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Beach Drive Update

We are pleased to report that the city adhered to the scheduled time frame for the reconstruction of a portion of Beach Drive. The city reopened the portion that connects Blagden Avenue to Beach Drive.

However, it appears that the city is planning to temporarily close a portion of Morrow Drive to vehicular traffic for the next stage of Beach Drive construction. We hope there is a better alternative.

Upcoming Events

3.25.2018 - Easter Egg Hunt, The Point (18th & Shepherd), 3:30pm

5.15.2018 - Annual Meeting, 7pm

5.20.2018 - Spring Food Truck Festival, The Triangle (18th and Argyle), 1-4 pm

CRESTWOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 25 | 3:30 PM | THE POINT

It's one of the cutest events of the year! Crestwood's annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, March 25 at 3:30 at The Point at 18th & Shepherd St.

Children are invited to bring their loved ones, cameras, baskets and egg-hunting shoes for a fun-filled afternoon!

There will be a special area for children 3 and under, where the eggs have no candy.

As always, there will be food and beverages to share while we visit with neighbors.

If you can help with setup, please come at 3:00.

If you are able to contribute a sweet or healthy treat, beverages, napkins or plates, or any other item you think would be fun, please contact Harriet Winslow at hcwinslow@aol.com.

Calling All Crestwood Youth Entertainers!

On Sunday May 20, 2018 from 1-4pm, longtime Crestwood supporters John Mahshie and Jay Fazio of TTR Sotheby's International Realty are sponsoring a Spring **FREE** Food Truck Afternoon for Crestwood residents at The Triangle at 18th & Argyle St. NW. Look for more details in the May edition of The Crest.

The Mahshie Fazio Partnership will be sponsoring a raffle for a prize supporting a local business, and there may be other surprises to look forward to!

We are reaching out to young neighborhood performers to see if they would be interested in performing at The Triangle during the event.

Whether your child is in a band, a soloist, singer, performer, poet, or something else - if they would be interested in performing please send a note to info@crestwooddc.org.

If there is enough interest, we will look into putting together an opportunity to showcase their talent!

Safety & Emergency Preparedness

This is the first part in a series focusing on safety and emergency preparedness in Crestwood. It begins inside the home and then each new issue will expand outward: block, street, neighborhood, and finally city. This approach will identify the most frequent safety issues with most up-to-date PROVEN prevention tips.

Falls: Who hasn't fallen in their home? The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 20% of all falls within the home result in a fracture. Culprits? Slippery floors, running up and down stairs, and scattered objects underfoot are the most common. Solutions include mats on bathroom floors, corralling toys and objects from walkway areas, and installing motion detector lighting & safety bars.

Fires and Burns: A statistic once cited that every structure will catch fire once every 200 years regardless of the cause. That was before 200 year floods, cyclones, et. al, became the 100 year storms and floods - that seem to be now arriving every ten years! There are many sad horror stories where someone lost a life to smoke inhalation. ***The single most important thing a homeowner can do is to install fire alarms in every level of the home and change the batteries at least once a year.*** Smoke detectors themselves must be replaced every 10 years.

If you own a home on an alley, display your address on a back wall so the fire department can find the right house to respond to. In this day of multiple charging cables, do not overload outlets.

BUY, buy, buy a fire extinguisher. There are now multipurpose ones like "Kidde FA110."

For parents with young children, let the dishes coming out of the dishwasher cool so little fingers don't burn from touching them just after the cycle. When cooking, use the out-of-reach back burners on a stove.

CO₂/Carbon Monoxide. Did you just read of the poor V.P. of the Washington Area Latter Day Saints dying from carbon monoxide (CO₂) poisoning in his sleep? He and his wife moved into their basement during renovations. How innocuous can that be? A furnace/boiler may have malfunctioned and caused accidental CO₂ poisoning. CO₂ detectors are available, and the best prevention are regular, annual inspections of your HVAC system, the water heater, and any appliances that use hydrocarbons.

Choking or Unintentional Suffocation Accidents: Choking is the 4th most common cause of accidental death among all age groups, but children age 4 and younger and senior citizens are most at risk. From a bit of dinner going down the wrong way to swallowing a small object. Nuts are of particular hazard for small children of that age. So it's nut butter and small food bits for them. Learn the Heimlich maneuver. Did you know you can do it to yourself? Tie up curtain cords out of reach to prevent accidental suffocation.

CUTS: Secure garbage and trash bins so nothing is sticking out. Store tools, knives, scissors, and grooming gear out of reach.

Point knives and forks downward within the utensil basket in the dishwasher.

Poisoning: Store medications properly. Dispose of unused meds as instructed. Flushing meds down the toilet is not recommended. So too of chemicals, cleaning supplies, detergents, paint pesticides, and fertilizers. Safety latches for drawers that contain makeup supplies and hair color treatments. Keep activated charcoal on hand in case of accidental swallowing.

Drowning: Drowning in bathtubs is up 70% over the last ten years per the WSJ. For each child that drowns, it is estimated that 4 children are hospitalized for near-drowning. Nearly all who require CPR die or are left with severe brain injury. In the time it takes to cross a room for a towel (10 seconds), a child in a bathtub can be submerged. Answer the phone (2 minutes), a child can lose consciousness. Sign for a package at the front door (4-6 minutes), a child submerged in a tub or pool can sustain permanent brain damage.

Cracks and Openings in the basement and the foundation of your home. Radon is a radioactive gas that is the most common cause of nonsmoking lung cancer. Released by degraded uranium in the soil, it enters the home through cracks and fissures from below. Patch your basement wells and foundation. There are radon test kits.

Lyme Disease. Lyme disease in Crestwood is so serious that it requires a very lengthy review in the next edition of the newsletter when our surrounding environment is discussed.

To contribute tips or to provide ideas/comments, or for more information, please email safety@crestwooddc.org

If Not You, Who?

An extraordinary \$8,000 was raised by 2017's CASA Crestwood Home Tour and went directly to Thrive DC to support their work to combat homelessness!

Here are four reasons for opening your home to be on the 2018 Crestwood Home Tour in October 2018:

1. Thrive DC - where people who are hungry and or homeless are treated with deep down dignity. Not to mention, Thrive DC is one of the 8% of nonprofits nationwide who has an Exec. Dir. that is African American, the extraordinary Alicia Horton.
2. We provide a deadline for all those pesky home projects you always are wishing you could finish!
3. Meet your neighbors while they rave about your home!
4. Homemade truffles brought to your home to thank you.

To offer your home for CASA Crestwood 2018, or if you want to learn more, please email Denise Woods at woodsassoc@gmail.com. Hurry and sign up now - we only have 9 months till the next CASA!

But why only listen to us? Instead read this front line account from two homeowners who participated last year - no money exchanged hands in return for this endorsement :):

We were honored to be chosen to participate in Casa Crestwood this year. From initial call to volunteers to the day of the tour, the Casa Crestwood team made participation a wonderful experience. Communication leading up to the day was timely and informative with gentle reminders when needed, the volunteers were timely, professional and helpful in answering visitors questions.

Lastly, it was a pleasure to meet so many of our neighbors - visitors who had been in the house before and first timers who wanted to see the final results of a long renovation - who were exceptionally polite, grateful the house was on the tour and respectful of being in someone's home. Thank you to Denise and Pavan for all your hard work and leadership in this worthwhile community endeavor.

-Darryl and William

Please open your home in 2018 to combat homelessness because, **IF NOT YOU, WHO?**

Crestwood Word Search

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MATHEWSON
QUINCY
RANDOLPH
SHEPHERD
TAYLOR
TRUMBULL
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VARNUM**

SUPER SOCCER STARS Classes in Crestwood at Northwest Community Church (4100 16th St NW)

Set in a fun, non-competitive environment, we offer age-specific programs which introduce children to the fundamentals of soccer through creative programming and imaginative games. Our dynamic coaching staff, consisting of early childhood, education, and soccer specialists, utilize a unique curriculum which is crafted to improve soccer skills, build self-confidence, and develop socialization skills.

Prorated winter season and mini season classes are available now, and spring classes begin in April! Midweek morning & afternoon, and Saturday classes are available at the church for children from 12 months - 5 years. We also have classes available for older children at locations close by, or we can organize a private group where we bring the fun to you! Super Soccer Stars also run camps when school is out, as well as hosting Birthday Parties!

To find out more please visit dc.supersoccerstars.com, call 202-706-7957, or email dc@supersoccerstars.com.

To receive \$10 off the cost of any winter or spring 2018 class use discount code CREST10SSS (for children 2 years & up), or CREST10KICK (for children 12 - 24 months) at the checkout. Coupon codes valid until 04/01.



ANC SMD 4A08 Commissioner Gale Black

The following is Commissioner Black's current list of pending issues and action taken:

Curb Cut / Relocation of Existing Driveway Request for 3820 Argyle Terrace, NW.

Fence at 16th and Crittenden Street. Residents raised concerns about plans to install a 7 foot fence. We invited a representative to talk with the ANC. The property is associated with the Ambassador of Togo.

Severe Erosion / Potential Mud Slide at the Pointe. A water main pipe collapsed and created a dangerous hole in the hill in Rock Creek Park, adjacent to 1801 Quincy St and 1755 Crestwood Dr. The National Park Service and DC Water are aware. Police tape and barricades were erected for safety. We are asking that this dangerous situation be addressed before there is an injury or loss of property.

DC Livability Study Follow-Up. We received the Notice of Intent regarding installing a sidewalk on Mathewson Dr. inconsistent with the plans originally proposed and accepted by ANC 4A. We are still awaiting the plans for Blagden Ave. sidewalk and the plan for the multi-use trail at 17th and Shepherd Streets, NW,

The latest plans seem to ignore the ANC 4A resolution and would needlessly require the loss of trees and cause damage to private property. We ask that the city abide by the ANC 4A resolution.

Census 2010 Population/SMD Data We are asking for a review of the recently published data to ensure it reflects the current ANC 4Ao8 delineations. Certain blocks appear to have been omitted.

ANC Notifications DC must ensure that each affected ANC & SMD receives notices of applications, public hearings, proposed actions and any action on all cases pending before the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

ANC 4Ao8 Commissioner prefers to receive notifications by US Mail. I have not received the requisite notices within the past 60 days. Electronic notice is not sufficient. In addition, we did not receive a response to the recommendations ANC 4A submitted on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments before the Office of Planning forwarded their comments directly to the DC Council.

Education Committee. ANC 4A established a special committee to address issues impacting residents of ANC 4A, including Crestwood. If you are interested in participating, please advise Commissioner Black.

16th Street N.W. Bridge (Tiger Bridge) Rehabilitation. ANC 4A had a presentation by DC Department of Transportation regarding the plans for the bridge at the December 2017 meeting.

Approval of Deck Installation – ANC 4A approved the request of neighbor at 1724 Upshur Street to build a deck addition.

Short Term Rentals Resolution – October of 2017 – We passed a resolution regarding B22-0092, the "Airbnb Bill". We recommended that the legislation be changed to limit vacation rentals to 30 nights per year. Short-term, unregulated rentals are a growing concern.

Storm Water Fee Resolution – ANC 4A objected to the storm water assessments that have been impacting cemeteries, non-profits and places of worship. We asked the city to reconsider a more equitable evaluation and assessment.

Stop Sign Tickets– at Blagden and Allison Street – Asked for reconsideration of the tickets being given at the stop sign and asked the city to check on the accuracy of the camera at that location.

WHAT'S AN ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC)?

An ANC is a non-partisan, neighborhood body made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. They are a unique feature of the District's Home Rule Charter. The ANCs' main job is to be their neighborhood's official voice in advising the DC government on things that affect their neighborhoods.

ANC Single Member District (SMD) 4Ao8 covers all of Crestwood. The 4Ao8 Commissioner is Gale B. Black.

What's New and Noteworthy?

MPD Safe Exchange Zones

Did you know? MPD set up three exchange zones in 2016. These areas serve as a safe place for residents and visitors to exchange and complete transactions of online (e.g., Craigslist) purchases. The safe exchange zone locations include:

- Special Operations Division's Harbor Patrol (550 Water St. SW)
- Third District (1620 V St., NW)
- Sixth District (5002 Hayes St. NE)

Safety tips when selling or purchasing items from strangers:

- Never meet anyone alone.
- Never list your home address, phone number, or any other identifiable information.
- Never meet at night.

Learn more at mpdc.dc.gov/release/mpd-exchange-zone-locations-reminder

Aging-In-Place Action Team

The Aging-In-Place Action Team's goal is to help neighbors obtain the services needed to continue living in their homes as they age.

Our first task is to identify neighbors who need and want services. Our next task is to identify neighbors and other community resources that can provide services. We must also determine how best to connect those in need of services with service providers and resources.

To that end, we are asking that neighbors interested in **receiving** services (including neighbors who may not have access to the listserv or the Crest), and those who know of or are interested in

providing services or volunteering to help, contact us at olderadults@crestwooddc.org or at 202-723-0360.

Examples of services include, but are not limited to:

- Grocery shopping
- Dog walking
- Leaf raking and snow shoveling
- Running errands

Our current Action Team Members are: Yvonne Baskerville and Jacqueline Jackson (co-chairs), Gale Black, Waveney Bryant, Patricia Davidson and Lesley Cooper.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Jacqueline Jackson, 1990 Shepherd St NW.

Crime Statistics

Monthly crime statistics are posted at crestwooddc.org/Crime-Stats.

Each month we feature the latest crime statistics for PSA 404 and for Crestwood in particular, along with that month's trends.

MPD PSA 404 Lieutenant Frank Martello Addresses Crestwood

On January 16, 2018, at the quarterly joint meeting of the CCA and SMD 4A08, Lt. Frank Martello of PSA 404 answered questions and provided some information on crime in our area. Lt. Martello noted that if you see a crime or suspicious activity in process, you should call 911. Calling 911 to report suspicious activity serves two purposes: 1) MPD can send a car out and possibly stop a crime or arrest a suspect; and 2) it lets would-be thieves know that the neighborhood is watching. Other highlights:

- PSA 404 has seen an uptick in stolen automobiles, but some of the "automobiles" that are stolen are actually mopeds or motorized scooters.
- Car break ins – if a would-be thief sees even an empty box or bag in the car they will break a window and see if there's anything in it – they can do this in under 10 seconds.
- Often times (but not always) home burglaries result from an unlocked basement window – make sure to lock your doors and windows (and set your alarm).

Private Security Camera Incentive Program

The Program provides rebates for the purchase and installation of a security camera system on the exterior of a building owned or leased by a resident, business, nonprofit, or religious institution in the District of Columbia.

Rebates will be issued to qualified applicants after verification of the purchase and installation of the system.

For more information and to apply for the rebate visit www.ovsjg.dc.gov



GREEN TEAM UPDATE

greenteam@crestwooddc.org

Carter Barron Stormwater Retrofit Project

In January, Cecilia Lane of the DC Department of Energy & Environment presented Crestwood with the 60% design for a project designed to combat water runoff at the Carter Barron tennis stadium site.

The idea is to get the water into the ground rather than have it go immediately into a storm drain.

You can find more information about the project at <https://doee.dc.gov/service/carter-barron-stormwater-retrofit-project>, and can contact Cecilia at cecilia.lane@dc.gov or at 202-535-1961.

Invasive Ivy Clean Up

Thank you to Steve Cain and Danielle Reyes for their leadership and assistance in being team leads for Crestwood Green Team's Invasive Ivy Clean Up on January 15th.

Over 30 neighbors came together to cut down ivy from over 70 trees!

Kids Team Planting Event

The Kids Team will be holding a planting event this Spring where kids can bring a little color to the yards of some of our older adults.

If you would like to be on the list to learn more, please email kids@crestwooddc.org

Carbon Fee and Rebate

In January, Crestwood neighbor Andrew Zimdahl presented a proposed resolution of the CCA regarding DC legislation that would create a carbon fee-and-rebate policy for Washington D.C. The legislation would phase in a fee for CO2 emissions with a corresponding rebate to DC residents, especially lower-income residents, intended in part to offset the cost of utilities.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please email Andrew at az@honeydewadvisors.com.

You can also learn more at carbonpricedc.org.

Recent Crestwood Home Sales

Taylor St NW	\$1,050,000
17th St NW	\$1,115,000
17th St NW	\$1,050,000
17th St NW	\$945,000
17th St NW	\$1,075,000
Blagden Ave NW	\$1,599,000
Blagden Terr NW	\$689,000
Colorado Ave NW	\$1,100,000
Upshur St NW	\$775,000
Upshur St NW	\$1,149,900
Webster St NW	\$949,000

Neighborhood Plan Update

The last Crestwood Neighborhood Plan was in 2007. We will be updating it this year. Please let us know what issues are important to you. You can find a copy of the 2007 Neighborhood Plan at crestwooddc.org/neighborhood-plan.

Examples of what we are looking for are: "I would like to see more _____." "_____ is a real concern to me - what can we do as a neighborhood to address it?" "I think that we should have more of a focus on _____"

We will be discussing a draft Plan update at the Annual Meeting on May 15. Please send comments to info@crestwooddc.org.



Twitter (@Crestwood_DC)
Facebook (CrestwoodDC)

EMAIL LISTSERV - Crestwood has an active listserv where neighbors share ideas, tips,, items for sale, and much more. The listserv is the BEST WAY to communicate online with your neighbors.

To join the listserv or to see archived messages, visit crestwooddc.org.

300 YEARS FOR OUR 300 ACRES

by David Swerdloff

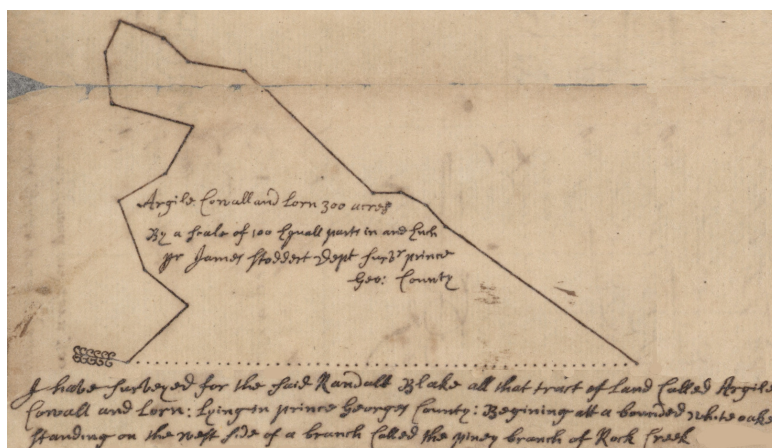
Our neighborhood is about to begin its 300th year!

Perhaps we should celebrate with bagpipes, because—on March 10, 1719—Crestwood got its start as a 300-acre estate named after three places in western Scotland. Those 300 acres still define the map of Crestwood today (minus some land taken for Rock Creek Park and a small pie-slice east of 16th Street and north of Webster).

The original parcel began—in Prince George's County in the Maryland colony—with Major John Bradford. Related by marriage to the influential Carroll family, Bradford was a member of the Maryland General Assembly. From 500 acres he had received a month earlier from Lord Baltimore, he assigned 300 to a man named Randall Blake. So little is known about Blake that his name sometimes appears as "Randolph" or "Black."

Just as Georgetown began as "Rock of Dumbarton" (part of a wider area called New Scotland Hundred), Blake drew on centuries-old Scottish landmarks to name his property. He settled on three spots north and west of Dumbarton, calling his parcel "Argile Cowall and Lorn." There would be various spellings of the name—but that's how it was written on the first survey of the land in 1720. Over the years, the property would simply be described as the Argyle estate.

We don't know if Blake ever took up residence in Crestwood. In any case, he sold the land back to Bradford before the Major died in 1726. Bradford's will did provide the name of a tenant on the estate—so



In 1720, one year after the Argyle estate was established, surveyor James Stoddert created the first map of what was to become Crestwood. He described 300 acres owned by Randall Blake starting at a "white oake" along "the piney branch of Rock Creek." The map is drawn with north on the right.

we can identify Peter Hyatt as an early resident.

Bradford's son ran into financial trouble and sold the 300 acres to the county sheriff, Richard "Squire" Lee, who lived at the historic Blenheim estate along the Potomac near where the Harry Nice Bridge is today. Various members of the Lee family would own the property for the next 100 years. Yes, they were a distant branch of the same family that produced Robert E. Lee.

One question that has always troubled me is why, around the turn of the 19th century, the Peirces didn't buy the Argyle estate as they were accumulating land along Rock Creek. They were not only living on a neighboring property, but—before constructing Peirce Mill in the 1820s—Isaac Peirce built the nearly identical Argyle Mill.

I believe the answer is that Peirce could not purchase the property because of a legal dispute within the Lee family over its ownership. The case—dealing only with the Argyle estate but setting a national precedent—had to be settled by the

US Supreme Court (Dawson's Lessee v. Godfrey, 1808). It's a fascinating case about citizenship and land ownership after the establishment of the USA, with the background of some family intrigue about a rich grandmother and her four granddaughters.

So, thanks perhaps to the Supreme Court, the 300 acres remained intact. The estate then attracted a series of owners. There were land speculators like William Redin and Thomas Lilly. In the 1840s Russia's Ambassador to the United States, Alexander de Bodisco, had constructed on his "country" estate a handsome manor house and other ildings. Finally, Thomas Blagden and his heirs owned and lived here from 1854 until the property began to be developed in the early 20th century.

One of the later developments would be called Crestwood. This year that name marks its 80th birthday. But the neighborhood we now call Crestwood is about to start year number 300. Get the pipers ready!

To purchase a copy of David Swerdloff's book *Crestwood: 300 Acres, 300 Years*, see back page of this newsletter.

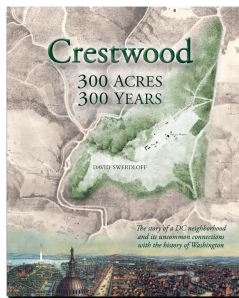
The Crestwood Citizens Association Board of Directors for 2017-2018 is as follows:

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Communications Team - Kathleen Eder	communications@crestwooddc.org
DC Issues	VACANT
Aging In Place - Yvonne Baskerville and Jackie Jackson	olderadults@crestwooddc.org

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, either as an Action Team lead or on an existing Action Team! For more information please contact info@crestwooddc.org or the Action Team lead.



Crestwood: 300 Acres, 300 Years relates the history of our neighborhood with the help of more than 200 vintage photographs, maps, documents and news articles. This 132-page book, written by CCA Historian David Swerdloff, costs \$20. All proceeds benefit the Association.

To order, please contact John Favazzo at treasurer@crestwooddc.org.

Join the Crestwood Citizens Association!

The Crestwood Citizens Association covers over 700 households in Crestwood.

We provide residents with exciting community events like the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, Summer Picnic, CasA Crestwood Tour of Homes, Holiday Party, and Neighborhood Clean-up Day to name a few!

We also work together on issues that matter to us and raise awareness about issues that impact all of the Crestwood community.

We need you, Crestwood residents! Your support enables us to sponsor all of these exciting neighborhood activities and programs.

The Association is open to all Crestwood residents; the cost is \$25 per family, annually. Single person household cost is \$20.

To join the CCA, please register by visiting crestwooddc.org/join or by emailing treasurer@crestwooddc.org.