

Crestwood ~ A Community for a Lifetime

Budget Update

January/February 2007

On Tuesday, December 12th, the Crestwood Board of Aldermen approved the City Budget for fiscal year 2007. This budget totals \$13,554,332 in expenditures. At the core of these expenditures is the fulfillment of the pledge to use all of the monies generated by the passage of Proposition S, estimated at \$520,000, to begin retiring the City's operating debt. This budget also includes \$165,364 in General Funds dollars to serve as a surplus to begin rebuilding the City's depleted cash reserve. This is the first fiscal year since 2004 under which the City will not be relying on a line of credit as a back stop to pay its bills. City revenues for 2007 have been conservatively estimated to ensure that adequate revenue is available to fund critical City services.

The City's Capital Improvements Fund includes more dollars to reinvest in our City streets and replace critical elements of the City's aging fleet. With the help of a \$1 million dollar federal grant, the City is able to fund the reconstruction of Grant Road. This budget includes a \$260,000 local match for this project. Another \$199,500 in federal and matching City funds are budgeted for the design of Pardee Bridge. Besides these two important projects, the budget includes \$292,255 in funding for street mill and overlay projects throughout the City. This compares to \$145,000 budgeted on mill and overlay projects in 2006. The Capital Improvements Budget also includes \$95,000 to begin the replacement of our aging Police communication system and another \$90,000 to lease/purchase 10 police cars. This urgent need is the result of the City not replacing any of its marked squad cars in over three years.

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Westlake Ace Hardware is Coming to Crestwood Square

On December 12, 2006 the Crestwood Board of Aldermen approved the Creation of a Community Improvement District to assist with the redevelopment of Crestwood Square Shopping Center. The board also approved a development contract with the developer, GJ Grewe. The project consists of dividing the former Sports Authority and Office Depot spaces into as much as five new tenant spaces. The parking lot will also be improved. The anchor tenant for this project, Westlake Ace Hardware, signed a lease agreement with the developer just before Christmas, and is scheduled to open during the first quarter of 2007.

Sappington Square Shopping Center Underway

The Sappington Square project continues to make progress, despite December's winter storm and rain. Behind the scenes, the partners are actively marketing the site, and expect several new restaurants to open in the center once construction is complete, in early fall of 2007. Currently, leases are being negotiated with three restaurant prospects. One will be located at the northwest corner of the site, and is expected to be open by September 1, 2007. Catherine's will relocate to Watson Plaza in mid-February; however Creve Coeur Camera is expected to remain at the center.

The site work is still expected to remain on schedule between now and February 2007. Richard Robinson, one of the development partners, also reports that the interest he receives from prospective tenants has increased steadily over the past few months.

The City of Crestwood will be holding a **60th Anniversary Celebration** on **June 23, 2007**.

Help the City **Celebrate 60!** Call Helen at 314-729-4711 to **Volunteer** to help with the Celebration

TOWNHALL MEETING ~ Thursday, February 22 ~ 7:00—9:00 p.m.
Discussion of Animal Control Ordinances

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season. We in your City are excited about 2007 because by the end of the new year we should see new developments started and hopefully some completed.

As you probably know are aware the City started 2007 with a projected balanced budget and we are proud of that. This is the second consecutive year with a balanced budget.

The early winter ice storm did a lot of damage to our trees in the City and of course caused many of you to again be without electric power for several days. Because of the this storm and damage to many trees, we attempted to assist our residents in disposing of extra limbs, by telling you to put them between the sidewalk and the street so that the City could aid you in the removal. Unfortunately, some residents took this opportunity to do their fall pruning and brush removal and placed an additional burden on the City street workers. We would ask that in the future you consider only placing those additional storm branches on the curb and using the normal yard waste pick-ups for all other debris.

I promised a Town Hall meeting because of the concerns of the residents pertaining to recommended changes to the animal control ordinances, that were tabled at the November 28, 2006 Board of Aldermen meeting. I am having a Town Hall Meeting at Whitecliff Park from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on February 22, 2007. I hope everyone who has concerns about the proposed ordinance changes will read the proposed ordinance changes prior to the meeting to insure the Board of Aldermen and this Mayor are aware of what you expect pertaining to your pets. We will listen!

This will be the main topic at the meeting, but if time permits we will try to answer your other concerns.

Hope to see you there.



Roy L. Robinson



The Police and Fire Departments will be sponsoring CERT classes, starting in January. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, starting on January 9, 2007. A Saturday class will be held on six Saturday mornings, starting on January 20, 2007. Please contact Assistant Fire Chief Mark Menning at 729-4741 for more information.

Community Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Offices Closed
- 3 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 4 Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 8 Police Board, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 9 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 10 Sign Commission, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 11 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 15 Martin Luther King Holiday - Offices Closed
- 17 Public Works Board, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 18 Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 23 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 25 Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium

February

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- 12 Police Board, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 13 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 14 Sign Commission, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 15 Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 19 Presidents Day- Offices Closed
- 20 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium

Reminder—TRASH PICK UP—when the Holiday falls on a Monday
The Monday pick up moves to Tuesday
& Tuesday pick up moves to Wednesday.

Activities

The Crestwood Community Center has a wide variety of activities for the whole family, including dog obedience. Winter classes start the beginning of January. Contact the Community Center for more information 314-729-4860.

Fitness Room Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Renew Your Crestwood I.D. Card

The resident I.D. card is required to receive resident rates at the Crestwood Aquatic Center and Community Center. These cards must be renewed each year. To renew or get a new card, bring your personal property tax receipt or an unpaid utility bill along with your drivers license to the community center. To save time and expense, bring in your 2006 I.D. cards to be validated.

Daddy & Daughter Valentine Dance

Little girls and their favorite man are invited to join us at the Community Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 10. Enjoy those special moments that are gone all too soon with an enchanted evening of music, food, fun and dancing. Tickets will be on sale from Jan. 8 to Feb. 7. Proceeds benefit Whitecliff Summer Playhouse. Limit 130 \$25/couple \$10/additional daughter

The City Of Crestwood would like to honor those serving our Country in Military Service in Iraq. Please call us if you know of a Crestwood Resident currently serving. Call Helen 314-729-4711

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District is in the design phase of a major sanitary sewer line up-grade. This generally goes through Crestwood along the path of Kirkwood Creek extending from the intersection of Watson Road/Watson Industrial Court to the intersection of Big Bend/Holmes. Numerous properties will be affected. MSD will hold a public meeting on January 31, 2007 at 7:00 PM to explain the project.

We Wish Them Well...

As 2006 comes to a close, the City of Crestwood is losing two important people in the ongoing operation of our City government. City Clerk Kim Cottle has announced her resignation effective January 5th. Mrs. Cottle has been with the City since November of 2003 and has served as City Clerk since November of 2004. He will be joining her husband in South Carolina to start a new ministry there.

Economic Development Specialist Ellen Dailey has announced her resignation effective January 17th. She will be leaving the City to become the Director of Planning and Development/Assistant City Administrator for the City of Brentwood, Missouri. Ms. Dailey joined the City in September of 2004 and has guided the City through several important economic development projects including Sappington Square and Crestwood Square. We wish them both the very best as they move to the next chapter of their lives.

**YOU HELPED
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

We were among the 3 million people who improved communities nationwide on USA Weekend's 16th annual day of volunteering. For 16 years, volunteers nationwide are out in full force on Make A Difference Day, united in a common mission of uncommon caring. Thanks to the efforts and concerns of our businesses and residents, we were able to be a part of this national event right here in Crestwood. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors: Camie Campbell, Brokers Ins., SANT Automotive, Crestwood Jewelers, Perma Jack, Kirkwood Heating & Air, Rotary Club, South County Times, Todd Org., Berry Door & Window, and Shop 'n Save and of course all the numerous volunteers that took part in this extraordinary event.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

I would like to THANK YOU all who called, e-mailed or sent cards to welcome me to the City of Crestwood. Your kind thoughts were very much appreciated.

Now, I would like to share with the community some of the most common concerns, complaints and problems that I address. This can more efficiently be done by considering the following: Each month or so take a walk around your home and yard outside and make a note of repairs, replacements or problem areas that exist. Ask yourself, do I need to paint or caulk; is the deck in good condition; are the gutters and downspouts cleared of debris, sturdy and attached properly; is the compost bin maintained; is there stagnant water on top of the pool cover or anywhere in the yard; are the trash cans put out and brought in at the proper times; do the trash cans have tight fitting lids and are they behind the building line; how does my carport look; do I have limbs, newspapers or junk or debris to be cleaned up; and finally check out those beautiful trees and bushes and make sure they are still healthy.

If you need help or advice with any type of work, I have compiled a list of local people and companies you can call for bids.

The Crestwood community is beautiful and I am proud to be a part of keeping it that way. I look forward to your calls and concerns, and I can be reached at 314-729-4837 or via email at rs Shannon@ci.crestwood.mo.us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HERES TO SPRING FLOWERS...

Rosann E. Shannon
Code Enforcement Officer

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Postmaster: Please Deliver January 2, 2007

Time Sensitive Material

Crestwood Connections Jan/Feb 2007—press date December 20, 2006

Community Emergency Response Message

During an incident that affects Crestwood residents, the City has added two sources of information for residents. The first is the Community Emergency Response Message line. Residents can dial 729-4858 and receive a recording message with information about the incident. The second is the Community Emergency Response message on the City's website: www.ci.crestwood.mo.us. Click on News and Events and then select "Community Emergency Response" from the menu on the left. These messages will be updated as necessary to provide the residents with timely information. For questions about CER, please contact Capt. Frank Arnoldy at the Police Department at 729-4810.

Filing Period for Aldermanic Elections

On April 3, 2007, voters of the City will elect four aldermen, one from each ward, for three-year terms. The aldermen currently serving in terms that expire in April 2007 are:

- Ward 1 Alderman Richard Breeding (not eligible to run due to term limits)
- Ward 2 Alderman James Kelleher
- Ward 3 Alderman Jerry Miguel
- Ward 4 Alderman Patricia Duwe (not eligible to run due to term limits)

Under the City's Charter, the term for the Office of Alderman is three years. Those persons elected in April 2007 will serve until April 2010. Anyone wishing information regarding the qualifications for office, the process for filing, or a candidate filing packet, may contact the City Clerk at 729-4773. The filing packet includes general information about the city and the office, as well as Declaration of Candidacy and Petition forms. Information regarding finance disclosure reports from the Missouri Ethics Commission will also be provided. In order to file as a candidate, a qualified person must gather signatures of at least 20 registered voters of the city supporting his/her candidacy and pay a \$5.00 filing fee. Ballot order is determined by the order in which candidate filings are received by the City Clerk.

The filing period is set in accordance with State law and City ordinances. The filing period began at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, and will end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Government Center Offices will be closed January 1 and 15, 2007.

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It's the law!