

# NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESTWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Washington, DC



Dear Neighbors

As the world opens back up in fits and starts, Crestwood Citizens Association (CCA) and neighborhood activities are similarly gearing back up. As you'll read about in the following pages, we have a lot of events and activities upcoming. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood to celebrate our community and to meet or reacquaint with neighbors old and new.

The Crestwood Citizens Association provides events and services to neighbors and is supported by the dues of CCA members. Membership has its benefits including access to members-only resources, such as our new online directory, and the knowledge that you are supporting a great neighborhood! We are proud to celebrate our more than 240 active members, and we'd be thrilled to grow this number! If you're not yet a member, please consider joining the CCA by visiting our website at [www.crestwooddc.org](http://www.crestwooddc.org) or by calling 202-236-4794.

Dues are \$25 / year.



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## CCA Membership Directory is now Online

All CCA members can now access the new online membership directory! Members who would prefer a printed copy of the directory can request one by emailing us at [info@crestwooddc.org](mailto:info@crestwooddc.org). Anyone not online who would like to request a printed directory or who needs help adding their information to the directory can call Pat Kennedy at 202-549-5167. The Online Directory is in its infancy and so far only a few members have opted in. Please add your information to the directory by following the instructions below.

- To access the CCA Directory, please visit [www.crestwooddc.org](http://www.crestwooddc.org). Hover over "Members" on the top black menu bar, then hover over "Members Only Content." You must be logged in to access the directory. Log in by clicking the person icon in the top right corner and providing your email and password.
- Members are not automatically added to the Directory – you must “opt-in.” To opt in:
  - Log in by clicking the person icon and selecting “View Profile”
  - Click “Edit Profile”
  - In the top left corner you will see these options:
    - Profile – edit your details here
    - Privacy – Check the “Show profile to others” box in the top left corner, then select “members” for the details you want to share with other members. Select “no access” for information you do not want to appear in the directory.
    - Click “Save” in the top left corner.

## Upcoming Dates

- 4th of July Parade: Mon, July 04, 2022 decorating begins at 9:30 AM, parade begins at 10:00 AM at 18th and Shepherd St
- Be on the lookout for news of additional Summer Programming! We’re thinking of ice cream socials, jazz in the park, and even an outdoor movie night in coming months. More to come!
- Note that these are free events, made possible by both individual event sponsorships and CCA member dues. We hope all residents will become dues paying members of the CCA over time so we can expand our event offerings even more.

## CCA Spring Picnic & Potluck

It was great to see so many of you at the first annual CCA Spring Picnic & Potluck, held on Sunday June 5th. Thanks to John Mahshie and Jay Fazio of the Mahshie Fazio Partnership for generously sponsoring the event and providing desserts and the bounce house. See some pictures below and let's aim to make this an annual highlight of the CCA calendar.





# Updates from CCA Action Teams

## Green Team

Doug Barker & Danielle Reyes

- The DC-wide ban on gas-powered leaf blowers has been in effect since January 1. However, many neighbors have reported that some landscapers servicing properties in Crestwood are still using these noisy, polluting devices. Quiet Clean DC has a flyer and info that you can share with landscapers who are unaware. Visit <https://www.quietcleandc.com/transition-guide> or scan the QR code below for more information or to report a violation.
- The seed swap and plant swap were a success! Thanks to many of you for participating in our first seed swaps and plant swaps. See a picture below from the plant swap and be on the lookout for our next installments!



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## Green Team

The first "Crestwood Nature Walk" was held in early May. Residents identified native trees and plants such as black locust and may apples, identified invasive species such as garlic mustard, spotted wood ear mushrooms, red-bellied and downy woodpeckers, and learned about the history of Rock Creek Park.

Rock Creek Park "Weed Warrior" training: A cohort of Crestwoodians attended two 3-hours training sessions focused on identifying invasive plants damaging Rock Creek Park's native ecosystem. This certification allows the team to legally remove these plants from RCP areas surrounding Crestwood. It is otherwise illegal to remove anything from RCP. – Carey (Treasurer)



## Weed Warriors



## Nature Walk

# Updates from CCA Action Teams

## Treasurer

A big thank you to ANC Commissioner Pavan Khoobchandani for funding our grant request of \$1,000 towards bag supplies for our neighbor-powered doggie waste stations!

## Aging in Place Team

- The Crestwood Aging In Place Committee (AIP) is beginning to work on ways to improve our communications with senior residents of Crestwood. To that end, we will be contacting seniors by mail seeking their guidance on how they wish to receive information from the Committee and the Association. We will also ask residents to identify the concerns and interests they might wish AIP to address. We will provide CCA with the results of our survey.
- We need your help identifying older Crestwood residents who might not be “technologically connected” for outreach by the CCA and the Aging in Place Team.

To learn more about the Aging in Place team, contact Jackie Jackson at [olderadults@crestwooddc.org](mailto:olderadults@crestwooddc.org) or 202-723-0360 and be on lookout for more on CCA social media accounts and emails

## E-Cycling Team

- Upcoming E-cycling dates: Saturday August 13th and October 8th.
- We meet from 9-10 am at the Triangle (18th and Argyle Ter.)

# Updates from CCA Action Teams



## Kids Team



- We are already looking forward to the annual Crestwood 4th of July Parade and celebration! Lots of great stuff for kids – we are planning a parade, will have a star spangled photo op, and a neighborhood fireworks sidewalk chalk mural to participate in!
- There also will be a most patriotic contest with prizes for best decorated vehicle (scooter, bike, wagon) and best dressed child, adult, and dog.

To learn more about the Kids team, contact Caitlin Clark, [caitlinvaclark@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinvaclark@gmail.com), and be on lookout for more on CCA social media accounts and emails



## Dog Stations



- Thanks to volunteers George Chaconas, Sam Kilpatrick & Doug Barker, Jackie Jackson, Carla Ferris, Rosemarie Hepner, David Summers, Rachel Phomer, and Donna Washington, with Mike Dabbs, Andy Smith, David Hineman, Sarah Caldwell & Karen Holloway serving as backup volunteers, for maintaining the dog stations.
- The first dog stations were installed in Crestwood 15+ years ago using CCA money. Initial volunteers, still very active, are Sam & Doug and Jackie Jackson. George remains involved even after the passing of his Belgium Malinos, Hank, two years ago. George ordered and installed the 8 stations; he's now monitoring status and filling in when necessary. George orders supplies paid for by the CCA and sometimes the ANC, which holds the Crestwood program as an example. The last biodegradable bag order, good for 5–6 months, was \$650. Karla Ferris has been involved from the early days and monitors the station close to the Carter Baron. Rosemarie and Rachel are also loyal long time volunteers, while Donna is a relatively newer volunteer who monitors the only station without a can. Committed backup volunteers are Mike, Andy, Dave, Sarah & Karen. There is talk of adding a 9th station, with/without a can, at the Upshur intersection going downhill to the park. The CCA is open to other locations and very much appreciates the volunteers' work!



# ANC Commissioner Update

Dear Neighbors,

As the days get deliciously longer, I love seeing the different ways Crestwood neighbors enjoy the outdoors. From long dog walks, to time spent in backyards and the Triangle, to hikes in Rock Creek Park, this is one of the many times of the year that I catch my breath at the realization of how lucky I am to call Crestwood home.

As the school year ends, we'll see more kids on the streets during different times of the day, which is a good reminder for us all to slow down when we are driving, to come to complete stops at stop signs, and to generally be on the lookout for pedestrians and cyclists in the road.

## Traffic Safety

Speaking of traffic safety, one of the things I've been spending a lot of time on this year is just that – addressing traffic safety issues. We've been successful over the past couple of years to have made some progress, with speed humps on Colorado (no more drag racing!) and on Quincy Street, as well as repaving of Crestwood Drive and new signage on Allison St. near Blagden Avenue. But there is much more to be done. To that end, Councilmember Lewis George's office coordinated a traffic walk through with DDOT on May 20, 2022, when DDOT was able to meet with neighbors firsthand and see in person various issues facing the neighborhood.





# ANC Commissioner Update

Many neighbors came out to discuss challenges and ideas, and we were able to hear directly from DDOT about how they make decisions regarding safety improvements. Alex Taliadoros from Councilmember Lewis Geoge's office created a long list of issues that they are tracking and will follow up with DDOT on. Most significantly perhaps is DDOT's assurance that they will install a traffic light at the intersection of Blagden Avenue and 16th Street – which should take about a year and will greatly increase pedestrian safety at that intersection. Other areas of concern were the intersections of 17th Street and Blagden Avenue, 17th and Allison, Mathewson & Argyle Terrace & Upshur NW, and others. I'm hopeful that we'll soon see some action from the walk-through in the form of the installation of traffic calming devices which will increase safety in Crestwood.

## ANC Redistricting

Another thing that's percolating this year is ANC redistricting. On June 7, 2022, the DC Council officially voted to implement the recommendations of the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force, which, among other things, created a new ANC 4E in which Crestwood will move to. Right now, Crestwood is part of ANC 4A, which comprises the neighborhoods straddling 16th Street from Crestwood up to the Maryland border. The new ANC 4E will be made up of Crestwood and 16th Street Heights only. See the new map [here](#) and read the full report [here](#).

What does this mean for Crestwood? To be honest, I don't think the change will be a significant one for Crestwood – unlike many other areas, we do not have any significant commercial considerations. So I hope/expect that Crestwood will continue to receive the same support from the ANC as it receives now. Our ANC meetings will certainly have much more discussion about two nearby projects: the WMATA Bus Barn and the proposed redevelopment of the Dance Loft on 14th space.

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It's truly my honor to serve the residents of Crestwood. I've said this many times, but one of the main reasons I do this work is to demonstrate to my children the importance of civic engagement. I encourage everyone to do what they can, be it coming to a CCA picnic or event, attending an ANC or SMD meeting, giving your input over email on an issue, or something else. Let's work together for the benefit of our Crestwood!

– Pavan Khoobchandani, ANC SMD 4A08 Commissioner

## We Want To Hear From You

### Solicitation for Neighbor News

In future newsletters, we would love to feature a section filled with news and life updates from neighbors. Think of it as a forum to celebrate any big life updates you'd like your neighbors to know – please let us know about graduations, new births, retirements, comings/goings, and any major life accomplishments. Email us at [communications@crestwooddc.org](mailto:communications@crestwooddc.org) with any requests for information to include.

### Follow and Engage with CCA on Social Media

- For those of you who use or follow social media, please follow us on

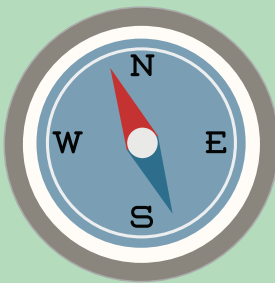


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- Please feel free to tag us at these addresses to share some great photos from around the neighborhood. Animals and nature pics and backyard harvests and spring gardening photos are always popular and we'd love to help amplify your photographic skills!



### If Interested ...

CCA Board member Carey DeMatteis is interested in starting a "Crestwood Hiking Club." Look for information in our next newsletter.

## CCA Activities and Updates

### CCA Annual Meeting Recap

On May 17, the CCA held the 2022 Annual Meeting. Board members were elected following the meeting via a poll emailed to all members in good standing. Visit the CCA website to read the meeting recap.  
<https://crestwooddc.org/News/12812599>

### CCA Board of Directors for 2022–2023

- President – Hala Harik Hayes
- First Vice President – Doug Barker
- Second Vice President – John Favazzo
- Secretary – Pat Kennedy
- Treasurer – Carey DeMatteis
- Communications – Victoria & Michael Earls
- Additional Board Member – Dallas Salisbury (202–209–9797)

## About the CCA

The Crestwood Citizens Association covers over 800 households in Crestwood. We provide residents with fun-filled FREE community events like the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, Summer Picnic, Fall Clean-up Day, and Holiday Party to name a few. We also host fundraisers for worthy charities such as CASA Crestwood and the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

We 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! Please join today, your support enables us to sponsor all of these wonderful neighborhood activities and programs, and to advocate on behalf of you.

The Association is open to all Crestwood residents, and the cost is \$25 per family, annually. To join the CCA, please register by visiting [crestwooddc.org/join](https://crestwooddc.org/join) or by emailing [treasurer@crestwooddc.org](mailto:treasurer@crestwooddc.org)