

Apt. developer seeks variance

Alliance Residential Company has requested a zoning variance to redevelop the 2 story apartments located behind the Elks Lodge.

If granted, this will allow 4 floors of residential dwellings and higher density than permitted by the current MU-1 zoning. It was previously zoned as medium density residential (C), and was rezoned MU-1 in 2009.

MU-1 provides for different standards to the project if it includes office, eating, and entertainment, and/or retail sales and service uses that constitute at least 10 percent of gross floor area.

70 units per acre are allowed for mixed-

use, but only 40 units per acre are allowed for dedicated residential structures.

4 or 5 stories are allowed for mixed-use structures, but only a maximum of 3 stories are allowed for single-use residential structures.

MU-1 requires the project to be multi-use and not single-use residential if the site is larger than 3 acres, and is not within convenient walking distance of a significant amount of other multi-use structures.

Crestwood residents will be allowed to speak at the Board of Adjustment (BOA) hearing about the potential impact to our neighborhood from traffic, street parking, and additional density.

The Board of Adjustment hearing is scheduled for June 6 at City Hall.

Crestwood, and other adjacent neighborhood associations were informed of the request by the BOA in early April.

Crestwood Association President Mike Holt attended the meeting held by the Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Associations with the developer April 26 to learn more of the development.

Since learning of the variance request, the Crestwood Association has communicated to the executive board and general members, explaining the variance and asking for residents to become involved and to submit comments.

Auto theft, burglary open path to other crimes in Crestwood area

By Michelle Lanham

Auto theft and burglary cost drivers billions of dollars annually. In 2010, the financial loss from stolen and burglarized vehicles in the United States was a staggering \$6,058,393,421!

Even if individuals have never been personally victimized by vehicle crimes, we all end up paying the price through higher

Schur says site soon complete

Interim Website Coordinator Bill Schur reports that website enhancements will start to appear in early June.

You will know that changes are occurring when you see an "under construction" graphic on the www.crestwoodfw.org home page.

If you have ideas concerning website enhancements or are willing to work on content development, content updating, or technical enhancements, please email Bill at the following address: wmschur@swbell.net.

insurance premiums and taxes.

Unfortunately, Texas plays a big part in the national vehicle crime scene. In 2010, Texas experienced 68,219 vehicle thefts, which equated to a property loss of \$635,570,078.

In addition, 263,479 vehicle burglaries occurred. The loss from those offenses was \$219,274,501.

Put together, this accounts for nearly \$1 billion for Texas alone! And guess what? Auto thefts and burglaries don't necessarily stop with those crimes.

If you think about it, stolen and burglarized vehicles can be tied to virtually all other criminal activities.

For example, a stolen vehicle can be used for transportation to other criminal activities. Stolen vehicles can be used to house stolen property. Stolen vehicles can be used for human and drug trafficking.

Burglarized vehicles can lead to identity theft. Stolen vehicles and burglarized contents/parts can be sold, with the profits going to fund terrorism or other criminal activities.

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City Services

Bulk Trash	4th week of the month
Code Compliance	817-392-1234
Garbage/Recycling	817-392-3279
Non-Emergency Fire	817-922-3000
Non-Emergency Police	817-335-4222
Street Lights	817-392-7738
Tree Trimming	817-871-5738
Water Department	817-FW-24-HRS

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May 2012 Minutes of the Crestwood Association

After the presentation by Michelle Lanham, of the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Program, who spoke of ways to avoid burglaries and thefts in Crestwood, Vice President Holly Schur called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Holly Schur determined a quorum was established.

A motion was made to waive the reading of the April 9, 2012 minutes that were printed in last month's newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

Officers' Reports

Vice President Holly Schur reported that Westwood block rep Dana Culwell is moving and a replacement is needed.

Treasurer Hubert Foster spoke of the current bank account balances, expenses, and payments since last meeting.

Membership Secretary Paul Holt said there were 5 new households since the last meeting, and that 193 households are now members of the 495 households in the Crestwood neighborhood.

Paul said that a membership/resident list had been delivered to all block reps as requested at last meeting, and asked the block reps to provide updates to the list.

He also said that the neighborhood garage sale had 21 participants and netted \$75 to the general fund after expenses and prizes. Prizes were awarded to Bea & Bill Hipp and Darla Lyon.

Paul reminded attendees that a Pet Registry is being formed to assist with Crestwood's lost animals, and reminded block reps to encourage neighbors to sign up.

Secretary Janie McConnell had no report.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives Chairperson Kory Cummins had no report.

City Hall Chairperson Patti Crabtree spoke of the ongoing repairs to Rockwood Park Rd. with completion expected by July.

Patti also said that three bike racks were installed in Crestwood park, and that Fort Worth has lifted Stage 1 watering restrictions, and that the Fort Worth City Council had approved a new noise ordinance that measures intensity of noise. She said that this will now affect persistent barking dogs.

She also said the TRWD has mowed the levee after a long period of grass growth

and will continue to mow on a 2 week cycle.

Crime Patrol Chairperson June Morton reported 98 volunteer hours in April. June said donations to the Crime Patrol should be mailed to their Post Office Box and that it should be stated in the newsletter.

Frank Diaz spoke of the April 2 simple assault in 800 block of Edgefield, the April 12 burglary in the 3800 block of Crestwood Terrace and April 26 arrest in Crestwood Park for public intoxication.

Legal Chairperson Christian Tucker, Newsletter Chairperson Ernest Todd, and Parliamentarian Chairperson Charles Miller had no reports.

Social Chairperson Melissa Smith said the Easter Egg Hunt had 40 children hunting 1100 eggs. She also thanked the Crestwood Easter Bunny for visiting students at Jo Kelly school, and for the help from volunteers.

Telephone: Wendy Hulen reported she called all block reps.

Traffic/Zoning: Brent Dike had no report.

Unfinished Business

Vice President Holly Schur said a committee is to be formed to discuss how to invest/spend the funds from Chesapeake.

Suggestions for spending the fund included benches at Jo Kelly School to compliment the play area, and wildflower seeds for Rockwood Park Dr.

It was also stated that all previous suggestions for spending the fund would be reconsidered when the committee is formed.

New Business

Donovan Street Apartment Development - Proposed Zoning Variance from MU-1 (City Ref: BAC-12-045):

Gwen Neal made a motion following discussion that Crestwood Association write to the Commercial Board of Adjustment stating hardships the proposed variance would cause Crestwood.

The concern was hardship would result from the larger, more densely populated apartment complex, causing traffic ingress/egress problems.

A special meeting was called by the Monticello Neighborhood Association May 15, when the developers would present their plans.

Crestwood residents were invited and encouraged to attend.

Paul Holt moved an amendment to the motion stating CA would attend the special meeting to be more informed about the project before reconvening as an exec board to establish a position.

The amended motion was seconded and passed. It was noted that the association's executive board has no position on the variance.

Old Business

Discussion of responses from all members of the executive committee to the survey, asking about thoughts on meeting dates, times, frequency, newsletter ads, volunteers, etc...

Forming of the committee to decide how the funds from Chesapeake should be spent.

A motion was introduced and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Crestwood Association Treasurer's Report May 2012

Beginning Balance 04/30/2012		\$7678.05
Receipts:		
Dues:	\$88.00	
Total Receipts:		\$88.00
Disbursements:		
Printing: Staples: (Newsletter)	\$149.82	
Total Disbursements:		\$149.82
Ending Balance 05/31/2012		\$7616.23

Prepared by: Hubie Foster, Treasurer

Shelter pets at risk

Healthy, adoptable animals housed at the Chuck Silcox Animal Shelter are at risk due to a dramatic increase of overcrowding.

Fort Worth Animal Care and Control is reaching out to the community seeking immediate assistance from individuals who can adopt an animal as well as reaching out to animal welfare organizations.

The overcrowding issue is very serious. Shelter officials say action must be taken this week; otherwise there is no other choice than to humanely euthanize otherwise adoptable pets to create more space at the shelter.

For more information visit www.fortworthgov.org/animals/adoption/ or call 817-392-PETS (7387)

June 4th agenda of the Crestwood Association Executive Board

Call to order by President Holt

Welcome attendees, guests, block reps, chairpersons, and officers

Request all Executive Board Members to stand and be counted

Quorum—requires at least 11 Executive Board members to be present

Minutes for May 4th meeting (included in newsletter) to be read and approved as posted or read by the Secretary

Officer Reports

Treasurer—Hubert Foster, Jr.
Membership Secretary—Paul Holt
Secretary—Janie McConnell
Vice President—Holly Schur

Standing Committee Reports

Archives—Kory Cummins
City Hall—Patti Crabtree
Crime Patrol—June Morton
Legal—Christian Tucker
Newsletter—Ernest Todd
Rules—Charles Miller
Security—Bill Scott
Social—Melissa Smith
Telephone—Wendy Hulen
Traffic/Zoning—Brent Dike

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Variance of the proposed St. Donovan St. Apartment development.

Forming of the committee to decide how the funds from Chesapeake should be spent.

Announcements

Tarrant County Food Bank Volunteer opportunity

Next meeting July 2nd at 7 p.m.

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The subject was discussed at the May 7 board meeting, where a motion recognized that the association would not form a position or response to the BOA until residents had the opportunity to learn more about the variance.

On May 15th, Alliance Residential, the developer of the St. Donovan apartment project gave a presentation and answered questions about the proposed variance at a special meeting of the Monticello Neighborhood Association.

The Crestwood Association will meet June 4, when residents will have a chance to voice their opinion about the variance, before the Board of Adjustment's hearing on June 6.

Pursuant to the motion made at the May 7th association meeting, the Crestwood Board position on the variance will be guided by the opinions of Crestwood residents and other affected neighborhood associations.

This subject is on the agenda for our June 2 meeting and is your chance to listen to discussion and for your opinion to be heard and registered.

Further information and details, including links to the relevant zoning ordinance descriptions, the variance application itself and a map of the affected area can be found by going to Monticello's webpage (www.mnafw.org) and clicking the link on

the homepage "St Donovan Street Zoning Variance".

The Monticello neighborhood association has voted to oppose the variance, with prejudice.

It is highly recommended that you read these documents prior to the meeting to understand the nature of the application before the meeting.

Auto theft, from page 1

nal activities. In other words, auto theft and burglary may be mere stepping stones to other criminal enterprises.

And by not taking precautions to make vehicles more difficult to steal and burglarize, we may, unwittingly, play a part in enabling the commission of additional, far more heinous, offenses.

Keep your vehicle from becoming part of the gateway! The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority, a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, can provide helpful tips to protect your vehicles.

Request a free vehicle crime prevention packet by calling 1-800-CAR-WATCH or visiting www.texasratt.com.

And always remember . . . HIDE your belongings, LOCK your car, and TAKE your keys!

Crestwood Association Membership

Your membership dues support worthy neighborhood projects and expenses as identified by the membership. They also pay for neighborhood events such as the **Easter Egg Hunt** and the **4th of July Parade and Picnic**.

We need your support! Please return your membership form and association dues check of \$12.00 to your Block Representative, or mail your completed form and check to:

The Crestwood Association, P.O. Box 471621, Fort Worth, Texas 76147

Your Name:
Other Residents:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email:

Donations are also sought for the Crestwood Association's Crime Patrol. A donation to the Crime Patrol can be made through your Block Representative, or can be mailed to: **Crestwood Association's Crime Patrol, P.O. Box 470912, Fort Worth, Texas 76147**

Crestwood Association Executive Board Directory

Officers

President	Mike Holt	817-625-2668
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Block Representatives

Cresthaven Terrace	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
Crestwood Dr. (100-200)	Amber Woodson	817-731-7460

Block Representatives who do not want to continue or wish to name an alternate who can attend & vote at meetings, please contact Vice President Holly Schur.

Block Representatives (continued)

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Eastwood (500-600)	Hubert Foster, Jr.	817-624-2464
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Edgefield (700)	Margaret Miller	817-625-0688
Edgefield (800)	Mark Matern	214-794-6747
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Ridgewood (300)	Jenny Masterson	817-378-0247
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Sherwood (3700-3800)	Lisa Griffith	817-740-9561
Springbrook	Mike Karpinski	817-262-3469
Westwood	Dana Culwell	817-626-9564
Wildwood	Glee Lane	817-626-4219



Crestwood riches sold

21 homes participated in Crestwood's annual yard sale in April, with bargains to be had by shoppers who left with armfuls of prized purchases.

Winner of the most artistic yard sign (pictured) went to Bea and Bill Hipp, and winner of the most useless or curious object on sale went to Darla Lyon, who while advertising a plant sale was also offering for sale an inflatable cactus.

Both winners received a gift certificate.

Letter to the Editor, Guest Editorial or an Ad?

Please send it to: The Crestwood Association, P.O. Box 471621, Fort Worth, Texas 76147, or email your **Letter to the Editor, Guest Editorial or Ad** to the Crestwood News at: **crestwoodnewsletter@gmail.com**

Please include your name, address, and phone number. The deadline for submissions is the third Monday of every month.

The editorial staff reserve the right to refuse any submission they deem inappropriate to the newsletter, and to edit submissions for content, length and libel.

Views and opinions expressed in the newsletter are those of the writer, and not necessarily those of the Crestwood Association or its members.

Experienced Babysitting

Mattison Conditt & Samantha Lyon, both 17. Call for references. Mattison: 817-658-3385 Samantha: 817-944-1477

Guitar Lessons

Jonathan Gibbs is a classical guitarist with 12 years of teaching experience. Call for more info: 254-723-4106 or email: jgibbs@gmail.com www.fortworthguitarstudio.com

Handyman—Ed Van Noy

Certified HVAC technician; plumbing; electrical; carpentry; pool service; sheet rock repair; tape, bed & texture; interior/exterior painting & faux finish. 817-819-1406

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Shannon Kaatz, Crestwood neighbor and CA member. Looking to buy or sell a home? Work with me at Alexander Chandler Realty, Fort Worth's Best Small Business 2010. 512-971-1490 or shannon@alexanderchandler.com

Rodriguez Home Improvements

Interior/exterior painting; tape & bedding; and texture. Free estimates. Mario: 817-371-2681. References available.

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Katelyn Green is a private swim lesson teacher. Water Safety & Lifeguard Certified. 817-980-2438 katelyn.green@yahoo.com facebook.com/fishandfinsswimming

Texas Boot, Shoe Repair

Jolly Crestwood resident repairs men's and ladies' boots, shoes & handbags. 817-244-2669