

NEWSLETTER

JUNE/JULY 2022



Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you to all who voted in the April 5th municipal election. In keeping with recent trends, Crestwood voter participation exceeded the St. Louis County average by more than 10% and we continue to have one of the highest participation rates in the area.

Additionally, thank you to Crestwood voters for overwhelmingly approving Proposition I. With this approval, the City's Fire Department is proceeding with preparations to begin providing top-tier ambulance service to residents and businesses in Crestwood by working on policies, sourcing supplies, and ordering equipment.

As with many things, the lead times on new ambulances have lengthened recently and we will have an update in the near future on when the City expects to begin providing ambulance service.

I want to welcome new Ward 1 Alderman Jim Zavist and new Ward 2 Alderman Michael Balles to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Zavist previously served as Chairman of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Economic Development Commission, and served on the Crestwood Mall TIF Commission.



Alderman Balles previously served as Chairman of the Public Works Board and served on the Crestwood Mall TIF Commission. We look forward to both of their contributions.

The gift of time and talents made by the volunteer members of the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees are extremely appreciated. Their important work refining and vetting City policies results in better lawmaking at the Board of Aldermen level.

If you would like to volunteer on one of the City's Boards, Commissions, or Committees, please fill out an application form on the City's website at www.cityofcrestwood.org/volunteer.

The Crestwood Crossing redevelopment project continues to advance positively. Sitework has already begun in earnest. It is expected Phase I will be completed and open in mid-2023 and the work on the site will not be impacted by the politically motivated lawsuit that was in the news. For the City's position on that frivolous lawsuit, please visit the City's website. We regret that resources are being wasted on such an exercise.

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The 75th Anniversary Committee has events scheduled throughout 2022 to commemorate this wonderful occasion. The first event of the year, the movie night and concert in Whitecliff Park was a great start to the season.

The second event will be the Family Bowling Night at Crestwood Bowl (9822 Waton Road) on Friday, June 3. Starting at 6:00 P.M., the fundraiser will include nearly 3 hours of bowling (and shoe rental) for \$50 per team, up to six people. Only 24 lanes are available, so pre-registration is recommended.

Pre-registration for the 75th Anniversary events is available online at www.crestwood75.org.

Other events in 2022 will include:

- Monday, September 12 - Golf Tournament (Scramble) at Aberdeen Country Club in Eureka
- Saturday, September 24 - Rogers and Nienhaus Concert at the Historic Sappington House Complex
- Saturday, October 15, - Celebration Day including a Parade, Taste of Crestwood, Fireworks, Pumpkin Pi 5K, and more throughout the City
- Saturday, November 12 - Trivia Night at St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Church

As dates and times are subject to change, for the most up to date information on Crestwood's 75th, please visit www.crestwood75.org for additional details and to join the 75th Anniversary mailing list.

NEWS BLURBS

PARKS HIRING FOR SUMMER

The Crestwood Parks and Recreation Department is still hiring for part-time positions this summer, including for the Aquatics Center front desk and concession stand staff, day camp counselors, Community Center clerks, and various recreation positions.

AQUATICS CENTER PRICING

The Parks & Recreation Department updated the Aquatics Center membership fees for the 2022 season. For more information, please visit the City website at www.cityofcrestwood.org/parks or contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

SUMMER PAVILION RENTALS

Pavilion rentals at Whitecliff Park are \$45 for residents, \$70 for non-residents and can include a birthday party add-on for the Aquatic Center. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

PD's TIP41 | SMARTPHONE APP

The Police Department's smartphone app, **Crestwood MO PD**, is used to help residents connect with the department, to view community-based alerts, and to submit anonymous tips from their phone. The app - Crestwood MO PD - is available for download for free via the Google Play or Apple App stores or from links provided on the City's website, www.cityofcrestwood.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

As a friendly reminder, please spend some time this summer power washing/removing mold and mildew from the various portions of your property that can harbor it. This process helps minimize potential health risks and potential damage to your home and preserves your property values.

If you would like to report a concern, all requests must be submitted using the online form on the main page of the City website or emailed to codeenforcement@cityofcrestwood.org.

PARKS MASTER PLAN NEARING FINISH LINE

As discussed in the last issue of the newsletter, the City of Crestwood is more than halfway into the process of creating their first comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the City's history.

This all-encompassing Parks Master Plan project is a community-based plan to identify improvements to all Crestwood parks, the Aquatics Center, the Community Center, and all the corresponding recreation and special event programming for at least the next decade.

Community input has been an essential portion of this planning process. Over the past few months, the project's main consulting firm Vireo – who specializes in Parks planning services – has received feedback from hundreds of residents, park users, staff members, public officials, and other stakeholders at various meetings and open houses.

The project's consultants are also in the process of trying to complete a statistically-valid survey, which has already been sent to hundreds of homes in the Crestwood community. This will be a key piece of the puzzle in trying to deliver on the



resident-driven approach to making these long-lasting decisions.

When the survey results are tabulated, that information will be combined with countless hours of various research into current and future trends, different work group findings, a thorough comparative market analysis, and much more to create an initial draft presentation.

That initial presentation will be communicated to and worked through with the master plan steering committee, various City staff, the Parks Board, and others before ultimately heading to the Board of Aldermen for full approval. The project is on pace to be completed, as scheduled, by the end of 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER: SUMMER SAFE

With the summer months among us, the Crestwood Department of Fire Services want to share their top five pieces of advice to stay safe this summer.

1. Pool safety for children is the top summer concern. Maintain constant supervision, swim with a buddy, and if a child is missing, always check the water first - seconds count.

2. If you own a pool, proper fence safety is paramount for you. Make sure your fence is always secure and in good working order, never prop open a fence gate and remove all objects by the fence that

a child could potentially climb to get into the pool area.

3. Fireworks burn up to 1200°F, which is nearly 6x hotter than the temperature in which water boils. There are more than 9,000 injuries and 18,000 fires that occur each year. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.

4. Protect your skin by limiting direct sunlight between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. and always wearing sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15.

5. Drink plenty of water regularly, even if you're not thirsty. Dehydration hits fast.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH ROCK OPERA

Sat June 11, 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
\$20 for adults; Free for kids 12-under
Historic Sappington House

Rock Opera's five performers replicate the greatest rock hits with intricate vocal harmonies and an array of instrumentation from the sixties, seventies, and beyond (rockopera.net). Bring your lawn chairs. Food and drink available for purchase from the Barn. Parking is available at Crestwood Elementary and the Reco Avenue overflow lot. For more information, please call 314-822-8171.

SWIM LESSONS

MULTIPLE SESSIONS
\$55/residents & \$66/non-residents
Whitecliff Aquatics Center
Ages 6-months & over (all skill levels)

Check out our summer swim programs with lessons based on age and skill level. Deadline to register is one week prior to the start date. All classes are 30 minutes in length and will consist of 8 classes. Private swim lessons are also available for youth and adults. For more information about swim lessons, please contact the Community Center at 314-729-4860.

SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

Summer Concert - The Coyote Band

Sat, June 11, 8:00 P.M. (Whitecliff Park)

Crestwood Day at Busch Stadium

Sun, June 12, 1:15 P.M. (Busch Stadium)

Annual Lazy River Duck Race

Mon, July 4, 2:00 P.M. (Aquatics Center)

Movie in the Park - Enchanted

Fri, July 29, 8:30 P.M. (Rayburn Park)

Pinochle Club

Every Mon, 11:00 A.M. (Community Center)

*The above is just a snapshot of the events put on throughout the summer by the Crestwood Parks and Recreation Department. For more information on these and other events, visit the City's website at www.cityofcrestwood.org.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFCRESTWOOD.ORG/REGISTRATION

POOL HOURS



Hours for the 2022 Aquatics Center pool season from May 27 - August 22 are as follows:

- Mon-Thurs 11:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
- Fri & Sat 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
- Sun 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

*Dates and hours of operation may change during the season for reasons including but not limited to, summer holidays, swim and dive meets, and inclement weather. Stay up to date on those changes by following the Parks Department on Facebook.

For more information on the pool, please visit the City's website or please contact the Community Center by phone or in-person in Whitecliff Park.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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With summer just around the corner, I encourage Crestwood families to enjoy all of the programs and activities that Crestwood has to offer. The RecConnect Brochure can be found on the City's website at www.cityofcrestwood.org/parks, where programs can also be registered for online. Crestwood residents rightfully enjoy the lowest rates for our parks programs and memberships, including to the Crestwood Aquatic Center.

In addition to our regular parks programming, there will be special events all year to commemorate Crestwood's 75th Anniversary culminating with a Celebration day on October 15th with a 5k, parade down Watson Road, a Taste of Crestwood, and a fireworks display. For more information, please visit www.crestwood75.org.

In conjunction with the 75th Anniversary celebration and as a proud Tree City USA, the City will be planting 75 trees this year throughout City parks and along City streets. If you would like a tree to

be planted on your property in the City's right of way, please fill out the form on the City website or request a form by emailing jfaust@cityofcrestwood.org.

The Board of Aldermen has recently approved several construction ordinances that will bring about lasting improvements to our City. Multiple streets will be repaved this summer; the Whitecliff basketball and tennis courts will be reconstructed, and a grant-funded pavilion will be erected adjacent to the new Whitecliff Quarry Boardwalk, among other projects.

At Crestwood City Hall, the remaining portions of the police department that were not worked on during the flood reconstruction are being renovated, and the original 1970s single-pane windows throughout City Hall are being replaced, which we expect to bring about significant utility savings.

Have a great summer and please shop and dine Crestwood first to keep your tax dollars working for you in your community!

Grant Mabie
Mayor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the City website at www.cityofcrestwood.org for any updates and cancellations.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
 All Day, JULY 4

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

7 P.M., JUNE 28, JULY 26

**Please note: During summer schedule, regular meetings are only scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of each month.*

75TH BOWLING NIGHT
 6 P.M., JUNE 3

CRESTWOOD DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM
 1:15 P.M., JUNE 1

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 Fax: 314-729-4794

POLICE

Non Emergency:
 314-729-4800

FIRE

Non Emergency:
 314-729-4742

MUNICIPAL COURT

314-729-4776

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314-729-4720

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