

Do You Have An Emergency Kit?

Did you know that there are 5,000 households in Crestwood, but on any given day there are only six or seven firefighters on duty? If a major incident such as a tornado or earthquake were to occur the Fire and Police Departments would be spread very thin. While emergency measures would be enacted, these would take time to implement. In order to be adequately prepared for an emergency, it is advised that every household be prepared to be self sufficient for 48 to 96 hours. There are some simple steps you can take to ensure your family is prepared for an emergency. First, assemble a kit with one gallon of water per day for each family member and three to four days of food. Stock canned foods, dry mixes, and other items that do not require cooking or special preparation and will not make you thirsty. Include any special dietary needs and make sure to include a manual can opener. Additional items which should be stored in your kit include a battery powered flashlight, a radio, a first aid kit, extra clothing, blankets, medications, eye glasses, and necessities for your pets.

Since no one knows where he/she will be when an emergency occurs, prepare a kit for home, work and your vehicle. The kits should be kept in a designated place and all family members should know their locations. Preparing a kit now will go a long way in helping you deal with any type of emergency, from power outages to widespread disasters. If you would like further information on preparing for an emergency, please visit the website www.ready.gov or call the Fire Marshal at 729-4741.

The Crestwood Police and Department of Fire Services will conduct a 20-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course again this spring.

This CERT course provides residents basic disaster response training. The all hazard approach covers how citizens can be prepared in the event of a large scale incident. Emergency response officials from the Crestwood Police and Crestwood Fire Department will offer training to help prepare the course participants for unexpected events.

CERT training consists of eight training modules including Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism, and a final exercise where participants get to put their training to use and respond to a disaster scenario.

For further information on the training course, contact Mark Menning at 729-4741 or by e-mail – mmenning@ci.crestwood.mo.us



Crestwood Connections

January/February 2011

Upcoming April Election News

On Tuesday, April 5, 2011, an election will be held for the Mayor's Office for the City of Crestwood, Missouri.

Under the City's Charter, the term for the Office of Mayor is three years. The person elected in April 2011 will serve until April 2014.

Anyone desiring information regarding the qualifications for office, the process for filing, or a candidate filing packet, may contact the City Clerk's Office at (314) 729-4700. 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 will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, and will end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Due to the holiday, Government Center Offices will be closed all day on January 17, 2011.



***** Parking after Snowfall *****



The City of Crestwood utilizes an "even and odd" system for parking during snow events. The "even and odd" system allows residents to park on the side of the street with even addresses during winters which begin in even years (this year is an even year) and the side with odd addresses during winters which begin in odd years. Vehicles parked on the restricted side will be ticketed and required to move immediately. This winter (the 2010-2011) season, owners will be required to park their vehicles in a driveway or on the side of the street with even house numbers. This will move all the vehicles to one side of the street, allowing the streets to be plowed quicker and more efficiently. Please call the Public Works Department at 314-729-4720 with any questions.

PARK ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE STREET DURING SNOW & ICE STORMS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We hope that the economy turns around and 2011 is a year of recovery for everyone. In December we had two long-time employees retire. Corporal John Cottom of the Police Department (John has been a police officer for over 49 years, with more than 34 years here at Crestwood) and Fire Fighter /Paramedic Nancy Willison of the Fire Services Department (25 1/2 years). We hate to see them go, but wish them a happy retirement and hope they enjoy their future endeavors.



We are still waiting to hear from the Crestwood Court owners on their plans for 2011. We can only hope that next year we see the process of the redevelopment of that property begin. If the economy and retail sales improve, I believe redevelopment could happen soon.

Your elected officials are still concerned that our sales tax revenues continue to decline and we have cut expenses such as street repairs and vehicle purchases. As always, we have closely been watching all spending to ensure we stay within budgetary projections. With that stated, I am happy our city's finances are in order and am proud that the city will be debt free by the end of 2012. However, becoming debt free does not mean that additional funds will be available. The City will need to use reserves to make our last few debt payments, as retail sales continue to decline. The city relies heavily on retail sales tax dollars, and those revenues need to improve if we are to construct the necessary repairs to streets that have been delayed over the past few years.

I hope all our residents appreciate that they live in a community with one of the lowest property tax rates in St. Louis County. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that these limited dollars are spent in the most beneficial way possible to our community.

Roy L. Robinson

A FEW WORDS FROM THE STAFF

This Issue's Column by Public Works Director Dzenana Mruckovski

I hope all of our Crestwood citizens have had an enjoyable Holiday season. Some of you have probably not had a chance to meet me yet. I have been with the City of Crestwood since 2007 and I am in charge of the Public Works Department, which includes maintenance, engineering, code enforcement and animal control. As I was preparing to write this article, I thought of a few topics that would be of interest to you as residents: street sweeping, crack sealing, and snow plowing.

Street sweeping is performed twice per year, and is required in order to comply with Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District regulations for clean streams. A great number of our streets have microsurfacing that is deteriorating and those streets especially need to be swept in order to prevent rocks and debris from ending up in our streams. This work is subcontracted, as the City of Crestwood does not own its own street sweepers. However, our trucks are used to collect the debris from the sweepers and haul it away.

Upon completion of street sweeping, our in-house maintenance crew performs crack sealing as part of our annual street maintenance program. Crack sealing is the placement of specialized treatment materials into the cracks and joints of pavement in order to prevent the intrusion of water that will damage the pavement structure. This type of maintenance generally extends the life of a street 3-5 years. Crack sealing usually take place during the late fall, winter, and early spring when cracks and joints expand the most.

The final topic that I would like to address with you is snow plowing, which is a favorite topic with a number of our residents. Many residents wake up to plowed streets and do not realize how this task is accomplished. Currently the City snow removal process is performed by utilizing eight members of the maintenance crew: six maintenance workers (plowers), one mechanic and one supervisor. This single crew is called in for the duration of the storm and the crew members remain here until the streets are completely clean. The City is divided into six sections and six snow plowing trucks are utilized during the snow events. Prior to 2006, the City performed snow plowing operations with two crews, each comprised of eight members. They would rotate every 12 hours. However, given the staff reductions over the past several years, we now use only one crew.

The Public Works Staff wishes you and your family a safe and joyful winter season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 314-729-4720.



CRESTWOOD SUNSET-HILLS
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce asks you to
support the businesses that support this
community.

Please visit the Chamber website at
www.ourchamber.com
to see a list of member businesses.

Recreation Fun at the Crestwood Community Center

For more information on these or any of the many activities offered at the Community Center in Whitecliff Park, call us at 314-729-4860 or stop in to see us.

• 4th Annual Valentine's Day Trail Run

Bring your significant other (or anyone else of the opposite sex as crazy as you) for this fun and challenging 3.5 mile couples race in and around the trails and paths of Whitecliff Park. The run takes place on Saturday, Feb. 12, with a 10 am start and will occur in anything short of a blizzard. Entry forms are available at the Community Center and online. Don't miss out on a hot way to spend a cold winter's morning! Great door prizes provided by The Running Center of St Louis.

• Daddy & Daughter Valentine Dance

Little girls age 3 and up are invited to bring their favorite man to the Community Center from 5:30 to 8 pm on Saturday, February 12, for this fun sellout event. Enjoy those special moments that are gone all too soon with an enchanted evening of music, food, fun and dancing. Tickets are sale from Jan. 5 to Feb. 5 at the Community Center for \$25 a couple and \$15 for each additional child. Proceeds benefit Whitecliff Winter Playhouse. The number of tickets sold is limited to 120 so don't wait!

• Civilian Safety Awareness BE SMART – BE READY – BE SAFE!

Co-sponsored by the Crestwood Police department and the Parks and Recreation department, this class on Saturday, January 8, will teach you how to avoid dangerous encounters. Topics included are: safety awareness tips, how to carry and properly deploy pepper spray, verbal commands and presence, training drills with inert training sprays, post deployment advice, simple self defense techniques, and more. The program is taught by one of Crestwood's finest - Officer Sonja Duffield (CSAP certified) from 9 am – 1 pm.

Register at the Community Center by January 6 for \$40 per person.

• Danni's Dynamic Workout

Check out this new full-body class of strength training combined with cardio moves to get your heart pumping. We will be using the mat and hand weights. Bring your own weights, if desired. Ask at the Community Center how to get a **Free** trial class! Class meets on Monday evenings from 7:30 – 8:25 pm starting on January 3 and is taught by Danni DeSchryver. The fee for this 10 class session is \$35/Resident and \$45/Non-Resident.

• Tai Chi Fundamentals

Have fun and learn how the body moves with your child. For ages 4 & up, this parent/child Tai Chi class teaches a simplified form of Tai Chi called Tai Chi Fundamentals. Tai Chi is an ancient form of exercise and self-defense practiced in China for hundreds of years. Its foundation in proper body mechanics and attention to body awareness facilitates its use in a wide variety of settings to build strength, improve balance, and improve self awareness. Taught by Ted Yem, this class meets on Saturdays from 10:30 – 11:20 am starting January 15 and running to March 5 for the cost of \$40/Resident Pair and \$48/Non-Resident Pair.

• Bridge Club

Every Monday afternoon meet with friends old and new at the Community Center from 11:30 am. to 3 pm to play the wonderful card game of bridge. All skill levels are welcome. You can choose to pay annually or per visit. Stop in to try out the club for a \$1 guest fee!

Remember!

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Of Street
On
Snowy
Days



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COME THE
SNOW
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Cut Out and Post this reminder
on your refrigerator or where
you hang your keys.

Sappington House Complex Information

The Tea Barn Restaurant remains open year round from Wednesday thru Sunday from 8 am until 2 pm (for Tea Barn info call: 314-966-8387). The Thomas Sappington Museum and Library of Americana will be closed for the month of January. Tour hours of operation will resume on Wednesday February 2, 2011. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 11 am until 2 pm and Saturdays by appointment only. Please call 314-822-8171 or 314-729-4837 for more information.

SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM

Changes to the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Program in the City of Crestwood were recently approved by the Board of Aldermen. To qualify for the program, the sewer line must be completely blocked and cannot be opened by a plumber or professional drain cleaner, or a resident must have had the sewer line professionally cabled three times within the last twelve months. If these criteria are met, the City will investigate the sewer line. If a break or complete blockage of the line is found, the line will be repaired. After the repair the trench will be backfilled and soil will be mounded on the excavation to allow for the settlement. Straw will be placed on the excavation to prevent erosion. The cost of the investigation and repair is funded by a \$28.00 yearly tax assessment. Any sewer lateral that is broken from anywhere outside the house foundation to MSD's sewer main is subject to repair under the program. Contact Rosann Shannon in the Public Works Office at 314-729-4837 should you have any questions.

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Crestwood Connections E-Newsletter

Are you interested in keeping up to date with Crestwood activities? An electronic newsletter has been created to bring news of events and meetings in Crestwood directly to residents and will be sent twice per month by e-mail on the Friday before Board of Aldermen meetings. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, please e-mail Nikki Koehnemann, Assistant to the City Administrator, at nkoehnemann@ci.crestwood.mo.us. If you prefer to only receive the e-newsletter and would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy of the City bi-monthly newsletter, please indicate this in your e-mail.

By registering to become a recipient of the City of Crestwood's electronic newsletter, your e-mail address will be retained as part of the City's records. This e-mail information will be used by the City solely for the purpose of distributing the newsletter and the e-mail addresses will not be shared with other recipients or with any third-party or organization unless the City is required by law to make such information available (including Sunshine Law requests). You may request that your e-mail information be deleted from the City's records at any time, in which event you will no longer receive the electronic newsletter

Recycling Carts

If you are interested in receiving a 64-gallon cart, please contact the Public Works Department at (314) 729-4720 or e-mail your name, address, and telephone number to cityhall@ci.crestwood.mo.us. Please note that the footprint of the 64-gallon cart is no bigger than the current 18-gallon carts and the 64-gallon carts include wheels for easy transportation to and from the curb.

**Congratulations to Crestwood Elementary
on being nominated a Blue Ribbon School!**

January

- 4 Public Works Board, 7:00 pm
- 5 Planning & Zoning, 7:00 pm
- 10 Police Board, 7:00 pm (Admin Conf. Room)
- 10 Park Board, 7:00 pm (Community Center)
- 11 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm
- 12 Sign Commission, 7:00 pm
- 13 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm
- 17 MLK Holiday ~ Offices Closed
- 19 Animal Control Board, 7:00 pm
- 25 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm

February

- 2 Planning & Zoning, 7:00 pm
- 8 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm
- 9 Sign Commission, 7:00 pm
- 10 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm
- 10 Fire Board, 7:00 pm (Fire Admin Office)
- 14 Police Board, 7:00 pm (Admin Conf. Room)
- 15 Economic Development Commission, 7:00 pm
- 21 President's Day ~ Offices Closed
- 22 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm

**All Meetings will be held
in the BOA Chambers unless noted**

