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Crestwood Senior Club Seeks New Members

The Crestwood Senior Club is a private club for seniors 55 and over. They host their meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm. The meetings are hosted at the Crestwood Biela Center, located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike. They are currently looking for new members to join. They are a group that meets for fellowship, potlucks, varies parties, bingo etc.

The club will be holding elections for board members in February. The club is currently looking for members to run for various positions on the board. You must be a member to run.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in something. Meeting new people and sharing similar interests and hobbies is a wonderful way to occupy your free time. New people and new energy are always welcome and encouraged. The Village of Crestwood offers free transportation to Crestwood Residents to and from the Biela Center, so your ride is covered. All you have to do is decide to come and check it out.

For further information, please call the Biela Center Staff at (708) 371-4800 x 6000. You can leave a message with them for the current board President Jean if you like.

Crestwood Police Department Recognized for Outstanding and Dedicated Service

Two major keys in keeping our community safe and drug-free are awareness and education. With this thought in mind, the Crestwood Police Department has been working with National Child Safety Council, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, to provide safety awareness materials for our community. These materials are extremely effective in providing important information and valuable resources for our community.

Mr. John Hauschild, Safety Coordinator for National Child Safety Council recently presented an engraved plaque to Chief David Weigand and Master Sergeant Dino Pavoni in recognition of the Crestwood Police Department for its outstanding and dedicated service to the safety education of the citizens of this community. This plaque will be proudly displayed in the department.

The Crestwood Police Department safety program, which includes children, adults and seniors, specifically targets children featuring the character Safetypup®. In cooperation with the department, citizens and businesses have helped the department to provide an assortment of child safety educational materials to local children. This program also provides materials for adults and senior citizens in the community.

All educational materials are designed exclusively by National Child Safety Council, a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt charitable organization. NCSC is the oldest and largest organization entirely dedicated to child safety in the U.S. The Council initiated and coordinated the Missing Children Milk Carton Program in the 1980s, which created an unparalleled awareness of child abductions. Funding for these materials is done through charitable contributions. Local contributions would provide the items used to teach the fundamentals of child safety and drug and crime prevention.

Mr. John Hauschild, Safety Coordinator for National Child Safety Council, presents a plaque to Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand and Master Sergeant Dino Pavoni for the department's dedication to promoting safety in the community.

Supporters of this program have their contributions acknowledged and specifically named on the prestige page of all safety activity manuals under the heading "PROVIDED BY PEOPLE WHO CARE."

The Crestwood Police Department would like to thank everyone in advance for their generous support of this program. Through our partnership in providing these materials to our school children, they will be able to continue to work on their goal of making our community safety for all our citizens.

Village of Crestwood Parking

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on any village street between 2:00am and 6:00am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigation. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is $75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!**

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www.Villageofcrestwoodil.gov

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Letter From Mayor Lou Presta

Greetings,

As our Village motto says, we're a Village on the move, and it's been especially true in recent months, with the projects that are becoming reality in Crestwood that only a short time ago might have been hard to imagine. Our development along the Cal Sag continues to progress, we are edging closer to finally having our own post office, and the proposed 294 on-off ramp at Pulaski is setting the stage for further economic growth.

Among the new businesses coming to Crestwood in the near future are Aldi and Chick-Fil-A, both of which we anticipate starting construction April 1st. Aldi has become a popular store in recent years, and we are especially looking forward to their addition to the Village in the wake of Ultra Foods' closing. Chick-Fil-A will be another boon to our local economy, and I am proud to have taken a lead role in bringing them here. We can't disclose full details yet, but we are also close to inking a deal with a restaurant from Texas and an additional gas station to go in, as well.

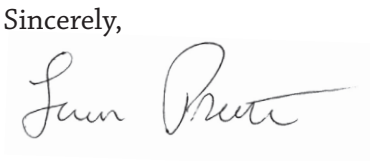
We have also had our kickoff for the renovations to the area around 135th St. and Central Ave. While this may not have the attractive branding of an Aldi or Chick-Fil-A attached to it, I regard this project as an absolute priority for our Village because it helps to resolve flooding issues for approximately 90 homes in the area. Construction on this development is looking like it will begin in January 2020. Our continued thanks to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for the grant monies with which to pursue these necessary updates to our infrastructure.

A flooding grant is also being pursued for the area at Midlothian Turnpike and Lavergne Ave., to assist with the flooding in that area. We look forward to keeping you informed on the progress for that particular development in the months to come.

I should remind everyone of legal voting age that early voting for the April election will take place at the Biela Center, at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, beginning March 18th and continuing through April 1st. See the full schedule for days and times on page 14.

As always, let's remember to look out for one another through the cold weather, and to maintain levels of courtesy when shoveling our driveways and walkways — keep snow off of your neighbor's property, and out of the path of our Village snowplows. Working together, we'll get through this season.

Sincerely,



Mayor Lou Presta

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | February 7th & 21st

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | February 5th & 19th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm
Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | February 11th & 25th

2019 EOW Recycling Service Calendar For The Village Of Crestwood

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Crestwood Officer Provides Ride Along to Fulfill Dream

Pictured is Anthony Bensema. Anthony is a friend of Officer Rob Bernardy from Parkview Christian Church. Anthony was born with Spina Bifida, scoliosis, a brain shunt and hip dysplasia, which caused him to be permanently in a wheelchair. Anthony's dream was to always be in law enforcement. Anthony has accepted that his condition will not allow him to do what most police officers do, but there are other areas of policing he can help with. Anthony did a ride along with Officer Bernardy on Dec. 22nd, 2018.

Officer Rob Bernardy offered a ride along to Anthony Bensema Dec. 22nd, allowing him to take part in policing, a lifelong dream of Bensema's.

New Illinois Laws Going Into Effect Jan.1, 2019.

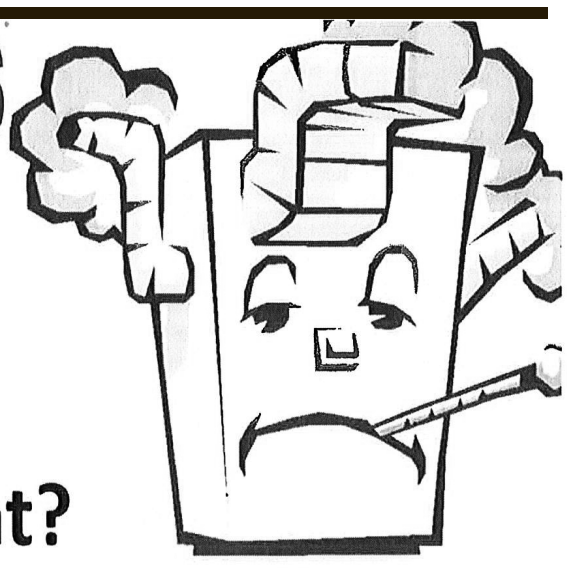
With the new year come a number of changes to the law. Here are 10 significant new laws going into effect on Jan. 1st:

1. **HB 4377** – Toddlers under age 2 must be in rear-facing car seats.
2. **SB 2350** – Every Illinois school must conduct at least one law-enforcement led active shooter drill a year.
3. **SB 2999** – If you are required to use your personal phone or computer for work, your company must compensate you.
4. **SB 3240** – Carnival companies are now required to conduct criminal background checks of all employees. The law was spurred after a man was murdered by two unscreened carnival workers at a Farmer City festival in 2013.
5. **SB 2270** – Police can take temporary custody of dogs and cats exposed to dangerous weather conditions.
6. **SB 405** – Companies doing businesses with the state government must have sexual harassment complaint policies on their books.
7. **SB 3411** – Stalking laws are expanded to include messages sent through social media apps. Businesses, places of worship and schools can now also seek restraining orders against stalkers.
8. **HB 4231** – Hunters can now wear blaze pink in Illinois.
9. **HB 5745** – Nursing mothers are now exempt from jury duty by request.
10. **HB 2354** – Family members or law enforcement who believe someone poses a threat to themselves or others can go to court to ask for their firearms to be temporarily taken away. The law was spurred by Morton native and suspected Nashville Waffle House shooter Travis Reinking.

For a full comprehensive list of all new laws going into effect in 2019 please visit the website of state Senator Sue Rezin (R-Peru) at http://senatorrezin.com/

Source: 25News Week.com

HOMEOWNERS Is Your Furnace In Need of Repair or Replacement?



Furnace Assistance is designed to restore the home's heating system back to safe and effective operation. Assistance is available to households whose heating systems are not operational or have been red-tagged by the utility company. The services are **FREE** of charge for qualifying households. Renters are not eligible to apply. *Households are eligible to apply for Furnace assistance during their priority period.*

APPLY TODAY!

FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION
Text "CEDA" to 77453

Documents Needed to Apply:

- Proof of current 30-day gross income from all household members.
- Copy of most recent heat and electric bills if you pay for your home energy directly (Must provide entire bill).
- Proof of Social Security Numbers of all household members (Hard-copy of Social Security cards, print-out from Social Security Administration or any other form of government-issued identification that shows both name and Social Security number).
- If a member of your household receives cash benefits (TANF, AABD) from the Department of Human Services you must bring a current award letter.
- **Proof of property ownership (two of the following):**
  - Current property tax bill is required for all applications.
  - Mortgage billing statement or mortgage payment book.
  - Quit Claim Deed along with a Mortgage Statement.
  - Vehicle Title (for mobile homes only).

LIHEAP Furnace assistance applications will be taken until March 31st, 2019 or until funds are exhausted

INCOME GUIDELINES								
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Gross Income for 30 days prior to Application Date	$1,518	$2,058	$2,598	$3,138	$3,678	$4,218	$4,758	$5,298

CEDA
Connect with us:
www.cedaorg.net
Also ask us about the Home Weatherization Assistance Program!
For more information visit: http://www.cedaorg.net/EnergyAssistancePrograms
• Toll Free: (800) 571-CEDA (2332) • Funded by: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

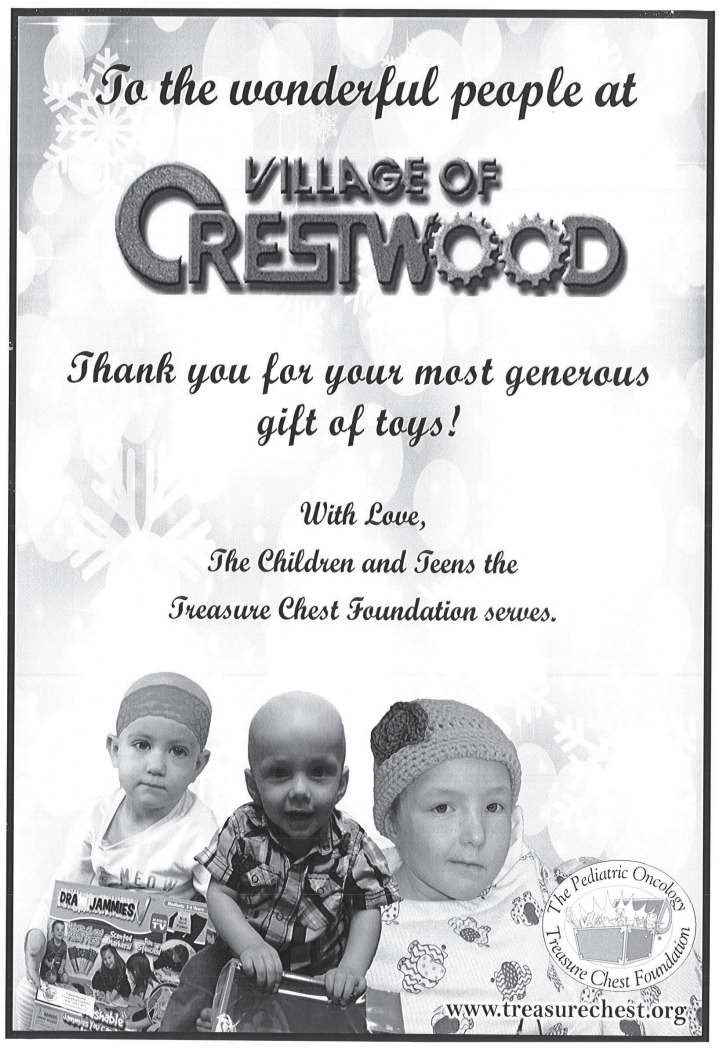
Door to Door Solicitors

All persons seeking to solicit within our Village, other than religious or political organizations that are protected under the First Amendment, are required to apply for a Certificate of Registration with the Village. This does not include people who are exclusively distributing flyers. Although the Village registers solicitors, it does not endorse or support the company or product being solicited.

Village ordinance requires the individual to apply at Village Hall prior to doing any door-to-door business in the Village. The Village reviews the application and conducts a background check of each individual. Upon approval, the applicant is issued a Solicitor Identification Card, which must be visibly displayed at all times while soliciting in the Village. Identification cards include the solicitor's name, the company they are representing and permit expiration date. Uninvited solicitors or suspicious individuals who cannot provide proof of solicitor registration should be reported immediately by calling 9-1-1.

No solicitor, whether registered with the Village or not, is permitted to engage in 'soliciting' prior to 9:00am or after 6:00pm Monday through Saturday, or at any time on Sundays or on state or national holidays.

Residents may display a 'No Solicitors Invited' sign on or near the main entrance door of their residence as notice to any solicitor that the occupant does not wish to interact with the solicitor. 'No Solicitors Invited' decals are available at the Village Hall. Please feel free to come to pick up your stickers and display them on every visible door.



A Letter of Thanks …

To the Generous People of Crestwood:

The Treasure Chest Foundation Board of Directors and I would like to thank you for your most generous donation of toys. Your holiday donation is so very much appreciated and will directly benefit children and teens undergoing painful procedures at each of the 54 Children's Cancer Treatment Centers across 19 states where we have established Treasure Chest programs.

The holidays become a wonderful time of year when caring people like you find ways to translate overwhelming generosity into meaningful actions. We are grateful that you have chosen to help the Treasure Chest Foundation and the brave children battling cancer. Your donation helps make the dream of providing gifts to these children and teens a reality, and for that we are most thankful.

As the Treasure Chest Foundation pursues its mission of providing comfort to childhood cancer patients, your continued support is needed now more than ever in order to keep the Treasure Chests full for these precious children and teens. It's people like you who make the world a better place.

Thank you for making Christmas a year-round state of mind. May God bless you throughout the coming year.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Lisa Juarez
Administrative Assistant
The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD

We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month's reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned in to your neighbors' well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

Deceptive Practice

12-01-2018: A female reported that she met a man on a dating website that led to an online relationship. During an online chat, the victim provided her banking information because the subject wanted to deposit money into her account. However, the subject asked her to buy gift cards with a portion of the money. Multiple deposits were made totaling $3,250.00. The victim provided nearly $2,000.00 in gift cards to the subject. The victim then discovered her checking account had a negative balance and upon contacting the bank learned that the checks that had been deposited were fraudulent.

12-12-2018: A woman reported that she received a phone call referencing that she was entitled to a refund. The victim provided all of her personal information including her bank information. The subject contacted her a second time claiming that he had taken over her computer and that she would have to pay $249.00 for the computer ransom. The victim was then contacted by her bank referencing fraudulent activity.

12-21-2018: A victim reported that after communicating with a subject on the online website OfferUp the victim met the subject in the Walmart parking lot. The victim paid $500.00 for an iPhone, however, later learned that the iPhone was fake.

Thefts

12-07-2018: Unknown suspects stole a package that had been delivered in the 5300 block of Waterbury Way.

12-09-2018: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle in the 136th block of Lamon and took several items including a credit card which was later used at the Shell gas station in Oak Forest.

12-13-2018: Unknown suspects stole the front tire off of a vehicle in the 5500 block of 129th Place.

12-27-2018: A woman reported unknown subjects entered her vehicle the 133rd block of Laramie. However, nothing appeared to be taken.

12-27-2018: Unknown suspects damaged a vehicle in what appears to be a dispute regarding parking spots in the 140th block of Laramie.

Retail Thefts

12-03-2018: A female was arrested at Walmart for attempting to steal $204.00 worth of merchandise.

12-07-2018: A female was arrested at Walmart for attempting to steal $344.00 worth of merchandise.

12-07-2018: A male was arrested at Walmart for attempting to steal $94.00 worth of merchandise.

12-11-2018: A female was arrested at Walmart for attempting to steal $461.00 worth of merchandise.

12-12-2018: A female, who has 46 prior arrests for theft, was arrested at Menards for attempting to steal $179.00 worth of merchandise.

12-19-2018: A female was arrested at Kohl's for attempting to steal $484.00 worth of merchandise.

12-21-2018: A female with 14 prior arrests for theft was arrested at Walmart for attempting to steal $60.00 worth of merchandise. She was also wanted on an outstanding warrant for theft.

12-22-2018: A female was arrested at Kohl's for attempting to steal $264.00 worth of merchandise.

Twenty-four people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of December.

Traffic Arrests

12-07-2018: A male was arrested in the 140th block of Cicero for driving without a license.

12-07-2018: A male was arrested in the 3800 block of 135th Street and charged with no valid registration, driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

12-12-2018: A male was arrested in the 5100 block of 139th Place and charged with improper backing and driving with a revoked license.

12-15-2018: A male was arrested in the 140th block of Cicero and charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

12-21-2018: A female was arrested in the 135th block of Cicero and charged with improper turn and driving under the influence of alcohol.

12-22-2018: A male was arrested in the 134th block of Cicero and charged with speeding, driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

12-22-2018: Two drivers were involved in an accident in the area of Midlothian Turnpike and Cicero. Driver number one was charged with failure to yield, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, driving without a license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Driver number two was arrested for an outstanding warrant from Lake County Indiana.

12-26-2018: A male was arrested after being involved in an accident at Midlothian Turnpike and Cicero and charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

12-27-2018: A male was arrested at Midlothian Turnpike and Cicero and charged with driving without lights when required and driving on a suspended license.

12-28-2018: A male was arrested in the 4900 block of Cal Sag Road and charged with driving under the influence.

12-31-2018: A male was arrested in the 136th block of Cicero and charged with loud exhaust, driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

(LEFT-PHOTO) (L to R): MWRD Commissioners Debra Shore, Mariyana Spyropoulos, Frank Avila, Josina Morita, Kari K. Steele, Barbara McGowan, Marcelino Garcia, Kimberly Du Buclet and Cameron Davis unanimously elected Commissioner Steele as president, Commissioner McGowan as vice president and Commissioner Avila as chairman of finance. **(RIGHT-PHOTO)** Front Row (L-R): MWRD Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, President Kari K. Steele and Vice President Barbara McGowan.

New Leadership Among MWRD Board Vaults Kari K. Steele to President

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners has elected new leadership officers among its nine-member governing body.

Commissioner Kari K. Steele was nominated by outgoing President Mariyana Spyropoulos and elected president by unanimous decision, culminating a meteoric rise at the MWRD that began as a laborer, water sampler and lab technician to eventually the top of the MWRD boardroom.

Thanking the Board of Commissioners and staff for support, newly elected President Steele said she was humbled by the honor to lead the MWRD.

"This is much more than a job for me," President Steele said. "The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is part of what makes me who I am and represents the people and places that I am proud to serve. I thank my fellow commissioners and staff members for their support and look forward to carrying on the excellent tradition of the MWRD and working hand in hand with our exceptional clean water team."

Included in her team of elected officers for the two-year term positions will be Vice President Barbara McGowan and Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, who were both elected unanimously to continue serving in their current position.

"I thank my fellow commissioners and our talented staff for their support and hard work in maintaining one of the most well-run government agencies," said Vice President Barbara McGowan, who is the longest tenured member of the Board of Commissioners, serving since 1998. "As vice president, I look forward to working together to improve the quality of life for Cook County residents and taxpayers."

Commissioner Avila is the second longest-tenured member of the Board, having been first elected in 2002 and re-elected again in 2008 and 2014.

"As chairman of Finance, I am proud to serve a role in improving our water environment while managing a fiscally responsible agency that develops innovative technology to better serve both the taxpayers and environment," said Commissioner Avila. "I am humbled for the support from my fellow commissioners."

President Steele was recently re-elected to her second term on the BOC, having been first elected in 2012. She has served as chairman of the Budget and Employment Committee, the Information Technology Committee and the Monitoring and Research Committee, and also as chairman of the MWRD Employees Credit Union Board of Directors. In addition, President Steele has served as vice chairman of the Stormwater Management, Finance and Real Estate Development committees. Commissioner Steele is a chemist, an environmentalist and a community leader. She has worked at both the Jardine Water Purification Plant as a water chemist and for the MWRD as a water sampler and lab technician.

Passing off the presidential role of leadership to President Steele, Commissioner Spyropoulos said she was honored to serve as president for the last four years. She was previously chairman of Finance for two years, having been first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2016.

In addition to electing new officers, the MWRD also recently welcomed three new commissioners and hired a new executive director. Those three new commissioners, Kimberly Du Buclet, Cameron Davis and Marcelino Garcia, were installed in December as the MWRD also announced Brian A. Perkovich as the new executive director. They join President Steele, Vice President McGowan, Chairman of Finance Avila, and Commissioners Spyropoulos, Debra Shore, and Josina Morita to govern the agency responsible for protecting the local water environment and area waterways, treating and cleaning 1.3 billion gallons of water per day and shielding Cook County from stormwater.

We welcome President Kari K. Steele to her new role. Her unique qualification as the only chemist serving on the nine member board and years of experience as an environmentalist and community leader is an asset to fulfilling our mission.

Crestwood Fire Department 2019 CPR Class Schedule

Feb. 7th, 6:00-10:00pm
Heartsaver AED
March 21st, 6:00-10:00pm
Healthcare Provider
April 23rd, 6:00-10:00pm
Heartsaver AED
May 23rd, 6:00-10:00pm
Healthcare Provider

Heartsaver AED

Resident:	$30.00
Non-resident:	$40.00

Healthcare Provider

Resident:	$40.00
Non-resident:	$50.00

All students must be registered with Village Hall prior to day of class. Class dates are subject to change or may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

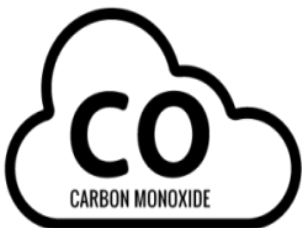
For more information, contact Firefighter/Paramedic Chrysa Jonas at cjonas@crestwoodillinois.gov.

All classes will be held at the fire station at 13840 S. Cicero Ave.

Refresh Your Memory on Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as natural gas) burn incompletely. Heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel (furnaces, stoves, dryers) can be sources of carbon monoxide. The following will help you to practice good carbon monoxide safety:

- CO alarms should be installed: in a central location outside each sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes and standards.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If the CO alarm sounds and it's not due to a low battery, immediately go outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure to account for everyone inside the home, then call the fire department and stay there until they arrive.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location, outdoors, and away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO. Only use these outdoors.
- NEVER heat your home with the stove.



The Crestwood Fire Department reminds homeowners to avoid piling snow around fire hydrants. In the few minutes it takes firefighters to dig out a snow-covered hydrant, a structure fire could double in size. Firefighters need snow cleared at least three feet around a hydrant with a snow-cleared path from the hydrant to the street.

Need a Ride? Dial-A-Ride!

There is no need to be shut in on these winter days looking at the same four walls when you can take advantage of the pace Dial-A-Ride system which Crestwood has enjoyed for many years. The bus will take you anywhere within the corporate limits of the Village of Crestwood. Ray, the best bus driver in Crestwood, has been doing an outstanding job for 9 years now. He will make sure that you will receive the best service possible.

There are two trips every day that go to Rivercrest Mall, Walmart and Menards, one at 10:30am and the other at 12:45pm. On Wednesday only, there is an extra pickup at 9:30am.

The fee for a one-way trip is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for students. Senior citizens 65 years of age and over can ride free at all times. The vehicle is wheelchair accessible, so nothing will prevent you from taking care of personal business or socializing with friends. You will be picked up at your home, and if that is your return destination you will be delivered there accordingly.

Dial-A-Ride is in service Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 3:45pm. It is easy to set up an appointment to take you where you want to go. Simply call the Village Hall at (708) 371-4800 on the day you would like to ride, and indicate the time you need to be picked up and the approximate time that you will be returning. The village will do its best to accommodate your time schedule, but many people use this service, so please give yourself a comfortable amount of time to complete your tasks. You will travel in comfort, as the bus is heated in the winter and air conditioned in the summer. You will have the opportunity to make many new acquaintances when you socialize with fellow passengers using the bus.

Now you know how it works, so take advantage of the service. When you need a ride, Dial-A-Ride!

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State Prosecutor

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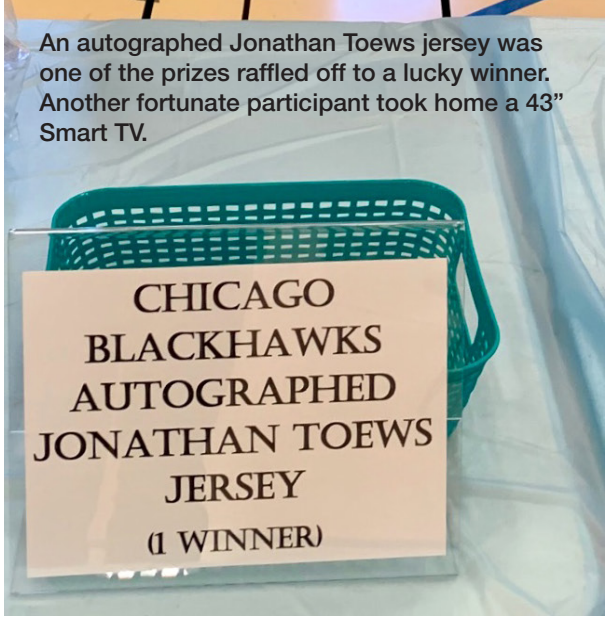
Big Turnout for Bags N' Brews Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 5th, marked the Winter Classic Bags N' Brews tournament held at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center. With cold temperatures, the indoor tournament was a great time for people to get out of their houses for a few hours for some friendly competition and some drinks. The tournament registered more than 30 teams from all around the area — including neighboring states — in a double-elimination-style beanbag tournament lasting more than three hours in length before determining a winner of the Winter Classic. The tournament offered cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place finishers. Overall, it ended up being a great turnout for the 2019 Winter Classic. Pulled pork, mac and cheese, and beer were served throughout the tournament so when people were not playing, they were enjoying delicious food, or an ice-cold beverage.

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center would like to thank all who helped to make the tournament a success, especially the tournament sponsor Physicians Immediate Care. Also, we would like to thank Mayor Presta, Bill Graffeo, the Gapski family, David Kennedy, Best Buy in Crestwood, the Windy City Thunderbolts, Rose Imports, and 350 Brewing Company for their kind donations.

We would also like to thank Rocco and Tony Mossuto, the Rec Center staff, and the volunteers for assisting in the success of the event. We could not have done it without everyone's help.

More than 30 area teams competed at the Winter Classic Bags N' Brews Tournament at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Jan. 5th.



An autographed Jonathan Toews jersey was one of the prizes raffled off to a lucky winner. Another fortunate participant took home a 43" Smart TV.

The CRWC thanks everyone who turned out to make the tournament a success, particularly the event sponsor, Physicians Immediate Care.

Food, beer and a raffle were part of the fun to be had at the Winter Classic Bags Bags N' Brews Tournament Jan. 5th.

Pappas: There's Help for Senior Citizens Struggling to Pay Cook County Property Taxes

With prescription prices and utility bills rising faster than Social Security payments, a tax-relief program can help senior citizens who are hard-pressed to pay their property taxes, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas recently said.

Seniors whose annual household income is $55,000 or less can apply to the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program for loans to cover property tax payments.

"When property taxes are due, too many of our elderly are forced to make difficult choices about which bills to pay," Pappas said. "This program is one way to ease their worries."

The State of Illinois issues the loans, which do not have to be repaid until the property is sold or until the homeowner dies. An interest rate of 6 percent per year is charged by the state. The maximum loan is $5,000 per year. To qualify, homeowners must be at least 65 years old by June 1 of the year in which the application is made.

To apply:

- Download the application from cookcounty-treasurer.com
- Submit the completed application and copies of the required documents to the Treasurer's Office
- The deadline is March 1, 2019. Applications after that date cannot be accepted
- Homeowners must reapply every year

Notice of 2019 USPS Postal Rate Changes

Domestic Mailing:

- The First Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the Post Office will increase by five cents to $0.55 from $0.50.
- Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter will cost $0.15 (a decrease from $0.21).
- "Metered Mail" rates for First Class Mail Letters (1 oz.), which includes online postage providers and postage meters, will increase three cents to $0.50 from $0.47. Each additional ounce will cost $0.15.
- The five cent "Metered Mail" rate discount for a First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) compared to the Post Office rate represents a savings of 9 percent.
- First Class Mail Flats/Large Envelopes (1 oz.) rates will not increase and will remain at $1.00. Each additional ounce will cost $0.15.

Source: USPS

	Post Office/Retail Rates	
Letters	2019 Postage Rates	2018 Postage Rates
First-Class Mail letter *(1 oz.)*	$0.55	$0.50
First-Class Mail letter - *each additional ounce*	$0.15	$0.21
First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope *(1 oz.)*	$1.00	$1.00
First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope - *each additional ounce*	$0.15	$0.21
Postcard	$0.35	$0.35

Urban Plunge Dives in to Sertoma Centre for Day of Giving

ALSIP — Urban Plunge came in big numbers to Sertoma Centre for a day of giving back to start the New Year. The group visited individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who were participating in programs at Sertoma's 123rd Street facility in Alsip, Ill. The group also took on the task of taking down Christmas decorations throughout the facility and lovingly packing them up for next year.

Members Jennifer Fitzgerald and Carol Wendling of Tinley Park, Ill., brought their children along as their education continues in the many rewarding benefits of giving back through volunteerism.

The Urban Plunge is a one-credit, experiential learning course designed to give youth, via church or other organizati

Carol Wendling and Jennifer Fitzgerald and their children.

Weigand Graduates From Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant Kelly Weigand, daughter of Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand, graduated from the **Royal Military Academy Sandhurst** (RMAS), located in Camberley, England, on Dec. 14th, 2018. The RMAS is an internationally recognized training facility for military officers and has existed for more than 270 years. Recent graduates include Prince William and Prince Harry.

Kelly was selected to attend the 44-week RMAS upon graduating from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., in October 2017. She is only the second female from the U.S. Military to attend the RMAS. Kelly received the **Army Commendation Medal** for her "outstanding performance and exceptional achievements" while attending the RMAS.

Prince William officiated over the graduation ceremony, which Chief Weigand and his wife, Blanche, attended.

Kelly is assigned to the Infantry Division and is currently attending field artillery training. We wish Kelly well in her military career.

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In The Works … Department Updates

Village Hall

As always our Village Hall staff is here to help. Don't forget it's a new year which means you need a new 2019 vehicle sticker. Your pets may also need a new tag as well. Our Water Department staff is always on hand to answer any questions you may have. Quick fact: The number one culprit of water bills that have a sudden increase tends to be running toilets. If you notice a sudden increase in your bill be sure to check your toilets first. A leaky toilet can add up fast.

For our Crestwood Businesses you should have submitted all your paper work and received your new 2019 business license. If you have haven't please do so immediately. Any questions contact Colleen.

Q. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH A QUESTION REGARDING MY PROPERTY TAXES?

A. Contact your township: Bremen Township 708.333.9530 | Worth Township 708-371-2900

Finance Department

Q. WHAT ARE FIVE BENEFITS OF SHOPPING LOCALLY?

A. Tax Base. By shopping locally, more sales tax is being generated by your favorite local stores, and that tax can be used within your community.

B. Jobs. Local shops employ local residents, which means there will be more job opportunities within your community.

C. Product Diversity. Local shops will need to stock their stores with products that their local customers will want, so if you have many local shops within your community, there will be a much broader range of product choices.

D. Competition. By having a multitude of local stores within your community, all of the stores will need to keep their prices competitive in order to gain your business.

E. Community Wellbeing. By shopping at local shops, you will most likely run into your friends and family more often, which helps unite the community together as a whole.

Biela Center

The Biela Center is a wonderful facility that offers yummy lunch, fun bingo, an array of activities and classes for all to utilize. If you are 55 and older and looking for more social activities, this is the place for you. Linda, our Director, wants to hear from you. If you have new ideas for trips, classes, or starting a new club, don't delay in contacting our staff at the Biela Center at (708) 371-4800 x6000.

Please look for the menu for February and a list of upcoming trips in the Adviser.

Public Works

Our Public Works Department is extremely busy these days. As the snow and winter weather are upon us, the Public Works Crew is out day and night doing its best to keep our Village streets clean and safe. Please be respectful of our parking ordinance to be sure that streets are clear for proper plowing. Also, **PLEASE BE SURE NOT TO PUT YOUR GARBAGE CANS ON THE STREET. PUT THEM ON THE GRASS. WHEN GARBAGE CANS ARE PLACED ON THE STREET, IT MAKES PLOWING VERY DIFFICULT.**

Reminders from Public Works:

WHILE AWAY IN THE WINTER, PLEASE PROTECT THE WATER METER AND PIPES FROM FREEZING

Sufficient heat is necessary to protect the water meter and water pipes. If you turn down your heat, check that the lower temperature allows for sufficient heat in the area where your water meter is located to protect it and pipes from freezing.

You can also wrap the exposed pipes and water meter with insulation available at most hardware stores. A frozen meter or pipe will crack and become an open source of continuous water flow into your home. Homeowners are responsible for the cost of the meter and the thousands of gallons of water that will flow into your home.

Fire Department

Now that winter is upon us, the members of the Crestwood Fire Department would like you and your family to have a fire safe home. Practicing fire safety is no accident.

Check all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they work. Every home should have a working smoke alarm. There should be one on every floor. Need assistance installing your smoke alarms or have a question about carbon monoxide alarms? Give us a call — we would be glad to help.

Your loved ones are too important to overlook these lifesaving devices. Smoke is a poisonous, deadly killer, and when you're asleep, these smoke alarms are the only way you or your family would be alerted.

Have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects. Have fireplaces and fireplace dampers checked. Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to prevent sparks from escaping. Wood burning stoves should be examined, and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup.

Creosote is a deposit from smoke that can build up in a chimney and start a fire. Use only seasoned woods, and avoid soft woods like pine, etc. Never use a flammable liquid in a fireplace.

Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space. Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry. Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed. Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

For these and any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Crestwood Fire Department at (708) 371-4800 x4000.

Employers Needed for Moraine Valley's Spring Mock Interview Day

Employers can give back and help prepare job seekers during Mock Interview Day hosted by Moraine Valley Community College's Job Resource Center on Wednesday, Feb. 20th, from 2:00-5:00pm. The event will be in the Moraine Business and Conference Center (Building M) on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, in Palos Hills.

Interviewers should be affiliated with a business and have experience conducting professional interviews. They will engage in a formal, 30-minute mock interview with students, alumni and community members. During the first 20 minutes, employers will ask a series of general interview questions provided by the college. The remaining 10 minutes will be used to offer feedback and helpful tips to the interviewees so they can prepare for the Moraine Valley Job Fair on Thursday, March 28th, and future job interviews.

Business people interested in volunteering their time as interviewers should call (708) 974-5737 or email jrc@morainevalley.edu.

Longford Pub Announces St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebrations

The Longford Pub has announced an upcoming St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration. The party starts at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 16th, with traditional Irish Fare. Keiran Byrne will be on hand to entertain, and Sunday, March 17th, will feature music by Liam Durkin.

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5331 W. 135th
Crestwood, IL 60418

708-371-4810

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- Comfortable in the water
- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Lifeguards – need valid certification

Water fitness/group exercise instructors and substitutes

- Flexible schedule required
- Valid certification required

Please apply at the Crestwood Village Hall located at 13840 S. Cicero Ave. Crestwood, IL. 60418

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Fridays from 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Sundays from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Crestwood Residents: $185.00
Non– Residents: $200.00

(Full payment is required to hold your date)

Contact Erik at (708) 371-4810, or CRWCsports@gmail.com for more information, or to reserve a party date and time!

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- Party price includes up to 18 party children. Additional children may be included for $5.00 each.
- A minimum of 1 adult, 18 years of age, or older is required to remain with the party.

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Note: The birthday boy/girl will choose the sports to play, and the instructor will organize and facilitate each activity.

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2019 SEASON

Crestwood T-Ball League - 2019

Ages:	Division	Registration Deadline:
4-7 years	T-Ball (Boys and Girls)	February 23, 2019

- **Must be 4 years of age by January 1, 2019**. A birth certificate will be required for all players (even if your child has played in the past).
- **Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center during business hours.** Proof of residency will be required at the time of registration.
- Anyone interested in coaching (head coach/assistant coach should make a note on the registration form at the time of registration. You'll be contacted with more information.
- Player/coach requests: Will try to accommodate— no guarantees.
- **Season:** Runs early-May until mid-June (weather permitting).
- **Games and practices**: Walker Park, 139th & Laramie, Crestwood. **Games are played on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Practices are scheduled by the coach.**
- **Rules and logistics**: Discussed at the parent/player meeting before the season.

Cost: FREE for Crestwood Residents /
$25.00 for Non-Residents
(Fee includes: Team shirt, hat, pictures and medal)

***FOR MORE INFORMATION* ABOUT THE 2019 SEASON, *CONTACT JOE*, THE DIRECTOR OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS**

Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street
Crestwood, IL 60445
www.crestwoodfitness.com

crestwoodcrush@gmail.com
708-595-6149

Practice/Clinics for the 2019 season may begin indoors in March. Parents will be notified via email or letter.

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Volunteer coaches are needed for the Crestwood T-Ball— 2019 season.

Register now at the Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center

Zumba Gold (low-impact) on *Mondays and Wednesdays* from *6:30 to 7:30 PM.*

(Membership is not required to take Zumba classes.)

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Friday
5:30 AM—8:00 PM

Saturday—Sunday
7:00 AM—5:00 PM

Pool Hours

Monday—Thursday
5:30 AM—9:00 PM

Friday
5:30 AM—7:00 PM

Saturday—Sunday
7:15 AM—4:00 PM

ALL INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older
Membership privileges include access to the indoor pool (lap, open, family swims, water fitness classes), whirlpool, fitness center, group exercise classes, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwood Residents		Non—Residents	
Individual		Individual	
Annual	$280	Annual	$360
6 months	$190	6 months	$255
Monthly	$33	Monthly	$45
Seniors (65+)		**Seniors** (65+)	
Annual	$195	Annual	$245
6 months	$175	6 months	$235
Monthly	$33	Monthly	$45

www.CrestwoodFitness.com

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older
Membership privileges include access to the fitness center, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwood Residents		Non—Residents	
Individual		Individual	
Annual	$200	Annual	$280
6 months	$115	6 months	$190
Monthly	$20	Monthly	$33
Seniors (65+)		**Seniors** (65+)	
Annual	$145	Annual	$195
6 months	$115	6 months	$190
Monthly	$20	Monthly	$33

AQUATIC MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older
Membership privileges include access to the indoor pool (lap, open, family swims), whirlpool, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwood Residents		Non—Residents	
Individual		Individual	
Annual	$190	Annual	$265
6 months	$115	6 months	$190
Monthly	$20	Monthly	$33
Seniors (65+)		**Seniors** (65+)	
Annual	$125	Annual	$175
6 months	$95	6 months	$160
Monthly	$20	Monthly	$33

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Moraine Valley Speech Team Continues Successful Streak

The Moraine Valley Community College Speech Team earned 2nd Place in the two-year division at the Frankly Speaking Tournament hosted by the College of DuPage Jan. 18th and 19th. Moraine Valley also placed 4th in the four-year college or university division.

Team members practiced during winter break for the competition, which hosted 18 two- and four-year schools from across the country, and the preparation paid off. "Because of our students' hard work, every member of the team advanced into at least one final round of competition," said John Nash, head coach and Communications professor.

Moises Bello, of Chicago, earned 5th Place in the Informative Speaking-Novice category and 2nd Place in Persuasive Speaking-Novice. Crystal Gutierrez, of Chicago, earned 6th Place in Informative Speaking-Novice. David Ward, of Oak Lawn, won 6th Place in the Speech to Entertain-Varsity category and 3rd Place in Duo Interpretation-Varsity.

Co-team Captain Ethan Gallant, of Chicago Ridge, won 1st Place in Speech to Entertain-Novice and 3rd Place in Persuasive Speaking Novice. Andrew Kuntz, of Alsip, earned 2nd Place in Speech to Entertain-Novice. Jennifer Gutierrez, of Bridgeview, won 1st Place in Communication Analysis-Novice, 4th in Program of Interpretation-Varsity and 3rd Place in Prose Interpretation-Novice.

Abby Hanrahan, of Palos Heights, won 1st Place in Extemporaneous Speaking and 2nd Place in Communication Analysis-Novice. Co-team Captain Natalie Jurcik, of Bridgeview, placed 1st in Persuasive Speaking-Varsity and 2nd in Prose Interpretation-Varsity. Julian Comacho, of Oak Lawn, earned 1st Place in Persuasive Speaking-Novice and 3rd Place in Duo Interpretation-Varsity. Peter Granato, of Orland Park, earned 1st Place in International Public Debate-Novice.

"I love it when our students can go toe-to-toe with four-year universities," Nash said. "It really shows our students they can achieve anything they put their minds to." He said several former Speech Team members came back to assist students with this tournament. "I love that we are teaching our team members the importance of the activity and of giving back."

The team also is coached by Amanda Pettigrew, associate professor of Communications; Krista Appelquist, Communications professor, and Jeff Rieck, an avid supporter who regularly volunteers with the team.

Moraine Valley Speech Team members earned 18 awards at the Frankly Speaking Speech tournament. Among them are (from left) Julian Camacho, Crystal Gutierrez, Abby Hanrahan, David Ward, Breanne Frausto of Tinley Park, Andrew Kuntz, Jennifer Gutierrez, Ethan Gallant and Natalie Jurcik.

Valentine's Day 2019

Thursday, February 14th 2019

Reservations available 5pm-7pm

Visit simplyslices.com to make your reservation

Love Is in the Air — and It Smells Like Pizza!!

Enjoy a heart-shaped pizza and a delicious heart shaped dessert, all served at your table in a romantic atmosphere unlike any other!

When: Thursday, Feb. 14th, 2019

Reservations available from 5:00-7:00pm
45-minute reservations
5:00pm – Family reservations accepted
6:00-7:00pm Couple reservations only

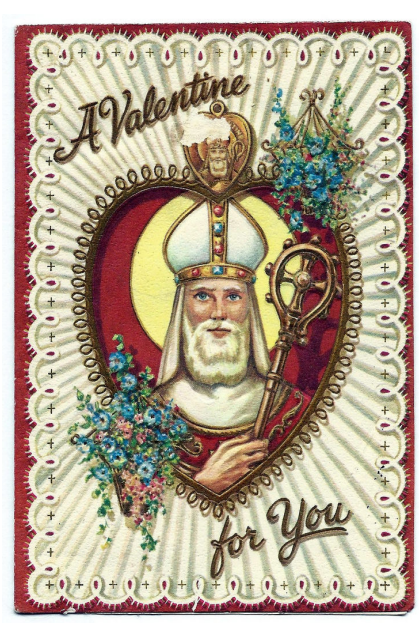
Where: Simply Slices (Our Crestwood Location), 14208 S Cicero Crestwood, IL 60418

Reservations available at simplyslices.com

Questions? Email us! Simply_Slices@yahoo.com

At The Office Valentine's Day Specials

Thursday Valentine's Day specials at At The Office includes below as well as 1/2 priced bottles of wine



History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day refers to the feast day of St. Valentine, celebrated by most countries around the world. It is expressed in a record of St. Valentine of Rome that he was detained for performing weddings for warriors who were not allowed to marry. When he was imprisoned, he allegedly wrote a letter to the daughter of his jailer, signed "Your Valentine" — the first "Valentine."

In remembrance of St. Valentine, Feb. 14th is observed and celebrated the world over every year.

February Recognized as American Heart Month

Did you know that heart disease is the number one killer in the United States? A person has a coronary event almost every 25 seconds, and every minute a person dies from the disease. That's why the American Heart Association is trying to raise awareness during the month of February.

If we want to lower the statistics, lower the number of heart attacks that occur, we have to start with prevention.

It's often during college when young adults start to form lifelong habits. The American Heart Association's "7 Small Steps to BIG Changes" campaign is designed to teach healthy habits.

The association recommends:

1. Getting Active – Come use facilities, such as TRAC, to exercise, and take advantage of group exercise, the fitness floor and outdoor REC facilities. You can also get exercise at home by doing something as simple as cleaning the house, working in the garden or taking a pet for a walk.

2. Controlling Your Cholesterol – It is important to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables to reduce cholesterol. It is also recommended that you reduce the amount of saturated fats in your diet, fried food and red meat.

3. Eating Better – One of the most important things you can do is start your day off with a well-rounded breakfast. Skipping meals is one of the worst things you can do for your diet so be sure to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner with high protein snacks in between.

4. Managing Your Blood Pressure – Learn and practice stress management techniques as it is a great way to help accomplish this goal.

5. Losing Weight – Simply losing 10 percent of your total body weight can help reduce your cholesterol scores and your blood pressure.

6. Reducing Your Blood Sugar – Cut back on refined sugars which are commonly found in juices, soda, candy and other "junk" foods.

7. Quitting Smoking – One of the best things you can do to improve your heart health is to quit smoking.

The key to preventing heart problems later in life is to develop healthy habits now, following these seven steps will benefit you tremendously in the future.

Source: American Heart Association

Best Snowman Contest

Our snowman builders of Crestwood were ready this time when the snow fell.

Snow fell — not the "packing snow" that is prime, but it sure could have saved a lot of backs if we could have been shoveling the light stuff! We appreciate the efforts facing windy, cold conditions for a last-minute event. The winner of the Best Snowman Contest is the **Gaetz family** for its "Dog dragging snowman."

Let's mention other fan favorites: "Soccer snowman" set up by the Evans family, the Weber family's traditional, wreath-crowned snowman, and our Kreamalmeyers' tribute to their Windy City Ice softball team and Coach Bill.

Thanks for getting out there! Here's to hoping for more chances to win this winter … or NOT!

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Early Voting at Biela Center

Early voting will take place at the Biela Center (4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood) from Monday, March 18th through Monday, April 1st. This includes two Sundays, March 24th and March 31st. Early voting hours are as follows:

- Mon.-Sat., March 18th-March 23rd 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Sun., March 24th 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Mon.-Fri., March 25th-March 29th 9:00am - 7:00pm
- Sat., March 30th 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Sun., March 31st 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Mon., April 1st 9:00am - 5:00pm

Need Service Hours? Seniors Need You!

The Village is looking for volunteers to help seniors throughout Crestwood with everyday tasks like shoveling snow, cutting grass, picking up broken tree branches and other menial jobs. Those seeking community service hours are especially encouraged to volunteer. Interested volunteers should call the Village at (708) 371-4800.

Senior Wheels

Transportation is offered to Bremen Township Residents 55 years and older. Senior Wheels will pick you up and take you to the doctor, grocery store, bank, beauty shop or to visit a friend. We stay inside Bremen Township boundaries for non-medical trips, and we travel outside the Township for medical appointments only. Our service is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is $2.00 each way or you can purchase a 10-ride ticket from your driver for $16.00. We recommend you call for your ride at least one week before your appointment.

SENIOR DROP IN CENTER

The Drop in Center is open every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Join us for cake, coffee, bingo, monthly luncheons and friendship.

SHOPPING BUS

The shopping bus goes to Orland, Chicago Ridge and Joliet Mall. The bus is free, but you need to sign up in advance due to limited space on each bus. Call for dates and pick-up points.

Other Services & Activities

Podiatrist, Blood Pressure & Glucose checks, Flu Shots, Yoga and Line Dancing.

CALL FOR INFORMATION ON DAY TRIPS, CLASSES AND SEMINARS.

For more information, please visit the Bremen Township, senior services 15350 Oak Park Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 708.687.8220.

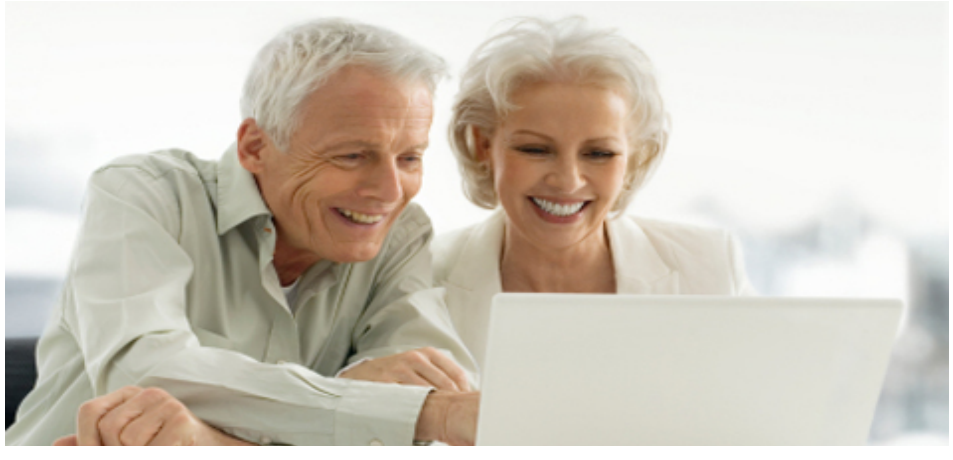
More Seniors Use Technology To Learn, & Stay In Touch Free Classes Being Offered

It's not just younger generations who are taking to online resources to enhance their connectivity to the world and those around them. Many seniors are realizing the benefit from using technology to gain access to the Internet's wealth of information and stay in touch with family and friends, and experts say that digital tools are gaining popularity among older adults. Digital resources can benefit their quality of life in a variety of ways.

Among the advantages of the Internet is its ability to help seniors stay engaged with current events and find information quickly with the click of a few buttons. Many people find going online to seek out old friends, connect with new acquaintances and find support through social networks gives them a sense of peace. coping with the death of a loved one by reaching out to other adults who had gone through similar loss and could offer words of wisdom and provide them with a broader basis of individuals to depend on, instead of a few family members.

Learning basic skills like word processing, browsing the Web and practicing safety online to avoid viruses and scams will be taught. Of course, computers are not the only digital tools from which seniors can benefit. Tablets such as the Apple iPad present a lightweight and portable way to have a wealth of information at one's fingertips, and can also be used to listen to music, watch films, read books and periodicals, and communicate with family members via video chatting.

The Crestwood Biela Center will SOON be offering FREE classes to seniors. We have recently added a computer lab for members to use. Starting in January we will be offering classes to interested participants. We are in the process of creating a schedule and gathering how many and often classes will be had based on interest. If you are interested or know of a family or friend who would like to learn basic computer skills and programs, please contact our Biela Center staff at 708 3771-4800 x 6000 to get your name on the list. We will then contact you with a schedule. We look forward to offering these great classes, being taught by professional IT staff.



Look What's Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Friday Feb. 1st:	Spaghetti and Cheese Bread
Tuesday Feb. 5th:	North Woods Rice Soup and ½ Sandwich Turkey or Ham
Friday Feb. 8th:	Chicken Kiev and Rice
Tuesday Feb. 12th:	Pizza Cheese or Sausage

**** Join Us on Wednesday February 13th White Fence Farm For a Valentines Lunch and Entertainment Tickets must be purchased by February 6th, 2019 ****

Friday Feb. 15th:	French toast Bake with Bacon
Tuesday Feb. 19th:	Taco Tuesday
Friday Feb. 22nd:	Hot dog and Chili
Tuesday Feb. 26th:	Tortellini Soup and Cheese Quesadillas

Enjoy a delicious lunch ($4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. If you need to cancel because of weather, illness, appointments, etc., **PLEASE CALL** the day before or early the morning of the luncheon. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you- one, two, or three times a week.

*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

*Free blood pressure screening is offered every month.

*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino... Winning more than $1,199 requires showing your security card!

Feb. 6th, 2019: Musical Lunch at Gaelic Park

– $15.00 per person. Call to reserve your spot.

White Fence Farm Valentine's Day Lunch

Feb. 13th, 2019 | Price $65.00

Includes Transportation Motor Coach, Lunch and Entertainment by Metro Star Orchestra

February 18th, 2019: Ameristar Casino

$25.00 per person. Call to reserve your spot.

Feb. 21st, 2019: Wolves Games Game:

Price: $65.00, includes Coach Transportation, Continental breakfast, Meet and Greet a Personality of the Wolves and Stay to enjoy the Game

February 28th, 2019 Mama Mia Dury Lane

Price: $78.00 | Includes Transportation on Motor Coach, Lunch and Play Mama Mia

Bus leaves Biela Center at 10:30 am

March 5th, 2019: White Fence Farm Mardi Gras

$65.00 (More information to follow.)

March 14th, 2019: Albanese Candy Factory Field Trip

– $40.00 includes, Coach transportation, lunch and tour of Candy Land

March 19th, 2019: St Patrick's Day Lunch Party

$10.00 per person

March 21st, 2019: Million Dollar Quartet

More information in Biela Center Office

March 25th 2019: AmeriStar Casino

$25.00. Includes Coach bus transportation and $10.00 credit towards Lunch Buffet

Movies For the month of February

All are invited to come in on any day to watch a movie of your choice every Wednesday at 1:00pm, or call to reserve any other times or days.

Attorney Katie Cotter Bowen

Attorney Katie Cotter Bowen of Cotter Bowen Law Firm, LLC in Oak Lawn, Illinois, has been practicing law for more than 10 years. A graduate of the John Marshall Law School, Katie specializes in family law, real estate and estate planning. Katie has represented clients in family law cases, real estate transactions and estate planning and since 2007. Call to reserve your spot.

REMINDER

Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.

- The Biela Center

ATTENTION

If you have any special needs for seating on the bus please inform us when making reservations.

Games, Games and More Games

Biela is looking for new members to come roll some dice, play some cards, throw some bean bags, form a trivia league, play board games or come up with other fun activities to pursue together.

Computer Class

Anyone interested in participating in a computer class, the Biela Center has a brand-new computer lab! Classes will be taught for beginners to advanced-level users.

If interested in any of the ideas or programs listed above, please contact Linda McSweeney at the Biela Center (708) 371-4860 Ext. 6001

Biela in Need of New Bingo Caller

It's the most popular pastime at the Biela Center, and it could be in danger! The Biela Center needs a new Bingo caller for 2018. Bingo takes place every Friday from 1:00-3:30pm. Lunch is served at noon. (Bingo caller eats free when calling Bingo.)

Anyone who is interested in making a lot of seniors happy, please call the Biela Center at (708) 371-4860 x6001.

Crestwood Senior Club

Crestwood Biela Senior Club is looking for new members and **NEW OFFICERS. A new election will happen in January!!**

We are looking to expand our Senior Club and Membership. If you are 55 or older and looking to get out, meet great people from your Village and surrounding communities, and want to help EXPAND the Biela Center Activities…….**WE WANT YOU!!**

Senior Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month beginning at 12:15. During the meetings, refreshments are provided, different guest speakers are scheduled, offsite activates and trips are planned along with fun social activities.

Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

NEW! Biela Center Hours: Monday thru Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For more Information **708-371-4860 Ext. 6001**

February 2019

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We need to work together as a community to ensure that our recycling is free of contaminants so that the materials we recycle don't end up in landfills.

The Battle Against Recycling Contamination is Everyone's Battle

By Brent Bell

For all the years I've worked in the recycling business for Waste Management, I can tell you that the global challenges our industry is facing these days are without precedent.
Simply put, many of the items we all want to recycle are getting hard to market economically. This impacts our business, the environment and the recycling industry as a whole.

The Problem
To explain what's happening, you really need to go back to the habits we've all formed over the years inside our households. Many of us grew up with a different kind of recycling program than we have today. Back in the day, we separated items at the curb each week, making it easier to process paper, aluminum and plastics into different material streams. All the right things were being recycled.

Then in the early 2000s, recycling changed with the arrival of single-stream. Through this process, residents and businesses could put all of their recyclables into a single bin or cart, and those items would then be separated at a sorting facility. Over a short period of time, thanks to the convenience of single-stream, more people began to participate and recycling rates soared to their highest levels. Households were recycling more, and as a result, we were processing millions of tons more for the betterment of our communities and environment. Recycling had entered its boom years.

At the same time, products and packaging were becoming more complex. For example, think about the difference in weight of a plastic bottle today versus 15 years ago. Maybe you haven't noticed, but today's bottles are a lot thinner and lighter than they used to be. We've also seen that a wider variety of plastics are also being used to package the everyday items we purchase.

This complexity has in many ways altered consumers' understanding of what they think is recyclable. More and more, non-recyclables are finding their way into single-stream containers — things like plastic bags, organic matter (food, liquid and yard waste), rubber hoses, wires and low-grade plastics. Contamination rates — or the percentage of trash mixed with recyclables — has steadily climbed over the years.

Today, the average contamination rate among communities and businesses sits at around 25 percent. That means that roughly one in four items placed in a recycling container is actually not recyclable through curbside programs, and this creates enormous problems for the recycling economy.

Problem One: Contamination significantly increases the cost to process recyclables. Add this to the fact that commodity prices for recyclables have fallen significantly and the financial sustainability of recycling is at risk. To put it another way, not only are plastics lighter, and packaging more complex, recyclables derived from those items are being sold for less and at a higher cost to process. Those are some big economic hurdles.

Problem Two: Recycling contamination has a direct impact in the quality of recyclables entering the commodity markets. For example, when foods or liquids are placed in a recycling container, they will ultimately saturate tons and tons of otherwise good paper and cardboard with which they come into contact. When paper and cardboard loses its quality, it also loses its ability to be recycled. It becomes trash.

Now, imagine all of that taking place on an enormous scale, and not just with food and liquids, but with all contaminants. Trash entering the recycling stream impacts the quality of recyclables entering the commodity markets. The higher the recycling contamination, the less we can recycle — that is the challenge we are all facing, and it is a global problem.

In response to these quality issues, China — a major importer of recyclables — recently issued new rules on the types of materials it will accept, including a 0.5 percent max on recycling contamination. That means that the 25 percent contamination rate we see today at the curb must reach virtually zero for those items to be recycled. Anything above that 0.5 percent contamination will be trash.

The Solution
We all have a role to play in making recycling sustainable for years to come — and that's especially true for Waste Management. We're the largest processor of residential recycling in North America, so we have a great interest in finding a solution for our customers, our industry and for the environment. Actions we're currently taking to improve the economic health of recycling include:

- Expanding the markets where we sell recyclables
- Continuing to seek new and improved sorting capabilities to get contaminants out
- Providing more and more resources for educating consumers on the dos and don'ts of recycling

Communities and businesses have a role to play, too, and it all boils down to recycling the right items the right way. Basically, it's time to get back the basics and to apply the same discipline we did years ago to the modern recycling programs of today. This can be done by following a few simple rules:

1. Recycle all empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboard
2. Keep food and liquids out of your recycling
3. Keep plastic bags out of your recycling

We also need program participants to keep recyclables loose in the bin — no plastic bags! We ask to keep "tanglers" out, like hoses or wire. Please keep dangerous items out of recycling, like propane tanks, needles and electronics. These items can injure our employees who work in your community or even create a fire capable of destroying an entire recycling facility. And we ask that recyclers keep bulky items out, as well, like large toys and construction debris. These guidelines can be found on RORR.com, which also houses a lot of handy information. Please share this with others.

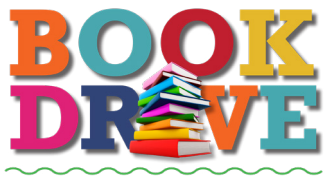
By working together, we can make recycling great for the environment and we can make it economically sustainable for years and years to come.

Please work with us to get there!

Brent Bell is Vice President of Recycling Operations for Waste Management.

Someone You Should Know: Katelyn Salem

I live in Crestwood, but I was born and raised in neighboring Palos Heights, Ill. On some insistence from my mom, I applied for my very first job at the age of 16 at the Palos Heights Public Library. I worked there for about a year and a half as a page, shelving books and helping the library staff and patrons when needed. When working on my BA from Trinity Christian College, I also completed an internship with Palos Heights Library, where I got to learn more of the ins and outs of working at a library, such as processing new materials, planning for programs, and learning the reference desk. After finishing college, I was eager to find a job in the library field before furthering my education. In April of 2010, Sue Bleskin hired me here at Crestwood Public Library as a part-time circulation clerk. Once the renovation to the library was finished in 2011, I was asked to become the Adult Programming Coordinator, and had a chance to bring in some fun and educational programs for the adult patrons. Also in 2011, I began working on my Masters in Library and Information Science with the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and graduated in May of 2013. I've been really happy working here for the last eight years, and was very honored to be hired as the new director.



Children's Book Drive

Crestwood Kiwanis is collecting new and gently used children's books to be given to needy children in the area.

A collection box will be located at the Crestwood Public Library during regular hours for the month of February. The Crestwood Library is located at 4955 w 135th Street in Crestwood. Thank you for your donations.

Crestwood Public Library February Adult Programs

Book Discussion Group
Be sure to pick up a copy of our latest Book Club read at the front desk! Any patron 18 and older is welcome to join our group. Our November meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM.**

Stampin' Up Card Class
Join us for another session of card making with Stampin' Up's Dee Tollaksen! **There is a non-refundable $5 cost per person at the time of registration. Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

Preparing for the Death of a Loved One
Most people learn about the funeral process at the most stressful time imaginable. Join us for a short presentation from the Funeral Information Society as they provide helpful information on the funeral process, services, and alternatives.
They are happy to answer any and all questions you may have.
Please register. **Monday, February 18th, 6:00 PM**

Needles & Yarn Knitting Club
Interested in learning how to knit, or just want to make new friends? Join us for another session of Needles & Yarn! Don't have needles? You can purchase a pair at the library. Please register. **Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

Valentine's for Troops
Make a Valentine for a Veteran or Active Soldier. Stop in the library anytime during regular hours between February 1-9. All supplies provided. All ages Welcome. Veteran cads will be delivered to Hines VA Hospital

**** Coming March 2019 ****
Rex Newell - Antique Appraisals
Antique buyer and appraiser Rex Newell joins us once again at the Crestwood Public Library this March! Have an item that you've always wanted to have appraised? Now's the time to have it done! The first 40 people to register will be able to have ONE item appraised. Some items are restricted. Please call the front desk for more information. Registration for this event will begin on Friday, March 1st.
Event date: Monday, March 25th, 6:00 PM

February Youth and Family Programs at Crestwood Public Library

Messy Mondays!
Toddlers and an adult can experience all those messy things you would not like to play with at home. New session continues until March 25
Ages 12-36 months at 10:30am

Preschool Art!
Children ages 3-5 will create their own fabulous art projects using all different art materials.
Please dress to get messy
Every Monday at 11:30am until March 25

Little Builders
Little builders independently play and learn with a variety of building toys. Ages 2-5 years old
Every Thursday from 11:30 - 12:30pm

Read to The Dogs!!
Does your child need some practice reading out loud? We have the perfect listeners. Therapy Dog Hershey and his friends will listen while kids grades K-5 read out loud for 15 minutes.
Tuesday, February 12 from 6:00-7:30
All readers must register for a time slot.

Lets Paint!!
Children grades K-3 can come to the library to create your own masterpiece once a month.
Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 4:00pm

Valentine Fun!
Kids K- 3 join us for Valentine's Day Fun!!!
We will hear stories, play games, make a craft and have some sweet treats to celebrate the day.
Thursday, February 14 at 4:00-5:00pm

Science Club
Children grades K-5 will learn about a different science topic each month with group participation and hands on activities.
Wednesday, February 27 @ 6:00pm
Space limited to 15 children per class.

Lego Builders
Children grades K-4 will learn building basics and creativity during this one hour program
We will meet Mondays from 3:30-4:30.
Space limited to 15 children.

Winter Story Time and Tiny Tots
Preschool story time for ages 3-5 will meet Fridays at 11:30am.
Tiny Tot stories for ages 12-36 months with an adult, will meet Fridays at 10:30am.
Session dates will be Jan. 18- March 15, 2019.
Please Register

Bow Wow Valentine's Party
Noah's Ark is coming to coming to celebrate Valentine's Day! Come build your own plush puppy and hear some Puppy Valentine stories. $5.00 fee
Wednesday, February 6 at 4:00 Ages 3 -9

Pajama Time
Children 3-9 come dressed in your pajamas to hear stories and make a craft to take home.
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
6:00-7:00pm Space limited to 12

Tween Corner

Chess Champions
Have you wanted to learn to play chess, need some practice, or just want to play the game?
This session of Chess Club for Grades 1-10. runs until March 12. Tuesdays at 3:30

Dungeons and Dragons Group
Crestwood Library's D and D RPG club has started. If you enjoy this action packed role playing game, or would like to, join us February 12 & 26 at 5:30.
Grades 4 to 10 only

Books and Brownies
Crestwood Library is looking for kids grades 4-8, who love to read and would like to join our tween book club. Kids interested, join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, February 27 at 4:00pm
Brownies will be served!!!

Kids Kitchen
Kids in grades 3-8 can learn some basic kitchen skills and no bake recipes during this one hour class.
Wednesday, February 13 at 4:00pm Limit of 12.

Crafteens!
Feeling Crafty? Need a project?
We have one for you! Stop in to see what we are making. Tweens/Teens grades 4-8.
Thursday, February 28 at 4:00pm

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for details.

Sertoma Centre Leads Way With Music, Art Therapy Programming for Individuals With Disabilities

ALSIP, Ill. — Sertoma Centre has partnered with the Institute for Therapy through the Arts of Evanston, Ill. (www.itachicago.org) to add music and art therapy to its services. Therapists visit Sertoma facilities on a regular basis to provide therapy to adults living with mental illness who receive services at Sertoma's Community Mental Health and Counseling (CMHC) facility in Matteson, Ill., and those with Autism and other developmental disabilities at Sertoma's facilities in Alsip. This program is made possible through a grant from the Benjamin B. Green-Field Foundation www.greenfieldfoundation.org.

An important aspect of preparing for a life of independence is addressing the overall mental health and wellbeing of individuals with disabilities through counseling, and providing avenues for self-expression and healing through the arts. The provision of these therapies and programs is critical to the overall health of the individual and the ability to live a self-actualized life.

The mission of Sertoma Centre is to provide opportunities that empower individuals with disabilities to achieve personal success. The 48-year-old organization provides psychosocial rehabilitation, therapy (individual and groups), and provides crisis services and case management services for persons with mental illness. The organization also operates extensive day and residential programs for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Visit www.sertomacentre.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.
Class dates are subject to change or may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

For more information, contact Firefighter/Paramedic Chrysa Jonas at cjonas@crestwoodillinois.gov.

Moraine Valley FitRec to Host Indoor Triathlon

Run, swim and bike through the inaugural indoor triathlon on Sunday, March 3rd, 8:00am-1:00pm, at the Moraine Valley Community College Health, Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec), 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

Beginners, amateurs and elite athletes alike are encouraged to compete in this indoor event that includes a 10-minute swim, 20-minute bike and 15-minute run. Each activity has transition time in between, but a volunteer will tally each competitor's distances. Start times will be designated during registration.

Winners will be determined by distance, and medals/ribbons will be awarded following the event. Race results will be posted on the FitRec website. Spectators are allowed in designated areas of the facility.

Registration is $25 for FitRec members and $45 for nonmembers. For more information, visit www.morainevalley.edu/fitrec or contact Jana Terborg, assistant director of Fitness Programs, (708) 608-4493 or jana.terborg@morainevalley.edu.

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MWRD Advises Municipalities, Residents to Prevent Winter Flooding Through Proper Planning

With temperatures warming up after record-breaking cold, snowmelt and rain can lead to flooding in the Chicagoland region.

Frozen ground is unable to absorb water and snow, and run-off immediately flows to the sewers. In addition, ice can block storm drains and streams. As a result, flooding may occur when the sewer system becomes overwhelmed from the combination of normal sewage flow, rainwater and snowmelt.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is preparing for the flow by lowering water levels in the Chicago Area Waterway System to make room for runoff. In addition, our Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) tunnels, Majewski Reservoir, Thornton Composite Reservoir and McCook Reservoir Stage I are ready to hold more than 11 billion gallons of water.

Municipalities as well as the public can help plan for and minimize flooding by reducing water use. Postponing high water consumption activities such as bathing or showering, running dishwashers or washing clothes will also help provide maximum capacity in the local and intercepting sewer systems.

Other activities that can help minimize flooding include:

- Making sure that storm drains are clear and not buried under snowdrifts.
- Keeping areas around streams free of floatable debris.
- If your home has a backwater valve installed on the sewer, following the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to ensure that it is functioning properly.
- Checking your sump pump to make sure it is working properly.
- If your home or area is prone to flooding, you may want to remove valuable items from basement floors
- Keeping your gutters clear. When they are blocked, water will pour over the edges, landing on the ground next to your home. If you have cracks in the concrete wall of your basement or problems with your tile, this water could enter your home.

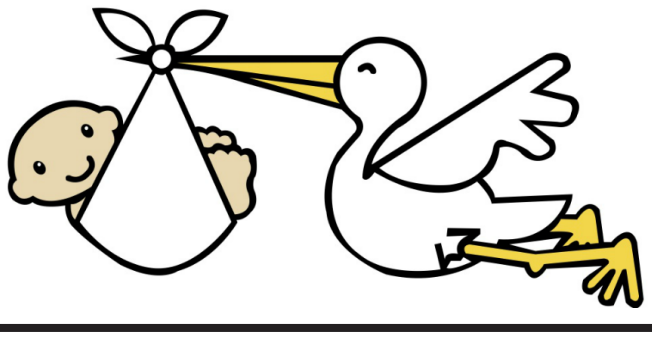
If you do see flooding, report it to your municipality. In Chicago, call 311.

Crestwood's Newest Arrivals

Please send the following information on your families' newest addition so we can welcome them to Crestwood:

- Parents' Names
- Baby's full name
- Baby's birth date and time
- Baby's gender
- Baby's weight and length (optional)
- Picture (optional)

All details can be forwarded to Michelle Beneventi at mbeneventi@crestwood.illinois.gov.
Be sure to save your babies' Crestwood editorial debuts for their baby books!



Bremen Township

Special Announcement
A fraudulent solicitation was recently mailed too many Cook County taxpayers regarding a property's Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC). The letter states it is from the Assessor's Office and that the County will provide a 5% property tax discount if taxpayers fax a copy of their bank statement. This letter is fraudulent and was NOT sent by the Cook County Assessor's Office. If you received this letter and have already submitted your bank information, we suggest you contact your bank immediately.

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Wheels
Attention seniors 55 and over — do you need a ride? Let the Bremen Township Senior Wheels help you. We will take you to the doctor, grocery store, beauty shop, or just to visit a friend.

We stay within the Bremen Township boundaries for all non-medical trips, and outside the township for medical appointments only.

The boundary lines are located on the map, which can be found on the website at http://brementownship.org/senior-services. We are open Mon.-Fri. from 8:00am-4:00pm. Our first ride is scheduled at 8:30 every morning and our last pickup to come home is at 3:00pm. The charge for the ride is $2.00 each way, or you may purchase a ride ticket from one of our drivers for $16.00 a 10-ride ticket. We hope you give us a call. We are here when you need us.

BREMEN TOWNSHIP GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance
General Assistance is offered to residents of Bremen Township who have no income or financial resources and are not eligible for Federal or State Assistance.

Once eligibility has been established, the assistance grant may be applied towards rent, utilities, food allowance and household products. Other needs may be considered upon request.

Applications are available to anyone who asks for them. Applicants will be required to complete an application and provide the necessary forms and documentation before General Assistance eligibility can be established.

General Assistance is not available to residents in hospitals or in private or public institutions.

Eligibility
To be eligible for General Assistance, you must currently reside in Bremen Township and must be a citizen of the United States or an alien who meets all legal requirements.

You must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible for

General Assistance.
Every applicant for General Assistance must, at the time of application, furnish complete and accurate information concerning income, proof of residency, any means of support and any assets.

All applicants will be required to apply for food stamps.

Applicants who are applying for Social Security Disability will be required to show proof of the application.

Any changes in an applicant's situation must be reported to our office within five days.

If you voluntarily left your job without just cause, you may not apply for General Assistance for 30 days from the date of termination. You are also required to maintain current registration with the Illinois Job Service.

Any person considered employable is required to participate in the Bremen Township Workfare Program and complete monthly Job Search requirements.

Emergency Assistance
Emergency Assistance provides financial aid for two (2) purposes: (1) to help alleviate a life-threatening circumstance, or (2) to help pay a work-related expense necessary to obtain or maintain employment. A life-threatening circumstance is a condition that poses an imminent peril to health and/or safety because of a lack of or the jeopardizing the availability of shelter, food, utility service, medication, transportation or other basic necessity. You may also receive Emergency Assistance to help pay for a work-related expense, but only if payment of the expense is necessary for you to get or keep a job. In order to help you pay such expenses, the General Assistance Office may also refer you to other agencies or programs or for other services.

You may apply for Emergency Assistance only once in a twenty-four (24) month period.

Assistance up to the amount of the Payment Level is disbursed by the means of disbursing order (requests to a vendor to provide goods and services in return for payment by the General Assistance Office) or by payment directly to a provider of goods and services. You will not receive cash. The personnel of the General Assistance Office will tell you what the appropriate payment Level is for the size of your household.

You may receive Emergency Assistance even though you have applied for and been approved to receive monthly welfare assistance (such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD), Refugee and Repatriate Assistance (RRA) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as long as you have not yet begun to receive monthly payments of such assistance. However, if you have already begun receiving monthly payments of cash welfare assistance you cannot receive Emergency Assistance.

If you have any questions about Emergency Assistance or the program requirements or particulars, you should ask the personnel of the General Assistance Office. In addition, you may inspect the General Assistance Office's Emergency Assistance Handbook during regular office hours.

Client's Responsibility
Client must report any change in residence, income, assets, and/or family size within five (5) working days of the change. Notification can be made to our office by letter, phone, or in person.

Clients not reporting changes in income, assets, family size, residency or receiving more aid than they are entitled to, are required by law to pay back a sum of money up to, but not to exceed, the entire amount of excess assistance paid by the Township.

Clients must keep all appointments, fulfill all requirements, and sign all necessary forms.

Failure to do so will result in termination for non-cooperation.

Fraud
Persons who make false statements or who willingly deceive and misrepresent their circumstances to a public assistance agency, or persons who willfully fail to report changes in income or property owned that affect the amount of assistance to which they are entitled, are subject to penalties under the law.

Any person found guilty of fraud will be required to repay Bremen Township the amount of assistance received and, in addition, may be fined, imprisoned or both.

Attention Veterans

If you were honorably discharged from the U.S. military and believe you suffer from an injury or illness that you contracted because of your service, you are invited to attend a meeting of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 84 in Oak Lawn to get help in filling a claim for your injury or illness.

There is no charge or fees for this service.

The DAV is a national service organization comprised of veterans dedicated to helping other veterans receive the medical attention and compensation they deserve.

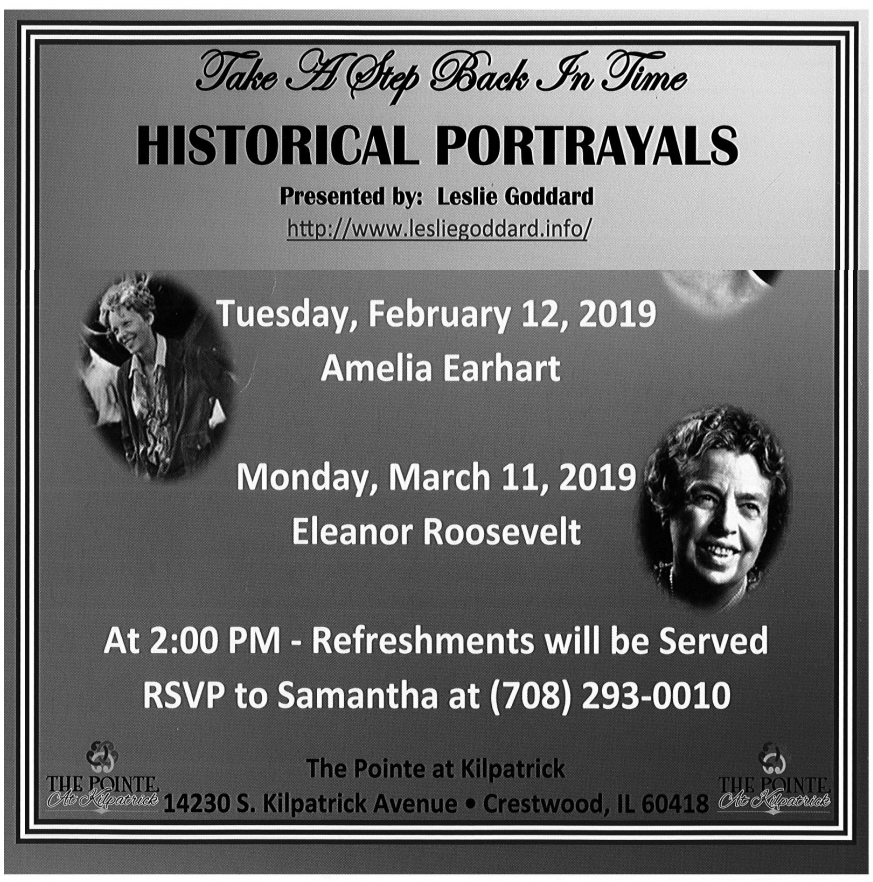
DAV Chapter 84 meets on the First Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Phelps VFW Post #5220 located at 9574 South 52nd Avenue in Oak Lawn, Illinois. National and Chapter Service Officers will be available to assist you in filing a claim for compensation and medical assistance. Bring a copy of your DD-214 to the meeting with you.

Again, this service and all subsequent services provided by the DAV are free of charge. To learn more about the DAV and its mission to serve disabled veterans visit their website at: www.DAV.org.

In Focus

"Winter run on the Cal-Sag Trail"
Amanda Stone

"Salty the White Squirrel"
Terry Kirwan



GET UP AND GET OUT!!!

Open Skate

Sundays, 7:10-8:40pm; Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm; Fridays, 9:00-10:30pm; Saturdays, 8:00-9:30pm
Southwest Ice Arena
5505 127th St., Crestwood

Come out to Southwest Ice Arena, where skaters of all abilities can practice their spins, twirls, and shuffles throughout the week. Featuring a Studio Rink available Tuesday and Saturday nights, and a full-sized NHL rink available on Friday and Sunday nights, this is a great night out for kids and kids at heart. Admission: $6. Skate rental: $3. Discounted punch cards are also available. Call (708) 371-1344 for more information.

Lynn Peters: New Work

Wednesday, Feb. 6th-Friday, March 8th
Moraine Valley Community College, Fine and Performing Arts Center
9000 College Pkwy., Palos Hills

Moraine Valley presents an exhibition of new ceramic works by Lynn Peters, professor of sculpture and ceramics at Moraine Valley, developed during her recent sabbatical. An opening reception at 10:30am on Thursday, Feb. 7th, will feature an artist talk at 11:00am, which will feature Peters discussing her new work and the impact of her recent artist residency.

Alan B. Shepard Band Boosters Dinner Dance

Friday, Feb. 8th, 6:30-11:00pm
Chicago Gaelic Park
6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest

On Friday, Feb. 8th, the Alan B. Shepard band boosters will host their annual dinner dance featuring the Jazz Band students. Tickets for the event are $32 for adults and $24 for students. Come on out and support your Shepard students and all that jazz!

"American Griot"

Feb. 21st-March 3rd, Thurs.-Sat., 7:30pm; Sun., 3:00pm
John and Angeline Oremus Theater
Moraine Valley Community College
9000 College Pkwy., Palos Hills

Dr. Craig Rosen directs Reginald Edmund's and Ronnie Malley's play, American Griot, which explores the often-overlooked history of early African Muslims forced into American slavery and the influence they had on what would become on American blues music. Told through the lens of Mamadou, an 18th-century griot (African storyteller musician), the audience is taken on a musical journey to the crossroads of Africa and America, revealing the shared history of Islam and the blues on both continents. Tickets are $15; $12 for seniors and staff; $10 for students (with ID) and children.

Morton Arboretum Valentine Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 14th or Friday, Feb. 15th, 2017, 6:30pm
Ginkgo Restaurant, Morton Arboretum
4100 IL-53, Lisle

Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend at the Ginkgo Restaurant with a delectable dinner with a sweetheart or special someone overlooking beautiful Meadow Lake. Enjoy a five-course omnivore or vegetarian dinner with wine pairings. Must be 21 and over to participate. Cost: $95 members/$105 non-members.

Sweetheart Night Hike

Friday, Feb. 15th, 6:30-8:30pm
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Enjoy a casual bite to eat, hike a short trail, sit by a campfire, roast marshmallows or enjoy the exhibits inside. Ages 21 and up. Registration required. For more information or to register, call (708) 839-6897. Cost: $20.

Birch Leggings and the Birkie

Saturday, Feb. 16th, 8:00am-5:00pm
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center | 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont

How did an infant prince from the 12 century inspire the world's most famous Nordic ski race? Learn the history of the Birkebeiner Ski Race and how it became the "greatest show on snow." Ski with wood skies and wool knickers or dress like a Viking and win a prize! Cost: FREE. Event will take place only if trails are open. Call (630) 257-2045 for conditions.

Bridal Expo

Bridal Expo 2019

Sunday, Feb. 17th, 12:00-3:00pm
Chicago Gaelic Park
6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest

Brides-to-be won't want to miss this annual bridal boutique with a fashion show featuring gowns and evening wear from David's Bridal and 50 top-rated vendors ready to help you find the dress of your dreams. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and great giveaways will be available, including a grand prize of two round-trip tickets on Frontier Airlines out of O'Hare, and a three-night stay at a Majestic Resorts property. Admission is $7 online or $10 at the door. Call (708) 687-9323 for more information or visit www.chicagogaelicpark.org.

American Birkebeiner Livestream

Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 9:00am-3:00pm
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center | 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont

Watch a livestream of the American Birkebeiner race and get race results as they are posted. Cost: FREE.

JOB LISTINGS

Electrician – Crown Cork & Seal , Alsip

About Crown:
CROWN Cork & Seal USA, Inc., a wholly owned company of Crown Holdings, Inc. is a global leader in the design, manufacture and sale of packaging products for consumer goods. At Crown, we are passionate about helping our customers build their brands and connect with consumers around the world. We do this by delivering innovative packaging that offers significant value for brand owners, retailers and consumers alike. With operations in 36 countries employing over 24,000 people and net sales of over $8 billion, we are uniquely positioned to bring best practices in quality and manufacturing to our customers to drive their businesses locally and globally. Sustaining a leadership position requires us to build a team of highly talented, dedicated and driven individuals

Division Overview:
Crown's Aerosol Division helps global brands become leaders in their market segments with high quality metal aerosol packaging. We merge our unique decorating capabilities with the latest aerosol technologies to create packaging that not only meets rigorous industry requirements but most importantly, the everyday needs and expectations of consumers worldwide. Here is your chance to join the Crown Aerosol Division

Responsibilities:
- Follow all plant safety rules, LOTO, & required PPE at all times
- Performs preventative maintenance on assigned electrical systems
- Diagnoses causes of malfunctions and corrects through programmable logic controls
- The above information reflects the general job duties and should not be construed as a detailed description of all work requirements; Perform other duties as required

Job Requirements:
- Electrical background and/or experience required
- All applicants will be tested for Electrical Aptitude
- Must be able to read and comprehend electrical schematics
- Ability to work an eight (8) hour shift, frequent overtime may also be required

For more information or to apply, visit:
https://cb.com/2FKCowH

Source: CareerBuilder.com

Mortgage Loan Opener – First Midwest Bank, Palos Heights

Job Description
First Midwest, with assets over $14 billion, is the premier relationship-based banking franchise in the dynamic Chicagoland banking market. As one of the Chicago metropolitan area's largest independent bank holding companies, First Midwest provides the full range of commercial, retail banking, and wealth management services through some 130+ offices located in communities in metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Indiana, Central and Western Illinois, and Eastern Iowa.

Required Education, Experience And Skills:
- High School diploma, GED or equivalent
- College degree preferred
- Previous mortgage lending experience preferred
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to communicate effectively with diverse groups and individuals.
- Initiative and ability to create relationships of trust with customers and Bank personnel.
- Basic computer skills
- Excellent organizational and data gathering skills.
- Excellent telephone skills/ etiquette

Duties/Responsibilities:
- Order, process and review all loan file documentation, i.e. appraisal, title commitment, verifications of employment, deposits, etc. for accuracy and completeness.
- Implement Bank directed policy and any changes relating to regulatory amendments.
- Work with Residential Lenders on pipeline maintenance on weekly basis to ensure pipeline integrity.
- Provide outstanding customer service and display positive attitude at all times.

Obtain "satisfactory" ratings on all compliance/ audit reviews.
Other duties as assigned by management.

For more information or to apply, visit:
https://cb.com/2HuteGp

Source: CareerBuilder.com

Store Counter Sales – O'Reilly Auto Parts, Alsip

Job Description

Tentative Schedule
Must be available to work flexible schedule. Our Store Counter Sales team members are knowledgeable and energetic with a passion for automotive parts. They believe in taking care of the customer, as well as in the power of teamwork. Our Store Counter Sales team members deliver excellent customer service and ensure a positive customer experience. They also support management in the accomplishment of assigned tasks, including maintaining inventory control and store appearance.

Qualifications
- Take pride in delivering excellent customer service
- Available to work flexible work schedule
- Thrive in a busy, fast-paced retail environment
- Knowledge of cataloging and/or inventory management systems a plus
- Automotive parts, equipment or systems knowledge
- ASE certification preferred

For more information or to apply, visit:
https://cb.com/2sFUYxx

Source: CareerBuilder.com

Package Handler – Part-Time – UPS, Palos Hills

Job Description

Shift: Sunrise (3:30am-9:30am)
Twilight (4:30pm-9:30pm)

UPS is hiring individuals to work as part-time Package Handlers. This is a physical, fast-paced position that involves continual lifting, lowering and sliding packages that typically weigh 25-35 lbs. and may weigh up to 70 lbs. Part-time employees usually work 3 ½-4 hours each day and workdays can vary (Monday-Friday) or (Tuesday-Saturday) depending on the building needs. Package Handlers typically do not work on holidays.

UPS provides an excellent employment opportunity for students. Through the UPS Earn and Learn program, our student employees receive all the paid benefits of a great part-time job with UPS, plus outstanding education assistance of up to $2,625 per semester/$5,250 per year with a maximum lifetime benefit of $25,000. This assistance can be used for tuition, books and fees as long as you are attending an approved college, university, trade or technical school. You will be eligible for the Earn and Learn program on your first day of work.

UPS is an equal opportunity employer. UPS does not discriminate on the basis of race/color/religion/sex/national origin/veteran/disability/age/sexual orientation/gender identity or any other characteristic protected by law

For more information or to apply, visit:
https://cb.com/2B1ftJq

Source: CareerBuilder.com

"COOK WITH CAUTION"
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...
- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...
- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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1. **Apply**—It's easy! Just complete the simple application and submit to CVHA.
2. **Home Assessment**—Once your application is approved, our contractor will contact you to schedule a home assessment to discover areas prone to air leaks and drafts, explain program qualifications and review the work plan with you.
3. **Weatherization Work**—After your home eligibility is verified during the assessment, CVHA will send an approval letter so you can schedule your weatherization work. **Services include attic and sidewall insulation, air sealing, health and safety measures, and installation of energy-saving products.**

APPLY ONLINE!
ChicagolandVintageHomes.Org/Apply

FOR MORE INFORMATION
If you prefer to receive a paper application or have any questions, contact CVHA:
Phone: 312.675.0300 x13

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Fun & Entertainment

*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

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CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser.
Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

Garage Sales
Lost and Found
Large Appliances
Automobiles
Motorcycles
Boats and Trailers

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Homes for Sale or Rent
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Employment Openings
Jobs Wanted

To place your classified ad
call 708-293-1430

FEBRUARY CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE
Large cactus. $25. Call Judy, (708) 296-0048

FOR SALE
Fitbit Charge 2 watch. Size small. New, with extra band – $80. Digital screen pressure cooker, 6.3 qt., new – $65. Call Marilyn, (708) 371-0619.

FOR SALE
Large thermal rubber swimsuit. Brand new/in-box pasta maker and recipe book, and Singer electric sewing machine. Serious inquires only, please call Marie for prices at (708) 388-3253.

FOR SALE
Concrete Disney lawn figures — Snow White & 7 Dwarfs, Donald Duck, Mickey & Minnie; large computer desk; Astro third seat - new; assorted wicker baskets; oak built-in ironing board; 7 concrete sonna tubes; crutches & walker; 1-pc. oval marble sink vanity top; two pairs snowmobile boots; insulated snowmobile suit. Call for details. Contact Rich at (708) 371-2755.

FOR SALE
Four Richardson high-back wood chairs with 42" round, wood laminated-top. Mitre & saw guide; Hilti gun nails; Knaack pickup tool box; lauan" quarter round – wood; laminated wall & base cabinets; hand saws; small tile cutter; 3 1"x12" 16' cedar boards; plumbing PVC pipe. Call for details. Contact Rich at (708) 371-2755.

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Call (708) 448-0212 for more info
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Extended day until 1:30PM on T/Th
Attend 2-5 days on days that work best for you
State licensed; 40+ years experience
Open House Sunday Feb. 3rd 12-2pm

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without repeating any.

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January Sudoku Solution

9	1	3	2	5	6	4	7	8
6	4	2	8	3	7	9	5	1
7	8	5	1	4	9	2	3	6
1	2	8	5	7	3	6	9	4
5	9	4	6	1	2	3	8	7
3	7	6	9	8	4	1	2	5
2	5	7	3	6	1	8	4	9
4	6	9	7	2	8	5	1	3
8	3	1	4	9	5	7	6	2

January Crossword Solution

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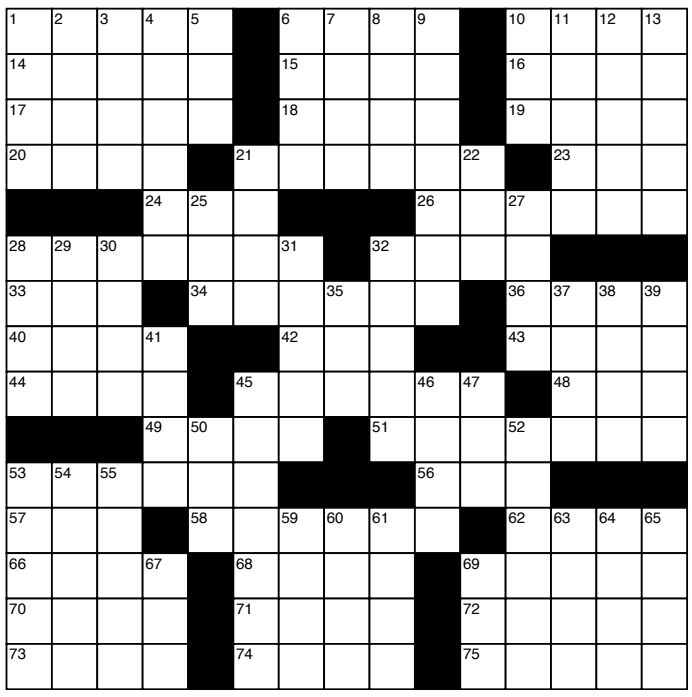

ACROSS

1 Bobbin
6 Acting (abbr.)
10 Grub
14 Meows
15 Italian money
16 Chew
17 Revise
18 Animal's hind part
19 Look
20 Space ship builders
21 Ado
23 Headed
24 Dual
26 Useless
28 Nozzle (2 wds.)
32 Hurried
33 Grows acorns
34 Herons
36 Scallion
40 American river
42 Shoshonean
43 Make
44 Draw
45 Script
48 Rio de Janeiro
49 Reverent
51 Ornament for military uniform
53 Forge
56 Scrambled food
57 Possessive pronoun
58 Inlaid stone decoration
62 Father
66 Recommend
68 Troop
69 Beak
70 Jetty
71 Travel by horse
72 Decree
73 Pop
74 Prow
75 Gabby

DOWN

1 Bridge
2 Wildcat
3 Mined metals
4 Elaborate
5 Acid drug
6 Singing voice
7 Hello!
8 Activate
9 Lopes
10 Pride
11 __ Saxon
12 Epics
13 Swedish citizen
21 __ Kong
22 Dined
25 Bitty
27 Bored
28 Basket
29 Hawaiian island
30 Move effortlessly
31 Celtic priest
32 Inscribed pillar
35 Airport abbr.
37 Duke
38 Canal
39 Gnarl
41 Opaque gem
45 Diversions
46 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
47 Joke
50 Words per minute
52 African country
53 Broths
54 Oddity
55 Suggested
59 Irritation
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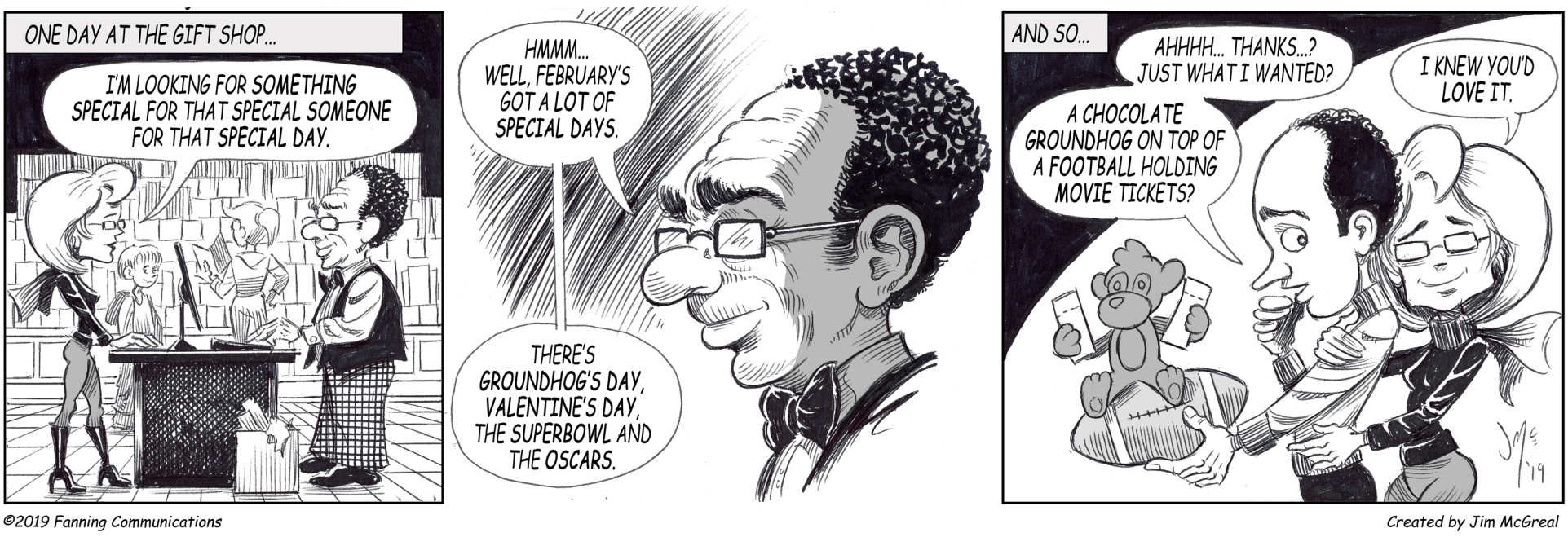
61 Object
63 Cook
64 Male deer
65 Lawyer (abbr.)
67 Time period
69 Adjust

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

94 South by Jim McGreal



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New Hardware for Shepard Basketball Teams

The boys and girls basketball programs from Shepard High School added some new hardware to their trophy cases over the holidays. The varsity boys basketball team took 2nd Place at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament. Senior Jourdan Jackson earned selection to the All-Tournament Team. The lower levels of the girls basketball teams both placed. The freshmen team won 2nd Place at the Shepard tournament, including a win over Hillcrest. And the sophomores took third at the Shepard tournament after their 31-30 over Stagg High School.

The varsity boys basketball team from Shepard High School won second place at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament.

The sophomore girls basketball team from Shepard High School won third place at the Shepard Holiday Tournament.

The freshman girls basketball team from Shepard High School won second place at the Shepard Holiday Tournament.

"In Focus" Seen Around Crestwood

Let's see Crestwood from your point of view! We are asking residents to submit their pictures of Crestwood and local happenings to feature in our monthly editorial "In Focus." We will select our favorites to share every month in the *Crestwood Adviser.*

Please forward your pictures to Michelle Beneventi at mbeneventi@crestwood.illinois.gov

Even if your only camera is on your phone, we want to see how YOU see Crestwood! Submit your photos today!

SPORTS

Shepard Cheerleaders Win at Lincoln-Way Central

The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School won first place out of 10 teams in the Co-Ed Division at the Lincoln-Way Central Invitational last month. This season the Astros have won 1st Place at tournaments three times — the most in program history — and 2nd Place twice. Shepard graduate Nicole Staehlin serves as head coach of the cheerleading program.

Varsity Wrestling Team From Shepard High School

The Varsity wrestling team from Shepard High School swept District 218 rivals Eisenhower (64-15) and Richards (61-18) on Friday, Jan. 11th. As a result, the Astros clinched the South Suburban Conference Red Division championship. It's their second conference championship in the past three seasons.

The varsity wrestling team from Shepard High School won the South Suburban Conference Red Division championship for the second time in three seasons.