

# THE CRESTWOOD NEWS

Periodic newsletter of the Crestwood Association

June, 2020

## Fourth of July Celebration Returns to Crestwood

***Since we're still all social distancing and observing health and safety precautions, we'll celebrate this year with a motorized parade!***

Come join your neighbors for an extended Fourth of July parade of motorized vehicles only (no pedestrians and no children on their own toy vehicles—motorized or not—please.)

Feel free to decorate your cars/trucks/golf carts/motorcycles in patriotic colors, etc. and we'll drive through the entire neighborhood sending out a holiday message!

**Meet:** Jo Kelly School parking lot

**Time:** 9:45 am Parade starts at 10 am

**Route:** From Jo Kelly parading through the entire Crestwood neighborhood

**Lead Truck:** Uncle Sam (Mike Karpinski) in his red truck

So line up behind Uncle Sam and away we go! The Crestwood Association encourages all participants to follow all health safety guidelines. How about red, white, and blue Fourth of July face masks? (That's an attempt at humor, but clearly we want to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe.)

Please fly your flags and have fun decorating your motorized vehicles, yards or whatever! We're sorry we can't picnic together at Crestwood Park this Independence Day; we'll hope to continue that tradition next year.

See you on the 4th! Thanks, y'all.

— Holly Schur

## Flags Will Line Crestwood Streets

Years ago, the Crestwood Crime Patrol launched "Flags Over Crestwood," an annual effort to place American flags along curbs throughout the neighborhood.

This wonderful tradition continues in 2020. Block representatives are asked to get these out before the Fourth of July; pick up flags for your block at 504 Eastwood Avenue. Questions? Contact Jackie Liles 817-626-0634

## It Might be Something Else

***A message from Association president  
Janine Lund***

We are flooded with information about COVID-19, but let's not forget about our regular summer disease risks from mosquitos and ticks. These pests can cause some serious, even fatal diseases, that may show themselves first as flu-like illnesses, so let's review them.

Mosquitos can transmit West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis and several other bad diseases. Both daytime and morning/evening mosquitos can carry diseases. We can get rid of standing water on our property and use repellants when we are outside. Seeing dead blue jays and crows (not grackles) may be a sign of West Nile. Check [www.dshs.texas.gov](http://www.dshs.texas.gov) for information on mosquito-borne diseases.

Ticks can also transmit bad diseases such as Lyme, Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted fever and more. Sometimes these diseases will involve a rash as well as flu-like and other symptoms. We can check ourselves out for ticks and remove them carefully with tweezers. Most have to be attached for several days to transmit disease.

These diseases can be serious indeed and require antibiotic or other medical treatments. We can protect our pets from ticks. We can wear long sleeved shirts and long pants, tucking the pants into socks to keep ticks away from us. Possums eat ticks, so we can be glad to have them around. More information about tickborne diseases is in *American Family Physician*, May 1, 2020 issue.

So, remember to protect ourselves and watch for exposure to mosquitos and ticks this summer in Crestwood.

### Association Meeting

***Everyone welcome***

***Tuesday, September 8***

***7:00 pm***

***Location/meeting format to be announced***

## Update: Street Racing and Car Noise from Rockwood Park and University Drive

*Crestwood has welcomed a new neighborhood police officer to our area: Officer Oscar Moncada, badge number 4413. The Crestwood Security Committee asked him for an update on a noise/hazard situation discussed at our February, 2020, Association meeting: car racing and noise from trick and racing activities on University Drive north of White Settlement, and in the parking lot supporting playing fields in Rockwood Park, just north of Crestwood. Here's officer Moncada's response, dated May 26, 2020:*

There have been two fatality accidents on the 300 block of University Dr under reports 200004699 and 200037831. Witness reports indicate that in both incidents the subjects were racing and lost control, which resulted in the accidents.

Police have since increased patrol in the areas that have the most reports of speeders. We had a detail focused on speeding, racing and other traffic violations run May 23rd-25th. This was a zero tolerance enforcement approach, which meant we would fine and tow vehicles which were involved in racing or reckless driving as defined by the Texas Transportation Code. The detail included University Dr where the accidents occurred.

Rockwood Park has been a known meeting location for car clubs where they perform "burn outs" before taking to the streets and racing. As a result of these gatherings the city park has had graffiti, damage and excess litter. Local residents are also experiencing excessive noise and traffic at night. The gatherings also took place after park hours which was a violation of existing city ordinances. Fort Worth Parks and Recreation along with Police have devised a short and long term plan.

The short-term plan was controlling access into the park by erecting fences which had wire cables gates. These gates/fences would remain closed until someone from the city could open the park. While the city was acquiring the required material they placed large boulders at both entrances of the park preventing access inside. These boulders were in place before the second fatality accident occurred [but have since been removed]. I drove by the park this morning 5/26 and the fences have been installed.

The long-term plan is for the city to have raised islands (curbs) inside of the parking lot. The raised islands would mark the parking spaces inside of the park and there would be concrete posts placed throughout the parking lot. These extra fixtures would stop the gatherings from performing their "burn outs". The long-term plan would take about 12 months to complete.

Noise complaints are quality of life issues that Police take seriously and address them as they are reported. Any car, music, or fireworks noise disturbances should always be reported via 911 if they are actively occurring. If anyone wishes to report past complaints or ongoing issues with a neighbor (loud music), these reports can be directed to myself at 817-944-2725 or the police non-emergency number at 817-392-4222.

Noise complaints are tricky, meaning if police are expected to take criminal action, the reporting party must be willing to be a complainant/victim in an offense report. If the complainant refuses to appear as a victim or meet with police we are then only able to give the subjects verbal warnings.

Frequent return calls are a result of verbal warnings. If criminal action is not something that a resident is willing to do, mediation can be performed by myself or a legal mediator. I am able to coordinate this approach if there are on-going issues with a neighbor.

**Welcome Fort Worth Police Department  
Neighborhood Police Officer  
Oscar Moncada  
817-944-2725  
Oscar.Moncada@fortworthtexas.gov**

## Association Committee Reports

Security Chairs Frank Diaz and June Morton advise that the following incidents have been reported since March 1, 2020. They encourage everyone to be diligent about locking cars and not leaving items of value in view.

Date	Blk	Street	Incident
3/8/2020	800	Northwood Ave	Theft from Motor Vehicle
3/23/2020	400	N. Bailey Ave	Theft from Motor Vehicle
3/23/2020	700	Edgefield Rd	Theft from Motor Vehicle
3/23/2020	3700	Oaklawn Dr	Theft from Motor Vehicle
4/10/2020	100	N. Bailey Ave	Motor Vehicle Theft
4/14/2020	600	Eastwood Ave	Burglary of Habitation
4/23/2020	100	N. Bailey Ave	Theft from Motor Vehicle
4/23/2020	100	N. Bailey Ave	Theft from Motor Vehicle
5/8/2020	800	Northwood Rd	Motor Vehicle Theft

Treasurer Rozi Stone reports that as of May 31, 2020, the Association had an operating fund balance of \$10,791.52 and a savings fund for legal defense of \$8,650.63



## Neighborhood Resources

### **Rozi Stone, ABR, CRS, GRI**

Williams Trew Real Estate  
Crestwood resident and home owner since 2005  
817-454-0250 [rozi@williamstrew.com](mailto:rozi@williamstrew.com);  
[williamstrew.com/rozistone](http://williamstrew.com/rozistone)

### **Shannon Kaatz**

Looking to buy or sell a home?  
Work with me at Alexander Chandler Realty.  
512-971-1490 or [sold@reagan.com](mailto:sold@reagan.com)

### **Rodriguez Home Improvements**

Interior/exterior painting; taping, bedding, and texture.  
References available.  
Mario Rodriguez: 817-454-2276

**Carrell's Landscape & Maintenance** Full service  
landscaping: maintenance and installation, general  
clean ups and haul offs. Chuck Carrell: 817-602-1916  
or Michele Carrell: [sunshineruby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sunshineruby@sbcglobal.net).

### **Fine Art Photography/**

#### **Portraiture**

Peter Robbins: 817-901-7087  
[www.peterrobbinsart.com](http://www.peterrobbinsart.com)  
Kim Robbins: 214-616-3861  
[www.kimrobbinsphotography.com](http://www.kimrobbinsphotography.com)

### **Pet Sitting and In-home Pet Care**

Feeding, walking, medications, transportation  
to vet & groomer. Judy Haskell:  
817-925-1954 or 817-626-8939

### **Your Neighborhood Realtor, Gayle Davis.**

Keller Williams Realty  
Phone: 817-308-1043  
[gayledavis@kw.com](mailto:gayledavis@kw.com)  
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### **Art Classes at My Home**

Judy Sager  
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817-626-3105  
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### **Hollie Lancarte**

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[Holliel@ulterre.com](mailto:Holliel@ulterre.com)  
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### **Private Yoga Sessions**

Lynnette Kile  
817-614-9114  
[lynnettew@gmail.com](mailto:lynnettew@gmail.com)

### **Private Piano Lessons**

Tami O'Neal  
853 N Bailey  
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[Landsanddwellings.com](http://Landsanddwellings.com)

## City Information Resources Available

At the last Association membership meeting, June 1, 2020 (held via teleconference), participants heard a presentation from Catherine Huckaby, Community Engagement Manager, Communications & Public Engagement, City of Fort Worth.

She reminded participants that the City distributes a daily email with updates on matters impacting residents, including such matters as transit service changes, public-private economic development initiatives, public celebrations, farmers markets initiatives, and COVID contact tracing.

You can subscribe to this daily email publication at the City of Fort Worth website, [fortworthtexas.gov](http://fortworthtexas.gov)

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**New Neighbor?**

Welcome to Crestwood!

We look forward to seeing you at our Crestwood Association events, including informational meetings (first Monday of the month—watch for email and yard signs) and special events. You can connect with the Association through your block representative (right) or go to our website (above) to pay your dues.

**Crestwood Association Block Representatives**

Cresthaven Terrace	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
Crestwood Drive (100-400)	Amber Woodson	817-734-4015
Crestwood Terrace	Doug Lynn	318-470-2556
Eastwood Avenue (300)	Kyla Cox	817-676-5514
Eastwood Avenue (400)	Debbie Smith	573-837-5317
Eastwood Avenue (500-600)	Michele Carell	817-986-6139
Edgefield Road (600)	Laken Rapier	817-682-4411
Edgefield Road (700)	Annalisa Istre	817-929-8004
Edgefield Road (800)	Brendan Fenno	817-681-4496
Edgefield Road (800)	Jose Piedrahita	202-304-2880
Englewood Lane	Maayan Clark	817-575-9897
Lindenwood Drive	Doug Lynn	318-470-2556
N Bailey Avenue (200-400)	Judy Sager	817-626-3105
N Bailey Avenue (500-600)	Marianne Shapter	817-690-0043
N Bailey Avenue (700)	Diane Whipple	817-223-5719
N Bailey Avenue (800)	Gayle Davis	817-308-1043
N Bailey Avenue (900)	Lynnette Kile	817-614-9114
Northwood Road (700)	Jennifer Strange	817-683-1917
Northwood Road (800-1000)	Sonia Rodriguez	817-454-2345
Oaklawn Drive	Hasmik Belich	817-999-6642
Ridgewood Road	Elizabeth Jones	817-253-8543
Rockwood Park Drive	Frank Anderson	817-917-0387
Sherwood Avenue	Lisa Griffith	817-740-9561
Springbrook Drive	Ana Garcia	817-692-8786
Westwood Avenue	Majid Shavandy	469-867-3599
White Settlement Road 4020	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
Wildwood Road	Tammy Baca	817-456-7863



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## Election July 14 Includes Primary Run-Off Contests and Continuation of the Crime Control and Prevention District

You can vote early in person June 29 through July 10, or in person July 14, in this combined city and party primary run-off election. Registered voters can vote at any polling place within the county; polling place opening times during early voting vary.

For more information about voting in this election, go to the Tarrant County Elections website, [tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html](http://tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html)

Ballot questions will include party run-off contests to establish party candidates for local and statewide offices to be decided in the November general election. In addition, the City of Fort Worth is asking voters to authorize extension of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPC) for another 10 years. The CCPC was established in 1995 and has been continued by voter reauthorization in five year terms. Today, more than 500 volunteers give their time and energy to watch over and help protect our neighborhoods. Crestwood's Crime Patrol is part of this effort. These volunteers are known as the Citizens on Patrol, and they're part of a program made possible by funding through the Crime Control and Prevention District.

The CCPD is funded with a half-cent sales tax, and in fiscal year 2019, brought in more than \$78 million to help prevent and fight crime in our city. Our CCPD has played a part in making Fort Worth one of the nation's safest large cities. Despite our city's growth, the per-capita incidence of major crimes (murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson) declined 63% between 1995 and 2019. For more details about the CCPD, go to the city's website: [police.FortWorthTexas.gov/CCPD](http://police.FortWorthTexas.gov/CCPD).

### Register Your Pet with the Crestwood Pet Registry

The registry uses a chip reader to identify lost animals and help them find their way home. No fee to register your pet online.

Details on the website: [www.crestwoodfw.org](http://www.crestwoodfw.org) or contact [crestwoodfwpets@gmail.com](mailto:crestwoodfwpets@gmail.com)

## Hi! Am I Pretty? NO!

Though we all appreciate the convenience of our wheeled trash carts, they don't count as yard art!



City ordinance requires residents to store carts so that they cannot be seen from a public street from in front of the house. That means: find a place out of

street-sight to store your carts.

That city ordinance says that carts may be set out after 6:00 pm the night before your pickup day, and that they should be retrieved from the curb by midnight on your pickup day.

For general information about garbage collection and cart storage in Fort Worth, see [fortworthtexas.gov/solidwaste/garbage](http://fortworthtexas.gov/solidwaste/garbage)

## City Online Water Bill Payment System Requires Customers to Set Up New Accounts

The City of Fort Worth took down its online water payment system Friday, June 12, and launched a new payment site June 15. Customers who wish to continue automatic payments must re-establish automatic payments in the new payment site.

"All existing automatic payments, including bank drafts and e-billing notifications, will not transfer" to the new site, states the City's website on water payments, [fortworthtexas.gov/h2online](http://fortworthtexas.gov/h2online) "Failure to re-establish bank drafts or automatic payments may result in past-due bills subject to late fees."

In order to register and create an account in the new system, you'll need your full account number, including the dash.

Billing history with the customer's account has been brought into the new system, so you can view previous bills once you register.

The City notes that customers are not affected if they pay by mail, by phone or in-person, or have set up recurring payments from their bank.

To see details and register, go to [fortworthtexas.gov/h2online](http://fortworthtexas.gov/h2online) (That's H2 on line)