

THE CRESTWOOD NEWS

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2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you haven't yet paid 2016 dues, please send your \$12 check to The Crestwood Association, PO Box 76147, Fort Worth TX 76107 or deliver your check or \$12 cash to 912 N Bailey Ave. Completed membership forms are preferred but not required. If you have questions or need forms, please call 817.625.2452 or email crestwoodemail@gmail.com. Please consider making additional contributions to the Association and Crestwood Crime Patrol.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP/ELECTION MEETING

The Crestwood Association's annual general membership/election meeting will be held at the Central Christian Church, 3205 Hamilton Ave, on Saturday, January 23, 2016.

The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 AM. The first order of business will be the election of next year's Association officers.

Only dues paid members may vote at this meeting. Beginning at 9:00 AM, volunteers will accept dues payments at the church on the day of the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, see the insert to this newsletter.

ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Crestwood Association Board will be held at the Central Christian Church, 3205 Hamilton Ave, on January 23, 2016, immediately following the general membership/election meeting.

The Board will consider proposed amendments to the Association's Bylaws at this meeting. For additional information about the proposed bylaw amendments, see the insert to this newsletter.

The February and March Board meetings will be held at 7:00 PM at the Central Christian Church on the following dates:

Monday, February 8, 2016
Monday, March 7, 2016

THEFTS ON THE RISE IN CRESTWOOD

This year, we've seen an increase in the number of thefts from vehicles (shown in crime reports as "burglary of vehicle").

From statistics and our own experience, we know that most vehicle burglaries in Crestwood occur at night. We also know they may occur at any time of day when would-be thieves believe they are not being observed and have the time to try the doors and look around inside the vehicle.

A good number of the vehicles burglarized in Crestwood this year had been left unlocked, and many owners had left valuables within plain sight (doors locked or unlocked).

Avoid becoming a victim in Crestwood, or anywhere your travels take you, by removing valuables from your vehicle (or at least putting them out of sight). Bear in mind that experienced thieves can break into some car trunks quickly.

Most important, lock all doors when you leave the vehicle.

If your vehicle is equipped with an alarm, consider arming it. If you can secure your vehicle in a garage or locked enclosure when at home, that is even better and highly recommended. Cars parked on Crestwood driveways and roadways have occasionally been subject to "smash-and-grab" burglaries.

Do not hesitate to report a vehicle burglary to the Police, even if you have to explain that you left the doors unlocked or left valuables in plain sight. It is far better for you and your neighbors if you will overcome whatever embarrassment you feel and report these incidents to the police immediately. If car burglaries are not timely reported through official Police reporting channels, the Police will not have the information required to know that criminals are active in our neighborhood and will not devote additional resources in an attempt to catch those thieves while they are active here.

Call 911 and they will direct your call. They may not respond by sending someone to gather more information or investigate further, but the report is important to them as they continually watch for patterns that warrant increased patrols in all neighborhoods they serve.

Please also notify the Crestwood Crime Patrol by calling me on 817-626-1762 or calling Crestwood Crime Patrol Captain June Morton on 817-624-7360. We've been fortunate not to need late night patrols for many years, but if patterns become evident the Crime Patrol is also a resource that might become available to deter criminals by providing a visible presence. Of course, it would help to have a few more active Patrol volunteers.

Frank Diaz

Chair, Crestwood Association Security Committee

Neighbor Notes

Dear Crestwood Neighbors,

As the year winds down, I have to celebrate where we've been and where we're going as a neighborhood and Association. We had some great times in 2015. We had record attendance for all our big annual events (Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade and Picnic and Halloween in the Park Before Dark), skillfully put on by an awesome, dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers! The last such event, Halloween in the Park Before Dark, was a perfect example. Lynnette Kile skillfully coordinated a group of top-notch volunteers, including Mike & Beth Karpinski, Michele Carrell, Patti Crabtree, Frank Diaz, Lisa & David Griffith, Bill & Bea Hipp, Drew Kile, Glee Lane, Mary Beth & Paul Marsh, Mary Brannan Miller, Tammy O'Neal, Holly & Bill Schur, Vicki Smith and Jennifer Strange, to put on a hugely successful pre-trick-or-treating celebration.

We also had neighbors, Judy Haskell and Krystal Jackson, work marvels for our furry friends by

dedicating their time and talent to reinstating our neighborhood Pet Registry Committee. Block representatives and the rest of the Board continue to be the cogs in our Association "wheels" and work hard for us all. The Association offered programs of neighborhood interest and had neighbors take advantage of our online presence and communication channels to interact with the Association electronically. Bylaws are receiving a much-needed revamp, the Association is representing Crestwood neighbors and needs in various area alliances, and neighbors dug deep as we participated for the 1st time in the Tarrant Area Food Bank's annual canned food drive. All in all, a very good year!

As we all finish out the year, the Association and I wish you a season full of peace and joy, and a very happy, neighborly new year!!

See you around the neighborhood in 2016!

Kristin

SECURITY REPORT 09/19/2015-12/11/2015

The Security Committee has recorded the following incident reports for the period beginning September 19, 2015 and ending December 11, 2015. Official Security Reports are delivered at the Association's membership and board meetings.

09/19/2015	800 Blk Edgefield Rd	Theft
10/28/2015	700 Blk N Bailey Ave	Burglary of Habitation
11/11/2015	700 Blk Edgefield Ave	Burglary of Vehicle
11/21/2015	3700 Blk Cresthaven Terr	Burglary of Vehicle
11/21/2015	500 Blk N Bailey Ave	Burglary of Vehicle

This report does not include statistics for the period from October 10-23.

The statistics do not include criminal activity not reported to the police through official reporting channels.

Please report all criminal activity to the City of Fort Worth Police Department by calling 911. See page 1 article "Thefts on the Rise in Crestwood."

SUBMITTED BY: Frank Diaz, Security Committee Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT 09/19/2015-12/16/2015

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 09/19/2015 \$ 3,609.44

Receipts after 09/19/2015

Dues	\$ 1,332.00
Received for Crime Patrol	\$ 67.00
Contributions	\$ 362.00

Total Receipts after 09/19/2015 \$ 1,761.00

Disbursements after 09/19/2015

Printing: Newsletters & Flyers	\$ 58.01
Supplies: Halloween	\$ 353.38

Total Disbursements after 09/19/2015: \$ 411.39

Ending Balance 09/19/2015 \$ 4,959.05

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 09/19/2015 \$ 12,123.35

Interest Earned	\$ 0.47
Ending Balance 09/19/2015	\$ 12,123.82

LEGAL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 09/19/2015 \$ 1,190.59

Interest Earned:	\$ 0.03
Ending Balance 09/18/2015	\$ 1,190.62

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Brannan Miller, Treasurer

Eight Puppies under a House: A Crestwood Saga

As you may have seen in Crestwood Pets emails over the weekend, a stray dog had a litter of 8 (yes, eight) puppies underneath a Crestwood home last week. The mother, a tan shepherd mix, and the presumed father, a white mix with brown spots, had been seen by several Crestwood residents and fed by some but neither had been captured. On Saturday, an email was sent out asking if anyone knew anything about the dogs or where they might belong. In response to that email, our neighbor Mary Crelia offered to foster the mother and puppies if their owner could not be identified so they would not be taken by Animal Control.

By midday Saturday, it was evident that the mother was missing. A neighbor retrieved the puppies from underneath the house. They were tiny, with eyes still closed, and very hungry. Mary generously kept her offer open even without a mother dog, which meant buying formula and bottles, and bottle-feeding 8 tiny, hungry mouths.

We later learned that well-meaning neighbors had called Animal Control to capture the dogs and that the mother had been picked up, tranquilized with a dart gun and taken to the Animal Control facility. On Sunday, with the help of local rescue organization Saving Hope, we were able to pick her up and reunite her with the babies. She was traumatized and unable to begin nursing. Bottle-feeding continued. After calming down and settling into her new surroundings at Mary's home, she resumed nursing and is again a good and attentive mother dog. No one knows what happened to the puppies' father. Animal Control did not pick him up and he has not been seen since the mother was picked up.

In usual Crestwood style, many neighbors expressed concern, inquired about the dogs' welfare, and offered help. Several neighbors, including one from Idlewild, have provided food and bedding to help out.

Many people don't realize what a job it is to care for 8 new puppies - they have to eat every couple of hours and many puppies in this situation do not survive. Thankfully, so far, so good for these lucky little babies thanks to the efforts of caring Crestwood neighbors.

Several people have expressed interest in adopting a puppy when they are old enough. The sweet mother will also need a home when she has finished raising her babies. Please keep her in mind as you consider getting a new dog. We have asked those interested in puppies to wait until they are a little older and the mother is a little more comfortable in her new surroundings before coming to meet them.

Thanks to all who have helped by providing food, other needed items, and their time - Rozi Stone, Maridon Grochowski, Judy Haskell, Krystal Jackson, Kim Robbins, and Saving Hope, among others. And an especially huge thanks to Mary for surrendering her time, home, funds and patience to help these homeless animals!

One final note, Crestwood residents are typically very caring and willing to help with pet issues or loose dogs and cats. Should you be concerned about a loose dog or cat, please report it to the Crestwood Pet Registry using the "Report a Found or Wandering Pet" web form on the Crestwood Association website (www.crestwoodfw.org) or send an email to CrestwoodFWPets@gmail.com before calling Animal Control. Neighbors may know where the animal belongs or be able to help in some other way before dispatching Animal Control.

Animal Control provides a valuable service by removing stray and sometimes vicious dogs from our streets, and sometimes circumstances call for their involvement. More often than not, the animals they retrieve are promptly euthanized if they have not been chipped and the owners identified. In many (but not all) cases neighbors can mitigate the situation and help get the animal back home or find a new home sooner.

Board Meetings at a Glance

September 8, 2015. The Board was unable to conduct business or take action because a quorum was not present. President Glass allowed time for invited guest speakers to address tree trimming concerns.

Representatives from Oncor and Preservation Tree Services, our newsletter sponsor, made a presentation followed by questions from attendees. Key takeaways: (1) Oncor must protect power lines from trees and other vegetation located along its rights of way to reduce the frequency of power failures. (2) Homeowners believing that Oncor has exceeded its rights may complain to Oncor. (3) Prevention is the best policy. Don't plant trees under or near power lines. (4) Responsible arborists not working for Oncor will not trim trees already dangerously close to power lines.

October 5, 2015. The Board unanimously approved a motion to spend up to \$600 on the Halloween in the Park before Dark event. A Nominating Committee was selected to propose a slate of officers for 2016.

November 2, 2015. The Nominating Committee announced its slate of proposed 2016 officers. (See insert to this newsletter for the proposed slate.) A proposal to amend one sentence in the Bylaws was made. The motion was withdrawn to enable the Bylaws Committee to proceed with its review of the Bylaws. Plans for a variance to allow a workshop to be placed close to a rear property line with consent of adjacent neighbors were explained. No opposition to the proposal was made.

December 7, 2015. The City of Fort Worth's Animal Care and Control Division presented a program on dangerous and aggressive animals. Representatives of the Code Compliance Department addressed concerns from residents regarding aggressive dogs in the Crestwood neighborhood. A report was made to the Board on the Bylaws Committee's proposed amendments to the Association's Bylaws. (See insert to this newsletter for a summary of the proposed amendments.)

National Night Out 2015

This year's annual National Night Out party, held on Tuesday, October 6, was a huge success. The event drew a large turnout of Crestwood neighbors who enjoyed barbecue, music from neighborhood DJ Joe Gomez, and the opportunity to mix and mingle with neighbors. We had a big turnout from public officials, including State Representative Charlie Geren, District 7 Councilman Dennis Shingleton, Interim Police Chief Rhonda Robertson, Fire Chief Rudy Jackson, our Neighborhood Police Officer Brad Denson, and other members of the City of Fort Worth's Police and Fire Departments. WFAA Chanel 8 News covered the event. Thanks to all who made this event possible, all who attended, and especially to the brave men and women who serve our neighborhood and city as members of the Police and Fire Departments.

Crestwood Association Officers, Committee Chairs, and Block Representatives

Officers			Block Representatives		
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
			Eastwood Avenue (400)	Brittany Schimmels	817-624-4571
			Eastwood Avenue (500-600)	Bea Hipp	817-626-7268
Committee Chairs			Edgefield Road (600)	Patti Crabtree	817-624-8839
Archives	Kory Cummings	817-946-1361	Edgefield Road (700)	Margaret Miller	817-625-0688
City Hall	-----vacant-----	-----vacant-----	Edgefield Road (800)	Brendan Fenno	817-681-4496
Communications	Bill Schur	817-625-2452	Englewood Lane	Mike Creager	817-239-6693
Newsletter	Bill Schur	817-625-2452	Lindenwood Drive	Teri Hawley	817-625-4853
Telephone	Wendy Hulén	817-625-8832	N Bailey Avenue (200-400)	Judy Sager	817-626-3105
Website	Kyla Cox	817-676-5514	N Bailey Avenue (500-600)	Marianne Shapter	817-625-7629
Crime Patrol*	June Morton	817-624-7360	N Bailey Avenue (700)	June Morton	817-624-7360
Finance	-----vacant-----	-----vacant-----	N Bailey Avenue (800)	Gayle Davis	817-740-0470
History	Jackie Liles	817-626-0634	N Bailey Avenue (900)	Lynnette Kile	817-614-9114
Legal Contingency*	Richard Haskell	817-626-8939	Northwood Road (700)	Jackie Liles	817-626-0634
Nominating**	-----	-----	Northwood Road (800-1000)	Tom Castillon	817-625-4371
Pets (co-chairs)	Judy Haskell	817-925-1954	Oaklawn Drive	Judy Hendrick	817-624-7186
Pets (co-chairs)	Krystal Jackson		Ridgewood Road (300)	Jenny Masterson	817-378-0247
Rules, Procedures, Bylaws	Bill Schur	817-625-2452	Ridgewood Road (400)	-----vacant-----	-----
Security	Frank Diaz	817-626-1762	Rockwood Park Drive	Frank Anderson	817-378-0242
Social	-----vacant-----	-----vacant-----	Sherwood Drive (3600)	Bea Hipp	817-626-7268
Traffic/Zoning	Barry Green	817-625-1999	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>Your Neighborhood Realtor Gayle Davis, 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>Shannon Kaatz, Crestwood neighbor and CA member. Looking to buy or sell a home? Work with me at Alexander Chandler Realty. 512-971-1490 or sold@reagan.com.</p> <p>Rozi Stone, ABR, GRI, CRS Crestwood Homeowner 8 years Williams Trew Real Estate Cell: 817-454-0250 rozi@williamstrew.com</p>	<p>Art Classes at My Home Judy Sager, 320 N Bailey 817-626-3105 judy.sager@charter.net</p> <p>Private Piano Lessons Tami O'Neal, 853 N Bailey 817-800-4019 tamimaree@gmail.com</p> <p>Peter & Kim Robbins Fine Art Photography & Portraiture Peter: 214-616-4635 www.peterrobbsart.com Kim: 214-616-3861 www.kimrobbsphotography.com</p>	<p>Service Company Plumbing 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>Rodriguez Home Improvements Interior/exterior painting; tape, bedding, and texture. References available. Mario: 817-454-2276</p>	<p>Experienced Babysitter Maggie Lyon, age 18 years. Call for references. 817-454-4067</p> <p>Experienced Babysitter Caroline Fettinger, College Student. References on request. 817-480-1349</p> <p>Pet Sitting Experienced in-home pet care. Feeding, walking, medications, transportation to vet & groomer. Judy Haskell: 817-925-1954 or 817-626-8939</p>
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**DECEMBER 18, 2015 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/ELECTION
MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 23, 2016, AT 10:00 AM**

The annual membership meeting of The Crestwood Association will be held at the Central Christian Church, 3205 Hamilton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107, on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. The general election of Association officers will be the first order of business at the meeting.

Only dues-paid members may vote. Members who have not signed up before January 23 and who wish to vote will be offered an opportunity to pay dues beginning at 9:00 AM.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers:

- President: Kristin Glass
- Vice President: Kory Cummings
- Secretary: Patti Crabtree
- Treasurer: Judy Sager
- Membership Secretary: Holly Schur

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

**DECEMBER 18, 2015 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND BYLAWS AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**

The Rules, Procedures and Bylaws Committee has proposed amendments to Articles I, II, and III of the Bylaws of The Crestwood Association. The Association's Executive Board will vote on the proposed amendments at its January meeting immediately following the annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Both the annual membership meeting and Executive Board meeting will be held at the Central Christian Church, 3205 Hamilton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

Summary of Proposed Amendments

The committee proposes amendments to Article I Purpose, Article II Membership, and Article III Voting. Further bylaw amendments will not be considered at this meeting but will be reviewed by the committee after the Board has voted on the proposed amendments to Articles I, II and III.

Article I Purpose

The committee proposes slight modifications of the first sentence of unnumbered paragraph 1 to refer to "the Crestwood neighborhood" instead of "Crestwood Addition" and to make it clear that the Association may work cooperatively with local government entities such as the Fort Worth Independent School District and the Tarrant County Water Board as well as with the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

The committee proposes adding a new unnumbered paragraph 2 defining the geographic boundaries of the Crestwood neighborhood and the Crestwood Association to be:

- To the South: White Settlement Road
- To the West: Rockwood Park Drive West
- To the North: Rockwood Park Drive West
- To the East: Greenwood Memorial Park and Cemetery

The proposed boundaries are the same as the North-South-East-West boundaries stated in the City of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Database and include all of Crestwood Addition plus four houses (205 Crestwood Drive, 209 Crestwood Drive, 208 Rockwood Park Drive, and 4020 White Settlement Road) which are not part of Crestwood Addition but have long been considered part of the Crestwood neighborhood.

The committee further recommends technical amendments to the Article I language in unnumbered paragraph 2 dealing with compliance with applicable laws and deletion of the sentence in unnumbered paragraph 3 stating that the Secretary shall keep and maintain a "collection of documents" not clearly described in Article I.

Article II Membership

The committee recommends changing the first sentence in Article II, Section 1 Eligibility to read: "Membership in the Association shall be open to all adults residing within the Crestwood neighborhood who subscribe to the purposes of the Association" and adding an additional sentence explaining what persons, including Crestwood residents leasing space in Crestwood homes and apartments, will be considered as "residing within" the neighborhood.

The committee is not recommending a change in the level of dues but is proposing that the language of Article II, Section 2 be amended to provide that dues will be charged on a per residence basis and that all adult residents of a dues-paid residence be eligible for membership, entitled to speak at Association events as members, and entitled to serve as Officers, Committee Chairs, or Block Representatives. Other proposed changes to Section 2 include language clarifying who is eligible to vote at membership meetings of the Association and deletion of a provision dealing with the ballots which will be amended and moved to Article III Voting if the proposed bylaw amendments are approved.

Article III Voting

The committee recommends retaining the two-votes-per-residence cap but proposes a one-vote-per-person rule. If three or more adults reside in a residence for which dues have been paid, only two votes may be cast. If two adults reside in a residence, each resident may cast one vote if present in person when the vote is called. If one adult resides in a residence, that adult may cast only one vote under the proposed amendment.

The committee specifically proposes that Article III, Section 1 captioned "Annual Election of Officers" and Article III, Section 2 captioned "Casting Ballots at the Annual Election Meeting" be replaced with new Article III, Section 1 captioned "Voting at Membership Meetings" and new Article III, Section 2 "Election Meetings." These provisions each contain the proposed two-votes-per-residence cap and one-vote-per-member-present rule.

The committee recommends combining the existing provisions of Article III, Section 3 captioned "Monthly Board Meetings" and Article III, Section 4 captioned "Casting Ballots at Monthly Meetings" with a single new Article III, Section 3 to be captioned "Voting at Board Meetings." No substantial changes to the content of these sections are proposed at this time although further changes may be considered at a later date after the Executive Board has voted on the proposed amendments at its January 23, 2016 meeting.

Finally, the committee proposes to renumber Article III, Section 5 captioned "Nominating Committee" to become Article III, Section 4 and change the case of the caption to all caps. There are no recommended substantive changes to this provision at this time.