The Village Voice

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Where would Crestwood be without its volunteers? Well, we wouldn't have any of the elected, appointed or volunteer committees: Board of Trustees, Activities Committee or Hospitality, for example. We wouldn't have someone to greet us as we enter the Clubhouse or any organized books to read or jigsaw puzzles to assemble. We likely wouldn't know about assistance available from the Division of Aging and Independence unless we had Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors. These are only a few examples of how volunteers from our community help us with a variety of activities, events and functions.

For all who volunteer, a sincere thank you for all you do.

Annually, these volunteers are saluted by a luncheon held in the Clubhouse. This year, the luncheon will be on April 25th. Volunteers may sign up beginning April 1st but must do so by April 12th. Each volunteer may bring a guest.

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ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT?

Welcome to Crestwood!

Please register at the Clubhouse as soon as possible to be eligible for Clubhouse amenities, and more.

SUMMARY OF BOT MINUTES

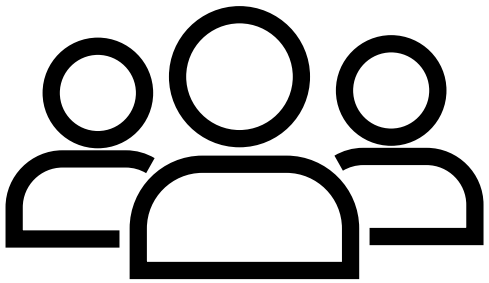
February 27, 2024
(Unofficial)

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Kendall, Doug Dawson, Vickie Johnson, Doris Vierbuchen, Paula Blundell, Sally Livingston and John Morrill. Also present were Shirley Davis, On-site Manager, and Erika Isaacoff, Assistant On-site Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sally MOVED to accept the BOT January minutes. The motion was APPROVED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Clagett Management has sent a donation toward the community Holiday Party. ■ The cost of removing the two snowfalls in January was greater than what was budgeted. This fiscal year we based the budget for snow removal on the fact that over the prior two years there was almost no snow. The current shortfall depends on how closely we are able to stay within our budgeted expenses for the remaining five months of the year. ■ Based on the Reserve Study, the Finance Committee observed that the roofs on the Crestwood II condos, as well as the gutters, downspouts and siding, are earmarked for replacement this year. Doris pointed out that if it is necessary to take care of all of those major replacements this year, it will leave the Condo II reserves depleted and with a debt of thousands of dollars.

DELINQUENCIES: Shirley reported that five notices have been sent regarding nonpayment of assessments. Two homeowners have been put on payment plans, and four properties have had liens put against them.



OLD BUSINESS: A proposal for crack repairs in the tennis courts was received from Bishop Tennis Inc.. They also submitted a proposal for crack repair with the application of a new surface. Repairing the cracks was last completed in July 2021. Doug provided the name of another contractor used by Frederick City for its tennis courts in Baker Park. Doug MOVED to defer action until Management can contact the other contractor and other maintenance options can be explored. The motion was APPROVED.

John M. received three proposals for electrical work to be done in the kitchen and ping pong room. He recommended approving the proposal from Brandenburg Electric, Inc. Doris MOVED to accept the proposal from Brandenburg Electric. The motion was APPROVED.

Due to budgetary consideratons, the painting contract with Gardener General Inc. has been temporarily terminated. A June 2023 decision by the BOT approved the painting of garages and doors, but not on the current painting cycle. Shirley will contact Gardener General about a new contract. Doris MOVED to delay the exterior painting until FY25-26. The motion was APPROVED.

Doug recommended rescinding the approval to purchase a new treadmill because the one intended for purchase is not warrantied for commercial use. One of the current treadmills has a speed indicator that is not backlit, as identified by F.I.R.M. in its maintenance inspection, and the equipment is obsolete, so there are no replacement parts. But the treadmill is working well. Doug MOVED to rescind the previous motion. The motion was APPROVED.

A proposal was received from Brandon Pyles to replace the mailbox pads on Buckthorn Court, Myrtle Place and Honeysuckle Court. A signed agreement from a homeowner would allow the pad to be placed on the homeowner’s property.

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BOT MINUTES (Continued from page 3)

Doris MOVED to accept the proposal for work on the concrete pads. Doug recommended seeking legal advice on whether this constituted a change in land use that must be entered into the land records. The BOT agreed to DEFER action until further research can be done.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug MOVED to approve the budget for FY24-25. Sally asked for clarification that by approving this budget, the BOT is also approving an increase of HOA fees of $5/month for homes and $20/month for condos. The motion was APPROVED.

Sally MOVED to approve a payment plan for an HOA assessment fee delinquency. The motion was APPROVED.

MANAGEMENT: Management is looking into new tennis court nets. ■ Management is looking into future soft washing of siding.

INFORMATION: John M. shared his experience as a victim of hacking and reminded residents to be alert to this threat. ■ Doris recognized a resident's purchase of a new projector and the reimbursement of the purchase. ■ Sally recognized the efforts of the Finance Committee relative to the annual budget. ■ Paula gave an update on discussions with BeSecure regarding the services provided. ■ Sally shared information about Crestwood Manor, which has opened up the application process for apartments.

HOMEOWNER Q&A: Caroline Bolin reminded residents of the importance of completing the blue information sheets. ■ The BOT approved a request to put together a committee to organize the volunteer luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Johnson, Secretary

MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello, everyone.
Please see below for a few announcements.

Soft Washing
Todd from Eco Bright Exteriors will begin soft washing homes starting in mid- to late April. An email blast was sent on Friday, March 8th, informing residents about the sign-up sheet and the new disclaimer form. To ensure you receive the service, please make sure to sign the disclaimer form. Without a signed form, we won't be able to provide the service, even if payment has been made. Todd aims to complete four to five houses each day. I will personally call residents the day before their scheduled soft washing and also send email updates. We appreciate Todd's generosity in offering Crestwood the same rates as last year: single family: $175; duplex (per unit): $150; townhouse: $150; and quad (per unit): $150.

Registration/Consent Forms
As of early March, we have received approximately 261 completed Resident Information Sheets and Disclosure of Personal Information Consent Forms. Thank you to those who took the time to complete them. For those of you who have not, it is mandatory to ensure we have up-to-date information and disclosure information for all Crestwood residents. If you haven't completed and turned them in, please do so ASAP. If you need copies of the forms to fill out, we can provide you with them at the office.

Crestwood General Rules and Regulations Reminders
Section I A. USE OF PROPERTY Line item…
"15. Pets...
b. Pets may exercise freely, under the owner's control, on the pet owner's property only. If on other than the pet owner's property, the pet must be restrained on a leash at all times.
c. It is the responsibility of all pet owners to remove pet feces from all property, including common areas, grass areas, woods, planting areas, streets, and sidewalks."

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Section C. USE OF HOME Line item…
"2. No noisy activities are permitted. This includes excessive volume from television, musical instruments, sound systems, parties, pets (i.e., barking dogs), etc."

Section D. USE OF STREETS, VEHICLES, AND PARKING Line items…
"4. Inoperable vehicles cannot be parked on the Clubhouse parking lot for more than one week. Any such vehicles parked longer than one week will be towed at the owner's expense and risk.
5. Unlicensed vehicles are not permitted on Crestwood Village streets, courts, access driveways, or Clubhouse parking areas. Vehicles in violation shall be considered abandoned and subject to towing without notice…
10. All vehicles using multi-unit areas parking lots must park [sic] in their assigned spaces only.
11. Vehicles may be washed and/or vacuumed only between the hours of 8 AM and 10 PM.
12. Other than cleaning, vehicle maintenance is prohibited within Crestwood Village."

Shirley Davis
On-site Manager

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eco Bright Soft Washing
The sign-up deadline is Friday, April 12th at noon. To ensure a smooth process, kindly submit all payments (payable to Eco Bright Exteriors) and disclaimer forms to Management before this deadline.

New Landscaping Initiative
Management has been diligently conducting inspections and listening to your feedback. Many of you have expressed interest in finding a reliable company to work on your flower beds.

We have narrowed down the options to four great local landscaping companies. These companies were selected based on their experience and exceptional reviews.

Our primary objective is to find a reputable company that offers competitive pricing without compromising quality. We want to ensure that your flower beds receive the care they deserve without breaking the bank. To make this process as seamless as possible, we kindly ask you to follow the instructions below:

If you would like to have your flower beds worked on this season, please email me at sdavis@clagett.com or call the office. Provide your full name, address, phone number and the specific job(s) you would like to have done based on the following: weeding, pruning, bush removal, edging, planting, seeding and trimming.

Submit your information no later than April 12th at noon to ensure your request is included. This deadline will allow us to compile a list and promptly provide it to the contractors for accurate quoting. If you already provided your request via email due to an email blast sent a few days ago, then you do not need to make your request again. Please be aware the information you provide is ONLY to help us get quotes. Once pricing is confirmed, we will proceed with an official sign-up sheet for the landscaping services.

We are excited to collaborate with you in transforming our community's flower beds into stunning displays of natural beauty. Your participation is important in making the first step of this initiative a success. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you.

Shirley Davis
On-site Manager

ARC COMMITTEE

The trees are beginning to leaf out, flowers are blooming and the grass is beginning to green. As we look at the exteriors of our homes to assess what needs to be done or what we would like to do, please remember that some additions or changes require an ARC application form.

Please refer to the ARC Guidelines found on Crestwood's website, crestwoodvlg.net, or to the ARC Guidelines notebook located in the Clubhouse office.

Some guidelines have been pre-approved and are shown in Section III. Projects requiring approval are found in Section IV. An application form needs to be completed and approved **before** any work is done for the Section IV items. The application form may be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. Online via a link on Crestwood's website under the Online Services tab.
2. Hard copy available for printing from Crestwood's website under the Documents tab (scroll down to the Other Documents section).
3. Printed copies are also available at the Clubhouse by the entrance to the office.

Once you complete and submit your application to the office, an ARC member will contact you to review your request. Your application will be approved, approved with conditions or denied. Then the office will notify you of the action taken. It is important to note that approval must be given on your application BEFORE any work begins.

If you need assistance with any of your planned outside projects, please feel free to contact the Crestwood Village office to have an ARC Committee member contact you. You also may send an email to ARC at crestwoodarc@gmail.com.

Jim Cullen
Chair, ARC

CRESTWOOD ACTIVITIES

See Pink Insert

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Spring is finally here, and with the promise of warmer weather, our committee is planning more experiences outside our local area. Our trip to the Myersville Farmers Market on April 6th is just one example.

With the community yard sale coming in May, you may be curious to know the value of one of your treasures. Join us on April 11th for our Crestwood Antiques Show, and you will not only find out but also enjoy an entertaining evening.

We'll travel to Middletown on April 17th to hold our monthly Lunch Bunch at The Main Cup. Now that the construction on the road to Charles Town, West Virginia, is completed, we are going to take a ride out and see the musical, *Sister Act*, at the Old Opera House on April 21st.

With the warmer weather, we are bringing back the food trucks, and Whistle Punk Farm will be visiting us on April 18th. Be on the lookout for our new signs! We will also be holding CarFit in our parking lot on April 24th, courtesy of the Maryland DOT. (See page 10.)

We are still accepting reservations and deposits for the two motorcoach trips in July; to Sight and Sound to see *Daniel* and the three-day trip to Pittsburgh. If you are planning to go, please sign up as soon as possible.

A great way to celebrate spring is to attend the annual Flower Mart at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, on May 3rd. You will be able to purchase spring plants for your garden, find treasures in the White Elephant Tent, purchase children's books in the Book Tent and shop for a wide array of merchandise at over 65 boutique booths. There will also be free entertainment, international floral displays and food vendors at the event. Sign up on April 1st for this trip.

You don't have to be a mother to join in celebrating a Mother's Day Tea in Sykesville on May 8th. Although the shop has changed hands, the new owner (Kate Pearl) still provides a tasty five-course Royal Tea. Sign up on April 1st for this trip as well. Hats and pearls are strictly optional.

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (Continued from Page 6)

It's not often that we are unable to show on the pink sheet some upcoming events, but we have so many this month and next month that you can sign up April 1st for anything on this month's pink sheet.

Lots more is in the works for spring, so stay tuned! As always, we are grateful for your support.

Arlene Duda
Chair, Activities Committee

HOSPITALITY

At last, we see flowers in bloom and hear birds chirping. Winter is gone.

During the past month, our committee sent get-well cards to Herbie Kanode, Phyllis Cramer, Todd Shultzaberger, Devra Shipley and Noah Hubbard. Gift baskets were delivered to Herbie Kanode and Devra Shipley when they returned from their hospital stays.

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Dorothy Payne upon her death and to Monique Greer on the death of her mother.

Memorial donations were made to the charities requested by the families of Bill Moser and Lester Miller.

If you should hear of a neighbor who is a shut-in or a patient in a rehab or nursing home, please let us know so we can send them cheerful thinking-of-you cards. We do this four times a year with the change of seasons.

Our next Hospitality meeting will be on April 10th at 10:00.

Therese Oseneek
Chair, Hospitality Committee

NEIGHBORS-HELPING-NEIGHBORS

The Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Committee (NHN) met on March 13th. Meetings are open to all residents. Anyone interested in learning more about the NHN Committee is welcome to stop by and attend a meeting. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00.

Meetings focus on finding federal, state and/or county programs that may benefit Crestwood Village residents. Current services that were discussed at the March meeting included:

- The committee is coordinating with the Division of Aging and Independence (DAI) to re-establish the special Crestwood Village Meals on Wheels delivery route. This route is unique in that it is only Crestwood residents delivering meals to other Crestwood residents.
- Groceries for Seniors is held on the third Friday of the month at the Senior Center on Taney Avenue. April 19th is the next distribution date. Distribution of food starts at noon.
- Elly Williams, a program specialist with DAI, comes to Crestwood on the second Tuesday of each month. She will be here on April 9th. Contact the front desk to make an appointment if you want to consult with her.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 10:00.

Caroline Bolin
Chair, NHN Committee

CRESTWOOD VETERANS

Only three persons attended the March meeting. It is time to plan for 2024 bus trips to military-oriented venues. Some suggested the Marine Corps Museum or the Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum. Hagerstown Airport is the location for the annual Wings and Wheels and the new Commemorative Air Force Air Power History Tour.

If you are an armed forces veteran, please consider joining our group for breakfast each month at the Westview Drive IHOP on the first Thursday at 9:00. We also have lunches on an ad-hoc basis on occasion.

The next breakfast is April 4th at 9:00 at the Westview IHOP. The next meeting is April 11th at 10:00 at the Clubhouse.

Stephen Meyer
Chair

CLUBHOUSE FUNDS COMMITTEE

At the March meeting, three applications were approved and one application was delayed. Planning continued for the May 18th yard sale.

All new application forms will include an advisory that items purchased must remain at the Clubhouse. Please note that if an applicant is purchasing an item on behalf of a Crestwood committee, the committee chairperson must sign off on the application.

The next CFC committee meeting is April 4th at 1:00.

Stephen Meyer
Chair, Clubhouse Funds Committee

CLUBHOUSE REVITALIZATION

We have been meeting since October 2023 to discuss our Clubhouse at Crestwood Village. The Clubhouse was officially opened in 1979. It has been the resource used for many community gatherings and meetings and has been well maintained over the years. Recently, we have been meeting to discuss ideas on revitalizing the Clubhouse.

We began by looking at the electric and heating and air conditioning systems. A report was sent to the Board of Trustees on that examination. We did accomplish the addition of two 20-amp circuits in the kitchen and ping pong room to avoid overloading the circuits. The Board of Trustees approved the bid from Brandenburg Electric in Frederick, who completed the work in March. We hope there won't be any more overloading issues in the future.

We also suggested that pictures in the auditorium of past community activities be updated with more current snapshots of community gatherings. With help from Mike Kiefer and Cassandra Bailey, we presented some pictures at the last Community Meeting of what the lobby could look like with some alterations. Since the last meeting, we have more pictures to share and would ask for your reactions to these suggestions.

For many homeowners, there comes a time when a new look becomes an interesting possibility. Who hasn't wondered what their living spaces would look like, if they moved this couch, changed the color of that wall or added a book shelf there? That's what this Clubhouse Revitalization Study has been all about. We welcome any and all ideas.

We meet on the Wednesday prior to the community meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17th at 1:30 in the Clubhouse.

John Morrill

VOTING INFORMATION

May 6th is the date of the HOA's annual election of members for the Board of Trustees, the Activities Committee and the Clubhouse Funds Committee. On that day, you have the opportunity to help shape the future of our community here at Crestwood Village.

- **Board of Trustees** members oversee all decisions made for the operation of Crestwood Village.
- **Activities Committee** members coordinate a well-rounded program of activities and events.
- **Clubhouse Funds Committee** members raise funds through the 50/50 drawings and the annual Yard Sale to supplement the materials needed for activities in the Clubhouse.

The following two dates are important and will help you make your voting decisions.

April 11th	Candidate Profiles will be distributed by block captains
April 23rd	Meet the Board of Trustees candidates at 7:00 at the Community Meeting

There are three ways to vote: absentee, online and in-person. All three ways are **completely confidential**. See the yellow insert, How To Vote, in this issue for more details on voting options.

Residents who are signed up to get community emails from Management will receive an email on April 15th with the link embedded as a hotlink for registration.

For more information on the voting process, contact Linda Bell at 301-620-9272 or Bernadine Hoffman at 240-439-4386.

Linda Bell and Bernadine Hoffman
Co-chairs, Election Committee

The Crestwood Village website also has information regarding the annual election.

April 22nd

APRIL MEETINGS

Next Community Meeting
Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00

Next BOT Meeting
Tuesday, April 30th at 9:30

LEGAL INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

League of Learners
Come and join us on **Thursday, April 18th at 2:00** when Attorney Cristine LoVetro returns to discuss legal issues that affect seniors. An elder law specialist who volunteers with the Maryland Legal Aid Office, she will provide valuable information that we need to consider as we age.

Topics include wills, trusts, guardianships, financial powers of attorney, health care directives and other important legal documents. You will learn what documents you need to have and what laws currently affect the over-55 population.

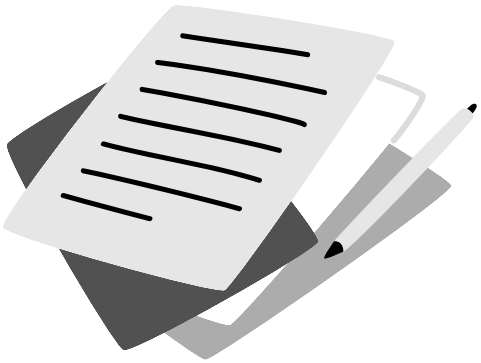
Following her presentation, Cristine will answer any general questions you may have. Specific questions about personal issues cannot be addressed in this general session.

Please sign up for planning purposes, but it is not required.

Future dates:

- April 24th – CarFit – Helping You Find Your Safest "Fit"
- May 23rd – History of Fire and Rescue in Frederick County
- June 27th – Transit in Frederick County
- July – Summer break (no presentation)

Sally Livingston
Activities Committee



CARFIT

Helping You Find Your Safest "Fit"
On Wednesday, **April 24th from 10:00 to 3:00**, in the Clubhouse parking area, trained staff from the Maryland Highway Safety Office will show you how you can enhance your comfort, safety and fit within your vehicle. You can make a 30-minute appointment beginning on April 1st. Appointments are limited.

What is CarFit? There is a lot more to safe driving than how you drive. Having the proper fit inside your vehicle can make a big difference and help protect you and those around you. CarFit is an educational program developed by the American Automobile Association, American Association of Retired Persons and the American Occupational Therapy Association. It offers older drivers the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicle "fits" them. You'll also get information and resources on how you can enhance your safety in the driver's seat.

This is a follow-up event that Mike Davies, Program Manager, Maryland Highway Safety Office, mentioned in his League of Learners talk last November. Those attending indicated they were interested in having a CarFit event at Crestwood. If you would like more information, please contact me at sklivingrd@aol.com.

Sally Livingston
Activities Committee

Welcome!

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

If you became a new resident in Crestwood in the past six months or so, welcome on behalf of your neighbors and the many volunteers who give their time and talent to our various committees. We are a Homeowners' Association (HOA) community.

If you have not yet registered with the office, you need to do so in order to be eligible to enjoy Crestwood amenities. You will fill out the Resident Information Sheet and Disclosure of Personal Information Consent Form (more on this at the end of this article), register your vehicle(s) and get your parking sticker(s). You will also meet with office staff to learn about rules, regulations and amenities at Crestwood.

A good way to keep informed on Village information is to attend the monthly community meetings as well as those of the Board of Trustees, held in the Clubhouse auditorium. Also, if you have internet access, visit our website, crestwoodvlg.net. Information here is updated regularly. At the bottom of the home page, you can sign up to receive timely email announcements. In the meantime, here are some essentials you should know.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC): Once you have settled into your new home, you may begin thinking about what's outside. Please take time to acquaint yourself with the ARC's guidelines, posted online at the community's website, available on paper in the office and included in the documents book you received at settlement. There are limitations and restrictions regarding the exterior of your home. An ARC application for approval is required prior to making some exterior changes.

Exterior Maintenance: Our HOA employs maintenance personnel who will perform minor exterior maintenance on your home. A list of the things that are covered by your HOA dues can be obtained in the office. A work order needs to be submitted for each job.

Parking: Cars in Crestwood I should not remain on the street from midnight to 6:00. Overnight street parking is permitted in Crestwood II. Also, as a courtesy to our hard-working mail carriers, please do not park in front of a mailbox.

Pets: According to our Rules and Regulations, pets must be under owner control at all times. Those who walk dogs must have them leashed. Please pick up after your pet as needed. Acquaint yourself with those areas in the community that are set aside as common grounds (where you can walk your pet) and those that are private property (where you shouldn't). A map of Crestwood that shows common areas is located in the back of your Crestwood phone directory. (If you do not have a phone directory, please ask for one at the Management Office.) Please note that some areas are only accessible by passing through private property, so make sure you have permission to do so. Also of note are those areas where no sidewalk exists. Private property there extends to the street.

Resident Information and Disclosure Consent Forms: When you move into Crestwood Village, it is important that you complete the resident information and consent forms. Information provided by you is entered into our database, which is then used in a variety of ways. These include generating the monthly birthday and anniversary lists found on the back of the newsletter calendar. Information is also used to issue invitations to the annual luncheon held by the Hospitality Committee, to generate voting lists, to update a complete list of residents used by the front desk volunteers or, in case of an emergency, to contact your designated person(s). It is also used to generate a community phone directory. Your information is kept in a folder in the office under your street address. Any time a resident has an information change, an update to this information is required.

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WELCOME (Continued from Page 11)

Rules and Regulations: There are rules and regulations regarding such things as use of the swimming pool, use of the Clubhouse and its facilities and a variety of other situations. These are itemized in the packet of HOA material that you received upon purchase of your home. All documents are available on our website or in the office.

Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste: Trash pick-up is every Monday. The county's recycling pick-up is every other Monday. Yard waste is picked up, in season, on designated days. See page 15 for the 2024 schedule. These days are always noted on the calendar that accompanies every *Village Voice* issue. Items for pick-up should not be put out any earlier than 5:00 on the evening before pick-up and no later than 6:00 the morning of pick-up. Trash and recycle bins should be stored out of street sight when not out for pick-up. Yard waste should be placed in biodegradable bags. Recycle guidelines are found on the community's website, archived under Special Announcements.

CRESTWOOD MANOR

The property where the Crestwood Manor apartment complex now lies has long been informally known as "Hogan's Woods" after the Hogan family, who owned the land and are well-known in Maryland politics. The county zoned this land, approximately 9.5 acres, for high-density residential development in 1989. For decades, no one in our community believed that the land would ever be developed, even though several presentations were made to the community over the years regarding proposed developments. However, none of these proposals ever materialized.

During August 2020, Osprey Property Company contacted the Crestwood Village Board of Trustees (Board) to notify the Homeowners Association of their proposed development plans.

Osprey requested an easement through our common ground to connect the development with public sewer and water, which was granted.

In return, Osprey has provided us with $15,000, a privacy fence, berming, street lamps with shields on the side facing our community and tree plantings. The county approved the overall plan at a Planning Commission meeting that was open to the public and televised on September 8, 2021. During the meeting, a homeowner and a representative of the Board provided public comments. Representatives from Osprey provided presentations and answered questions at two community meetings occurring on September 21, 2021, and November 23, 2021. Throughout the development process, the Board has found Osprey to be very responsive to our questions and concerns.

Crestwood Manor is nearing completion and consists of 120 apartment units from one to three bedrooms. It will be marketed to all ages and will be managed by Humphrey Management. Humphrey manages numerous properties in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Board doesn't know exactly when the complex will be open for occupancy as of this writing.

Specific questions may be directed to Humphrey at 240-931-0008 or crestwoodmanor@hrehllc.com. A website for the apartments is supposed to be forthcoming. Crestwood Village has no relationship with Crestwood Manor, and our On-site Manager Shirley Davis requests that our residents please not call her with any questions regarding Crestwood Manor.

Respectfully,
Doug Dawson
Vice President, Board of Trustees

[Ed. Note: Check out the pictures and further information on our website, crestwoodvlg.net, under Hogan Property Plans.]

ARTICLES DUE

Village Voice articles for May are due by 4:00 on April 15th.

Please submit articles to VillageVoiceCrestwood@gmail.com

VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION WAIVER

When it is time to get your vehicle's emission inspected, did you know that if you are over 70 years of age and drive your vehicle less than 5,000 miles per year, you can get a waiver to exempt you from the inspection? This waiver is available approximately two (2) months before your inspection due date.

It is easy to request a waiver online. To learn more about waivers, you can visit the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) website at mva.maryland.gov/about-ma-pages.

If you prefer talking to someone about a waiver, you can call the VEIP at 410-768-7000.

The waiver is good for two years, just as an actual inspection is good for two years. You can request a waiver every time your vehicle's emissions renewal is due if you qualify.

Caroline Bolin
Chair, Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Committee

GARDENERS

We had a spirited and informational meeting in March. Our planned group outing will be May 7th. We will caravan to Surreybrook Gardens with our bag lunches. We are invited to eat and shop throughout the garden as we please.

Upcoming events include the Master Gardener Plant Sale from 9:00 to 4:00 on April 27th at the Frederick Fairgrounds and the Frederick Unitarian Universalist Church plant sale from 9:00 to 2:00, also on April 27th. Beginning April 1st, you can sign up for the bus trip for the May trip to the National Cathedral Plant Sale.

Our next meeting will be April 2nd at 11:00. Keep your fingers in the dirt.

Linda Meyer

BINGO INTO SPRING!

Spring is here. Beautiful flowers are blooming. Snowbirds have returned. After working hard in the garden, house or wherever, you need to relax. Come enjoy a night of bingo.

The doors are open at 5:00 every Wednesday evening. Jan, Mary and Ellen are standing by to sell game sheets. Some of the games are done in patterns and are best pre-marked to save time when playing. Since the first numbers are called at 6:00, try to get there by 5:45. Nonresident friends are welcome. Just remember to sign them in. See you Wednesday night!

Jan Fullerton

CRAFT CLUB

A change of plans is necessary due to the complexity of the March craft. Members voted to continue the plastic canvas tea cup until it can be completed.

The next craft project, a decorative ribbon key fob, will fill the rest of our time in April. Upcoming projects include three greeting cards on May 13th, a decoupage trinket box on June 10th and several Christmas ornaments on July 8th. Cost is $3 per project. Please bring your own scissors.

The next meeting is Monday, April 15th at 10:00.

Linda Meyer

Passover Begins April 23rd

HORSESHOES

Come join some of your friends and neighbors in playing horseshoes. The Clubhouse has a variety of metal shoes available, either 2 lb. or 2.5 lb.

Anyone can enjoy the sport of horseshoe pitching. For this yard game, there is not a right way or a wrong way to pitch. It's what works for you.

The two horseshoe pits are located alongside the fenced miniature golf course. You are invited to come out and enjoy fresh air and sandy pits while playing horseshoes with others. All is ready. All you need to bring is sunscreen and water.

Come join us and ring in the springtime. Weekly games start Saturday, April 13th at 10:00.

Samual Oliver
240-682-9213

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Board of Trustees has approved holding the Annual Crestwood Village Community Yard Sale on May 18th from 8:00 to noon. Yard sales will be held at the homes of the residents.

A fee of $10 will be collected in cash only at the time of signing up for each residence having a yard sale. Committee members will be collecting the fee at the April Community Meeting as early as 6:30. Fees will support the cost for advertisements and any future Clubhouse Funds requests.

Please contact the Clubhouse Funds Committee Treasurer Janice Cole at 301-662-0909 to pay the fee and/or to answer any questions.

Stephen Meyer
Chairperson, Clubhouse Funds Committee

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

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Yard waste will be picked up on the following **Wednesdays**, **Fridays** and **Saturdays** this season. Biodegradable yard waste bags should be placed at curbside no later than **6:00** on the morning of pick-up.

April - 5, 17, 19

May - 1, 3, 15, 17

June - 5, 7, 19, 21

July - 3, 6, 17, 19

August - 2, 14, 16

September - 4, 7, 18, 20

October - 2, 4, 16, 18

November - 1, 6, 15, 20

Guidelines:

- Yard waste shall consist of any debris normally generated in the maintenance of gardens, yards or lawns. This includes leaves, grass, plants, shrubs and trimmings no larger than 5' in length and 3.5" in diameter.
- All branches, sticks, twigs and vines must be tied with string or bagged.
- Yard waste must be in paper bags.
- A maximum of twelve (12) PAPER bags or equivalent will be retrieved per home, per pick up.

These items WILL NOT be accepted:

- Lumber or wood chips
- Soil, mud or mulch
- Plastic string
- Plastic bags

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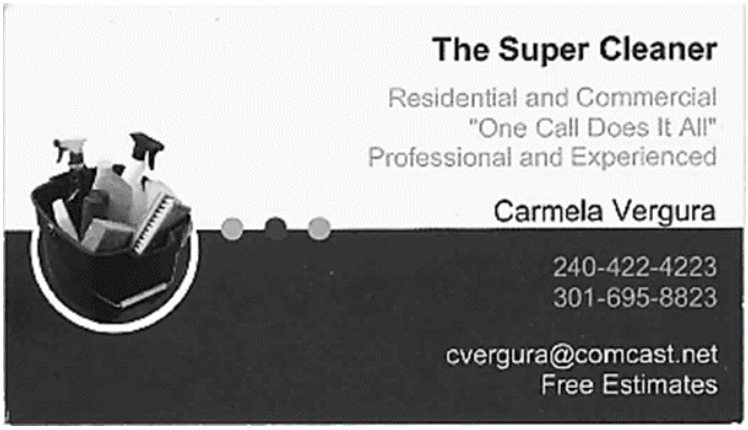

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