

# The Village Voice

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## ANNUAL HOA MEETING & ELECTION

The Crestwood Village Annual HOA Meeting is Monday, May 6th. The meeting starts at 7:00 in the evening and will include a presentation of HOA accomplishments from the past year, annual reports of committees and an opportunity for participants to ask questions and make comments. Monday, May 6th, is also Crestwood Village Election Day. This is your opportunity to get personally involved in the business of your HOA. You can vote for four homeowners to serve as trustees on the Board, four residents to serve on the Activities Committee and two residents to serve on the Clubhouse Funds Committee. Voting is how you express your opinion regarding the various leadership positions in our HOA.



### YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED

There are three ways you can vote. You may pick one. Absentee voting is currently open and closes on Friday, May 3rd at 4:00. Online voting is currently open and closes on Monday, May 6th at 4:00. In person voting is on May 6th from 10:00 to 2:00 or from 5:00 to 7:00.

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 on Tuesday, May 7th by noon.

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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

March 26, 2024  
(Unofficial)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Kendall, Doug Dawson, Vickie Johnson, Doris Vierbuchen, Paula Blundell, Sally Livingston and John Morrill.

**MANAGEMENT PRESENT:** Shirley Davis and Erika Isaacoff.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sally moved to accept the BOT February minutes as amended. The motion was APPROVED.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Doris recommended closing the smaller of two accounts with Capital One and opening a new account at one of the other banks where total deposits are not close to the insured amount.
- The Balance Sheet for February shows a loss due to the costs of snow removal. Doris reported that the loss will be refunded to the Operating account from the Snow Contingency Reserve account.

### DELINQUENCIES:

The Property Manager reported that a partial payment has been received for one of the delinquent accounts. This same account is having a foreclosure sale, so another payment is expected once the property is sold.

### BOARD ACTIONS:

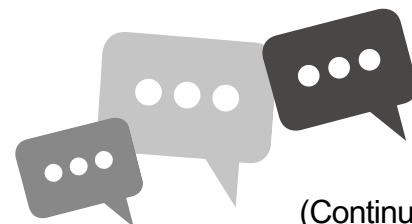
- Doris moved to accept the Be Secure LLC contract, which will begin in July 2024. The motion was APPROVED.
- Sally moved to accept the proposal from PJ's Roofing for roof repairs on 5802/5804 Lantana Circle condo buildings. The motion was APPROVED.
- Paula moved to accept the proposal from Eco Bright Exteriors for soft washing of condos on Basswood and Box Elder. The motion was APPROVED.
- Doug, ARC Board Liaison, moved to add a restriction to the ARC guidelines for "Artificial trees, shrubs, or vines." The motion FAILED.
- Doris moved to accept the Pool Rules as amended. The rule changes affected two areas:

1) objects permitted in the pool; and 2) food and beverages. The motion was APPROVED.

- John Morrill requested that the Ad-Hoc Revitalization Committee be recognized as a standing committee. The By-Laws state that committees are required to have Board-approved written guidelines to reflect their purpose, scope, structure, and operational procedures. John Kendall suggested bringing the request back to the BOT at a later date.
- John Kendall CONFIRMED Vickie Johnson's appointment as Board liaison to *The Village Voice* Committee.
- Doug moved to accept an ARC application to replace a tree on private property. The motion was APPROVED. John Kendall recommended further research on an ARC request to replace a tree that had been removed on common ground. The BOT tabled the matter.
- Paula moved to accept a letter to be sent to a resident in a condo on Box Elder. The resident requested an additional parking space, which was denied due to parking restrictions. The motion was APPROVED.
- The BOT granted a time-limited exception to the Crestwood Village age restrictions for a family on Catalpa while the family works through a crisis.

### MANAGEMENT:

- Proposals for repair of the pool bathrooms are under review.
- The deadline for sign-up for soft washing is April 12.
- New pool access passes will be available for the upcoming pool season.
- Five landscaping companies have been contacted about providing services to residents. The company selected will negotiate directly with residents about services and costs.



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**BOT MINUTES** (Continued from page 3)

**BOT COMMENTS:**

- Doris requested an update on the tennis courts. Maintenance staff are currently filling the cracks in the tennis courts.
- Sally recommended that a list of accomplishments to date be compiled and shared at the Annual Meeting and inserted into *The Village Voice*.
- In response to a resident’s concern about the lack of trees planted between Crestwood Village and Crestwood Manor, John Kendall shared that the project is not complete, and the BOT expects more trees to be planted.

**HOMEOWNERS Q&A:**

- A resident requested an update on the work of the nominating committee. John Kendall stated that more volunteers are needed to fill the vacancies for elected positions.
- A resident expressed concern about the number of ARC applications that are submitted “after the fact,” which seems to be a pattern. Doug Dawson, ARC Board Liaison, replied that ARC applications are being completed and reviewed appropriately with very few being submitted or considered “after the fact.”
- Ruth Henderson noted that the Volunteer Luncheon will be held on April 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Johnson, Secretary

**MANAGER’S CORNER**

Hello, everyone.

Please see below for a few announcements.

**Soft Washing:**

Todd from Eco Bright Exteriors recently completed multiple soft-washing jobs. He also washed the condos on Box Elder and Basswood. Moving forward, I will no longer be involved in scheduling or collecting payments for soft washing. If you're interested in having your home soft-washed by Eco Bright in the future, please reach out directly to Todd. I'd be more than happy to provide you with his contact information.

**Landscaping Initiative:**

Gabriel (Fauver Services LLC) has been diligently working on residents' flowerbeds throughout April. He will continue to provide services upon request throughout the year. If you would like to continue utilizing his services, please see me, and I'll gladly provide you with his contact information.

**Community Inspections:**

It's that time of year again! Management will be conducting inspections this month, weather permitting. We will be focusing on guidelines that are frequently violated, such as weeds and overgrown shrubs in flowerbeds, dirty siding, unsightly gutters, fake flowers in flowerbeds, wind chimes and wind socks (which are not permitted), and an excessive number of bird feeders, bird houses, and garden ornaments.

If a violation is identified, residents will receive two warning letters, with each letter allowing 10 days to address the issue. Should the violation persist and a third written warning is issued, residents will have an additional 10 days to resolve the issue. Failure to address the violation after that grace period will result in a fine of \$5 per day charged by the HOA until the violation is resolved.

**MAY MEETINGS**

**Next Community Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00

**Next BOT Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 28th at 9:30

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**MANAGER’S CORNER** (Continued from Page 4)

**New Pool Access Pass:**

This year, Crestwood is introducing new pool passes and guest passes. Instead of the previous green rubber wristbands, each resident will now receive a blue pool access pass with an assigned 5-digit number. If you haven't already, you can pick up your new blue pool pass at the front desk. To keep the passes organized and dry, ID pouches will be provided.

**Opt-In for Annual Meeting and Voting Information via Email:**

If you would like to receive your official HOA documents via email instead of U.S. mail (i.e., the Annual Meeting letter and voting information), please email Shirley Davis (sdavis@clagett.com) and provide your full name and address, and state that you would like to opt-in. This email option is faster, more reliable, saves the HOA money and is more efficient than using U.S. mail. This opt-in option is specifically for official HOA documents and is completely separate from the email blast updates that many residents have already signed up to receive.

Thank you,

Shirley Davis  
On-site Manager

**ARC COMMITTEE**

Spring is finally here and with it comes 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(s) to see if they would like to also 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, 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 is done.

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

1. Call the office to have an ARC member contact you.
1. Send an email to ARC’s email address: 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

**CRESTWOOD ACTIVITIES**  
See Pink Sheet Insert

**ARTICLES DUE**

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

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Please submit articles to  
VillageVoiceCrestwood@gmail.com

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

You'll notice that the pink sheet is once again full of things to do this month and in subsequent months. You can sign up for any of these things in May. If seating is limited, I suggest you start on the first of the month.

We are celebrating spring at the annual Flower Mart at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on May 3rd. There will be free entertainment, international floral displays and many vendors at the event.

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 owners still provide a tasty five-course Royal Tea. We can take 35 people if we get enough people to volunteer to drive.

Don't forget to sign up for the pool opening party on Saturday, May 25th. Although it is a covered dish event, we need to know how many people to plan seating for and how much delicious fried chicken to order.

Anticipating lovely spring weather, we are going to spend a day at the Baltimore Inner Harbor on Thursday, May 30th. We will tour the American Visionary Art Museum, which houses an eclectic collection of art created by everyday people. If you have never been there, prepare to be amazed and maybe even inspired. Afterwards, we will ferry over to Phillips Seafood Restaurant on the waterfront for a 3-course lunch. Expect to do a lot of walking around this beautiful harbor.

If you are one of the many who enjoyed our Holiday Extravaganza in December, you won't want to miss our Summer Sizzler in June. We will feature the same band, a barbecue dinner, drinks, photo booth and more surprises.

This month you can sign up to see the musical *Jersey Boys* at the Totem Pole Playhouse on August 8th. After the matinee, we will stop for dinner nearby before returning home.

We are still accepting reservations and deposits for the two motorcoach trips in July to Sight and Sound (*Daniel*) and the three-day trip to Pittsburgh. We will be closing out these trips this month. We are also accepting deposits this month for the September six-day motorcoach trip to Charleston and Savannah. Pick up a flyer at the front desk.

Don't forget to watch for our food truck signs. See you all at the Grilled Cheese Please truck in our parking lot on May 21st.

Arlene Duda  
Chair, Activities Committee



## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Board of Trustees has approved 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 \$10.00, CASH ONLY, will be collected in at the time of signing up for each residence having a yard sale. Fees will support the cost for advertisements and any future Clubhouse Funds requests.

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

Stephen Meyer  
Chair, Clubhouse Funds Committee

## HOSPITALITY

It is so nice to see colorful trees and flowers in our community, now that the weather has warmed up.

Since my last article we sent get-well cards to: David Putman, Bob Jones, Norman Taylor, Art Linthicum, Suzanne Carney and Elinor Fry.

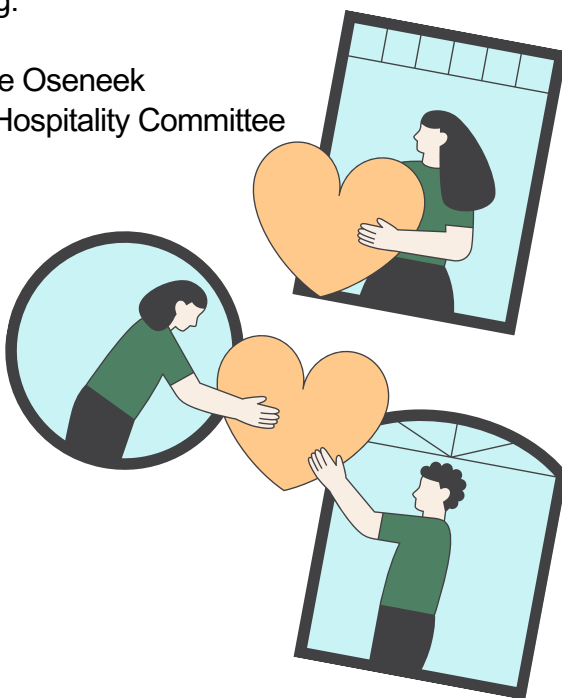
Gift baskets were delivered to Noah Hubbard, Art Linthicum and Todd Shultzaberger after their hospital stays.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Anne Maxey and a memorial service was held at the Clubhouse in her memory.

Thinking-of-you cards were sent to shut-ins in our community as well as to residents who are in assisted living or nursing home facilities but still own their houses in Crestwood. We do this four times a year to let those residents know they are still thought of. If you are aware of a neighbor who does not get out much, please let us know so we can add the name to our list.

Our next Hospitality meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th, at 10:00. This is because most of us will be going to the Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday when we normally would be holding our meeting.

Therese Oseneek  
Chair, Hospitality Committee



## NEIGHBORS-HELPING-NEIGHBORS

The Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Committee (NHN) met on April 10th. The committee coordinates with the Division of Aging and Independence (DAI) on a regular basis to facilitate programs and services. One of these programs is re-establishing the special Crestwood Village Meals on Wheels (MOW) delivery route. This route is unique in that Crestwood Village residents deliver meals to other Crestwood Village residents. The Crestwood Village route began April 24th.

A special thanks to Karen Galloway and all the Crestwood residents who have volunteered their time to get this valuable program operating again. Karen is the coordinator of this program. Anyone wishing more information about Meals on Wheels in Crestwood Village can call Karen at 301-748-3893. This is a free service.

Elly Williams, a program specialist with the Division of Aging and Independence, comes to Crestwood on the second Tuesday of each month. She will be here on May 14th. Contact the desk to make an appointment if you want to consult with her.

Also discussed at the meeting was the information received from SOAR about their upcoming Senior Resource & Education Fair to be held from 10:00 – 2:00 on Thursday, May 23rd at Frederick County Community College (athletic center). No sign-up is needed. See the enclosed insert for more information.

The next NHN meeting will be on Thursday, May 9th at 10:00. Meetings are open to all residents. Anyone interested in learning more about the committee is welcome to attend any meeting as a guest.

Bernadine Hoffman  
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Committee

## A LIVING HISTORY OF EARLY FREDERICK FIRE SERVICE

### League of Learners

Join us on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:00 for an informative and entertaining program on the history of Frederick Fire and Rescue Service. Chip Jewell, our speaker, will be in period firefighter parade uniform and present a “living history” followed by more detail on the formation of fire companies in Frederick and the early history of the companies.

Chip has been in volunteer fire services in Frederick since 1969 and retired as Deputy Chief of Frederick County Division of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service. He is currently president of the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum. He has authored three books on Frederick County fire service history and is a columnist for *The Frederick News-Post*.

Come, join us for this fun and interesting talk. A resident’s son highly recommended Chip as an entertaining and informative speaker. Please sign up for planning purposes, but it is not required.

Future dates and topics are:

- June 27 – Transportation in Frederick County
- July Summer Break – no speaker
- August 30 – Preventing and Managing Diabetes

See you on May 23rd!

Sally Livingston  
Activities Committee

## COME OUT AND PLAY!

Community games are back.

### Shuffleboard

Thursdays at 4:00  
(starts May 2)

### Mini-golf

Mondays at 4:00  
(starts May 13)

## CRESTWOOD VETERANS

Meetings have resumed on the second Thursday of the month. Planning for 2024 trips to military-related museums and events has begun, with at least three trips awaiting scheduling. Breakfast meetups will continue on the first Thursday of the month. Lunches will be organized on an ad-hoc basis, usually a week prior, at various local restaurants. Contact Stephen Meyer at 240-604-7280 to be notified of lunch locations.

The next breakfast is May 2nd at 9:00 at the Westview IHOP. The next meeting is Thursday, May 9th at 10:00 in the Clubhouse.

Stephen Meyer  
Chair

## CLUBHOUSE FUNDS COMMITTEE

At the April meeting, three applications were approved, and one application was not approved. Planning continued for the May 18th Yard Sale. Please note that if an applicant is purchasing an item on behalf of a Crestwood committee, please add in the description that the relevant committee chairperson approved the application. Items may not be purchased until approved. The next committee meeting is May 2nd at 1:00.

Stephen Meyer  
Chair, Clubhouse Funds Committee





## CRAFT CLUB

Demos of upcoming projects can be seen on the sign-up table at each Community Meeting. Craft Club meetings are held the second Monday of the month from 10:00 to noon.

Please sign up at the community meetings or the Clubhouse desk in the Activities Book. The fee is \$3.00 for supplies payable at the class.

Future projects are: May 13th - three greeting cards; June 13th - decoupage trinket box; July 12th - two Christmas ornaments; August 12th - simple plastic canvas bag.

Linda Meyer



## GARDENERS

We will have an abbreviated meeting on May 7th. From the Clubhouse we will caravan to Surreybrook Gardens. Travel time is 15 minutes. Maps will be provided. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to eat at their pavilion and shop until your car group is ready to leave. The surface is grass or gravel for those having difficulty walking.

Seed exchange boxes are in the two Crestwood Village gazebos, one near the Clubhouse parking lot and one on Box Elder Court. Feel free to take or leave some seeds.

Keep your fingers in the dirt.

Linda Meyer

## WATER AEROBICS IS BACK!

Get ready to have some fun exercising this summer with water aerobics in our Crestwood pool. I'm sure you're all as eager as I am to get active and back in shape.

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 pleased at both the ease of exercising in the water, and the payoff you will feel after just the first class. You don't even have to know how to swim to participate. We will provide instructions, 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 Saturday, May 25th. Our one-hour aerobics class will begin at 10:00 on Wednesday, May 29th, 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). There are over 50 names on our list, and email is the quickest and most effective way to reach everyone in case of cancellations or updates.

Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns: 908-407-7526.

Looking forward to another fun season!

Arlene Duda



### KENTUCK-Y DERB-Y NO, BUT...

Y-not join us for horseshoe pitching and chapeau wearing, Saturday, May 4th 10:00 to noon. The 2024 Kentucky Derby (KD) 150th horse race only lasts two minutes! We have two benches in our "Paddock" area, frontside for pit viewing.

Food and beverages are permitted. Bring your Kentucky Derby head gear and colors. The KD main race is not till 6:45 leaving us time for morning shoes.

Clubhouse horseshoes are available. Come pitch with us.

For more information, call 240-682-9213.

Samuel Oliver

### MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is a game that was originally played in China around the mid to late 1800s. It is similar to Rummy but played with tiles instead of cards. The object of the game is to create melds until you can go out, announcing "Mah Jongg"!

If this game sounds interesting to you, please stop by the double room meeting area of the Clubhouse at 1:00 on Thursdays. We welcome beginners, novice and experienced players alike!

Susan Kraus

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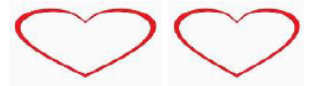
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