

## Crestwood/Sunset Hills City Garage Sale

**APRIL 30th**

Clear out your clutter and register your house with the dual city garage sale!

To host a sale: Stop by the City of Crestwood Government Center or the City of Crestwood Community Center to obtain a registration form. You must register by April 22 to be included on the maps. Hosting a sale is free of charge.

To shop: Stop by the City of Crestwood Government Center on Saturday, April 30 between 7-10 am for free coffee, breakfast treats, and a map of all garage sale locations for both cities.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tricia O'Rourke (314) 729-4865 or Carly Ash (314) 729-4726.



## Crestwood Connections

March/April 2011

### MARCH

- 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
- 14 Police Board, 7:00 pm  
(Administration Conf. Room)
- 16 Public Works, 7:00 pm
- 21 Park Board, 7:00 pm  
(Community Center)
- 22 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm

### APRIL

- 5 ELECTION DAY
- 6 Planning & Zoning, 7:00 pm
- 11 Police Board, 7:00 pm  
(Admin Conf. Room)
- 12 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm
- 13 Sign Commission, 7:00 pm
- 14 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm
- 22 Offices Close at Noon  
Easter Holiday
- 26 Board of Aldermen, 7:00 pm

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

## New Solid Waste Hauler

The Board of Aldermen approved a new contract with Meridian Waste Services to provide solid waste services in the City of Crestwood from April 1, 2011 through April 1, 2014.

### 2011 Rates:

- Trash, recycle, and yard waste: \$17.75/month
- Senior Citizen program: \$3.00/bag
- Large items, bulk, white goods: \$25.00/item\*
- Rental of 22 gal recycle tote: \$2.00/month
- Rental of 65 gal recycle cart: no charge – provided by city
- Rental of 65 gal trash cart: \$3.00/month



\*During the third week of the month (January-October), residents will be allowed to schedule a free bulk pick-up. Please call Meridian directly at (314) 291-3131 to schedule all bulk pick-ups.

## COMING THIS SUMMER

See Baseball like it was in the 1880's

Free Admission!

June 25 at Whitecliff Park

**ST. LOUIS  
BROWN STOCKINGS**  
Vintage Base Ball Club



### Community Development Survey

City staff has drafted a survey with the goal of obtaining citizen input regarding community development. What aspects of development or community building are important to you? If you would like to have your voice heard, take a moment to fill out this short survey. This survey can be obtained online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/communitydevelopment> or at the City Hall's front reception desk.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our City has gone through some difficult and devastating weather this winter. The tornado that ripped through Crestwood and Sunset Hills did a lot of damage in both cities. Sunset Hills was hit the hardest, but several areas in Crestwood received significant damage. The news media concentrated on the devastation in Sunset Hills, so you may be unaware of the extent of the damage that occurred in our City. The City of Crestwood spent approximately \$6,000 on clean up efforts, including the removal of downed trees and tree limbs. Our residents received additional help from Service International. Their tremendous effort was of great benefit to our citizens in a time of need and we sincerely thank Service International for all their efforts. In addition to the tornado, we have seen plenty of snow and ice. Our streets were kept opened due to our public maintenance staff, who used approximately 810 tons of salt so far during this winter season. On behalf of the Board of Aldermen and myself, I would like to thank everyone that has helped the City battle the weather and storms during the past two months. I would like to especially thank our employees, who have shown how well they worked as a team in these situations.



I am sad to say that we will be losing two excellent employees by the end of March 2011. Dzenana Mruckovski, our Public Works Director has accepted a position with Washington University. Also, our Animal Control Officer, Suzie Sutton, will be retiring. We wish them both the best in their future endeavors.

I recently received a letter from Centrum Properties, the owners of Crestwood Court, which stated that they remain committed to redeveloping Crestwood Court (the mall). The process has taken longer than everyone hoped; however, Centrum's dedication to revitalizing this important part of our community has not wavered. Like you, I anxiously await further details from Centrum in the coming months.

This is your City, please remember to vote on April 5, 2011.

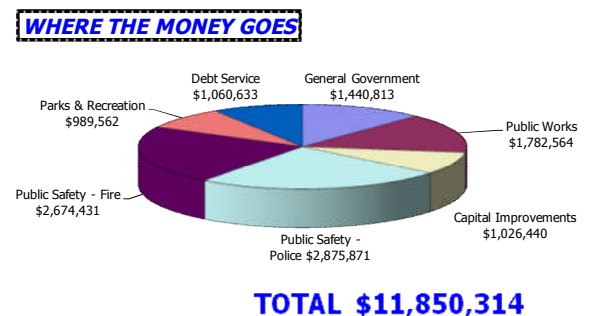
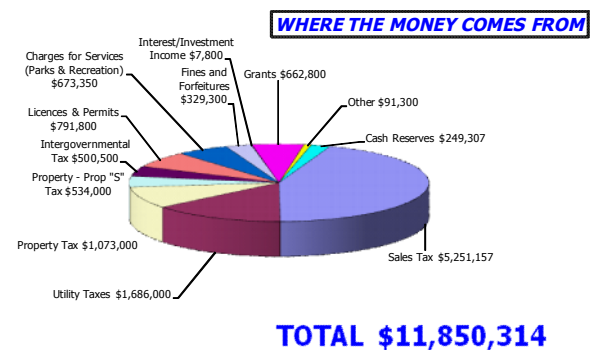
Sincerely,

## CITY OF CRESTWOOD 2011 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

The annual budget for the City of Crestwood has been approved for the 2011 calendar year. The total budget for all funds is \$11,850,314. The two graphs to the right illustrate the revenue and expenditures anticipated for the year 2011. As you can see based on the illustration, the City is projecting the use of \$249,307 in cash reserves for the year 2011.

The major challenge the City continues to face is the continued decrease in sales tax revenue. In addition, the Proposition "S" Tax sunsets no later than 2012. This revenue reduction will make balancing future years budgets difficult. One piece of good news is the Aquatic Center debt will be retired in 2012, and with this debt retirement, the City will be completely debt free. This is a tremendous accomplishment given the City's financial condition just a few years ago.

The City continues to monitor and closely review all expenditures. For more information on the City's budget, please visit [www.ci.crestwood.mo.us](http://www.ci.crestwood.mo.us) or contact Greg Kremer, Finance Officer, at (314) 729-4792.



# DAY CAMPS

Residents can register for any of our summer camp programs beginning on Saturday, March 26 at 9 am. A 50 percent deposit for each child's camp fee is due upon registration. The remaining balance is due by May 1. The failure to pay the balance of your fees on time will result in the loss of your deposit and your spot in the program. Call the Community Center at 314-729-4860 for more information on any of our camp programs.

## • OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Summer is around the corner and that means it is almost time once again for a fun-filled summer of OUTDOOR ADVENTURES! This day-camp program features a variety of activities including field trips, arts and crafts, sports activities and swimming. Our qualified staff will ensure your child a safe and enjoyable day camp experience. Fees include all field trips and a camp T-shirt. Outdoor Adventures is open to children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall and is held in Whitecliff Park. Camp runs from 9 am to 3 pm on Monday through Friday from June 6 to July 29. You can sign up for the whole summer or a 4 week session. Space is limited so don't delay.

## • CRAYON KIDS

Our enthusiastic staff will lead your 3 – 5 year old (must be 3 by June 6) in a variety of activities that emphasize fun, friends and self-esteem while introducing them to the pleasure of day camp. Campers will learn new games, explore nature, sing songs, learn arts and crafts, and swim each Friday. Crayon Kids runs from 9 to 11:30 am Monday through Friday in Whitecliff Park. Due to the nature of this recreational program, campers must be toilet trained. Camps run from June 6 – July 1 and July 5 – July 29.

## • BEFORE AND AFTER CLUBS

Before and After Clubs provide recreation opportunities in the morning from 7 am to 9 am and the afternoon from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. Clubs include structured and unstructured activities and crafts. Clubs are open to children ages 6 to 11 and are a great option for working parents who have children in our camp programs. Early drop off and late pick up before or after the listed times is prohibited. This program runs from June 6 – July 1 and July 5 – July 29 you can sign up for the Before Club, After Club or both.



Be sure to set aside Saturday, August 13, for what is sure to be one of the biggest events to hit Crestwood in years. Hundreds of classic cars will be cruising Rt. 66 between Crestwood Court and Sunset Hills. Please consider joining us for concerts (along the route), food, fun and more.



## HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Come with us on Thursday, April 28, as we take a tour and learn the history behind some of the St. Louis area's unique historical homes. We will visit the Oakland House in Affton, the Sappington House in Crestwood, the Hawkin House in Webster Groves, and the DeMenil Mansion in St. Louis. We will also stop and enjoy a 'high tea' lunch at the Sappington Barn Restaurant. Fee includes all tour admissions, lunch, and transportation by van. Wear comfortable shoes since we will be walking and going up and down some stairs!

Registration is \$55 for residents of Crestwood, Sunset Hills, Webster Groves and Rock Hill; \$60 for anyone else. Please register by April 20 at the Crestwood Community Center.

## EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE Ages 2-10

Hop your way to Whitecliff Park to join the Easter Bunny for his annual egg hunt on Saturday, April 23 at 10 am. Children can hunt eggs (some with special prizes), visit with friends and meet the Easter Bunny. Tickets are required and will be available to Crestwood residents at the Community Center at no cost until April 20. Thank you to our friends at Montgomery Bank for sponsoring this event.

## Discover Crestwood

### SAVINGS PASS

Present this pass at participating retailers to receive your discount & save!



Cut out your Discover Crestwood Savings Pass and look for the Discover Crestwood Decal in participating merchants windows. See our website at [www.crestwood.mo.us](http://www.crestwood.mo.us) for more details.

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**CRESTWOOD SUNSET-HILLS  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

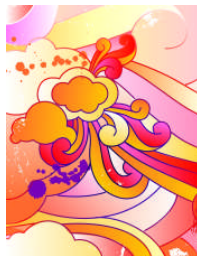
The Chamber of Commerce asks you to support the businesses that support this community.

Please visit the Chamber website at [www.ourchamber.com](http://www.ourchamber.com) to see a list of member businesses.

## PLANT SWAP

Join your neighbors at the Sappington House and add some variety to your garden. Come swap beautiful perennials, wildflowers, bulbs, and herbs. Please label flowers and indicate sun or shade preference. All are welcome!

May 7 Saturday  
9-11 am  
Sappington House  
Complex



## Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed

It is important to be properly prepared for sudden unexpected events. Emergencies can occur at any time and anywhere. There are three actions everyone can take that can make a difference: get a kit, make a plan, and be informed.

Plan what to do in case you are separated in an emergency. Your family might not be together when an emergency happens. The entire family should know and understand the plan. Choose two places to meet: one should be right outside your home, where you can meet in the event of a fire or other similar occurrence. The other should be outside your neighborhood, in the event you cannot return home or have been asked to evacuate.

Now is the time to choose an out-of-area emergency contact. Think about making an out-of-town family member or friend the contact. It may be easier to make a long distance phone call instead of a local call during an emergency. It could be easier for an out-of-town person to connect separated family members. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or programmed into their cell phones.

Learn how to text message: text messages often still work during times of limited cell coverage. During Hurricane Katrina many people got help because they could send a text message, when the voice portion of the phones were not working.

Remember to review your plan regularly. Be sure to check your food, water, and medical supplies so they stay fresh. By taking these steps, you will take an active role in your safety and the safety of your family.

## E-Newsletter

The City has implemented an electronic newsletter to bring news of events and meetings in Crestwood directly to the residents! The newsletter is sent twice per month, by email, on the Friday before Board of Aldermen meetings. We hope that this will help to better inform residents of the topics discussed and the decisions being made by their Board of Aldermen. Also included in the newsletter are upcoming events, classes and volunteer opportunities in the City. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, email Nikki Koehnemann at [nkoehnemann@ci.crestwood.mo.us](mailto:nkoehnemann@ci.crestwood.mo.us). If you would like to opt out of the hard copy of Crestwood Connections, you may request to do so in your email.