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Welcome to the City of Crestwood e-Newsletter!

Hello readers, new and old! We hope this eNewsletter has improved communications between City government and the citizens. As we continue this publication, we want to know what additional information you would like us to include. Some of the proposed ideas are: spotlights on classes offered at the community center or summaries of the meetings of other city boards. If any of these ideas sound interesting or you have suggestions of your own, please email Nikki Koehnemann at: nkoehnemann@ci.crestwood.mo.us. The City staff and volunteer publisher thank you for your interest and support, and we hope to see you at future City events!

In The Next Two Weeks

- Board of Aldermen - Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00 pm
– BOA Chambers
 - Planning and Zoning - Wednesday, February 1, 2012,
7:00 pm – BOA Chambers
 - Election Day – Tuesday, February 7, 2012
 - Sign Commission – Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 7:00
pm – BOA Chambers
 - Fire Board – Thursday, February 9, 2012, 7:00 pm – Fire
Dept. Training Room
 - Board of Adjustment – Thursday, February 9, 2012, 7:00
pm – BOA Chambers
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- [Parks Department / Community Center](#)

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Special Events

- **5th Annual Whitecliff Valentine Trail Run** – Saturday, February 11, 2012, 10:00 am - It's about time to put your running shoes on and register for our 5th Annual Valentine Trail Run. Bring your sweetheart or running buddy for this 3.5 mile, couples race in and around the trails at Whitecliff Park. There will be singles and couples divisions. Register by January 21st for a guaranteed t-shirt. Print off the form online or stop by the community center! We are also looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact Tera at: tbell@ci.crestwood.mo.us. We hope to see everyone at the start line! \$20/Single \$35/Couples [Valentine Run Entry Form](#)
- **Daddy & Daughter Valentine Dance** – Saturday, February 11, 2012, 5:30 -8:00 pm – Little girls and their favorite man are invited to join us at the Community Center for this special evening. Enjoy those special moments that are gone all too soon with an enchanted evening of music, food, fun and dancing. Tickets are \$25 a couple and \$15 for each additional daughter.
- **Pint Size Valentines Party** –Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 10:00-12:00 am – Dress in red and join us for a Valentine's Day celebration! The special day will be filled with great games, crafts, snacks and free play. A parent/guardian is required to attend; there is a maximum of two children per adult. Ages 1-5. \$5/Resident \$7/Nonresident
- **Museum Mania** - Mid-County Muni Event – Thursday, February 16, 2012, 9:30-5:00 – Make your way through a brisk February day by visiting three local museums with us! In our adventure, we'll visit the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, Holocaust Museum & Learning Center, and Miniature Museum of St. Louis. We'll have lunch at a hidden jewel: Kohn's Kosher Market. This trip is ideal for people of all ages. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes since we will be doing a lot of walking. Fee includes tours, lunch, and transportation by van. **Registration Deadline February 9!** \$55 MCM/Resident \$63/Nonresident
- **Rajin Cajun Trivia Night** – Saturday, February 25, 2012, 6:00pm - Gather your family and friends (age 21+) and come out for a fun filled night to help support the Crestwood Parks & Recreation Department's Weekends @ Whitecliff summer concerts. There will be door prizes,

- [Make a Difference Day](#)

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a 50/50 drawing and prizes for the best decorated table and decked out team members. Team registration will include beer, soda, and snacks. Mulligans will be available for purchase. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Maximum of eight people per team and no one under age 21 will be allowed. Call (314) 729-4860 for registration. \$160/Resident Team \$180/Nonresident Team

Resident Requested

We're starting to receive suggestions on content you'd like to see in the eNewsletter. This week will include a briefing on local business.

A few businesses have closed their doors in 2011, most notably Barnes & Noble, which relocated as the result of their inability to reach an agreement with the owner of the building. In terms of new business, the City has received more than sixty (60) commercial occupancy permits. You have probably noticed the nearly completed Fifth Third (5/3) Bank along Watson Road: earlier this year, the Board reached an agreement regarding the existing Community Improvement District (CID), allowing the bank to begin construction.

Update on mall

In December 2011, representatives from Centrum and Jones Lang LaSalle met with the Mayor, City Administrator and staff to discuss the Crestwood Court redevelopment. At this time, Centrum presented those present with tentative plans for the redevelopment project. They anticipate finalizing plans early this year, at which time City staff will host a number of town hall meetings so that the community can have access to and discuss the plans prior to implementation.

Free Income Tax Assistance to Senior Citizens

FREE assistance with simple federal and state income tax forms and the Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim (Mo-PTC or "Circuit Breaker") is available through the St. Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Programs (CORP). Tax assistance is provided by appointment at the following locations:

- St. Louis Deaf Community Center at 8764 Manchester Road, Suite 201 in Brentwood,
- Oak Bend Library at 842 South Holmes in

Oakland

- St. Louis Government Center-South, in Mehlville

This service is available to St. Louis County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Appointments may be scheduled, beginning January 30, 2012, by calling 314-615-4037, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Persons with hearing impairments may call 314-615-4001.

AARP also provides free tax preparation for persons over the age of 60. AARP Tax-Aide has sites in every state and the District of Columbia; during tax season, approximately 6,600 sites are active. The Tax-Aide program is offered at across Missouri at senior centers, banks, libraries and other convenient locations. Call our toll-free number, 1-888-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669) or [locate an AARP Tax-Aide site near you](#). You do not need to be a member of AARP.

Parking During Snow

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 odd addresses during winters which begin in odd years (this year is an odd year) and the side with even addresses during winters which begin in even years. Vehicles parked on the restricted side will be ticketed and required to move immediately.

This winter (the 2011-2012) season, owners will be required to park their vehicles in a driveway or on the side of the street with odd 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.

Programs

Pastimes for a Lifetime: Fall 2011 & Winter 2012 Activity Guide Available NOW online!

[Click here](#) to browse Crestwood Parks & Recreation’s newest activity guide. Resident (R) registration begins at 9am on Tuesday, August 23 and Non-Resident (NR) registration begins at 9am on Tuesday, August 30.

- **I Like Your Snowman Contest**

If you have a Facebook account and the creativity to

build an award winning snowman, this is the contest for you. Just become a fan of the City of Crestwood Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page and then submit a photo of your snowman. The snowman with the most "likes" will win a \$20 gift certificate for the recreation program of their choice. Begin submitting your pictures December 12. The winner will be announced via our Facebook page March 1.

- **2012 Softball Leagues**

Grab your family, friends and co-workers and sign up your team to play in Crestwood's Double Header Softball Leagues. New team registration begins on February 14. Teams will play a minimum of a 16 game season at Whitecliff Park, which is tentatively scheduled to start the week of April 8. Fees are \$570 for Resident teams and \$600 for Non-Resident teams. Fee includes: softballs, team registration with NSA, and two umpires per game. For more info contact Tricia at (314) 729-4865 or torourke@ci.crestwood.mo.us. Also, be sure to ask about our new Women's Softball League!

- **55 Alive/Mature Driving Program** – Thursday, February 16, 2012, 9:00 – 1:00 pm – AARP's unique four-hour classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 and older has just been updated! New information and lively illustrations help you learn how to improve driving to drive more safely. Pre-registration is required, so call to reserve your spot today! No payment is due until the first class. Bonus! Graduates may be able to qualify for a discount on auto insurance! \$12/ AARP Member \$14/Nonmember

Aldermanic Meeting Review

Summary of January 10, 2012 BOA Meeting

Mayor Schlink presented a resolution for Lindbergh Schools and Mary Ann McWilliams, of Crestwood-Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce, presented the Board with a plan to promote the City's distinction in Businessweek as the Best City to Raise Kids in Missouri.

The Board of Aldermen approved the following measures:

- Committee recommendation on ward redistricting.
- Parks and Recreation Sponsorship guidelines.
- The preparation for an RFP for Crestwood Court

redevelopment be undertaken, but held until a development proposal was received from mall owners.

- The RFP for employee benefits broker to be issued.
- Ordinance re: modification of animal control code:
 - Ordinance amending various sections of the City's animal control code, chapter 6, of the municipal code of the City of Crestwood.
 - Ordinance amending section 7-33 (C) within chapter 7 of the municipal code of the City of Crestwood, regarding buildings and building regulations as pertains to the location of certain fences within the City.
- The installation of banners paid for by the Chamber of Commerce/businesses to celebrate our being named the best place to raise children.

The Board of Aldermen withdrew the following motion:

- Ordinance re: yearend salary adjustments
 - Ordinance amending ordinance no. 4331, the General Fund budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, and ordinance no. 4333, the Park and Stormwater Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 to reflect a one-time lump sum pay adjustment for City employees.

Summary of Upcoming January 24, 2012 BOA Meeting

A public hearing will be held to discuss the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Pints and Rails Tavern.

The Board of Aldermen will consider the following measures:

- Resolution for Sappington House Volunteer Audrey Walsh.
- Proclamation for GFWC Crestwood Woman's Club.
- Metropolitan Sewer District presentation by Lance Lacombe.
- Art Commission Presentation by Dan Tierney of the Regional Arts Commission.
- Ordinance re: Ward Redistricting
 - Ordinance revising the ward boundaries for the City of Crestwood, pursuant to section 8.4 of the City Charter and amending Chapter 8, Section 8-1(a) of the municipal code to reflect the revised boundaries of the City's four (4) wards.
- Contract Extension for Lifeguards Unlimited
 - Ordinance approving an extension of an agreement with Lifeguards Unlimited, Inc. for operation and maintenance of the Whitecliff Park Aquatic Center and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute said extension on behalf of the City.
- Selection of Consultant for Spellman Avenue Phase II
 - Ordinance approving an agreement with Howard R. Green Incorporated for professional planning,

design and construction services in connection with the reconstruction of Ponderosa Drive, Acorn Drive (Ponderosa to Banyon), Oak Ridge Drive and Holmes Avenue and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

- Prisoner Housing for Lakeshire Police Department
 - Ordinance approving a contract with the City of Lakeshire, Missouri, for the housing of municipal inmates and authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contract on behalf of the City.
- Purchase of monitor/defibrillator for the Fire Department
 - Ordinance approving the purchase of a monitor/defibrillator from Zoll Medical Corporation for \$28,323.75.

The following issues will be introduced as future agenda items:

- Asphalt Mill & Overlay project contract
- Mowing services contract
- Lighting improvement project
- Soda vendor contract for Parks & Recreation
- Copier and Printer report

For full agendas and minutes of city meetings, please visit the City website, <http://www.ci.crestwood.mo.us/events/events>.

Volunteer Opportunities of the Week

City Boards & Commissions

There are currently vacancies on the Animal Control, Park, and Planning & Zoning boards. If you are interested in volunteering your time and being a bigger part of the community, please fill out the attached form and either email to nkoehnemann@ci.crestwood.mo.us or mail/drop off at #1 Detjen Drive, Crestwood MO 63126.

County Older Resident Program (CORP)

Would you like to find a cause near your home, where you can contribute time and really help out? CORP's Neighborhood Driving Neighbor program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and needing rides for medical appointments. Volunteers use their own cars for rides that are scheduled at least 5 days in advance and are free of charge for the senior. Orientation, defensive driving training and mileage reimbursement, plus other educational and social activities are also available. CORP provides many opportunities for helping older adults, utilizing professional skills, plus assisting with

administrative activities. To learn more about the Neighbor Driving Neighbor program or other volunteer openings, please call CORP at 314.615.4516 or email tlabovitz@stlouisco.com.

The City of Crestwood Parks and Recreation

Department is in need of volunteers throughout the year for various events and activities. Most of the volunteer opportunities are fun, rewarding and a great learning experience. The department is looking to recruit people that have a strong desire to help, lively personalities and the ability to work in many settings with a diverse group of individuals. Does this sound like you? If you are interested, the following are some upcoming events that need volunteer support:

Whitecliff Valentine Trail Run – Saturday, February 11, 2012 – Contact 314.729.4860

Rajin' Cajun Trivia Night – Saturday, February 25, 2012 - Contact 314.729.4860

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