

# THE CRESTWOOD NEWS

## OCTOBER 2015 QUARTERLY EDITION

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### ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS

The next three meetings of the Crestwood Association Board will be held at 7:00 PM at the Central Christian Church, 3205 Hamilton Ave, on the following dates:

**Monday, October 5, 2015**  
**Monday, November 2, 2015**  
**Monday, December 7, 2015**

The Nominating Committee that will propose a slate of 2016 Officers and the Chair of the Nominating Committee will be selected at the October 5 meeting. (See page 3 article).

### SAVE THE DATES

**October 3, 2015: Community Coffee with Mayor Betsy Price and District 7 Council Member Dennis Shingleton.** We're all invited to attend a community coffee with Mayor Price and Councilman Dennis Shingleton on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00-11:00 AM. The coffee will be held at UNTHSC in the Medical Education & Training (MET) Building at 1000 Montgomery Street.

**October 7, 2015: National Night Out.** The Crime Patrol's annual National Night Out party will be held on Tuesday, October 7, at the Jo Kelly School parking lot from 5:30-8:00 PM. (See article to the right.)

**October 13, 2015: City Council Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Ordinance Definition Changes.** On Wednesday, October 13, 2015, at its 7:00 PM meeting at City Hall, the City Council plans to hold a public hearing and vote on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance that will, if adopted, change the definition of "family" as used throughout the zoning ordinance. (See article on Page 3 for more information.)

**October 31, 2015: Halloween in the Park before Dark.** This event will be held Saturday afternoon, October 31, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at Crestwood Park. (See article to the right.)

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM**  
**Jo Kelly School Parking Lot**

The Crestwood Crime Patrol and City of Fort Worth Police Department invite you to their Annual National Night Out Party. Turn on your porch lights, chat with neighbors and friends, welcome new neighbors and meet first responders and patrollers who keep our neighborhood safe. There will be music, party food, and more.

NNO heightens awareness of crime prevention, generates support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthens neighborhood spirit and police/community partnership, and sends a message to criminals that our neighborhood is organized and fighting back. ***THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE JOIN US FOR NNO AND SUPPORT YOUR CRESTWOOD CRIME PATROL.***

**HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK BEFORE DARK**  
**Saturday, October 31, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM**  
**Crestwood Park**

**COME ONE, COME ALL!!!**  
**IT'S HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK BEFORE DARK.**



Last year's Halloween kick-off party in our park was a huge success. So, we're doing it again this year! Bring your family, neighbors and friends. Festivities will include a bounce house, piñata, games, fun favors and activities. We'll start at 4:30 PM and stay until 6:00 PM. Then it's off to have fun Trick or Treating in the neighborhood! **Want to help out? Please call Halloween event coordinator, Lynnette Kile on 817-614-9114 or email her at [lynnettew@gmail.com](mailto:lynnettew@gmail.com).**

## Neighbor Notes

Dear Crestwood Neighbors,

There's a South African concept called *Ubuntu*, which basically says, "I am because we are." For nothing is that more true than for a neighborhood association. The "I" of the Association is only there because of YOU. The Association IS you!

Throughout the year, there are many dedicated people who make valuable contributions, great and small, to create our great community. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic is just one example. This year, we had Patti Crabtree and the block representatives distributing information and flags so that everyone could take part in the celebration. We also had water donations from Charlie Geren to help us beat the heat; face painting brought to our children by Kory Cummings; great music provided by the Crestwood Pickers (David White, David Clay, Barc Hunter, Bill Hipp, Kirk Warren and Scott Miller; hot dogs brought to you by the grill master himself, Frank Diaz; the perfect 4<sup>th</sup> of July treat, watermelon, donated by Glee and Michelle Lane; set up and tear down in the heat of July bravely provided by Charlie Geren, Holly and Bill Schur, Brendan Fenno, Mary Brannan Miller, Charles Miller, Kory and John Cummings, Frank Diaz, Ann Klein and Jennifer Strange; parade and event MC duties skillfully performed by Tom Roberts; Holly Schur, Judy Haskell and June Morton providing neighbors with information on the Association, the Crestwood Pet Registry and Crestwood Crime Patrol, respectively; special cookies from Gloria Cochi and Bea Hipp; and Melissa Smith,

Bob and Krystal Jackson, Lisa Griffith and Barry Green kindly assisting with prize, food, food drive and other logistics. Of course, it also wouldn't have been possible without the 175+ of you who came out to celebrate with your neighbors.

We have a lot of dedicated neighbors doing things large and small to make Crestwood the great place that it is to live. However, in order to continue being a neighborhood association that represents the entire neighborhood and offers events and programs that enrich our lives as a community . . . we need you! Please take a moment to consider ways, large or small, in which you can actively participate in your neighborhood. Can you help organize and/or put on one of our events (Halloween in the Park After Dark, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.), serve as a block representative, coordinate newsletter production, fill one of the vacant committee chair positions or attend monthly Association meetings, to name just a few? There are many ways to plug in to the neighborhood at many different levels, with varying time commitments, so there is something perfect for you and your lifestyle. I or one of the other Association board members would love to talk to you to help you find that perfect fit, so please give us a call. Our names and numbers are on page 4 of this newsletter.

UBUNTU! I am because we are .... and we are because of YOU!

See You Around the Neighborhood!

*Kristin*

### SECURITY REPORT 03/19/2015-09/18/2015

*The Security Committee has recorded the following incident reports for the period beginning March 19, 2015 and ending September 18, 2015. Official Security Reports are delivered at the Association's membership and board meetings.*

03/20/2015	3600 Blk Rockwood Pk Dr	Theft of Copper/Gas Well
03/30/2015	3800 Blk Wildwood Rd	Theft from Auto
03/31/2015	400 Blk Rockwood Pk Dr	Theft from Auto
04/01/2015	800 Blk Springwood Dr	Harassment
04/08/2015	300 Blk N Bailey Ave	Harassment
04/25/2015	400 Blk Eastwood Ave	Burglary of Vehicle
05/19/2015	300 Blk N Bailey Ave	Burglary of Vehicle
07/04/2015	800 Blk Northwood Rd	Domestic Dispute
07/12/2015	400 Blk Eastwood Ave	Burglary of Vehicle
07/12/2015	900 Blk N Bailey Ave	Burglary of Habitation
07/12/2015	300 Blk Ridgewood Ave	Burglary of Vehicle
07/15/2015	400 Blk Rockwood Pk Dr	Burglary of Vehicle
07/20/2015	3700 Blk Rockwood Pk Dr	Curfew Violation
07/24/2015	3800 Blk Wildwood Rd	Burglary of Vehicle
07/25/2015	400 Blk Eastwood Ave	Theft
08/09/2015	500 Blk N Bailey Ave	Public Intoxication
08/10/2015	3700 Blk Rockwood Pk Dr	Curfew Violation
08/12/2015	300 Blk N Bailey Ave	Burglary of Vehicle
08/26/2015	400 Blk Crestwood Dr	Theft

\*New since the last Board Meeting.

**SUBMITTED BY: Frank Diaz, Security Committee Chair**

### TREASURER'S REPORT 03/24/2015-09/18/2015

*This newsletter draft of the Treasurer's report is unofficial and reflects only those transactions and adjustments between quarterly newsletter publication dates. Official Treasurer's Reports are delivered at the Association's board meetings.*

#### CHECKING ACCOUNT

**Beginning Balance 03/24/2015** **\$ 4,617.80**

#### Receipts after 03/24/2015

Dues	\$ 192.00
Sponsorship Preservation Tree	\$ 450.00
Received for Crime Patrol	\$ 18.00
Contributions	\$ 37.00

**Total Receipts after 03/24/2015** **\$ 697.00**

#### Disbursements after 03/24/2015

Rezoning Matter Expenses	\$ 431.50
Printing: Newsletters & Flyers	\$ 173.05
Supplies: Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 662.57
Supplies: July 4 Parade/Picnic	\$ 429.24

**Total Disbursements after 03/24/2015:** **\$ 1,705.36**

**Ending Balance 09/28/2015** **\$ 3,609.44**

#### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

**Beginning Balance 03/24/2015** **\$ 12,121.21**

Interest Earned \$ 2.14

**Ending Balance 09/18/2015** **\$ 12,123.35**

#### LEGAL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

**Beginning Balance 03/24/2015** **\$ 1,190.52**

Interest Earned: \$ 0.07

**Ending Balance 09/18/2015** **\$ 1,190.59**

**SUBMITTED BY: Mary Brannan Miller, Treasurer**

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Fall or anytime, we welcome you to join or renew your membership in The Crestwood Association, the voluntary neighborhood association which strives to promote harmony among Crestwood residents, promote vigilance against crime, and work cooperatively with local government officials for the general welfare of our neighborhood.

Annual dues are \$12 per household. To join or renew, fill out the inserted membership form and mail it with your check to Crestwood Association, P. O. Box 471621, Fort Worth, Texas 76147. *If you join now, your dues will be considered 2016 dues.*

Our annual membership drive begins the first week of November. Block reps will come to your door to collect membership information and dues if you haven't yet joined or renewed. You must be a dues paying member to vote in the general election meeting in January.

## Board Meetings at a Glance

**May 4, 2015.** Barry Green, Traffic and Zoning Chair, reported that the property under construction at 417 Crestwood Dr. had been abandoned before completion and that the Code Compliance Department had investigated and was working to address issues created by the condition of the structure.

**June 1, 2015.** Jocelyn Murphy, Planning Manager in the City's Planning and Development Department, gave a presentation on the City's zoning process and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

**July 6, 2015.** After hearing from residents on both sides of a disputed variance request, the Board decided to take no position with the City on the request.

**September 8, 2015.** Representatives from Oncor spoke about recent tree trimming activities in the Crestwood neighborhood. Neighbors expressed concerns regarding lack of adequate notice and unnecessary damage resulting from the trimming activities. (See article in Newsletter insert.) There was a brief discussion of controversial proposed changes to definitions in the City's Zoning Ordinance that will apply to all single family residences. (See article below.) Jackie Liles reported that the City is willing to permit installation of a pet waste disposal station in Crestwood Park.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO BE SELECTED AT OCTOBER 5 BOARD MEETING

The Nominating Committee that will propose a slate of officers for election at the 2016 annual meeting of The Crestwood Association will be selected at the October 5 Board Meeting.

The Nominating Committee is selected at random by drawing names from a box containing the names of all members who wish to serve on the committee.

If you'd like to serve on the nominating committee, come to the October 5 meeting in person and drop your name in the hat from which the Nominating Committee members will be drawn. If you can't attend in person and wish to serve on the Nominating Committee, please send us a message stating: "I would like to serve on the Nominating Committee." You may email your request to [crestwoodemail@gmail.com](mailto:crestwoodemail@gmail.com).

At the November Board meeting, the Nominating Committee will submit its slate of nominees to the Board.

If you're interested in serving as Association officer, please let the Nominating Committee know. **Remember: Our Association can thrive only if we have officers and other active volunteers to carry out its work!**

## WHO CAN LIVE IN A "SINGLE-FAMILY" RESIDENCE?

On October 13 at 7:00 PM, the City Council will consider proposed amendments to definitions in the City's Zoning Ordinance. If approved, the Ordinance will allow up to five unrelated individuals to occupy a single-family residence if and only if they meet the following definition of "single housekeeping unit":

**SINGLE HOUSEKEEPING UNIT:** Individuals occupying a dwelling unit that have established ties and familiarity with each other, share a lease agreement or own the property, jointly use common areas, interact with each other, and share the expenses for food, rent or ownership costs, utilities and other household and maintenance costs and activities. If the unit is rented, all residents over the age of 18 jointly occupy the entire premises, and the makeup of the household is determined by the residents of the dwelling unit rather than the landlord or property manager.

Some citizens and neighborhood associations have supported the proposal. Others assert that the definition changes are not adequate to protect single-family neighborhoods. Still others have stated that the changes will interfere with the rights of landlords and other property owners, privacy rights, and the availability of affordable housing for students and others who wish to share space in single family residences.



**Crestwood Association Officers, Committee Chairs, and Block Representatives**

<b>Officers</b>			<b>Block Representatives</b>		
President	Kristin Glass	817-625-9533	Cresthaven Terrace	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
Vice President	Judy Sager	817-626-3105	Crestwood Drive (100-200)	Amber Woodson	817-731-7460
Secretary	Patti Crabtree	817-624-8839	Crestwood Drive (300-400)	Michelle Sankary	817-233-5163
Treasurer	Mary Brannan Miller	817-715-2506	Crestwood Terrace	Teri Hawley	817-625-4853
Membership Secretary	Holly Schur	817-625-2452	Eastwood Avenue (300)	Kyla Cox	817-676-5514
<b>Committee Chairs</b>			Eastwood Avenue (400)	Brittany Schimmels	817-624-4571
Archives	Kory Cummings	817-946-1361	Eastwood Avenue (500-600)	Bea Hipp	817-626-7268
City Hall	-----vacant-----	-----vacant-----	Edgefield Road (600)	Patti Crabtree	817-624-8839
Communications	Bill Schur	817-625-2452	Edgefield Road (700)	Margaret Miller	817-625-0688
Newsletter	Bill Schur	817-625-2452	Edgefield Road (800)	Brendan Fenno	817-681-4496
Telephone	Wendy Hulen	817-625-8832	Englewood Lane	Mike Creager	817-239-6693
Website	Kyla Cox	817-676-5514	Lindenwood Drive	Jeri Hawley	817-625-4853
Crime Patrol*	June Morton	817-624-7360	N Bailey Avenue (200-400)	Tudy Sager	817-626-3105
Finance	-----vacant-----	-----vacant-----	N Bailey Avenue (500-600)	Marianne Shapter	817-625-7629
History	Jackie Liles	817-626-0634	N Bailey Avenue (700)	June Morton	817-624-7360
Legal Contingency*	Richard Haskell	817-626-8939	N Bailey Avenue (800)	Gayle Davis	817-740-0470
Nominating**	-----	-----	N Bailey Avenue (900)	Lynnette Kile	817-614-9114
Pets (co-chairs)	Judy Haskell	817-925-1954	Northwood Road (700)	Jackie Liles	817-626-0634
Pets (co-chairs)	Krystal Jackson		Northwood Road (800-1000)	Tom Castillon	817-625-4371
Rules, Procedures, Bylaws	Lisa Griffith	817-740-9561	Oaklawn Drive	Judy Hendrick	817-624-7186
Security	Frank Diaz	817-626-1762	Ridgewood Road (300)	Jenny Masterson	817-378-0247
Social	-----vacant-----	-----vacant-----	Ridgewood Road (400)	-----vacant-----	817-378-8003
Traffic/Zoning	Barry Green	817-625-1999	Rockwood Park Drive	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
			Sherwood Drive (3600)	Bea Hipp	817-626-7268
			Sherwood Drive (3700-3800)	Lisa Griffith	817-740-9561
			Springbrook Drive	Mike Karpinski	817-262-3469
			Westwood Avenue	Majid Shavandy	469-867-3599
			White Settlement Road	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
			Wildwood Road	Glee Lane	817-626-4219

\* Auxiliary Committee  
 \*\* Selected at October Board meeting

<p><b>Your Neighborhood Realtor Gayle Davis</b>, with Brants Realtors and a Crestwood resident since 1991. <i>For all your real estate needs</i> Home: 817-740-0470 Mobile: 817-308-1043</p> <p><b>Shannon Kaatz</b>, Crestwood neighbor and CA member. Looking to buy or sell a home? Work with me at Alexander Chandler Realty. 512-971-1490 or <a href="mailto:sold@reagan.com">sold@reagan.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Rozi Stone, ABR, GRI, CRS</b> Crestwood Homeowner 8 years Williams Trew Real Estate Cell: 817-454-0250 <a href="mailto:rozi@williamstrew.com">rozi@williamstrew.com</a></p>	<p><b>Art Classes at My Home</b>                  Judy Sager, 320 N Bailey                  817-626-3105  <a href="mailto:judy.sager@charter.net">judy.sager@charter.net</a></p> <p><b>Private Piano Lessons</b>                  Tami O'Neal, 853 N Bailey                  817-800-4019  <a href="mailto:tamimaree@gmail.com">tamimaree@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Peter &amp; Kim Robbins</b>  <b>Fine Art Photography &amp; Portraiture</b>                  Peter: 214-616-4635  <a href="http://www.peterrobbsart.com">www.peterrobbsart.com</a>                  Kim: 214-616-3861  <a href="http://www.kimrobbsphotography.com">www.kimrobbsphotography.com</a></p>	<p><b>Service Company Plumbing</b>                  Quality work for all your plumbing needs from water heaters to pipes and anything in between. 10% Crestwood discount. Mike Creager: 817-239-6693.</p> <p><b>Rodriguez Home Improvements</b>                  Interior/exterior painting; tape, bedding, and texture. References available. Mario: 817-454-2276</p>	<p><b>Experienced Babysitter</b>                  Maggie Lyon, age 18 years. Call for references. 817-454-4067</p> <p><b>Experience Babysitter</b>                  Caroline Fettinger, College Student. References on request. 817-480-1349</p> <p><b>Pet Sitting</b>                  Experienced in-home pet care. Feeding, walking, medications, transportation to vet &amp; groomer. Judy Haskell: 817-925-1954 or 817-626-8939</p>
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# REPORT ON ONCOR TREE TRIMMING AND TREE MAINTENANCE NEAR UTILITY LINES

During the months of August and September, Wright Tree Service, a contractor for Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, entered the Crestwood neighborhood for the purpose of removing trees and vegetation that were growing over or close to its electric power delivery lines. Although most Crestwood residents, having experienced power failures resulting from trees falling on electric lines and transformers, understood Oncor's need to maintain its lines by removing vegetation that might interfere with the delivery of power to Crestwood and other residents, many Crestwood residents expressed anger and concern at the manner in which Oncor's contractor performed the "tree trimming" services.

At the September 8, 2015, meeting of The Crestwood Association Board, Oncor sent two high ranking representatives to address neighbors' concerns:

- Richard Casarez, Vice President - Fort Worth Customer Operations
- Suzan Greene, Fort Worth Area Manager, Customer Operations

Crestwood residents who wish to discuss their experiences with the Oncor tree trimming contractor or who may wish to assert claims against Oncor may reach out directly to Suzan Greene. Her contact information appears below:

Suzan Greene, Fort Worth Area Manager Customer Operations  
Oncor  
P.O. Box 970  
115 W. 7th Street, Suite 405  
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Tel: 817.215.6475  
Fax: 817.215.6360  
Email: [suzan.greene@oncor.com](mailto:suzan.greene@oncor.com)

For further information in general about Oncor's tree trimming and pruning activities, go to the following website: <http://www.oncor.com/EN/Pages/Tree-Pruning.aspx>. Oncor also provides a "Know Before You Grow" webpage which can be accessed at <http://www.oncor.com/EN/Pages/Know-Before-You-Grow.aspx>. The Texas Public Utility Commission also publishes a document entitled "Utili-Facts: All About Trees and Power Lines" which can be downloaded from the following Internet address: <http://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/facts/factsheets/elecfacts/trees.pdf>. This document includes contact information for filing complaints with the Texas PUC.

Billy Cook, a local arborist with our newsletter sponsor, Preservation Tree Service, also attended the meeting and explained that homeowners may wish to have their own arborists present when Oncor is conducting tree trimming on their property. He acknowledged that oak wilt is a serious concern and that there are steps that should be taken promptly after the trimming of certain oak trees to reduce the spread of oak wilt in the wake of utility tree trimming activities. He also confirmed that arborists must be certified by Oncor to prune or remove trees growing too close to high voltage power lines and noted that August and September are among the months in which there is less risk of oak wilt spread as a result of tree trimming activity.