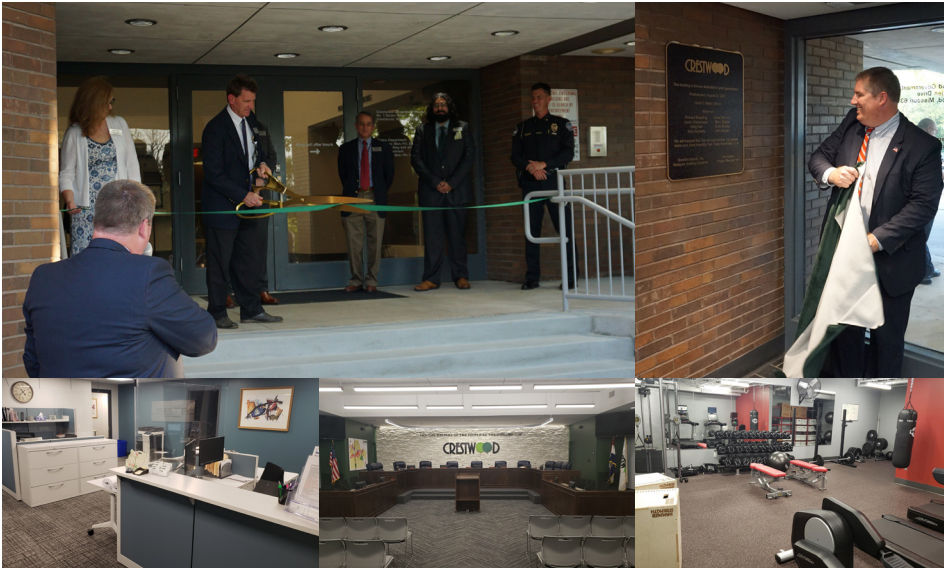


# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021



## GOVERNMENT CENTER REDEDICATED

On August 24, the City rededicated the Crestwood Government Center at I Detjen Drive, a cumulation of events two years in the making.

After the great flood of 2019, the City began an extensive process of rebuilding and upgrading the building in various ways. Below are highlights of the new changes:

- Updated main entrance with new ADA ramp, handicapped parking spots, handrails and planter boxes.
- Remodeled the Board of Aldermen Chambers, putting in a new back wall, carpeting, dais, staff tables, chairs and technological updates such as large displays for the audience.
- Remodeled the Public Works and Fire Department Administrative offices, adding a second conference room
- Rebuilt and expanded the Police Department's locker rooms with state of the art lockers and new showers
- Built a brand new workout center with

treadmills, dumbbells, a squat rack, plyometric equipment and much more.

- Built a brand new mother's room that doubles as a break room for staff
- Completely reconfigured the Government Center roof, eliminating leaks, and replaced the lobby skylights
- Updated various maintenance concerns throughout the building including mechanical equipment, lighting, walls, IT servers, computers, fireproofing, waterproofing, carpet, paint colors, etc.

During the ceremony, Mayor Grant Mabie unveiled the plaque in the lobby (in the photo above), rededicating the Government Center with the motto, "this building is forever dedicated to good government."

The City would like to thank everyone involved with this project including contractors who worked on all phases of the project, employees who carried on in a construction zone, and to the citizens of Crestwood for wading through this with us.

## CITY ADOPTS NEW LANDSCAPE CODE

Crestwood has recently adopted a new landscape code, a complementary addition to the zoning and development code changes passed in January. These code changes will keep the City beautiful by supporting native plantings, encouraging biodiversity and enhancing property values.

This effort began in January, with City staff and the Planning, Zoning and Architectural Review Commission, working closely with consultants from local firms SWT Design and CMT.

The new code updates the standards for the provision, installation, maintenance, and removal of landscape plantings in order to achieve a healthy, visually pleasing, and safe community. These standards include, but are not limited to:

- A points system for landscape plans, creating a threshold that must be reached for a plan to be approved.
- Landscape buffer requirements for properties based on the neighboring uses. This will ensure a natural separation between commercial, industrial and residential land uses.
- New diagrams for street tree planting, buffers, etc. as well as a list of acceptable/prohibited tree species.

Any Crestwood residents wondering if a landscape plan needs to be submitted when they want to plant rose bushes or shrubbery in their yards should not be concerned. Residential landscape plans are only required if your property borders a commercial or industrial property (fewer than six percent of all Crestwood homes), or if the square footage of the property is being substantially increased on the ground floor.

For more questions, please contact the Department of Public Services at 314-729-4720.

# NEWS BLURBS

## STREET TREE PLANTINGS

The City of Crestwood has a street tree planting program. Every year, money is set aside for planting trees around the City, in specified areas. If you would like to request a street tree, please contact the Department of Public Services at 314-729-4720 to start the process.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

This time of year is perfect for taking care of any tree trimming or removal needs you may have. All trees in Crestwood are required to be maintained, trimmed and properly disposed of, if needed. This includes deadwooding a tree, the process in which one prunes out dead branches from an otherwise healthy tree.

Additionally, when a tree is removed, the City requires that all tree stumps be ground out at least three inches below the ground level, the chips removed, the soil cavity filled and the area leveled.

## MAINTAINING YARD WASTE

As the leaves and branches fall in Crestwood, please remember to bag them in approved containers or in proper bundles for Waste Connections pick up, which is unlimited for all residents. These include 30-gallon, biodegradable yard waste bags and trash cans properly marked with yard waste tags (these are available at City Hall). Residents should not blow leaves onto their neighbor's property or down storm drains.

## I VOTED STICKER CONTEST

St. Louis County Board of Elections, is hosting an "I Voted" sticker contest. Three original designs will be reproduced into more than 500,000 stickers for distribution. Entries are due by October 15. For more information, please visit [stlouiscountymo.gov/stickercontest](http://stlouiscountymo.gov/stickercontest).

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 75th Anniversary Committee is planning multiple events for 2022 including a parade, golf tournament, and trivia night. For more information, please visit the City website at [cityofcrestwood.org](http://cityofcrestwood.org).

# STORMWATER RUNOFF MANAGEMENT

The Department of Public Services receives hundreds of complaints every year and a great many of them involve stormwater discharge. The City has been looking to mitigate those nuisances as much as possible.

Therefore, back in January when Crestwood passed the first comprehensive zoning and development code update in more than 25 years, one of the more significant sections that was addressed was Section 26-44 – Land Development Standards, specifically sub-section N – Water Discharge.

While we cannot stop water from flowing downhill, the main goal of this section is to help improve the issue of stormwater runoff and attempt to keep it from becoming a larger nuisance throughout the City – for you and your neighbors.

To help manage these goals, Chap. 26-44 (N) is set up in a way to verify that if a property owner is significantly increasing their impervious surface footprint, they must also offset that increase in potential discharge by storing/offsetting the water and allowing it to absorb into the ground or be used for watering at a later date.

Impervious surfaces, or any surface in which water cannot be absorbed, includes but is not limited to, roofs, decks, patios, sheds, driveways, pools and other surfaces.

The Department of Public Services has created a four step system to assist any property owner with questions:

### Step 1: Determine the Scope of the Project

To know how much stormwater to offset, one must know how big their project is going to be. For example, a 10'x10' shed would yield a 100 square foot area to address.

### Step 2: Calculate how much water (by volume) needs to be offset

The City uses the Missouri Botani-

cal Garden standards when it comes to stormwater management on residential properties. While this can be a complicated math formula for those of us that don't like math, it breaks down to roughly 9.5 cubic feet of water (by volume), or 71 gallons of water, that needs to be offset for every 100 square feet of potential project.

### Step 3: Determine which offset to use for the project.

There are many different ways to offset stormwater, including Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels, French Drains and Dry Wells. Each offset has their pros and cons so consider all your options before taking the next step.

### Step 4: Get approval from the Department of Public Services.

These are the experts in stormwater management and will help you to combine your calculations and offsets to effectively finish your project.

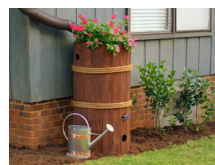
When making the decision in how to proceed, please remember that the stormwater runoff must be able to reach said offset area, self-contain that water (avoiding runoff), and then eventually absorb or use at a later date.

Furthermore, the amount of stormwater that one's property needs to offset to prevent runoff, is based off of the volume of what that area can hold, not just the square footage/size of the potential offset. For example, if rock is used within a dry well that can displace up to 60 percent of the water capacity of the container, while a rain garden must be a minimum of six inches deep to support the volumen requirement, even if the appropriate size container or square footage is used.

For more information, please contact the Department of Public Services at 314-729-4720 or use our QR code here.



Rain Garden



Rain Barrel



French Drain



Dry Well

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH PAT LISTON

SAT, OCT 9, 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
\$20/adults, FREE/children under 12  
Historic Sappington House  
All Ages

It is the southern rock music that Pat Liston and Mama's Pride were known for. Mystery gift card boxes and 50/50 raffle chances for sale. Food and drink is available to buy onsite at The Barn restaurant. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Parking is available at Crestwood Elementary and in the overflow lot off Reco Avenue. For more information or updates, contact HSH at 314-822-8171.

## NERF WARS

FRI, NOV 19, 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.  
\$9/residents and \$11/non-residents  
Whitecliff Community Center  
All Ages

Let the Glow in the Dark battle begin! Grab your NERF gun and family for the ultimate indoor NERF war! Safety glasses and darts will be provided. All you need to do is bring a NERF gun and guardian (but no automatic guns). Pre-registration is required 48 hours prior to the event. For more information or any updates, please contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

## HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN FEST

Oct 23, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (all ages)  
Participation is FREE, Whitecliff Park  
It's time to get your costumes on and have fun at the Halloween Family Fun Fest! The festival will feature games, activities, trunk-or-treat, and more. Bring your own buckets! Games may be an additional cost.

## PINT SIZE PARTIES

Nov 9, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (ages 2-5)  
\$3/residents and \$5/non-residents  
Join us for holiday themed parties for our small but mighty community members. Parties will consist of arts, crafts, games and free play! Pre-registration is required.

## TRAIL TIME FOR TOTS

Nov 12, 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM (ages 2-8)  
\$5/residents & \$7/non-residents  
Trail Time is a unique opportunity for children and their parents/guardians to make new friends while learning about nature through trail walks and activities.

REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION)

## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Crestwood Department of Fire Services would like to remind everyone that October 3-9, 2021 is National Fire Prevention Week. This year's message is about learning the sounds of fire safety. Here are three quick tips for everyone:

1. On a smoke alarm, a continuous set of three loud beeps means smoke or fire, while on a carbon monoxide detector, four loud beeps means that carbon monoxide is present in your home. Either way, go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.

2. A single chirp every 30 to 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed. Remember to replace batteries every year and that all smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

3. Emergencies occur at all hours. Always remember to keep your mobility devices, glasses, and cellphones close by and all hallways/pathways lit and free from clutter.

For more safety tips, please visit the City of Crestwood website - Fire Safety Education Center.

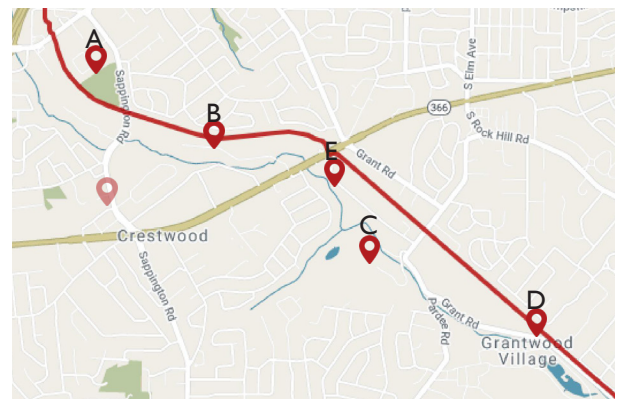
## GRANT'S TRAIL STAY-CATION: PART 3

As mentioned in the last two issues of the newsletter, below are a few suggestions of activities to do and places to eat while out and about.

In Part 3 of 3 of the 2021 Grant's Trail Stay-cation series, we will be assisting those looking for a few quicker walking trips on the trail.

For those seeking a nice daytime trip on a Saturday morning, park at the trail parking by the Sappington House (Map A). Head into the Barn for some delicious brunch options, and then stroll around the Historic Sappington House grounds before heading north on the trail, taking the family to the Oak Bend Library Branch (just north of Crestwood) for some new reading materials.

Immediately upon hitting the trail, on the right side is Father Dickson Cemetery, the final resting place of numerous African Americans who lived in St. Louis during the 19th Century. The Cemetery is currently



finalizing an application to be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

For the afternoon trip, park in the same place but head south this time towards Monkey Joe's to encourage your children to burn off a little energy (just north of Watson, by Map E). On the way home, stop by Applebee's for a nice, easy dinner.

**Total distance:** Less than 1.5 miles roundtrip for the daytime outing, less than 2 miles roundtrip for the afternoon adventure.

**Time commitment:** 30-45 minutes for both, depending on how fast everyone moves (plus any time spent at one of the activities).



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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.

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
 (VETERAN'S DAY)**  
 All Day NOV 11

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
 (THANKSGIVING)**  
 All Day NOV 25 & 26

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
 MEETINGS**  
 7 P.M. OCT 12, 26; NOV 9, 23

**HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN FEST**  
 11 A.M. OCT 23

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Fax: 314-729-4794

### MUNICIPAL COURT

314-729-4776  
 Fax 314-729-4882

### POLICE

Emergency: 911  
 Non Emergency:  
 314-729-4800

### FIRE

Emergency: 911  
 Non Emergency:  
 314-729-4742

### PUBLIC WORKS

Administration  
 314-729-4720  
 Maintenance  
 314-729-4734

### COMMUNITY CENTER

314-729-4860  
[cityofcrestwood.org/parks](http://cityofcrestwood.org/parks)

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