

# The Village Voice

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## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Annual Meeting and elections for the Crestwood Village at Frederick Homeowners Association (HOA) take place on the first Monday in May – this year on May 2nd – as set forth in the HOA’s By-Laws. This annual meeting is held for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Trustees (four two-year term vacancies), the Activities Committee (four two-year term vacancies and one one-year term vacancy) and the Clubhouse Funds Committee (two two-year term vacancies). By the time you receive this issue, you should have received profiles of the people running for the vacancies.

In order for the business of the HOA to

be declared valid, a quorum must be established. As outlined in Article III, Section 4 of the By-Laws, a quorum is established when “representation of 25 percent [131] of votes entitled to be cast in person, electronically, by absentee ballot or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.” Remember that only homeowners in good standing may vote.



If you do not plan to vote, please request a proxy form from the office. A proxy, which is not a vote, simply aids in establishing the quorum necessary for the business of the Annual Meeting to be conducted.

### YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED

**Vote in person on May 2nd from 10:00 to 2:00 or from 5:00 to 7:00. Vote online now until 4:00 on May 2nd or by absentee ballot (last day is by 4:00 on April 29th).**

**Voting results will be posted on the Crestwood Village website as soon as the votes are tallied and certified. Results will also be posted at the Clubhouse by noon on Tuesday, May 3rd.**

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*Crestwood Village At Frederick Homeowners Association, Inc.*

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Clubhouse hours are listed on the calendar.

If you wish to place an ad or talk to a representative from the Management Office, please call 301-662-0400 or 301-662-0401.

**Crestwood Village Board of Trustees**

*Elected by Crestwood Village HOA Members*

- Doug Dawson** .....President, .....Liaison to Management, ..... Election Comm., Tech Connect
- Therese Oseneek**..... Vice President, ..... Liaison to Activities
- Paula Blundell**.....Secretary, ..... Liaison to Clubhouse Funds
- Doris Vierbuchen** ..... Treasurer, .....Liaison to Finance Committee
- Jeff Baggett** ..... Liaison to Hospitality
- John Kendall** ..... Liaison to Building & Grounds
- Tina Parrish** ..... Liaison to ARC

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## SUMMARY OF BOT MINUTES

March 29, 2022

(Unofficial)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Dawson, John Kendall, Doris Vierbuchen, Therese Oseneek, Jeff Baggett, Tina Parrish and Paula Blundell. Also in attendance were Property Manager Julie Lancaster and Assistant Property Manager Shirley Davis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Paula MOVED to approve the February 2022 minutes. The motion CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Doris Is looking into tax-free bonds.

**DELINQUENCIES:** Management is working on letters to all the delinquent accounts.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Kitchen upgrades have been completed except for the countertops.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Doris briefed the BOT on the budget for 2022/2023 and explained why some line items will be increased. Paula MOVED to approve the new 2022-2023 budget as presented. The motion CARRIED.



**MANAGEMENT:** There was no new report.

**INFORMATION:** Doris asked whether Clagett is working on hiring a part-time maintenance person. Julie said that it is a work in progress.

**HOMEOWNERS Q&A:** A resident suggested LED lights be installed in the Clubhouse to save energy. They were informed that maintenance is slowly replacing old light bulbs with new LED ones. Florescent tubes can also be replaced with LEDs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Blundell, Secretary

There is a treadmill in the gym that is not working. Repairs will cost \$1,179. More information is needed about the repairs and warranty before making a decision. This has been tabled for the next meeting.

Doug reviewed potential changes to the Rules and Regulations, which must be approved by the BOT. A draft for BOT review is expected to be available in April.

Paula MOVED to accept Topline’s contract for \$5,343 to replace the kitchen countertops. The motion CARRIED.

### MAY MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting is on the 2nd at 7:00.

The Community Meeting is on the 24th at 7:00.

The BOT meeting is on the 31st at 9:30.

## ARC NEWS FOR MAY

Spring is finally here and with it come many new ARC applications for home projects. One of the larger home projects is a roof replacement. If you live in a duplex and are considering a roof replacement, as a courtesy, the ARC committee suggests you inform your roommate and neighbors to see if they would like to replace their roof at the same time. This process could possibly be financially beneficial for both homeowners.

Important Reminder: If you plan a project that requires digging in your yard, **MISS UTILITY must be called at 811** prior to digging to avoid damaging underground utilities; i.e., cable, telephone, electric or water/sewer. This is a free service. If a contractor will be performing the dig, it is his/her responsibility to contact Miss Utility to have a ticket opened in the company name. A contractor cannot perform any work on a homeowner's ticket number. Homeowners only need to open their own ticket if performing the work themselves. Please ensure this will be done.

If you have any concerns, please contact an ARC member by one of the following methods:

1. Call the office, and they will have an ARC member contact you.
2. Send an email to ARC's email address: [crestwoodarc@gmail.com](mailto:crestwoodarc@gmail.com).

A link is available under the Architectural Review tab on the Crestwood Village website, or you can enter this address in the "To:" line of a new email.

Jim Cullen  
Chair, ARC

## HOSPITALITY

As I am writing this news article, I'm basking in the sun of a Caribbean Island. I hope the sunshine has finally made a home in Crestwood.

Since my last article, we have sent sympathy cards to Gopal Limaye on the death of his grandson and to the family of Alice Cassado. A memorial reception was held at the Clubhouse in memory of Alice. A sympathy card was also sent to Jane Garner upon the death of her husband John, and a memorial donation was made to a charity of the family's choice.

Get-well cards were sent to Kay O'Brien, Robin Crockett, Martin Munday, Joe Dombek and Debbie Simpson. Gift baskets were delivered to each upon their return from hospital stays. In addition, we delivered a gift basket to Preston (our favorite mailman) along with all your get-well cards. Until his return, the box for cards will remain on the front desk for any more get-well or thinking-of-you cards you want to send. These will still be delivered to his family on Sundays.

There have been several new neighbors moving into our Village recently. If you should see Bob and Cindy Baker on Crabapple Court or Barry Shaw on Crabapple Drive, give them a big welcome. Also, Larry Dorsey on Myrtle Place and Tony and Jane Moore of Yew Court have become new residents. Let them all know what a friendly community we are.

Our next committee meeting will be held on May 11th.

Therese Oseneek  
Chair, Hospitality Committee

## MANAGEMENT CORNER

Spring has finally arrived at Crestwood Village. It is this time of year when I begin my community inspections. What will I be looking at during my inspections? I will be looking for items that may affect the desirability of the community and items that may affect the value of the homes, such as any necessary and/or needed repairs and maintenance. I will be looking at foundation beds to be sure they are free of weeds and are being properly maintained. I will also be noting any violations and sending letters as necessary.

Annual Guest Passes will be available at the Clubhouse May 1st. The cost of the pass is \$50. The pass allows you to bring up to five (5) guests at a time and is good for one year. **This will increase to \$60 on July 1, 2022.**

The side Clubhouse parking lot is for visitors and resident overflow parking. Therefore, if your vehicle will not fit in your driveway or you have multiple vehicles and only one (or two) parking spaces, please use this lot rather than guest parking. If you use the parking lot for overflow parking, please park a distance from the Clubhouse to make the closer spots available to the residents and others visiting the Clubhouse.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Julie Lancaster  
Property Manager  
jlancaster@clagett.com

**CRESTWOOD ACTIVITIES  
SEE THE PINK INSERT**

## ANNUAL YARD SALE

**May 14, 2022 from 8:00 to noon**  
*Yard sales will be held at the homes of the residents.*

Spring time is here! Time to clean out all those special treasures to begin the fun of preparing for our Annual Yard Sale.

A fee of \$10 will be collected for each residence having a yard sale. Fees will support the cost of larger yard sale signs, advertisements, and any other expenses. Contact me anytime at 301-662-0909. **The last date to pay the fee is May 13th.**

Residents must furnish their own tables.  
**Clubhouse tables will not be provided.**

Last year's yard sale was a big success, so we hope you all can join in on this year's fun. The Clubhouse Funds Committee appreciates your support in making this another fun event.

Janice Cole  
Chairperson, Clubhouse Funds Committee

## BULK TRASH PICK-UP

A reminder that J & J Trash Services will be doing a bulk pick-up in the community on Friday, May 13th. They can take household furniture items such as sofas, loveseats, tables, chairs, clothes, toys, dressers, etc.

They cannot take tires, hazardous materials, concrete, yard waste or paint.

If you have mattresses, box springs, construction debris or appliances for pick-up, you must arrange with J & J Trash Services directly, as those items require additional cost. They may be contacted at 301-898-2109.

Management

## CRESTWOOD VILLAGE VETERANS

Due to a transportation conflict, the May trip to Gathland State Park was cancelled. Other 2022 bus trips dates are available. Look for future monthly events in the newsletter articles or pink inserts. Any resident may attend our trips.

On June 16th at 9:00, we will bus to the new National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir (thenmusa.org). Sign up begins May 1st. Sign-ups must be completed by June 1st in order to make reservations for our group. On July 8th at 10:00, we will do the driving tour of the Frederick Monocacy Battlefield for the 158th anniversary of the Civil War battle. Park ranger guides and re-enactors are usually available. Sign-up begins June 1st. Finally on September 10th, we will visit the Hagerstown Aviation Museum.

The next Veterans' breakfast is on May 5th at 9:00 at the Westview IHOP. The next Veterans' group general meeting is May 12th at 10:00 at the Clubhouse.

Stephen Meyer

## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The 2022 Crestwood Village Community Directory is ready to be picked up at the Clubhouse.

Management

**May 13th by 4:00 is the deadline for submitting articles for the June *Village Voice*.**

## GARDEN CLUB

Six gardeners gathered in April to share stories and their gardening plans. A Garden Club community bus trip is planned to view the azalea garden at Brighton Dam on Thursday, May 5th from 10:00 to 3:00. Please arrive a few minutes early. All residents are welcome. There are still bus seats available. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book under the gardening tab. Please wear appropriate walking shoes as the terrain can be hilly in places. Bring your own bag lunch; cooler and bottled water will be available.

Linda Meyer



### TELEPHONE DIRECTORY Additions Unless Otherwise Noted

Please update your Directory accordingly. Report any necessary changes to the Management Office.

Carl & Cynthia Baker 6899 Crabapple Drive	301-228-9990
Larry Dorsey 5711 Myrtle Place	240-876-1737
John & Dorothy Felber 5714 Box Elder Court	330-701-2977
Donna Fox 5746 Box Elder Court	301-641-4431

## DID YOU KNOW?

Are you aware that we here in Crestwood do many things to help each other, those in the Frederick community, Maryland, and the world? Listed below are some of the items we collect and where to leave them.

- We collect nonperishable food for the local Food Bank. There is a red wagon under the easel by the coatroom door.
- Leftover yarn from your finished projects can be used by the prayer shawl group for their many projects. They donate items to the hospital and to those who need the comfort these items bring to them. Leave at the front desk.
- We collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club. The eyeglasses are used in other countries, and the hearing aids go to Maryland University to help with a program for the deaf and the need in Maryland. The basket is on the wall near the coatroom.
- There is a coupon exchange basket where you can leave clipped coupons and help yourself to those you can use. The basket is on the shelf under the bulletin board outside the outer office door.
- We have medical equipment to loan. There are wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and bathroom accessories. Ask at the front desk to see them.
- There are books in the library, two computers for use, puzzles and things to help fill your time. Visit the library or computer room.

Thank you.

Mary Belcher

## HOA COUPON BOOKS

Clagett Management will **NOT** be issuing coupon books for the coming 2022-2023 assessment year, which begins July 1, 2022.

If you are already set up for ACH/Direct Debit, you do not have to do anything. If you are set up as a bill payer through your bank, please be sure the bank has your correct account number.

Each home has a 5-digit numerical account number. When paying your monthly HOA fee, please enter that number in the memo field of your check so that it will be properly credited. If you cannot find your account number, contact Shirley or Julie at the office.

If you want coupons printed, the cost is \$5 per booklet. Contact the office in advance before stopping by if you want coupons. Coupons will be available in mid-June.

Management

## POOL SEASON IS APPROACHING

Starting this pool season, every Crestwood Village resident or guest must wear a visible wristband in the courtyard/pool area. Young children accompanied by an adult are not required to wear wristbands.

The initial issue of the green silicone wristband for residents will be at the Clubhouse front desk. Once residents have their Crestwood resident wristbands, they can go through the pool gate. Guests will be issued red paper wristbands. All members of your party will be identified by the appropriate wristband being on their person, presenting them to the lifeguard who will log names and info in the Log Book. Daily guest wristbands will also be issued at the front desk. Guests must be accompanied by their host for the issuance of the wristband.

**POOL** (Continued from page 7)

The cost of annual guest passes is covered in the Management Corner article on page 5. Daily passes will be \$3 per person when purchased before June 30th. After that date, they will cost \$4. Payment for annual passes must be made by check only. Cash will only be accepted if it's for a daily guest pass.

If you have any questions about these passes, please contact Management.

Thank you.

Management

**WATER AEROBICS IS BACK!**

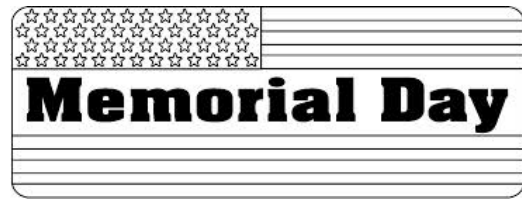
Let's get ready to make a big splash this summer at water aerobics in our Crestwood pool. I'm sure you're all as eager as I am to get active and back in shape this summer.

We will be doing a combination of exercises for strength training, balance and flexibility, as well as aerobics to promote good circulation. You will be surprised at how nearly effortless exercising can be while your body is in the water. You don't even have to know how to swim to participate. We will provide pool noodles and water dumbbells, so all you need is some sunscreen, suit and towel. There is no cost involved. Just bring along a joke or two to share for our "joke of the day."

The pool opens on May 28th. Our one-hour aerobics class will begin at 10:00 on Wednesday, June 1st, and will run at the same time every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, weather permitting. If you are new to the group, you may sign up at the pool or online at [volunteersignup.org/8P3JP](http://volunteersignup.org/8P3JP). Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to another fun summer!

Arlene Duda  
908-407-7526



**Early Observances of Memorial Day**

"The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

**Decoration Day**

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I, the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**MEMORIAL DAY** (Continued from page 8)

**Did you know?**

Each year on Memorial Day, a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.”

Source: history.com

Submitted by Betsey Covell



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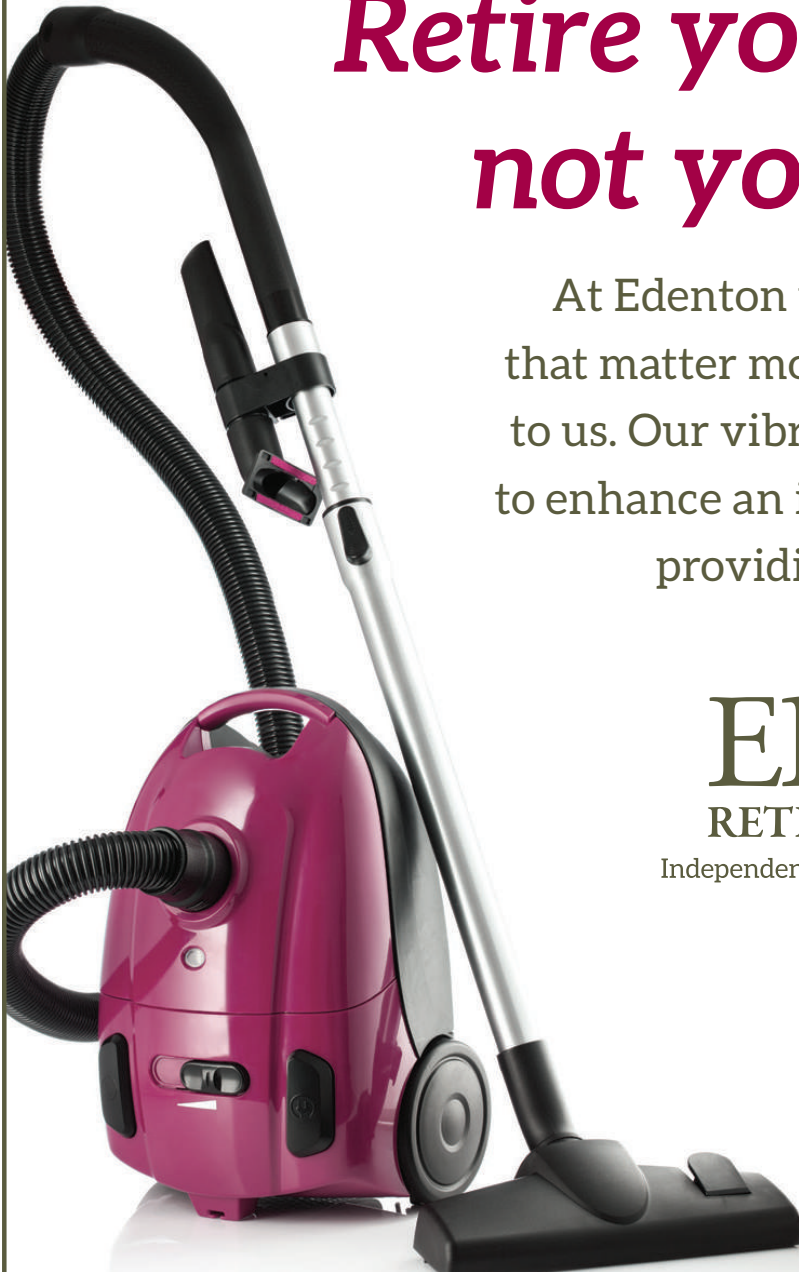
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Sis Swartz, 2nd from left*

## Once a Neighbor, Always a Neighbor.

*S*is Swartz may be a familiar name as she lived in Crestwood Village in a beautiful home overlooking a bridge and many visiting deer.

She grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. where she met her husband. She has fond memories of her time in Pennsylvania as well as in Crestwood.

Wishing to no longer live alone, Sis moved to Country Meadows and says she truly loves it here. She appreciates she “doesn’t have to worry about anything as everything is taken care of for her – there is absolutely nothing I can think of that is a negative.”

She shared her favorite thing about living at Country Meadows is the people: “they are all so nice, both my fellow residents and the staff.” Always a social individual, Sis loves to relax in the common areas chatting with her friends and dancing during happy hour.

Our team finds her in all the activities: “she is at everything!” She enjoys outings and playing cards and games with Kings Corner and Pinochle as her favorite. Her religion and animals are important to her and values attending daily devotions each morning, receiving Catholic communion each month on campus and doting on neighbors’ pets.

When asked for advice about moving to a retirement community, Sis recommends “making sure you visit the communities and get the ‘feel’ of the place before you commit.” She says she had visited other friends at Country Meadows years ago and remembers always enjoying her visit as everyone always seemed so happy. And when it came time for her to make a move, she didn’t have to think twice about coming here and has never regretted it.

**Thanks for choosing Country Meadows, Sis!**

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