

NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESTWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Washington, DC



Dear Neighbors

We have loved seeing you at Crestwood Citizens Association (CCA) events and other neighborhood activities in recent months. From “Jazz at the Triangle” to an ice cream social to the annual 4th of July parade, we have enjoyed the opportunities to celebrate our community and to see neighbors old and new. In this issue of the CCA newsletter, find information on more CCA activities planned for the coming months and other news and notes relevant to living in Crestwood.

CCA activities and services are mostly supported by the dues of CCA members – if you’re not yet a member, please consider joining the CCA by visiting our website at www.crestwooddc.org. Dues are \$25 / year. And as we move closer to the holiday season and end-of-year charitable contribution time, we are excited to mention that the Crestwood Citizens Association is a 501(c)(3) organization! Find more specifics on how to support the CCA (including using Amazon Smile) in the following pages.



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Upcoming Dates

- Halloween Kid & Pet Parade: Sunday October 30 at 4 PM at The Point (18th & Shepherd)
- Turkey Trot: Thursday November 24 at 9 AM at The Triangle (18th & Argyle)
- CCA Holiday Party: Saturday December 10 from 5–7 PM (4216 Mathewson, Home of the Buddes)
- Holiday Caroling: Saturday December 24 at 6 PM (3904 18th Street, Home of the Dabbs Family)



2022 Crestwood Turkey Trot

5K FUN RUN 1 MILE WALK



THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 AM
THE TRIANGLE - 18TH & ARGYLE

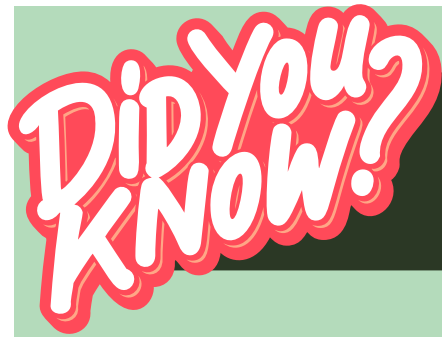
Crestwood Leaf Pickup Schedule

- DC DPW Leaf Collection is coming!
 - Pick up 1: Nov 14–19, Rake leaves out by Sunday Nov 13
 - Pick up 2: Dec 19–31, Rake leaves out by Sunday Dec 18
- If your street is not collected on schedule, call 311 or visit 311.dc.gov to open a “Leaf Collection Missed” service request for a collection that has been missed for five or more days

Crestwood Gardens Tour



We are organizing a new neighborhood gardens tour and are calling for volunteers. Please don't be intimidated or think your garden wouldn't be a great fit – instead, we envision a casual, low-key, neighborhood-only event where we can both admire gardens and also invite gardeners to offer ideas and recommendations for gardeners looking for design and planting ideas. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Doug Barker: Dougbarker9@gmail.com



The CCA is a 501(c)(3)

- The Crestwood Citizens Association is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- You can support our events and activities by adding the CCA to your charitable giving list and/or by choosing the CCA as your Amazon Smile organization (0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon purchases would support the CCA).
- If interested in supporting the CCA, donate via:
<https://crestwooddc.org/Donate>
- CCA on Amazon Smile: https://smile.amazon.com/?ref_=smi_ge_switch_cust



Updates from CCA Action Teams

Green Team

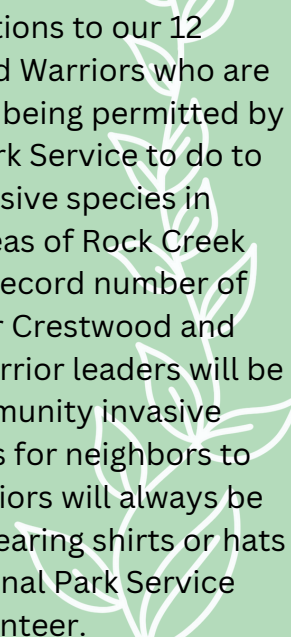
Doug Barker & Danielle Reyes

- Check out the first installment of the CCA's new seasonal "Gardening Notes" feature, with Fall planting tips from expert gardener, CCA First Vice President, and Green Team co-lead Doug Barker. Read the Fall 2022 "Gardening Notes" on the CCA website at <https://crestwood-dc.org/Gardening-Notes/>

Weed Warriors

Hooray For Crestwood Weed Warriors!

Congratulations to our 12 Crestwood Weed Warriors who are in the process of being permitted by the National Park Service to do to remove invasive species in designated areas of Rock Creek Park. This is a record number of volunteers for Crestwood and several Weed Warrior leaders will be hosting community invasive removal events for neighbors to join. Weed Warriors will always be identifiable by wearing shirts or hats that say National Park Service volunteer.



HELP NPS

The National Park Service appreciates Crestwood neighbors as stewards of Rock Creek Park. If you see someone who is not identifiable as a National Park Service ranger or volunteer dumping yard waste, cutting down branches, or removing plants/rocks/wildlife of any kind in Rock Creek Park park, please call Park Police at (202) 426-7716 and if safe take photos/video.

Updates from CCA Action Teams



Aging in Place Team



The Crestwood Aging In Place Committee (AIP) aims to support and communicate with senior residents of Crestwood. To learn more about the Aging in Place team, contact Jackie Jackson at olderadults@crestwooddc.org



E-Cycling Team



- Crestwood owes a massive thanks to Alan and Adam McDonald for their 2+ years of service and the innumerable carloads of e-cycling they hauled in their truck. Thank you!
- We are now looking for new volunteers to continue providing e-cycling services to Crestwood – if interested, please contact info@crestwooddc.org
- Be on the lookout for information about a one-day mobile paper shredding service coming to Crestwood.

Updates from CCA Action Teams

Kids Team

The Halloween Parade is Sunday, October 30 at 4 pm at the Point (18th & Argyle Ter). Bring your costumed children and pets! Volunteers needed! Please reach out to Kids Team lead, Caitlin Clark (at caitlinvaclark@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.



Dog Stations

How You Can Help Reduce CCA Costs

- A dedicated team of volunteer Crestwood residents, led by George Chaconas, maintains our neighborhood dog waste stations and CCA funds the purchase of the waste bags that are available at the stations
- While we have found a cost-competitive provider of the bags, the cost of keeping the stations well-stocked nonetheless takes a healthy, well, bite out of the CCA annual budget (sorry, couldn't resist)
- As a result, please consider supplementing the CCA-provided bags by bringing your own dog waste bags
- And as always, a big 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.

ANC Commissioner Update

Dear Neighbors,

- AANC 4A made a grant of \$1000 to the CCA for the dog stations. Crestwood is a leader when it comes to these stations, and other neighborhoods have been and continue to look to Crestwood for best practices and tips on maintaining this important community service.
- Councilmember Lewis George's office and I are able to help neighbors take advantage of city services and deal with issues that arise. For example, a neighbor recently had their car that was parked on the street broken into, and the car was in an undrivable condition. At the same time, a notice was posted that the car needed to be moved for construction purposes. The neighbor reached out to me, and I connected them with Jim Lewis, the Councilmember's Constituent Services Coordinator, who was able to flag to DPW that the car should not be ticketed or towed. If there is something you think you may need help with, please reach out to me at 4a08@anc.dc.gov.
- Piney Branch Parkway has reopened, with the expected traffic relief on Blagden Avenue. Plus, the new multi-use trail is a huge improvement – I highly advise taking a walk or bike ride there. We expect more information on a three-way stop sign at Blagden and Beach Dr. very soon.
- There has been a request by a neighbor to move the Capital Bikeshare station located near 17th and Upshur St. NW, due to cars honking as they try to navigate the narrowed roadway, causing a lot of noise. Have you ever honked in this area? If so, please do not do so. Do you or people you know use this bikeshare station? Let me know at 4a08@anc.dc.gov.
- Thanks to everyone that came out on October 15 to clean up Blagden Avenue NW and the Triangle. We cleaned up 10 huge contractor bags of trash! Did you know that DC has an Adopt A Block program for neighbors to help keep our city clean? I didn't until recently, and have adopted the blocks in front of my home on Blagden Avenue. And, CCA Treasurer Carey Dematteis through the Friends of Crestwood Park group has adopted a block near the Triangle. Learn more about the program and adopt your block [here](#).

ANC Commissioner Update

- DDOT continues to evaluate traffic calming requests from Crestwood. Some highlights:
 - DDOT will install pavement markings at the intersection of Upshur/Argyle/Mathewson to better define the intersection approaches, given the wide geometrics of the intersection. DDOT will also install speed limit signs along all approaches and upgrade faded warning signs to improve driver awareness. In addition, DDOT will remove any inaccurate signs and install signage to improve wayfinding.
 - At 17th St NW and Blagden Avenue NW, DDOT will install tactical curb extensions, signing, marking and sight line improvements.
 - At 17th St. NW and Decatur St. NW, DDOT will install parking restriction signs and gore areas near the crosswalks, pedestrian crossing warning signs at both approaches of Decatur St, NW and cross traffic doesn't stop signs at both approaches of 17th St, NW to enhance pedestrian safety.
 - DDOT will install speed tables on the 4700 and 4800 block of Blagden Avenue NW to physically slow down the vehicular traffic prior to the Blagden Ave and 17th St, NW intersection. We will also install safety measures to improve sight line and enhance visibility at intersections of Blagden Ave and 16th St, 17th St, 18th St, and Decatur St, NW including tactical curb extensions and parking restriction signs. In addition, we will install high-visibility crosswalk at intersection of 17th St and Blagden Ter, NW along with other marking and signage improvements at this intersection and intersection of Colorado Ave and 17th St, NW.
 - At 17th Street NW and Allison St. NW, DDOT will install supplemental stop signs, no parking signs, speed limit signs and pavement markings to promote driver awareness and improve traffic safety.
 - DDOT has or will install speed humps on the 1600 block of Varnum St. NW and Allison St. NW, and the 1800 block of Taylor St. NW.

– Pavan Khoobchandani, ANC SMD 4A08 Commissioner

GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER BAN

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. Visit <https://dcra.kustomer.help/contact/consumer-complaint-form-Sk6BW94Lu> to report violations.



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.

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



CrestwoodDC

- 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!



CCA Activities and Updates

CCA Meeting Recap

On October 25 the CCA held a Meeting. You can visit the CCA website to read the meeting recap.

A special thank you to Landis Architects/Builders for printing paper copies of this newsletter!

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 or by emailing treasurer@crestwooddc.org