



# Crestwood Way

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## 2011 EVENTS

- Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 23
- Crestwood Garage Sale  
& June Music in Happy  
Woods Park Date TBA
- 4th of July Parade  
Saturday, July 2
- Fall Barbeque  
Saturday, September 17
- Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8

## Easter Egg Hunt

**First family event of the year.**  
**Date: Saturday April 23**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:00**  
**Place: Happy Woods Park**  
**Meet behind Stram's home, 521 E. 54th.**  
**Parents should arrive around 9 a.m. with a supply of candy-filled eggs to**

**hide. All residents and their families and their friends are welcome to come to participate and watch the fun. Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast-type item or an appetizer to share. Juice will be provided.**

**The Easter Rabbit will be there!**



***Please get out and vote. The Kansas City Primary is February 22 and General March 22. Your vote is important. Many important issues confront our city and our neighborhoods. The people who get elected do make a difference.***

## ADOPT A POT

Neighbors— As you know, Crestwood has several pots around the neighborhood that are planted each spring with flowers. These pots need to be watered about every week, more or less dependent on the weather and until fall. It is really easy and all you need is a bucket of water. We need volunteers for 2 pots at 55th and Holmes and 2 pots on the south side of 55th & Oak. Contact Eileen at 816-5237823



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I begin this role of the 70th president of Crestwood's Board of directors, I am aware that many have put in thousands of hours to make Crestwood a great place to live.

We have a neighborhood rich with well maintained homes but also with people who are good neighbors . What does that mean ? To me it means knowing each other, caring about each

other and acting on that caring. Crestwood has a broad mix of people with varied backgrounds, professional skills, and passion for Crestwood.

One of my desires as president is to tap into that passion and those skills. I want to get more people involved in the organized social activities that are our tradition. We as a board need your ideas and input.

Every resident is a piece of the mosaic that makes our neighborhood great. I ask that you come out and participate in the community events. Fill out the survey we sent out or call a board member and share your thoughts and ideas. We need your talents and passions to continue being a great place to live.

# Crestwood 2011

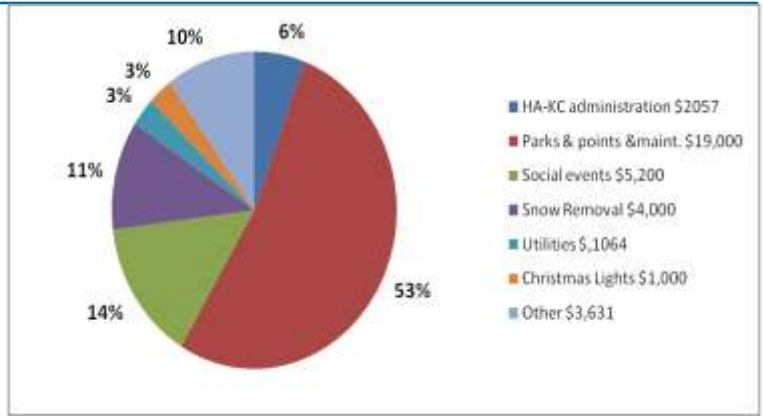
**Annual assessment billings** have been mailed. About 2/3 have paid their 2011 assessments. A few may have forgotten and have not paid last year's assessment. I encourage you to catch up. HA-KC recommends placing a legal lien on the property if timely payment is not made for 2 years. This costs you an additional \$100 in legal fees and we do not want to do this. Please help us avoid this cost.

**Where does the money go?** While our assessments in these challenging economic times may seem large or even exorbitant, the pie chart at the right shows the major expenditures (detailed if over \$1000). Crestwood is unique to the area with our common access parks and our islands and entrance monuments. These

are the responsibility of CHA Board to maintain. In recent years, as requested by residents, a lot of effort has gone into improving the level and quality of the way the common areas are maintained.

This year's 2011 budget for expenditures is the same as the expected income. The budget is for expected expenses. The current reserves (\$24,000) are for the unexpected expenses such as storm damage to trees,

removing dead trees, more than expected snow etc.. The 2011 budgeted expenses are matched exactly with the \$36,000 expected income. The adopted budget will be on our web site in February 7 board meeting minutes.



## Crestwood 2011-2012 Directory

It is time to begin work on updating the Crestwood Directory. Many have updated their information on the survey we sent out with the billing. We will also distribute a listing for you to update.

**Advertising:** We will again be contacting local businesses to offer advertising space. If you have a business and want to advertise let me know. If you know of a service company (lawyer, plumber, carpenter, roofer etc.) who you have had a good experience with, let me know so we can offer them space. We are also going to create a services list on the web site. Be sure we have your contact information correct.

The advertising charges: \$100 for a full page \$50 for a half page \$25 for a business card or line listing.

**If you have a contractor you have had good experience with have them give Ken a call or e-mail or give him their name and contact in-**

# Neighborhood Updates

Welcome new Neighbors Felesha and Mark McDougald and daughter Mollie Ann, are the new owners of 5236 Cherry. They closed 11/22/10 and have been doing extensive work and hope to be moved in early this spring. Felesha's brother Dalton Mason and his wife Adriana are living in the cottage. So we have two families to welcome as neighbors.

5409 Holmes which was the residence of Roger and Marjorie Campbell was purchased last year by Brad Baker, who has renovated numerous homes. Those of us who stopped in at the estate sale were concerned that the extent of work needed on the house might mean it would be torn down. Amazingly that did not happen. Brad and his crews have been hard at work, rebuilding foundations and totally remodeling the home. When done it will be a totally remodeled 3 bedroom 3 bath home. Brad expects the work to be completed this spring. The home will then be for sale.

49/63 Neighborhood Coalition <http://www.4963.org> has a new President, Natasha Derrington. Natasha and her husband Tye are also new neighbors in Rockhill Crest. They have purchased 5419 Harrison and are in the process of refurbishing.

UMKC/Volker Neighborhood Council continues to be hard at work partnering with UMKC. Through their efforts UMKC has agreed to use KCMO property maintenance codes as a standard for properties they own in Rockhill Crest. For more information check the Crestwood web site and look under Volker Neighborhood Council.

## PIAC/funding

Requests made for 2011 for CHA master plan goals for monuments at 56th Oak and at 54th and Oak were denied for this year. Emphasis is being placed on infrastructure needs in neighborhoods and

not new projects. John Crawford will resubmit the requests for next year. We have been fortunate for the assistance we have had in the past. PIAC funds paid for most of the monument and island work done fulfilling the CHA master plan.

UMKC/Cherry Street Parking Structure is scheduled to be torn down beginning in May. This is one of three bond funded projects approved for UMKC. This will make for some challenging times in terms of parking. The current structure allows for parking of about 700 cars. Constructing a new structure is anticipated to take about a year. When completed it will provide parking for twice as many cars. The other two projects are providing additional class room space by adding on to the library, and renovation of the old union to a student success center.

**Social Events NEED YOU. We want the social events to be all they can be. To do that we are going to ask for more involvement in the planning. Please give Marietta a call if you have interest in helping with one of the events.**