



## CRESTWOOD HOMES ASSOCIATION

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### What's up in the Crestwood Parks and Points?

By Eileen McManus

I can't believe what a beautiful spring this has been with all the daffodils and tulips popping up and the flowering trees blossoming out in our neighborhood and beyond! We have really been fortunate with this spring weather and maybe Mother Nature is being nice to us since we were patient through an especially long winter. Now it is time to start planting and mowing again and I would like to let you know what is planned for the parks, points and islands in Crestwood.

Your homes association dues keep the Crestwood parks and points beautiful. About 19% of the Crestwood budget goes to lawn care, 11% to tree maintenance and 16% to plantings and maintenance of the points and islands. Lawn and tree care are pretty straight forward as we have hired professionals to take care of that, however, the parks and points are cared for by both professionals and neighborhood volunteers.

Under Suzanne Friesen's volunteer leadership, the four points at 55th & Oak were professionally landscaped by Audrie Seeley Landscaping Company in 2006 as well as the four points on Holmes from 54th to 56th in the following year of 2007. For 2008, the Crestwood board has approved Audrie Seeley to provide professional maintenance on these eight points which includes mulching, weeding, watering, and replacement plantings due to the water project damage. Audrie Seeley will also be planting two trees - a white oak on the north island and a swamp white oak in Happy Woods.

Suzi Nastali and Michele Legg have volunteered to take care of the urns and annuals at these eight points. Four other points and three islands are being cared for by your neighbors Charlie Norris, Suzi Nastali, Katie Kiefer, Marilyn Mukerjee, Colin Schramm, Mark Sappington, Susan Shank, Jill De-Witt and others I'm sure I'm not aware of. There have been several other neighbors who have helped by donating water in the summer, picnic tables in the parks, and in other ways that I can't name since I am new to the neighborhood. Please know that your time and donations are what has made Crestwood such a special neighborhood.

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – SATURDAYS IN MAY!

We will be refurbishing the plantings on 54th and Locust and Cherry. We have ordered a variety of native perennials and shrubs and under story trees for the parks, which have arrived.

**PLEASE COME OUT ON SATURDAYS IN MAY TO 54<sup>TH</sup> & LOCUST & 54<sup>TH</sup> & CHERRY TO CLEAN UP, PLANT AND KEEP OUR ISLANDS BEAUTIFUL – CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

If you have any other questions or suggestions feel free to call me at 523-7823. I look forward to working with you in the gardens, and if I don't see you then, be sure to get out in the parks and enjoy them!

### Upcoming Events

**June 7** - Music in Happy Woods Park  
6:00-9:00

Bring your own libations and we'll bring the band!!

### Neighborhood Yard Sale

Due to low neighborhood participation in past years, we are moving to an every-other year schedule for the neighborhood yard sale.

There will be NO sale this year. Feel free to have your own sale or save your items for 2009!

### Event Planner & Web-site Guru Needed!

Are you interested in getting involved with neighborhood events such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, Fall BBQ and Easter Egg Hunt? Or, do you know how to maintain a Website?

If so, the neighborhood could REALLY use your help!

PLEASE (yes, I'm begging) contact Susan Shank at 444-9230 to learn more!