HISTORY

Crestwood is a quiet neighborhood nestled in a bend of the West Fork of the Trinity River two and one-half miles from the Fort Worth Central Business District. Its neighbor to the east is Greenwood Cemetery, to the north and west, across the river, is the Rockwood Golf Course and to the south is the Monticello neighborhood. It is included in the 1855 John P. Thomas and Peter Schoonover Surveys and the 1861 Thomas B. Curry Survey.

Wm. J. Bailey, a former state senator, owned much of the land in 1906. The Elks Club Lodge on White Settlement Road was formerly Wm. J. Bailey's mansion. The Bailey family also developed Greenwood Cemetery. Bailey sold the land for Rockwood Park to the city in 1932 for $21,726.

After forming the Monticello Land Co. and developing Monticello in 1928, Bailey sold the land in 1939 to developers T. W. "Jack" Loffland and A.C. Luther, who later developed Ridglea. Lofland and Luther had earlier begun development of Westover Hills. With the housing shortage following World War I, and the coming to Fort Worth of the "bomber plant" and Air Force base, Crestwood boomed with most of the homes being built in the 1940's.

The flood of 1949 heavily damaged the Crestwood area, but it was rebuilt. A system of levees and lakes protects it from floods today.

White Settlement Road, the southern boundary of the neighborhood, began as the east-west stage line between Fort Worth and Yuma, Arizona in the 1850s. The Butterfield Overland Stage departed every day from the front door of the El Paso Hotel in downtown Fort Worth and proceeded 1,560 miles west to Yuma.

Original restrictions for Crestwood noted that no residence shall be built that costs less than $5,000. No trailers, house cars or other moveable structures shall be parked or placed on the lots and used as residence. Servants' houses or outbuildings, livestock or poultry shall not ever be kept on the lots.

NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

Tall trees tower over the homes in Crestwood and stand in the middle of some of the neighborhoods' winding streets. The fertile soil in the bend of the river allows for beautiful lawns and plants. Architectural styles vary, each house being distinctive and not like any other. At the end of the bend, the northern section of the neighborhood has smaller bungalows.
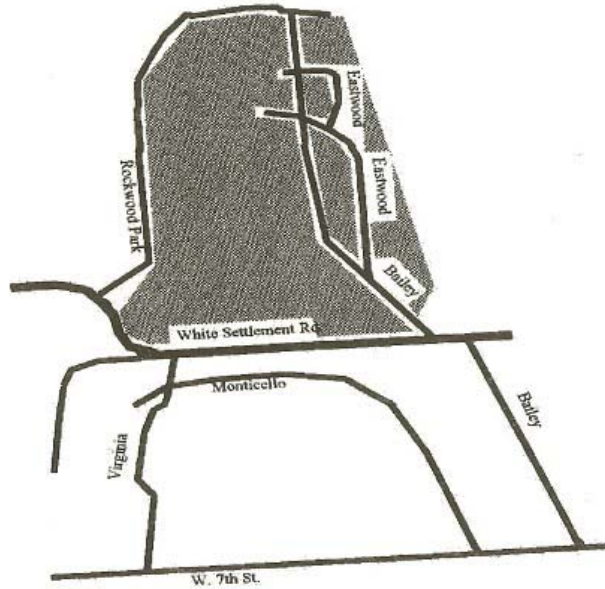
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Crestwood Neighborhood Association Sponsors Easter Egg Hunts and a spring picnic for residents. It sends a representative to sector meetings and zoning board meetings, and it has a crime watch and a monthly newsletter. They are very proud of the trees located in the middle of streets and protect them against danger from cars and nature.

SCHOOLS

Elementary
  North Hi Mount, 3801 W. 7th St.,
817/815-1500

Middle
  W. C. Stripling, 2100 Clover
Lane, 817/815-1300

High School
  Arlington Heights, 4501
W. Rosedale, 817/377-7200

OTHER INFORMATION

Nearest Fire Station: 205 University Drive, 817/871-6800,
emergencies: 911
Nearest Post Office: 3301 Darcy,
817/336-7732
Nearest Grocery Shopping:
W. 7th St.
Nearest Park: Rockwood Park
Nearest Mall: Ridgmar Mall
City Council District Number: 7
School District Number: 7
Voting Precinct Number: 4137

FORT WORTH FACTS

History: Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849 and named for Gen. Wm. Jenkins Worth. The outpost became a stopping place on the Old Chisholm Trail and a shipping point for great herds of cattle being sent to northern markets.

Population: 700,000
Land Area: 293 square miles
Altitude: 670 feet above sea level
Weather: Normal sunshine averages 250 days a year
Average mean temperature: 65.5 F
Annual avg. precipitation 29.46 in.

Medical Facilities: 46 hospitals

Education: 66 elementary schools, 19 middle schools, 12 high schools, 13 special education schools, 11 major private and parochial schools, 9 college and university campuses.

Libraries: 1 main library with 1 regional library and 9 branches
Museums: 11
Parks : 9,026 + acres
Churches and Synagogues: more than 910 with 45 denominations

Communications: 1 daily newspaper, 2 weekly papers, 10 TV stations plus cable.