

Let It Snow...Let It Snow...Let It Snow

With all the snow this winter, our snow plowing company has been very busy, having plowed our Crestwood streets five times. We try to manage costs by only having them plow

when we determine it's truly necessary.

If you have any concerns about snow plowing, feel free to contact a board member.

Brookside/Crestwood Watershed Project Update

Submitted by Ed Tohill, Burns & McDonnell

First of all, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation throughout the project. Hopefully, the short term inconveniences will pay off for the entire neighborhood in the long run.

In general, virtually all of the below ground work has been completed. Some testing remains for the underground work that could require some additional excavation and backfill if any repairs are required. Happy Woods park area work and restoration has been completed, although there may be some minor re-grading repairs remaining around the lower end of the park that will be coordinated with the appropriate homeowners.

The plan for Cherry Street is to pave the

final surfacing when the weather breaks long enough to have several consecutive good days to get asphalt work completed; sod work will follow.

Crestwood and Locust island and Oak Street south of 55th Street will be restored when the weather allows for concrete placement for curb, gutter and driveway work in the area and asphalt surfacing; sod work will follow asphalt surfacing there as well. Our current project completion date by contract is July 14, 2008. Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update for the project.

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This is a volunteer group that meets monthly and we're always in need of extra help for events, parks and points maintenance or other various duties. If you have a little spare time and would like to volunteer, please contact one of the board members. We would be very appreciative of the help!

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Crestwood Homes Association

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Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Crestwood Neighborhood Easter egg hunt will be held March 22nd in Happy Woods Park.

See page 3 for details.



A Note From the New President

Submitted by Paul Sinclair, Board President

A few minutes before our December annual meeting, my wife Miryam thought that since she still has a couple of more years as a sports mom for our youngest son, Jacob, I should go to the Crestwood meeting. I didn't suspect that the result of this would be that I'd end up as neighborhood association president.

Miryam and I bought our first house in Crestwood on 55th Street in 1977. We lived there until just after the birth of our third child when we decided we needed more space. We built a new home at 5908 Wyandotte and headed south in 1989. We ultimately made it as far as 67th Street, but that was almost Prairie Village, so we had to move

north again.

We designed and built our new house on Crestwood Drive, and moved in October of 2005. We're so happy to be back. My grandparents lived on the next block south, at 5634 Kenwood, for 43 years, and thus my father grew up right here.

Choosing to tear a house down and start all over in Crestwood reflects how much we value this old neighborhood. We are very fortunate and hope that all those who appreciate the opportunity to be here will get involved with making this an even greater place to call home.

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Parks and Points Update

Submitted by Eileen McManus, Parks & Points

My husband Mike and I moved into Crestwood this summer and received our first hand-delivered newsletter from Suzanne Friesen quickly after. We appreciated her friendly welcome and were impressed with the events that the neighborhood sponsored, including Music in the Park and the fall BBQ. Suzanne asked if I would like to become involved in the Crestwood Homes Association by becoming a board member which I did in January.

I am now pleased to be heading up the Parks & Points. I have always had an interest in gardening and enjoy being

outdoors, so keeping these common areas beautiful and well-maintained is a good way for me to help. I have met with several neighbors who have worked on the parks and points in the past and have received some good feedback, as well as possible emphasis for this year.

If you would like to find out more about the parks and points or have suggestions, please call me at 523-7823 and we can meet for coffee at Aixois. If you also like to garden, I will need some help spreading mulch on all the points and planting flowers and trees in May. I look forward to meeting you.

Two Ways to Stay Up-To-Date

Did you know that there are two separate email lists that keep Crestwood Neighborhood residents in the know?

The security alert email is graciously managed by Carol Thrane. If you are NOT currently on this list and would like to be added, contact Carol at cthane@kc.rr.com.

The general Crestwood alert email gives you notifications of meetings and neighborhood events. You can join this list by going to www.crestwoodkc.org and submitting your email address under the section titled, "Subscribe to neighborhood email alerts" on the left hand side of the page.

We'd like to get as many people as possible signed up to receive both these e-mail updates, so please sign up today. We promise not to sell your email address to any third parties!

Meetings, Events and Notices



March 22: Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Crestwood Easter Egg Hunt, always held the Saturday before Easter in Happy Woods Park, will be on March 22 this year.

The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. directly behind the Stramm's home. Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast or brunch item, Coffee and juice will be provided by the board.

Rumor has it the Easter Bunny may be hopping around on the premises that day.

March 26: Security Meeting, 7:30 PM

Submitted by Carol Thrane, Security Guru

Please RSVP to Miryam at 333-5134

For those of you who receive security alerts via email you've no doubt been as concerned as I have about the safety of our neighborhood and are wondering what you can do to protect you and your family. Well, it's a fact that highly organized neighborhoods are in the best position to aid police in the fight against crime and are often responsible for helpful tips in catching criminals in the act.

Crestwood residents are invited to meet with a representative of the Kansas City Police Dept. on March 26 at the home of Paul and Miryam Sinclair, 5514 Crestwood Drive at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting we will review crime patterns and trends and discuss ways to protect ourselves as warm weather approaches.

It is good to remember that all parts of the Kansas City Metro area experience crime but knowing our neighbors and being involved is a great first step. Come to the meeting and become part of an active, determined security force!

If you'd like to be added to the security email alert, please contact me at cthrane@kc.rr.com.

March: Playground Maintenance, Sticky Business

The playground equipment in Happy Woods and Cherry Woods parks will be power washed and restained this spring. If you see the area around the playground taped off please do not allow your children to play on the equipment as the stain may not yet be dry.

Thank you.