

NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESTWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Washington, DC



Dear Neighbors

In this edition of “The Crest,” find an overview of upcoming and past CCA and neighborhood events and a collection of resources and key information relevant to all in our neighborhood. As always, we aim to further our shared goals of a vibrant and engaged community.

CCA activities and services are mostly supported by the dues of CCA members – if you’re not yet a member or if your membership has lapsed, please consider joining the CCA by visiting our website at www.crestwooddc.org. Dues are \$25 per 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. 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. 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

- November:
 - CCA Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church
 - Turkey Trot: Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 am:
 - NOTE: due to construction at the Triangle, this year’s Turkey Trot will begin and end at the Point at 18th & Shepherd.
- December:
 - CCA Holiday Party: details to come
 - Holiday Caroling: Saturday, December 23rd at 6:00 pm at 3904 18th Street, home of the Dabbs Family

Recent Neighborhood Updates

We hope you were able to join us for some recent spring and summer activities, including the annual July 4th parade, the Jazz in the Park outdoor jazz concert featuring Brandon Woody and UPENDO, the ice cream social, ongoing Crestwood Garden Series events, the neighborhood potluck, and the annual Crestwood Halloween parade!



Beauty in Our Community

Spotlight on Sam Gilliam

Did you know that extraordinary African American visual artist Sam Gilliam (1933–2022) called Crestwood home? A highly accomplished master abstractionist renowned for creating large, richly colored and carefully sculpted drape paintings, Gilliam lived in an understated, all white oasis abutting Rock Creek Park at the southernmost edge of the neighborhood. Illuminated by colorful glowing evening lights, Gilliam’s mid-century modern home captured and reflected the essence of his aesthetic: bold, captivating, seemingly effortless yet somehow complex and suggestive.

- Gilliam’s 1969 painting, “Swing,” is one of many held in major museums and private collections around the world. Closer to home, Gilliam’s art can be seen at the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, among other prominent locations in Washington, D.C. To learn more about Sam Gilliam and his monumental role in visual art, please visit:

<https://www.pacegallery.com/artists/sam-gilliam/>



CCA Board Update

On May 16, CCA members met for the Annual Membership Meeting and elected a new CCA Board for May 2023 – May 2024:

- President – Hala Harik Hayes
- 1st Vice President – Caitlin Clark
- 2nd Vice President – Kathleen Eder
- Treasurer – Dallas Salisbury
- Secretary – Pat Kennedy
- Communications Director(s) – Victoria and Michael Earls
- Member – Kim Tignor
- Member – Lanisa Kitchiner
- Member – Karen Hardy McAdoo
- Member – Alejandra Goyenechea
- Member – Carla Hillery



Not pictured in above photo: Michael Earls, Kathleen Eder, Pat Kennedy, and Kim Tignor.

Updates from CCA Action Teams

Green Team

- **Free Trees:** Many Crestwoodians have taken advantage of having trees professionally selected and planted in their yards for free. Trees clean and cool our air in summer, help clean up the water that flows into Rock Creek, and if you wisely select native trees they help provide critical habitat for wildlife and attract beautiful songbirds to your yard. This amazing free service is provided to all District residents through a great non-profit organization, Casey Trees. Autumn and even early winter are ideal times to plant trees and shrubs. Casey Trees professionals will help you choose the tree(s) that fit best in your yard. Up to 25 trees may be planted on the same property. Go to this link, fill out the easy form and you'll be on your way to helping Crestwood be a more beautiful and healthy place for all: <https://caseytrees.org/plant/free-trees/>
- **Free Miracle Mulch:** In your garden beds, leave the leaves for wildlife. Fallen leaves are nature's perfect way to provide habitat for frogs, toads, fireflies, butterflies and so much life that live on and in the leaf duff through the winter. As the leaves break down they also provide time-released organic and mineral nutrients for the health and well-being of your soil and plants. On your lawn, use a mulching lawn mower for a healthier lawn and if there are just too many leaves for that then either rake the leaves into your garden beds or into your compost bin if you have one. We can all do our part to reduce the significant climate-change and biodiversity/extinction-crisis footprint of killing, shredding, coloring, and petrochemical-plastic bagging of trees as mulch.
- Join us in planting native plants to foster a healthy ecosystem -- and put Crestwood on the map! By generously planting beneficial native plants, removing invasives, and shrinking our lawns, Crestwood can foster a healthy local ecosystem. Our goal is to have 50 new Crestwood households this year on the nationwide native plantings map, [Homegrown National Park](#). We now have thirty-three new households on the map. Plant a native plant and join them! Find out more at <https://www.crestwood-dc.org/Plant-Native!>

Updates from CCA Action Teams

Treasurer

Crestwood Citizens Association Treasurer Summary As of mid-October 2023		
Active CCA Members		304
Total 2023 Revenue (mostly membership dues)		\$6,360
Total 2023 Expenses (web hosting, Wild Apricot membership software, pet waste bags, CCA events, and support for CCA team activities)		\$3,094
Surplus/Deficit		\$3,266
	Bank Balance 12/31	11667.77

Aging in Place Team

- Aging in Place has now achieved 80%+ coverage of Crestwood with Block Captain volunteers. We seek additional volunteers for (1) Colorado Avenue, (2) 16th Street, (3) 18th Street and (4) Blagden Avenue from Allison Street to the park. Block captains periodically distribute fliers announcing CCA events and communications door-to-door.

If interested in learning more or volunteering, please email olderadults@crestwooddc.org

Updates from CCA Action Teams

Kids Team

- Thanks to so many of you for joining the annual Crestwood Halloween Parade, held this year in unseasonably warm weather! As always, it was great to see so many neighbors, kids, and pets in costumes and having fun together.

Looking ahead, the next planned Kids Team event is the Egg Hunt in the spring, but we would love to gather the neighborhood children before then. If you have event suggestions, would like to be part of the planning team, or are interested in sponsorship, please email our Kids' Team Chair, Caitlin Clark at caitlinvaclark@gmail.com

E-Cycling Team

- We are looking for volunteers with access to a pickup truck to help us continue our neighborhood e-cycling support. Please contact Kathleen Eder at kathleen@kathleeneder.com if able to assist.
- Find information on other DC e-cycling events here: <https://doee.dc.gov/ecycle>

Bylaws Committee

- At the May 16, 2023 Annual Meeting there was a discussion of the need to revise the Association's general bylaws, including those governing voting.
- After soliciting CCA member volunteers to serve on the Bylaws Review Committee, the committee has started its work. It hopes to have draft revisions to send to the CCA membership for review before the November CCA meeting
- New bylaws will only go into effect after the larger CCA membership has reviewed proposed changes and votes on whether to adopt them.

DC Initiatives



**MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER
LAUNCHES**

DASHCAM DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, November 7
and November 14

9:00 AM

RFK
2400 East Capitol St NE **Lot 3**

To participate and receive a dash camera, you
must register. Register here:
tinyurl.com/DashCamDistro

ANC Commissioner Update

- Traffic Safety Committee: ANC 4E recently convened a Traffic Safety Committee, which will work on issues relating to pedestrian, driver, and cyclist safety in the ANC 4E area. Each ANC 4E Single Member District is entitled to have representation on that committee. For ANC 4E, Victoria Taylor Earls and Rosmarie Hepner will serve on the committee.
– Pavan Khoobchandani, ANC SMD 4E06 Commissioner

DC Programs We Should Know - Useful Resources from Councilmember Lewis George

- The office of Councilmember Lewis George recently shared a useful resource guide on DC programs we should know about. <https://janeeseward4.com/ward-4-dispatch-dc-programs-we-should-all-know-part-1/>
- Check out the above link for details and descriptions of programs in the following categories:
 - New Parents and Children
 - DC Public Libraries
 - Resources for Seniors
 - Community Safety and Traffic Safety
 - Public Transportation

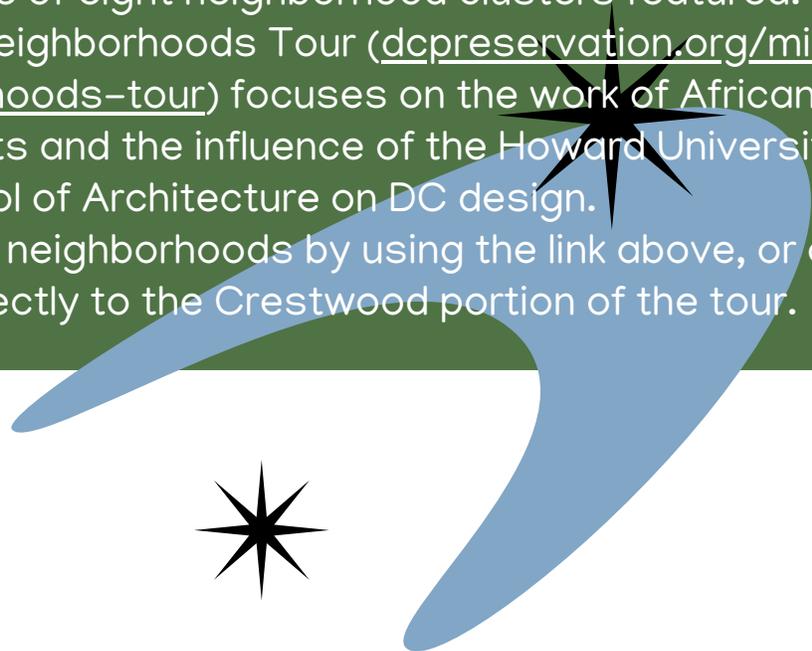
Fall Leaf Pickup Schedule

Leaf collection begins October 30, 2023. Visit <http://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection> for weekly updates and real-time tracking about Crestwood and city-wide pickup schedules



Crestwood Featured in New Historical Tour of DC Architecture

The Office of Planning Historic Preservation Office has launched an online tour of Mid-Century Modern residences in Washington, DC. Crestwood is one of eight neighborhood clusters featured. The Mid-Century Neighborhoods Tour (dcpreservation.org/mid-century-neighborhoods-tour) focuses on the work of African-American architects and the influence of the Howard University School of Architecture on DC design. You can tour all eight neighborhoods by using the link above, or click [here](#) to jump directly to the Crestwood portion of the tour.



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 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



@Crestwood_DC



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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!

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 and/or contribute to local charities through CCA activities such as the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, which in the past has supported such organizations as the Carter Barron Alliance, to help fund restoration of the amphitheater, and DC area organizations focused on housing and homelessness. The CCA is now a 501c3 organization which means it can also be gifted deductible contributions and grants for special events or programs.

The Association is open to all Crestwood residents, and the cost is \$25 annually. To join the CCA, please register by visiting crestwooddc.org/join or by emailing treasurer@crestwooddc.org.