following:

- *Reduce additional positions, resulting in fewer police officers, firefighters, and leading to slower emergency response times.*
- *Reducing maintenance workers, who plow the city during snow events. Rather than plow the entire city, only major city streets would be kept plowed during snow events.*
- *Enact an ongoing pay freeze, leading to employee salaries falling far behind the market. This would increase turnover and fail to attract quality new employees.*
- *Reduce maintenance activities around the city, leading to further decline of our*

**NOTICE:** During the 2016-2017 Winter Season, cars should be parked on the even-numbered side of the street. \*VEHICLES PARKED ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET WILL BE TICKETED AND REQUIRED TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY\*



**Discarded Christmas Trees**

**NOTICE:** Meridian Waste will pick up discarded Christmas Trees through Tuesday, January 31st. Trees that are taller than 4 feet should be cut in half - no bundling necessary.

*infrastructure and the appearance of our parks and public spaces.*

- *Cease economic development activities, halting our efforts to attract new businesses to Crestwood.*
- *Cease code enforcement activities, greatly diminishing our efforts to maintain the appearance of our neighborhoods.*

City officials want Crestwood voters to make an informed decision and know the facts before voting on April 4th. To read more about Prop C and what it entails, you can visit our Prop C web page [here](#).

You can contact us with questions, concerns or comments at [info@cityofcrestwood.org](mailto:info@cityofcrestwood.org)



**The Christmas in Crestwood Holiday Tree Decorating Contest came to an end on December 25th. On behalf of the city, we would like to thank all of the 96 local businesses who participated in the contest. Additionally, we would like to extend**

**Residents should place the discarded trees next to the regular household trash or yard waste, but not recycling.**

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## **2017 Budget**

**The City of Crestwood 2017 Annual Budget was approved by the Board of Aldermen on December 13, 2016, and is now available on the city website or by the link provided [here](#). The final document contains a total of nine (9) sections that include a detailed summary of each fund, an introduction, and an**

our gratitude to all of the residents and guests who partook in the activities and rated the Holiday Trees. This year, the number of ballots submitted came to a total of 9,965. This number has grown dramatically since the first year in 2014 that saw 2,685 ballots cast.

The Grand Prize winner will be announced at the January 10th Board of Aldermen Meeting, and all of the winning businesses will be announced at the January 24th Board of Aldermen Meeting.

You can check out all of the Holiday Trees on the [Christmas in Crestwood Facebook Page](#).

**overview of the city's budget process and policies, along with other pertinent information.**

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The Crestwood Parks and Recreation Department has released a list of the upcoming programs and events scheduled in 2017. You can register for a program [online](#) or call 314-729-4860. Check out all of the fun, unique and fitness friendly options [here](#).



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