

CRESTWOODWAY

Crestwood Homes Association

Bringing Neighbors Together Since 1922

A letter from our President

I always enjoy this time of year. Spring is nearly upon us, and the warmer weather brings neighbors out to reconnect after a long winter indoors. As we look ahead for 2006, I'm excited about the activities we have planned throughout the year for neighbors to interact and get to know each other. The Crestwood Board has already spent a great deal of time this year thinking about ways to improve our community and the quality of life we all enjoy here. We will keep you updated with each additional newsletter.

The history and age of the Crestwood community are among its most unique and valued qualities -- this neighborhood is a valuable resource that has been entrusted to our care. This quality also presents its own set of challenges. Maintaining the beauty of the neighborhood requires constant care and attention to ensure we realize its full potential.

Sometimes improvements to the neighborhood entail unavoidable construction projects which disrupt our neighborhood and our lives. One such project is the Brookside Watershed Project. This project will present new challenges for us in 2006, since we expect to see construction enter our neighborhood sometime this year (primarily on Locust Street and in Happy Woods Park). We are making every effort to work with the City to minimize adverse impacts. Even though substantial changes are inevitable, these improvements to

the drainage system will undoubtedly be worth the effort.

While construction is going on in certain parts of our neighborhood, our plan is to focus our resources on the areas of the neighborhood that will not be affected by the construction. We are developing a plan to revitalize our parks and points to make them the pride of our residents and the envy of visitors to Crestwood. Also, we hope to see construction begin on many of the PIAC projects this year. This will involve improving many of the existing points, as well as placement of additional new points and monuments where none exist now. The plans for these projects are remarkable.

As with any community improvement project, we could experience delays and frustration with the projects I've outlined. Nonetheless, I remain very optimistic about what we will see in 2006, and I ask for your continued patience and understanding as we seek to accomplish these ambitious goals.

I am always interested in your feedback and your ideas for Crestwood. All of the board members take your concerns seriously, and we hope that you will not hesitate to contact any one of us if you would like to express an idea or concern. We are working hard to make sure this remains a place you love to call home, and a sought-after neighborhood for others in the community.

William Yoder

Crestwood PIAC Grant Request Update

As most of the neighbors of Crestwood know, the Crestwood neighborhood approved a "Neighborhood Commons Master Plan" in the fall of 2000. We have asked for, and received, funding assistance from Kansas City, Missouri's Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) for the Master Plan projects that are on City property. These projects include; several new entry monuments, island up grades, and miscellaneous improvements including new signage associated with our approved Master Plan. We have also asked for a sidewalk extension adjacent to the Crestwood Shops connecting the sidewalk at the Crestwood Shops to the Trolley Trail which was not a part of the Master Plan.

Our fifth and most recent PIAC request for Crestwood fully funded and will complete our Master Plan improvement items if our estimates for the cost of construction align with the City's contractor's bids.

Our neighborhood representative, Pat Murfey, met with Community Improvements Management Office (CIMO) representatives and members of the Public Works Department the week of March 6,

2006. The City engineers had several comments which we will address. With these revisions agreed upon, we will revise the construction documents. If the stars align, the City will put the improvements out to bid within the next several weeks.

We are not able to secure a schedule for the bidding process and time line for construction from the City at this time. Yet, Pat has received assurances from CIMO that if the projects fall within the funding allocated that we will begin construction on these projects within the next several months. If the projects exceed the funding allocated, the Neighborhood Board will review and prioritize projects to determine which items to have constructed this year.

Unfunded projects will be in the next PIAC application this August. It's possible that the City will agree to fund the entire project if our Council members have "extra slush" funds at this point in time. If this is the case, all projects will be in the current bidding package and we will apply for a PIAC grant in August to cover the funds over and above those available this spring.

Item	Description Of Improvement	Cost Estimate
Locust & Cherry Island	Improve north neighborhood entrance on Cherry with features including a low stone wall and new walk.	\$26,914
54th & Oak Entry Monument	Construct a new stone arch and pier monument at 54th Street and Oak. This entry monument is to be similar to the entrance at 54th and Holmes and Crestwood and 56th.	\$53,635
Locust & Crestwood Drive	Upgrade the island at Crestwood Drive and Locust to eliminate drivers going east on one-way street.	\$20,975
56th & Oak Entry Monument	Install a new entrance monument at 56th & Oak. This will be similar the 56th & Holmes proposed wall and marker.	\$26,410
56th & Holmes Entry Improvements	Remove the existing wood sign at 56th and Holmes entrance and install a stone pier & wall with new signage.	\$26,410
Grape Arbor	Install a "grape arbor" along the north 64+/- feet on the north side of the Bunny Trail, (16 posts @ 8' o. c.).	\$27,217
New Signage	Remove the various existing wood signs at the entrances and install durable metal signage that recalls the original "Crestwood Way" Bunny Trail marker.	Include in each project
Sidewalk Extension	Extend the existing sidewalk from the west side of the Crestwood Shops to the east side of the existing "Trolley Trail" on the south side of 55th Street. This is approximately 20 feet of new 4' wide side walk.	\$5,000
Total Cost		\$186,561
Neighborhood Contribution	<i>New garden-style benches and planting at entry monuments and islands to be provided by The Crestwood Homes Association.</i>	\$15,000

Crestwood Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the fun at Happy Woods Park on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 AM for Crestwood's annual Easter Egg Hunt! We encourage parents to arrive at 9:00 to help fill and hide all the eggs and then return with your children at 10:00 for the hunt. A limited amount of plastic eggs will be available, so please feel free to donate eggs ahead of time or bring eggs the day of the event. To donate ahead of time, please bring eggs to Lewis Galloway at 460 East 55th Street.

*** Please bring your favorite baked goods to share ***

Orange juice, mimosa's, bloody mary's, and coffee will be provided.

Local Historian Remembered

As passionate as Jane Flynn was about Kansas City—the history, the old buildings, the people of the past who shaped this part of the country—she felt the same about our own neighborhood. Long-time residents of Crestwood will remember the homeowners meetings where she spoke her piece on some urgent issue; her position was usually one that supported maintaining the historic nature, look, and character of our neighborhood.

A neighborhood can mean different things to those who live there. To some, it's the value of their property until they sell their houses and move on. To others, it is *home*—the place where we raise our families, make lifelong friends, care for each other in times of need, depend on each other when we're in need. It's a place where the past connects with the present. A neighborhood is

like a village. It's the background to our personal lives—it's the source of continuity and comfort.

The public came to know Jane as a crusader for historic preservation. We like to think of her as a great friend. We knew Jane who would argue about the price of corn with a farmer at the City Market, who loved midwestern cooking and would happily exchange "receipts"—never "recipes"—with her friends, who held family traditions as almost sacred, and who would clean house and dump her accumulation of magazines on us just before every holiday.

Jane and Bob Flynn will always serve as models for us—smart, cultured, socially involved, and endlessly interested in the world around us. Actually, that sounds like a lot of the people in Crestwood that we know.

Submitted by Dan and Susie Nastali

Notice Regarding Home Additions or Improvements

If you're considering modifications to your property, such as adding a new room, building a new garage, moving or installing a fence, you should:

- (1)** Review your property "survey" and "restrictions" to confirm that the changes would not be an encroachment or violation;
- (2)** Check with the city construction

permit department to see if a permit is necessary; and

- (3)** Contact John Sheets, Executive Director of the Homes Associations of the Country Club District (816) 523-2440 for approval.

Following these steps can avoid the possibility of problems arising after the change is complete.

Lost & Found

There was a pendant found in Cherry Woods park. If you or someone you know has lost a pendant, please contact Amy Cornwell at 444-6309.

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Watershed Update

As you are likely aware, the KCMO Water Services Department continues to make progress in the completion of the Brookside Watershed Improvement Program. The \$30 million project is designed to reduce flooding and sewer back-ups by improving the storm drainage and sanitary sewer systems in the Brookside Watershed Area. The improvements include replacing deteriorated catch basins and pipes that carry stormwater runoff.

Phase 4 will bring the project through Crestwood. The Board has completed all paperwork necessary for the work to begin in our area, and city administrators have advised the Board that construction will start once all remaining private easements have been negotiated. In the meantime, we are taking steps to photograph and document the parks

and surrounding areas in order to insure that the City restores as much as possible to pre-existing conditions. For more information, please visit www.kcmo.org or contact Lewis Galloway at (816) 822-1264.

Troost Avenue Plantings

Durwin Rice is currently heading a community effort to reverse the public's perception about, and appearance of Troost. The current goal is to plant 10,000 tulip bulbs along the Avenue by October of 2006 for Spring '07 blooms.

The meetings are every Thursday morning at 7:30AM at the Coffee Break at 5400 Troost Avenue. All are welcome to attend and learn more about and contribute to the developing vision for the future of Troost Avenue.

For more information, please visit troostavenue.com or contact Durwin Rice at 816-361-6825.

Welcome New Residents

John & Sara Stevenson

5300 Cherry

Paul Burns & Audrey Sinquefield

447 E. 55th Street

Events Calender

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15

Garage Sale Saturday, June 24

Music in the Park Saturday, June 24

Fourth of July Parade Tuesday, July 4

**Barbeque &
Jazz Concert**

Saturday, September 9

**Annual Meeting
and Dinner**

Thursday, November 16

The Crestwood Homes Association encourages neighbors to participate in community-sponsored events throughout the year. If you are willing to volunteer for an event please contact Lewis Galloway at 822-1264 or lgalloway@spencerfane.com