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Message from the Mayor - The Year Ahead

As so many of us said goodbye and good riddance to 2020, we began the New Year with hope and the promise of a return to normalcy sometime during 2021. New Year's resolutions were plentiful – walk 21 blocks a week, shed the 21 pounds gained during the past year, read 21 new books, and make calls to 21 friends and family.



No one anticipated the horrendous attack on the U. S. Capitol on January 6. As of this writing, it is difficult to sort through the emotions of watching the fear many of our Congress members had for their lives, of the destruction of the seat of democratic governance, loss of life, and of an expectation for a future that will present enormous challenges for effective leadership and the restoration of the values we have cherished.

There is a strong sense of community and of caring in Webster Groves. We have spent the last ten months watching out for each other – for older neighbors, folks who live alone, the kids – and trying to support our retail shops and restaurants. There have been extremely generous contributions to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries that have helped so many through these difficult times with food, utilities funding, and more.

As we enter 2021, let's add a daily thanks in gratitude for calling Webster Groves home. Or, try to say thank you 21 times a week!

Best Wishes!

Webster Groves Police Lieutenant Jonathan Williams Day is today, Friday, January 8. After twenty years of service with the Webster Groves Police Department, Lieutenant Williams has retired and is joining the City of Crestwood Police Department where he will serve as their Chief of Police.



Jonathan has served our City in many positions including as a Detective with the St. Louis County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force. He is known for his professionalism, integrity, and thoughtfulness and retires with admiration and respect from his colleagues and friends.

We wish Lt. Williams well and look forward to future collaborations with the Crestwood Police Department.

Fire House No. 2 - On the Way

There have been many steps in the process to replace Fire House #2 located on South Elm Avenue: location and facilities planning, architectural drawings, the purchase adjacent properties, site plans, funding made possible through votes for a bond issue, and more.



The City solicited bids for the construction of the new facility in November and received 14 sealed bids by December 22. After interviewing the lowest bidders, it was recommended that the City approve the bid of Wright Construction Services. The City Council approved that recommendation in the amount of \$4,176,000 this week.

We will soon see work begin on the site. The Friday Page will update the community on the complicated construction arrangements that will allow service from the site to continue.

Council Meeting Updates

Among the items approved by the City Council this week was approval to enter into a contract to design a replacement culvert at Elm and Kirkham and the purchase of 17 new tasers with new software and training for the Police Department.

The Council also held a public hearing to amend the zoning code in relationship to driveway standards.