

THE CRESTWOOD NEWS

Periodic newsletter of the Crestwood Association
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Local Elections are Important— Take Part

After multiple terms as the Mayor of Fort Worth, Betsy Price is stepping aside for a new mayor of Fort Worth to be elected. My husband and I have personally ridden bikes with her and will certainly miss her as the face of Fort Worth. We have elections in May for a new mayor as well as a new Council representative for District 7. Dennis Shingleton is not running again; he knew who we are and that we care about our neighborhood and Fort Worth. We need a representative who listens and responds to Crestwood and the other Westside Alliance member neighborhoods.

We are having a Candidate Forum on Monday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. See the Crestwood website and elsewhere in this newsletter for how to register. People who pay attention, who give feedback and who participate in local elections have a greater chance to influence local decisions that protect and enhance their neighborhoods.

Turn out is often low for local elections, and I urge every eligible voter in Crestwood to get to know the candidates and to vote! Early voting and absentee voting are convenient options. See you on Zoom!

*Janine Lund
Crestwood Association President*

**Association Meeting
Monday April 5, 2021 7:00 pm**

**Fort Worth City Council District 7
Candidates Forum**

Meeting via Zoom.
Registration at www.CrestwoodFW.org
Details back page of this newsletter.

Crestwood Family Event! Bunny Trail Drive Saturday, April 3 Starts at 10 AM

Easter's coming, and the bunny rides again through Crestwood!

In a repeat of last year's mobile meet-and-greet, the Easter bunny will be driving Crestwood streets on Saturday morning, April 3, beginning at 10:00 am at Jo Kelly School. This year's bunny trail drive will include all of Crestwood, using the route perfected in last year's Fourth of July driving parade.



Event chairman **Annalisa Istre** has announced that the bunny will be showering children along the trail with sanitized packets of candy!

She predicts the bunny will look even spiffier than in 2020; a new wardrobe will smarten up the rabbit's look. See you on the trail!

Map (page 3) courtesy of **Roy Liles**. Photo above courtesy of **Rozi Stone**.

Caution Urged in Busy Parking Section of North Bailey

Residents coming and going from the Monticello Apartments park along both sides of the 100—200 blocks of North Bailey. As they enter and exit their vehicles, traffic north and south bound passes by.

Mary Beth Marsh led an evaluation of this potential hazard on behalf of the Association executive committee, discussing potential issues and solutions with Fort Worth Police and apartment management.

"Parking on both sides of the street narrows the safe passing distance for drivers," she explained. However, prohibiting curbside parking is not feasible, according to police, notwithstanding the existence of a bike lane on the southbound side.

"The police urge drivers to exercise caution when passing through those blocks of North Bailey," she said. "They encourage drivers to watch for people opening their car doors into traffic and pulling away from the curb, and of course, to observe speed limits."

Security Report

Security chairman **Frank Diaz** reports these incidents in Crestwood according to FWPD statistics, January 1 through March 12:

- Jan 6: 100 block of North Bailey, theft of motor vehicle parts
- Jan 16: 600 block of Eastwood, burglary of a vehicle
- Jan 19: 800 block of Northwood, theft of vehicle parts
- Feb 28: 300 block North Bailey, property theft

Frank and Neighborhood Police Officer Oscar Moncada note that the thefts of motor vehicle parts are part of a larger trend involving thefts of catalytic converters from parked vehicles.

"Catalytic converters on certain vehicles contain high-value precious metals," Frank noted. Thefts sometimes occur when cars are parked on the street or in driveways. Burglaries from vehicles are another ongoing issue. "Be sure to lock your car if it's going to be out, and conceal anything inside," Frank recommends.

Hello New Neighbor!

Welcome to Crestwood! Each block in the neighborhood has a volunteer Association representative ready to welcome you and help you plug in. Go to crestwoodfw.org/OurAssociation to learn who represents you and your block. You can also join online: dues are \$15 per household per year. You are welcome to attend meetings, usually held the first Monday of the month.

Neighborhood Resources

<p>Rogi Stone, Real Estate/Realtor Crestwood resident and homeowner since 2005 817-454-0250 Williams Trew Real Estate rozi@williamstrew.com Residential Buyers and Sellers</p>	<p>Your Neighborhood Realtor, Gayle Davis Keller Williams Realty 817-308-1043 gayledavis@kw.com gayledavis58@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Carrell's Land scape & Maintenance Full service landscaping: maintenance and installation, general clean ups and haul offs. Chuck Carrell: 817-602-1918 Michele Carrell: sunshineruby@sbcglobal.net</p>
<p>Judy Sager All level art education teaching all ages. Clay, drawing, oil, acrylic, pastel in my studio. 817-939-6217 judy.sager@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Pet Sitting and In-home Pet Care Feeding, walking, medications, transportation to vet & groomer. Judy Haskell: 817-925-1954 or 817-626-8939</p>	<p>Hollie Lancarte 817-229-3238 Holliel@ulterre.com Commercial & residential real estate</p>

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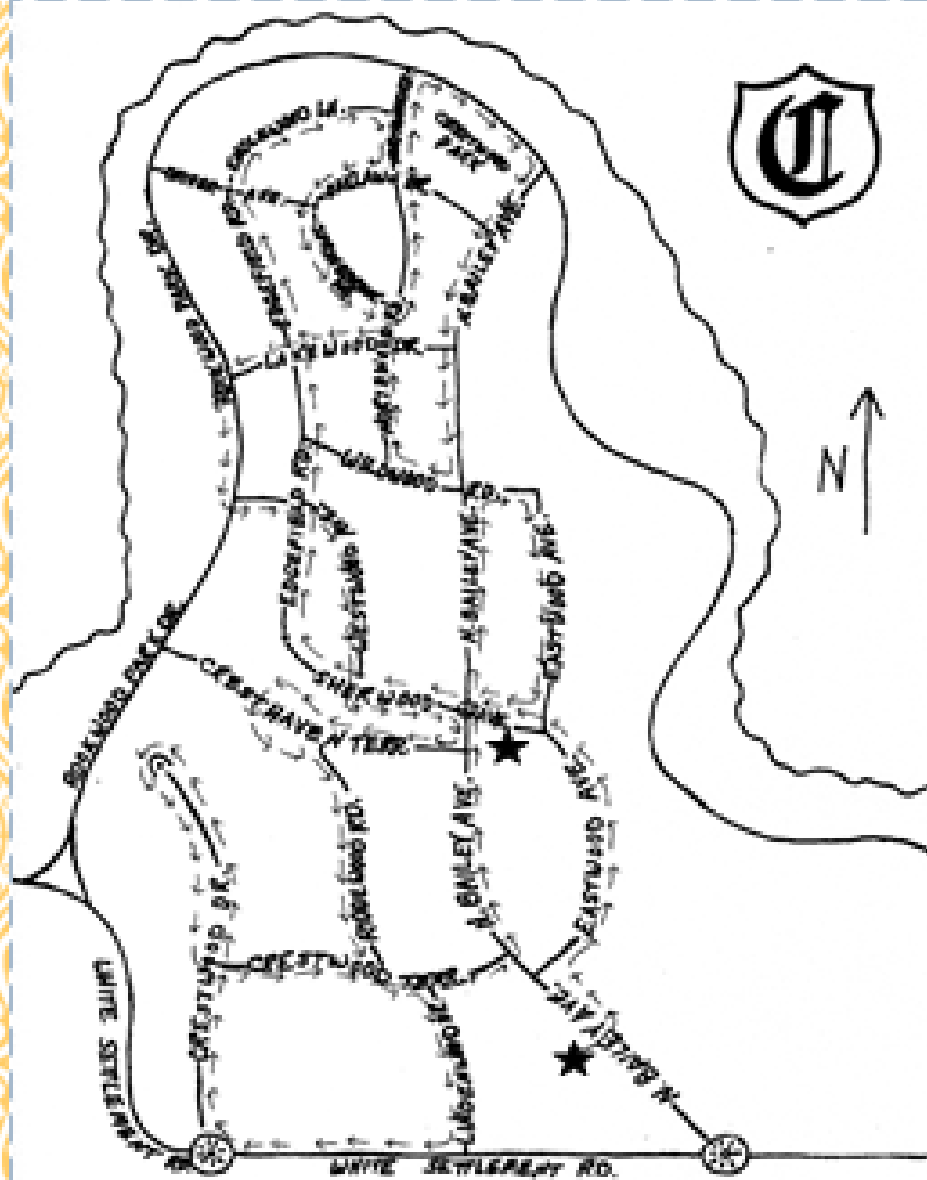
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Bunny Trail Route

The rabbit's trail drive starts at 10:00 am April 3 at Jo Kelly School and ends at the intersection of Sherwood and North Bailey.

No vehicles following the rabbit's drive this year, please!

City Council District 7 Candidates Forum Monday, April 5, 2021, 7:00 pm Via Zoom

Fort Worth voters will be considering candidates for new leadership in several City positions on May 1. Ten candidates have filed to be on the ballot for Council District 7, which includes Crestwood, other established neighborhoods on the west side, and a broad swath of the city to the north and west. Dennis Shingleton has represented District 7 on the City Council since 2011 but is not running for another term.

With so many candidates to consider for a position of importance to our neighborhood, the Crestwood Association has organized an online event to give neighbors a chance to meet and hear from candidates in a focused, convenient, time-efficient forum.

The event will comprise candidates' presentations, which will conclude by 8:00 pm. Thereafter, the candidates will depart and the Association board will conduct a regular business meeting; all are welcome to attend.

At press time, eight of the ten candidates had committed to participate. Check the website www.CrestwoodFW.org for updates on candidates participating and to register.

To attend this event, you must register for the Zoom meeting in advance. You can receive the registration link by emailing CNAFWtreasurer@gmail.com or go to the website.

Unlike other Zoom meetings, you cannot access the meeting by retrieving a link as the meeting begins; you must register to receive the meeting link. Your email address will be used only to send you a meeting reminder; audience contact information will not be available to candidates or others.

Thanks to a committee composed of Gayle Davis, Mary Beth Marsh, Lloyd Colegrove, Janine Lund and Kathy Kelly for arranging the forum.

City Recommends Vigilance, Self Help to Deter Egret Nesting

Egrets, a water bird with a long beak and legs, have been observed on Crestwood Drive yards and driveways. As explained on the City's website, roosting egrets have been a problem in several City neighborhoods. It is important to stop egrets from roosting because once they have started nesting and producing eggs, they are protected by law.

According to the City: "What comes along with nesting is an immense amount of falling white poop and plumage that literally covers roofs, trees, sidewalks and driveways. Then there is the smell." The City asks neighbors to help to stop the birds from nesting but will provide "guidance" if needed. Go to www.fortworthtexas.gov and search for egrets to learn more.

Hazard on Jo Kelly School Field

Neighbor Jackie Liles reports that a large hole has appeared in the middle of the recreation field at Jo Kelly School. She and others have marked it for visibility but so far have not succeeded in having the situation addressed by Fort Worth ISD.

She asks that you be in touch if you have suggestions for a solution: cna_jackie@yahoo.com. Meanwhile, take care when crossing the field.



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