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**2012 EVENTS**

- [Easter Egg Hunt](#)  
5236 Cherry  
Saturday, April 7
- June Music in Happy Woods Park and Garage Sale  
Saturday, June 2
- 4th of July Parade  
Wednesday, July 4
- Fall Barbeque  
Saturday, September 15
- Annual Meeting Tuesday,  
November 13

**Easter Egg Hunt**

At the invitation of Felesha, Mark and Mollie McDougald, this year's Easter Egg Hunt will be at 5236 Cherry, (also known to many as the Donnelly/Reed Estate). 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 McDougalds will be opening the first floor for refreshments and visiting.

**The Easter Bunny will be there !!!!**



**Garage Sale**

As requested by several residents we will hold the garage sale again this year.

Garage sale for **June 2** will be advertised by the board and yard signs put out. The sales are up to you.

Followed in the evening by Music in the Park.

**Blue Grass Music in Happy Woods Park**

By popular request, KAW MOUNTAIN BAND is performing again this year. If you missed it last year you missed a treat.

After a fine day of buying and selling treasures, take a break and join us in Happy Woods park for Blue Grass music provided by the KAW MOUNTAIN BAND. Check them out at: [www.kawmountain.com](http://www.kawmountain.com) One of the members is our neighbor Bill Powell. Special appearance by the Women of the Band. On Saturday June 2, the band will play from **6:00-9:00 p.m.** Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and your favorite drinks & snacks. **By popular request we will have the inflatable slide for the young folks.**

**CHA Homeowners Love Trees**

One of the things that makes Crestwood special is our trees.

Crestwood partnered with KCMO and neighbors to get trees replaced on the street in the right of way.

As seen in the Star recently, due to budget cuts far fewer trees are being planted than would be warranted.

At the request of the CHA board, KCMO agreed to have an arborist survey Crestwood and recommend where and what types of trees could be planted.

The arborist came up with locations for some 40 trees. The board asked the homeowners to cover 1/4th of the cost. KCMO covered half and the CHA board covered the other 1/4th. The trees cost about \$220 each planted. So homeowners were asked to contribute \$55 and promise to water the trees.

We asked those on the list if they wanted a tree and many did. In the end 18 new trees were planted in February.

**It is not too late** if you think you have a place in the city right of way where a tree could be planted. Give me, Ken Spare a

call or e-mail. Once I have a new list, KCMO will have the arborist come out and verify the request, and recommend a tree from the approved list. Remember types of trees are recommended based on location and the amount of area available for them. Trees between the curb and sidewalk are limited in size to protect sidewalks and curbs from damage. You can recommend a type of tree from the approved planting list.

If you are interested I can send you the list.

# Neighborhood News

## Crime and Safety

There have been a small number of thefts in the neighborhood in the last few months and at least one reported prowler, and one assault just north of Crestwood.

Porch lights and rear lights are very important. Motion sensor lights are also good deterrents.

But the best deterrent is your vigilance. If you see or hear something, report it. False alarms are better than wishing you had reported it later.

## Special Saturday Trash pickup days 2012

- **President's Day Feb. 20th**  
*trash day Sat. Feb 25th*
- **Memorial Day May 28**  
*Trash day Sat June 2nd*
- **Independence Day July 4th**  
*trash day July 7th*  
*no tag day no bag limit*
- **Labor day Sept 3**  
*trash day Sat. Sept. 8*
- **Veterans Day Nov. 12**  
*trash day Sat. Nov. 17*
- **Thanksgiving Day Nov 22**  
*Trash day Sat. Nov.24*
- **Christmas Tues Dec. 25** *Trash day*  
*no tag day Fri. Dec. 29 no bag limit.*

**Spring BRUSH & LEAVES PICKUP**  
**April 13, 2012**

If you have an emergency first call 911 then call UMKC police at 235-1515. UMKC's officers are actual officers and due to proximity are able to respond faster.

At our request UMKC officers will be making additional passes through Crestwood as a deterrent.

Michael Smith is our new Codes inspector who handles neighborhood property maintenance complaints. We are lucky to have Michael. If you have questions on property maintenance he can help. You can report problems to the Action Center, 311 or call Michael at 335-5202 or e-mail [Michael.smith@kcmo.org](mailto:Michael.smith@kcmo.org)

**NOTE: Illegal dumping calls get much faster calls than trash calls. I called 311 on a mattress that was illegally dumped on 55th. It was removed within 12 hours.**

## Troost Community Improvement District (CID)

A CID is being worked on for Troost 46th Street to 75th Street. A (CID) is a economic development tool where everyone pays and everyone reaps the benefits. Property owners within that area band together, plan common area services and/or public improvements and share the cost through property assessment and/ or sales tax. For more information contact Southtown Council or <http://www.southtown.org/>

## UMKC Our Neighbor to the North

To say that a lot of new things are going

on at UMKC is a real understatement.

- The new parking structure between Cherry and Oak is well on it's way. With the mild winter it is at least on schedule and maybe ahead. Still scheduled to be ready for fall 2012. This should help with some of the parking issues we have seen.
- They are having the ceremonial ground breaking on March 8 for the new Block Business school building.
- Major remodeling of the old student center is underway and will allow for better use.
- Carol Thrane and I continue to represent CHA on the Volker Neighborhood council. While great strides have already been made, we are relentless in encouraging them to make more improvements to the Rockhill Crest neighborhood and follow through with the established improvements, such as landscaping and home maintenance. We are hearing that the Oak Street West Development Phase III is coming back to the table (OSWDIII). This is the project between Central UMC and the 51st street shops between Oak and Brookside. We will keep you informed when there is anything in writing.

## CHA Board Activities

As was planned we have asked for bids on mowing and landscape maintenance. We received an almost overwhelming response, 8 bids on mowing and 7 for landscaping. We have awarded the mowing bid to Shayne Elliot of Titan Lawn and Landscape. The landscaping bid was awarded Tom Duppert the Yard Barber. All the bids were good bids and the final decision was based not only on cost savings but on who we thought would do the best job. Both these companies came with great references and much experience.