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### **City of Crestwood to Put \$33 Million Bond Issue on April 2024 Ballot**

*Residents to vote on plans to improve city parks and community center*

CRESTWOOD, MO January 10, 2024 – The City of Crestwood will ask residents to weigh in on a \$33 million bond issue on the April 2, 2024 ballot. If approved by residents, it would allow the City to issue bonds for several parks and recreation projects.

The proposed projects include:

- Constructing a new community center at Whitecliff Park
- Transforming the existing community center into a pickleball and family games complex
- Replacing the Crestwood Park playground
- Adding a nature playscape area to Whitecliff Park
- Adding a walking trail loop to Whitecliff Park
- Adding a pedestrian bridge to connect Whitecliff Park to the Lodgepole neighborhood

The City of Crestwood identified these projects as significant priorities within its 2023 Parks Master Plan. Throughout the planning process, which began in late 2021, the City conducted multiple town halls, public outreach events and a community survey to gather resident input.

"Empowering our community's growth and development has always been a top priority, and we are thrilled to announce our proposed plans for some of our City's largest park developments since the 1970s," said Mayor Scott Shipley. "With many of our facilities and equipment aging, we are determined to create modern and inclusive spaces that will cater to our residents' current and future needs."

The construction of a new community center is the largest project proposed on the bond issue.

"The new center is being designed with residents in mind. We focused on having a place for everyone. Our seniors will love the indoor walking and jogging track and additional space for gatherings and classes. Families will benefit from the additional and expanded programming spaces. The whole community will enjoy a larger fitness area and the multi-purpose rooms," said Eilien Ramirez, Director of Parks and Recreation.

To fund these improvements, residents will be asked to vote in April's General Municipal Election to give the City authority to issue \$33 million in bonds for the projects. Approval



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requires 57.14% of votes in favor. If approved, construction on the new community center would begin in 2025, with completion scheduled for 2026. Updates to the current facility and other park projects would follow.

The City encourages residents to learn more about the bond issuance before April's election and will host several town halls this spring at the Crestwood Community Center. The first town hall is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024. The other town halls are from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 27, and from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, March 30.

More information can also be found on the City's website at [www.cityofcrestwood.org/communitycenter](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org/communitycenter). The city also welcomes residents to direct their questions to 314-729-4864, speak with their alderman or stop by the Crestwood Community Center or Government Center to view the plans in person.



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