



Crystal Lake Park

News • Notes • Neighbors

Crystal Lake Park is the third best place to live in Missouri according to a Coldwell Banker survey.

May 2013

Attend public forums on park improvements

by Mayor Phillip Bryant

Discussions regarding replacing the wood chips under the playground equipment with a rubberized surface, handicap accessible playground equipment, and poorly drained areas in the park led the City to consider applying for a park grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission.

CLP applied for and has received a park planning grant to pay 80% of the cost of a Park Planner to develop a Master Plan for our Park. SWT Design was chosen from a field of excellent candidates interviewed. You may visit their website at www.swtdesign.com to see other impressive projects with which SWT has been involved.

On Wednesday, **May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the park**, SWT Design will hold a Public Forum to discuss the park usage, opportunities and constraints. Bring your chairs, refreshments and ideas. In the event of rain, please meet at the Frontenac City Hall.

Some of the particular issues of our park are that it is slightly less than one acre in size, it provides the only open space for children's play in the

House & Garden Tour

CLP's house & garden tour will be held **June 30, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** Begin the tour and get your map at Ande and Matt Posey's home, 2217 Cleek. You can still include your house, garden or both on the tour - just contact Lisa Mason at (314) 395-4444 or lmason624@sbcglobal.net.

City, and there is little room in the budget for maintenance.

Following that Forum, SWT will develop a design concept based upon data collected from the community. A second Public Forum will then be held on **Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. (location TBD)** to present the design concept and to hear feedback. **Please notify the City Clerk if you plan to attend** to determine meeting room size. SWT will then refine a design concept and present a final Master Plan. In the fall, SWT will assist the City with an application for a construction grant with the Municipal Park Grant Commission.

Because of pending construction in the park, spring tree planting has been delayed. When planting resumes, a commemorative tree will be re-planted in memory of Betty Waldman and a tree will be planted in honor of former Mayor Bonnie Taylor.

Plan to attend these important public forums to voice your wishes for the park. ***Input by children is encouraged since they are the true park experts!***

CLP Happy Hours

Watch for signs to announce spontaneous happy hours on Fridays if/when the weather cooperates! All ages are welcome; bring your own everything to the park and enjoy chatting with neighbors.

CLP Picnic

September 21 @ 4:00 - watch e-mail blasts and website for more details!

Directory updates

Directory updates are also included in e-mail blasts between newsletters.

Please correct your Directory:

1. First page: the e-mail address for the Communications Coordinator should be: communications@crystallakepark.org
2. First page: Dennis Nahnsen and Chris Sanders were elected to another term in April; their terms now expire in 2015.
3. Nancy Brooks: delete work and home e-mail; new home e-mail: tonypony2123@gmail.com.
4. Joe Driskill: address should be 2150 Oak Drive.
5. Carol Klein: e-mail address should be: carolsklein@sbcglobal.net.
6. Norm and Ellen Rosenbaum: phone number should be 994-1542.
7. Al Waldman: name appears twice; the correct numbers are: 882-3290 (cell) & 432-8201 (home).
8. Services by Neighbors, Remodeling: Robert's last name should be Mayer.

Welcome to these new neighbors...

1. Krishnaan & Amelia Anderson
11954 Country Club; Phone: 695-5467
Children: Hiram & Annaleigh
Pets: Miko (gray haired cat)
Krishaan: anderskg16@yahoo.com
Amelia: sagakga@yahoo.com
2. Adam & Jacquie Castagno
2100 Crystal Drive; Phone: 265-0667
Adam: ajcasta@gmail.com
Jacquie: jacquiecastagno@gmail.com
3. Congratulations to Scott and Ann Leslie Rosen on their new daughter Amira Eve.
4. Arturo & Sarah Sordo
11915 Spring Drive; Phone: 409-8095
Child: Artie; Pets: Sam & Charlie
Arturo: artsordo@gmail.com
Sarah: sarah.ann.shaw@gmail.com

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Deer Creek RainScape Program details

At the February 11, 2013, Board of Alderpersons meeting the Board passed Resolution 2013-18 which supports the goals of the Deer Creek Watershed Management Plan.

This voluntary program financially assists landowners in the Deer Creek Watershed who want to landscape their yards to improve storm water management. Seventy-five percent of the funds will be reserved for residential landowners; the remaining 25% will be available for schools, churches, businesses, and parks. Crystal Lake Park was not included in the 1st round, but CLP landowners will be eligible to participate in the second round of the RainScape Rebates Program beginning May 15, 2013.

Updated applications and more information about the second round of the program will become available on this web site by May 15, 2013: <http://deercreekalliance.org/rainscaperebates.aspx>

Residents who do not have internet access can get a copy

2013 street preservation program

Projects for this year's portion of the street preservation program include:

A. The concrete curbs on Divot Drive were replaced this year by Ford Asphalt Company for a cost of \$9,600. Next year, Divot is expected to be remilled and overlaid.

B. Overlay (two coats)—Asphalt Paving will overlay the following streets in June (at a cost of \$16,300):

- Country Club Drive from Bopp Road to dead end
- Crystal Drive from Bopp Road to

of the Application from the Communications Coordinator.

Optional training workshops for residents and a required workshop for contractors will be held at Frontenac City Hall:

Required contractor orientation— Friday, May 31 from 8:00–10:30 a.m.

Optional landowner orientation— Saturday, June 1 from 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Optional landowner orientation— Tuesday, June 4 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Optional landowner orientation— Thursday, June 6 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Orientation space is limited. Pre-registration is required and opens May 15, 2013.

The application deadline is July 15, 2013. The maximum rebate per site is 75% of documented expenses up to \$2,000.

For more information about the RainScape Rebates program contact RainScaping@mobot.org or (314) 577-0202.

Grandview Drive

- Crystal Drive from Grandview Drive to dead end
- East Drive from Country Club Drive to dead end
- Spring Drive from Bopp Road to Grandview Drive
- South Drive from East Drive to Lakeview Drive
- Parking areas along Country Club Drive
- Crack filling will also be done on Divot Drive

Overlay treatment requires streets to

New service contracts

Street Commissioner Sam Marcus solicited bids for street work and Park maintenance. At the March 19 Board Meeting, contracts were awarded:

TRC Outdoor for Park and Right-of-Way Maintenance, Ford Asphalt for concrete curb work on Divot Drive, and Asphalt Paving for 2013 street preservation work. The contract for snow removal will be put out for bid later in the year.

Public hearing on vinyl siding held

At the April 8 Board of Alderpersons meeting, the Board considered a proposal to revise the *Design Guidelines* by adding vinyl siding as an approved building material and defining minimum standards for its use.

A Public Hearing was held to gather residents' opinions. After hearing City Planner Ada Hood's review of the issue and CLP residents' opinions, the Board passed Ordinance No. 500 accepting the proposed revision. A revised version of the *Design Guidelines* is posted on the website.

be closed for two days to allow time to apply and dry. Residents will need to park on open streets. We ask residents on open streets to park in their driveways to allow plenty of room for street parking. Trash, recycling, and yard waste collection routes will be modified. The work will be divided in two phases.

Look for more information on street repair dates in e-mail blasts and posted signs. The gate at the south end of Oak Drive will be open as needed for access to Bopp Road via Gray Drive.

Congratulations to our creative neighbors

Stephanie Berk's book *How to (Potty) Train Your Dragon (Child)* was mentioned in the last newsletter. Here's the latest news: "At this point, more than 300 copies of the book have sold from Amazon online. I am now writing a monthly column on potty training for *Metro East Parents* magazine. The stores that are carrying the book include: Sweet B's, Kangaroo Kids, The Hairy Elephant, the Washington University book store, and Weepeats Kids. And I have given one book talk, so far."

Ordering information is available at www.amazon.com/Potty-Train-Your-Dragon-Child-Volume/dp/1477492836

Michele Ryan's thriller, *Tunnels, Cappuccino, And A Heist*, written under her nom-de-plume Michele Bonnell, is now available for \$12.99 on Amazon.com. She will have a book signing on June 1 at Big Sleep Books, 239 N. Euclid. For more information go to www.michelebonnell.com.

A special screening of *Girl Rising* was held at the Wehrenberg Des Peres 14 Cinema in March. This powerful

documentary film tells the stories of girls in nine developing countries (Cambodia, Haiti, Nepal, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Peru, Sierra Leone, & Afghanistan) and their quest for education. **Michelle Currinder**, the daughter of CLP residents **Barb and Jim Gehringer**, produced the Nepal segment. She spent two weeks in Nepal in September 2012 filming the life of a young woman named Suma. The screening was sponsored in part by Art & Soul Café – a nonprofit organization founded by CLP residents **Bonnie Taylor and Lydia Ruffin** to promote events and programs that stimulate a deeper experience of community. View the film's trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJsvkIXhYaE>

Cathleen & Mark Kronemer are very active in the Camp Rainbow Foundation, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide children with cancer and blood-related diseases, ages 4-18, the opportunity to enjoy a camp experience in a safe, non-threatening environment. Mark is on the Board of Directors. By day, he is a Vice

President of Marketing at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company. Cathleen, a personal trainer, is the Foundation's grant writer. To learn more about Camp Rainbow, visit the web site: <http://www.camprainbow.com/>

A new ice cream flavor has been named in honor of CLP resident **Jeff Rifkin** at "I Scream Cakes," 2641 Cherokee Street. "SuperHappyFunTime" is a pistachio ice cream with a salted, burnt caramel ribbon from Kakao. The name comes from the title of Jeff's blog—superhappyfuntimeblog.blogspot.com. Check the web site for store hours: www.iscreamcakes.com/. By day, Jeff is Creative Director at Momentum Worldwide. In the hood, he's a family man with a wife and two children who loves bicycling, music, movies, and more. In his spare time, he's the Chairperson of the Planning & Zoning Commission / Architectural Review Board. If you go to Cherokee Street, plan time to make the rounds of antique shops.



A snow sea lion built by Lydia and Chris Sanders helped lighten the mood of our spring snow storm. -photo by Lydia Sanders

CLP good deeds

We would like to thank the mystery worker or workers that were so kind to shovel our driveway, when we had the "huge" snow storm.

--Dottie and Vince Hunter

Know a tidbit about Crystal Lake Park's history or have a story to share? Let us know...(314) 567-0588 or e-mail: communications@crystal-lakepark.org

Friendly reminders for CLP residents & neighborhood safety updates

Spring finally arrived! With this wonderful season, more children will play outside. Please be conscious of their possible presence on our streets. Be careful to observe all traffic controls, particularly the stop sign along County Club Drive that is adjacent to the park..

Children naturally want to find the shortest route to the Park and to their friends' homes. Sometimes, that brings temptation to cut through neighbors' yards. As a courtesy, those neighbors should be asked for permission. Even with consent, please direct children not to do anything that may damage lawns, plants or property, such as climbing on fences or riding bicycles through lawns.

Stop means Stop - Please observe stop signs! This is especially important now that children are riding their bikes and scooters. Frontenac Police monitored the intersection of Country Club and Putter/Lakeview recently and issued quite a few warnings to drivers who rolled through the stop sign.

Parking is only allowed on the South and East sides of streets. In addition, no parking is allowed in cul-de-sacs as

sign posted (Putter, Cleek, and Divot) nor on Country Club Drive, except in the specially designated parking areas.

Please do not park in front of anyone's mailbox during mail delivery times Monday-Saturday.

The Post Office will not deliver mail if a mailbox is blocked. This is just one of the 50 ways to please your neighbor.

Leash Law - Keeping your pet on a leash is important. Pets running at large are a danger to themselves and neighbors. Consider the effect roaming cats have on our local ecosystem. They are very effective hunters and it is estimated that cats living in the wild or indoor pets allowed to roam outdoors kill from 1.4 billion to 3.7 billion birds in the continental U.S. each year. Roaming cats are also vulnerable to other predators such as owls, hawks, and coyotes, as well as cars, territorial fighting and disease. Finally, is the phone number on your pet's collar correct? It's your pet's one call home if he or she gets lost.

Remember the slogan "if you see something, say something." Frontenac Police would rather check

out something suspicious that ends up being nothing than to hear this when they're investigating a crime: "I thought that was kind of suspicious, but I didn't want to bother anyone."

Weather Radios - St. Louis County stresses that the tornado sirens are to alert persons who are outdoors at the time of the warning. They are not meant to be heard indoors. The National Weather Service recommends buying one of many inexpensive Weather Warning Radios that automatically turn on when severe weather alerts are broadcast. (Note for new residents: the warning sirens are tested at 11:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month unless there is inclement weather.)

Sales - Residents can hold garage sales whenever they choose and a permit is no longer required. However, an estate sale requires obtaining a permit and making a deposit. Contact the City Clerk for details. The city-wide garage sale is held in even-numbered years.

CLP event details and updates are listed on the website, Country Club bulletin board and in e-mails blasts.



*"I told you it was too early to fly north."
"Whatever . . ." -photo by Susie Cooper*

Upcoming CERT training in October

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) encourages citizens and communities to be diligent in their awareness of neighborhood activity and to become more involved in emergency preparedness. Following a major disaster, first responders, may not be able to meet the demands for public service. Neighbors may have to rely on each other for immediate life-

saving and life-sustaining needs.

The next class begins October 2, 2013, at the West County EMS & Fire Protection District #2, 13790 Manchester Road. For more information or to register, go to the Creve Coeur web site: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/index.aspx?NID=121>

Creve Coeur days

Parade, carnival, rides, food, and much more will be held June 13 -17 at De Smet Jesuit High School, 233 N. New Ballas. For more information, visit: <http://www.crevecoeurdays.com/>

Instant alerts!

To receive NIXLE text messaging and e-mail alerts from the Frontenac Police, go to: <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/298/>



Egg hunt held

Although there was a foot of snow in the park five days before the egg hunt, the snow melted and the ground was dry enough to hold the event on March 30 as planned. There was a large turn out and the kids enjoyed finding the 580 eggs and playing on the playground. Parents kept a watchful eye and schmoozed with neighbors. Thankfully everyone was able to fill their baskets before the afternoon rain.

Permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) collection facility

This permanent facility replaces the one-day HHW drop-off events St. Louis County Health Department previously sponsored. The first drop-off site is located on the grounds of the Lemay Waste Water Treatment Facility, 291 E. Hoffmeister, St Louis 63125.

Residents must make reservations on-line or via phone: (314) 615-8958. Complete information is available on their web site: www.hhwstl.com. Questions can be e-mailed to: recycle.doh@stlouisco.com.



Sewer Lateral Program

FYI, St. Louis County maintains a list of plumbers and drain layers who are approved to do Sewer Lateral work. We've added links to the list on the CLP web site and on the Sewer Lateral Application form.

In memoriam...

Donald Boland (3/23/1918-3/31/2013) passed away Easter morning at age 95 in his retirement home in Las Vegas. He was a long-time resident and former Street Commissioner of Crystal Lake Park. The bridge on Country Club Drive is named for him. His wife Betty, who preceded him in death in 1996, served as City Clerk.

Interment services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 17 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Trash talk

IESI observes these six holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas

All pickups will be made one day later during the week that one of these holidays occurs. Please note, if any holiday falls

on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no service delay during the following week. Questions? Contact IESI at (636) 321-2100.

Residents are allowed to have one large item picked up each week, but must call IESI to schedule.



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All residents of Crystal Lake Park are encouraged to submit news, stories, memories and more for this newsletter.

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Remember to check www.crystallakepark.org for calendar updates, municipal codes & ordinances, and much more!

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