

# A Village on the Move

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## CRESTWOOD ADVISER



### Village Hall Closed for Holidays

This is just a friendly reminder that the Village Hall will be closed on the following dates in January:

**New Year’s Holiday | Thursday, Dec. 30th and Friday Dec. 31st**

## 2022 Vehicle Stickers Available Now

Just a friendly reminder that your vehicle stickers for 2022 are on sale as of **Dec. 1st, 2021**, and that your current stickers expire Dec. 31st, 2021. New year, new sticker! Village ordinance states that vehicle stickers are required on all vehicles in the Village of Crestwood and must be properly displayed by law on cars, trucks and motorcycles by **Feb. 28th, 2022** to avoid penalty.

### What You Need to Do to Apply for Vehicle Stickers:

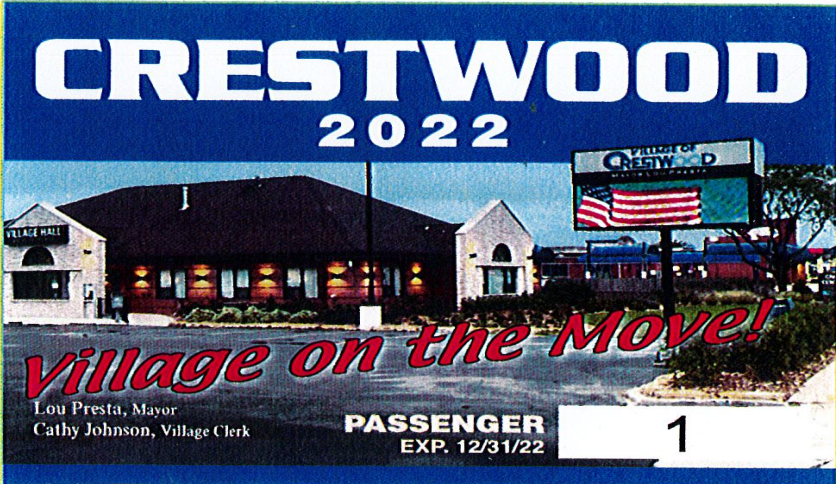
1. You should receive a renewal application by mail early December. Please do not come in until you have received your renewal. If you haven’t received the application by mid-December, please visit our Village website: [crestwood.illinois.gov](http://crestwood.illinois.gov) and print one off or come to Village Hall to receive one and pick up your sticker.
2. Read the application and fill out all the appropriate information, Make any necessary changes and bring into Village Hall for processing.

**Please call with any questions: (708) 371-4800 x2003**

SCHEDULE OF FEES - LATE PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED  
MARCH 1st, 2022

Passenger Cars	\$ 10.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00
Senior Citizens 65 & Older	\$ 5.00	Late fee - \$ 5.00
Recreational Vehicle (RV Plates)	\$ 10.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00
Motorcycle, Moped & Scooter	\$ 5.00	Late fee - \$ 5.00
School Bus Class A	\$ 20.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00
School Bus Class B	\$ 30.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00
<b>Trucks</b>		
“B” Plate	\$ 15.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00
“D-F” Plate	\$ 20.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00
All other Plate classifications	\$ 30.00	Late fee - \$ 10.00

Transfer from one LIKE vehicle to another is \$ 5.00



## Aid 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 may be having difficulty paying their property taxes.

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. 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, with a maximum loan of \$5,000 per year.

### Qualifying applicants must be:

- Homeowners who are at least 65 years of age by June 1 of the year in which the applications are made.
- Those whose household income is \$55,000 or less.
- Surviving spouses of previously approved applicants who are at least 55 years of age within six months of the taxpayer's death.
- Those who have owned and occupied the qualifying property for at least the last three years.
- Those who have fire or casualty insurance coverage for the qualifying property in an amount not less than the amount of the taxes

- being deferred.
- Those who do not owe outstanding property tax or special assessments.
  - Those who have written approval from the spouse, if filing jointly, or Trustee, if the property is held in a qualifying Trust, to participate in the program.

### To apply:

- Applications are available by calling the Cook County Treasurer’s Office at (312) 443-5100 after Jan. 1st through the March 1st application deadline or at [www.cookcountytreasurer.com/theseniorcitizenrealestatetaxdeferralprogram.aspx](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com/theseniorcitizenrealestatetaxdeferralprogram.aspx)
- Applications must be filled out completely. Please provide **photocopies, not originals**, of the required documents.
- You are required to return your applications to the Cook County Treasurer's Office no later than **March 1st. There are no time extensions.**
- You must apply each year you want to participate.

For more information on the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program, visit the Cook County Treasurer’s Office website at [www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com).





## Village Hall

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## A LETTER FROM NEW CRESTWOOD MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

Christmas and the holidays are always a special time of year. They're full of joy with community events, family gatherings and religious celebration. They also are full of tradition, with the beauty of decorations in our homes and lights in our neighborhoods. What really makes Crestwood special during this time of year, though, is our people and our businesses who step up and lead so that others may enjoy. It starts with our Recreation Department going above and beyond with the events that launched Christmas in Crestwood — what a great event that was. I very much enjoyed seeing the families visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as picking up their stuffed animals from the Police Department and coloring their holiday pictures. Thank you to all who decorated a tree at the Rec Center for us all to enjoy.

Throughout the community, many businesses participated in many other great programs to give back, as well. This is all possible because of our people. I know that each of these events and so many more around our Village are being done by many others. You remain our greatest asset for making Christmas special for one another. Because of you, I am proud to be Crestwood's Mayor, and I am sincerely honored to serve. In this new year, may we continue to be a

compassionate place that fosters goodwill and generosity toward those in need.

To say we are all doing the best we can doesn't begin to describe what we have accomplished in 2021. We remained involved and strong. It's the reason we are able to navigate through the many changes that continue to be put before us. There are many things we could focus on at this point — we could talk about the economic state of the nation, mistakes that have been made, and our expectations for 2022. I say, at this moment, we focus on things that aren't uncertain — the residents, the businesses here in our Village. These, along with many others, are our accomplishments for 2021. They are important and impressive. As a community, we saved businesses, provided food and necessities, and continuously asked what we could do to help others. That's who we are.

I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season. God bless and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Ken Klein*

**Ken Klein,**  
*Mayor of Village of Crestwood*



## Village Meeting Schedule

**Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm**

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | January 6th and 20th

**Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm**

**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave | January 4th and 18th

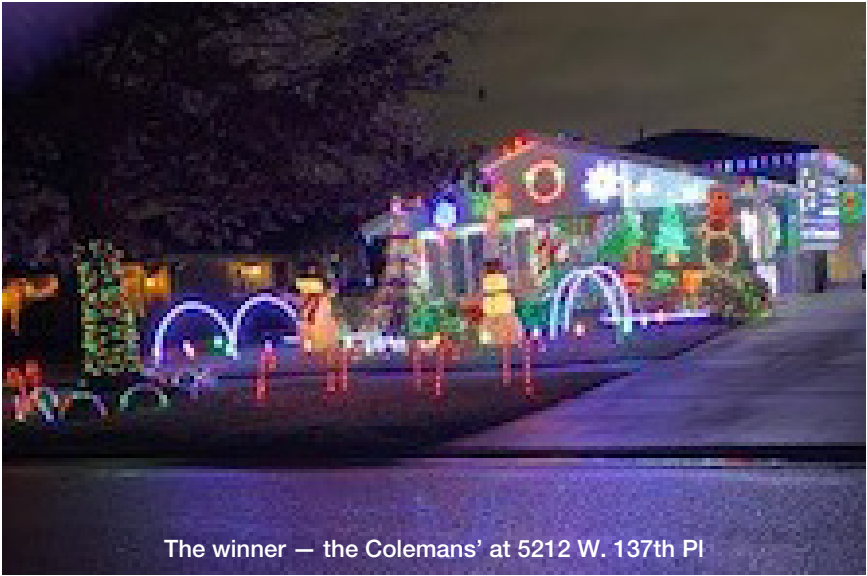
**Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm**

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | January 10th and 24th

## 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 co-operation 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!**





The winner — the Colemans’ at 5212 W. 137th Pl

## Announcing the Winners of Our Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest!

The lights were hung, the holly rolled out, LED lights and synchronized music were displayed for many to enjoy. It was a pleasure to see the Christmas spirit around the Village. This year the decision for the Holiday Decorating Contest was harder than ever. From towering reindeer and illuminated minions to the most outlandish displays that could be seen from space, these spectacular light displays were definitely worth a drive-by. Our Mayor and Village board spent many nights going from one end of the Village to the other, being sure not to forget a street, to check out everyone’s decorations. We want to thank EVERYBODY who participated this year. Thank you for spreading a little Christmas spirit for so many to enjoy and create some memories among families.

**Winners will be contacted and invited to the Jan. 6th, 2022, Board meeting for recognition.**

### The results are in, and the winners are ...

**1st Place winner of \$500.00:**

The Colemans’ – 5212 W. 137th Pl.

**Runners Up winners of \$200.00:**

- The Brefczynskis’ – 5249 Arbor Lane  
The Leydens’ – 13038 E. Playfield Dr.  
The Campos’s – 12801 S. Central Ave.  
The Johnsons’ – 14227 Springfield Ave.  
The Wysockis’ – 13336 S. LeClaire Ave.
- The Caputos’ – 12955 E. Playfield Dr.  
The Kuras’s – 5409 W. 137th St.  
The Gumbers’ – 13301 S. Laramie Ave.  
The Wards’ – 5335 Arbor Lane  
The Paytons’ – 13600 S. Laramie Ave.  
The Gromalas’ – 5129 W. 132nd Ct.  
The Kuznieskis’ – 14211 S. Kilpatrick Ave.  
The Kaspereks’ and Jaworskis’ – 14158 S. Lamon Ave.

## Support Your Community — Shop Locally

Maybe you have already started your holiday shopping. Maybe you wait until after Thanksgiving. Or maybe you’re one of those last-minute panic shoppers. Whatever your style, we encourage everyone to remember, while doing your Christmas shopping, to patronize our local business.

Crestwood is home to more than 500 businesses. Whatever you might be looking for, it’s very likely that a business in Crestwood has it. And when you shop locally, you are supporting not only the business and the people who work there, but you’re helping your own community. Sales taxes help to fund vital services in the Village, and help us to grow and maintain Crestwood’s status as a Village on the move.



In addition, by creating demand, you encourage new businesses to thrive, making our community a desirable location for other new businesses. And let’s not forget — it’s also in the spirit of the season.

So let’s make it a merry Christmas for our hardworking local businesses this year!

## Dear Business Owners ...

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR 2022 BUSINESS LICENSE

The Village has sent out applications for 2022 Business Licenses. If you have not yet received yours, please contact Colleen at the Village Hall at (708) 371-4900 ext. 2010.

This year we have an increase regarding your business license fee. The new fees will be on your renewal application and are due by Jan. 1, 2022.

We ask that you return the form filled out **completely and legibly**. We have found that in past years, information has changed and our records do not reflect those changes, or we are missing information. Please pay special attention to the highlighted areas.

**ANY APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, CAUSING A DELAY IN ISSUING YOUR LICENSE.**

Should you have any questions, please contact the Business License Department (708) 371-4800 ext. 2010.

Your prompt attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

**Catherine M. Johnson – Village Clerk – Village of Crestwood**

### Important Numbers

**Village Hall** .....  
13800 S. Cicero Ave.  
Main: (708) 371-4800  
Fax: (708) 371-4849  
Hours:  
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Tues.: 9:00am-8:00pm

**Police Department** .....  
13840 S. Cicero Ave.  
Main: (708) 371-4800 x 5007  
Fax: (708) 371-8307  
Nonemergency (708) 385-5131 Emergency: 911

**Fire Department** .....  
13840 S. Cicero Ave.  
Main: (708) 371-4800 x4500  
Fax: (708) 385-2836

**Recreation & Wellness Facility** .....  
5331 w. 135th St.  
Main: (708) 371-4810  
Hours:  
Mon.-Thu.: 5:30am-10:00pm Friday 5:30am-8:00pm  
Sat.-Sun.: 7:00am-5:00pm

**Library** .....  
4955 135th St.  
Main: (708) 371-4090  
Hours:  
Mon.-Thu.: 9:00am-8: 00pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Worth Township** .....  
(708) 371-2900 (Residents north of 135th)

**Bremen Township** .....  
(708) 333-1591 (Residents south of 135th)

**Republic Services**.....  
Call Village Hall first to be advised at (708) 371-4800, before dailing Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

**IDOT**.....  
(847) 705-4222

**Cook County Highway Dept.** .....  
(708) 448-8006 or (847) 705-4228



# CRWC Santa Event a Success — Thanks to YOU

A special thank-you to everyone who came out to the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center’s Santa Claus is Coming to Town event. It was a day full of holiday fun! A special thank-you goes out to the Crestwood Police Department for handing out stuffed animals, our CRWC staff who spread holiday cheer with cookies and cocoa, and an extra special thank-you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for making the trip down from the North Pole!



(LEFT-PHOTO) Those of us at the CRWC’s Santa Claus is Coming to Town event were thrilled that Santa and Mrs. Claus made the trip all the way from the North Pole to attend. (RIGHT-PHOTO) Happy-faced children are always the best thing to see at Christmastime.



(LEFT-PHOTO) Kids had the opportunity to drop off letters to Santa, and Santa was able to take them right from the event back to the North Pole with him. (MIDDLE-PHOTO) Cookies and cocoa were popular with those attending the CRWC’s Santa Claus is Coming to Town event. (RIGHT-PHOTO) Our thanks go out to the Crestwood Police Department for handing out stuffed animals to children in attendance.

## New Year's Resolution Ideas

The New Year is right around the corner and after the New Year's Eve party is over and the champagne cocktails and good food have been consumed, it's time to start thinking about New Year resolution ideas.

Now, maybe you haven't had much luck with keeping your New Year's resolutions in the past. But it's never too late to turn over a new leaf and New Year's Day 2022 is as good a time as any! If you need a little inspiration, check out our list of New Year's resolutions that will help you make the most of 2022. Whether you want to work on your physical or mental health, hone in on your financial wellness, or create more meaningful interpersonal connections, you can choose from 10 achievable New Year resolution ideas that are all worth adopting as your own.

Go beyond typical resolutions like hitting the gym consider more outside-the-box ideas like learning how to invest your money or seeking therapy for the first time. No matter which route you choose, there are so many ways to create a happier and healthier life in the New Year. The only question is, how will you pick just one? The great thing is you don't have to!



1. Start keeping a regular record of your personal thoughts, feelings, and insights. The benefits of journaling are plentiful: It can help reduce anxiety, create awareness, and regulate emotions.
2. A little compliment can go a long way. In fact, it has been shown that receiving a compliment can enhance positivity in relationships and increase general happiness. Giving compliments can be just as uplifting as receiving them, so you'll brighten their day and yours!
3. Say goodbye to late fees by putting all of your bills on autopay. It's a great way to streamline your bills so you raise your credit score, save money and time, and never miss a payment.
4. Make someone's day with a heartfelt card, whether you're writing to say thank you, happy

- birthday, or happy holidays!
5. Work your way through your own movie bucket list, or buy a fun scratch-off poster filled with 100 iconic screen gems.
6. Taking a break from social media can help decrease the feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression brought on by excessive scrolling.
7. Stop all of your non-essential spending for a certain amount of time, whether it's for a day, a week, or a month. If done correctly, experts say a spending freeze can even help pull you out of debt.
8. As cliché as it may sound, making a resolution to join a gym in the New Year can prove incredibly beneficial for both your body and mind. If you have trouble getting yourself to the gym or knowing what to do once you're there, consider trying a membership with an instructor-led studio.
9. Plastic is part of many people's daily lives, but it's not great for the environment. Thankfully, you can do your part to help reduce carbon emissions and curb. It's as simple as using reusable bottles, bags, cutlery, and bowls.
10. It's good to get in a habit of checking your bank accounts regularly. In addition to helping you stay on top of your spending and any deposits, it can also alert you to any fraudulent charges, which are always important to get ahead of.

May you all have a blessed New Year and stay Crestwood Strong.







# Governor Announces More Than \$16.8 Million in Grants for New Wastewater Infrastructure

**ALTO PASS** — Governor JB Pritzker and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director John J. Kim recently announced \$16,878,529 in grants have been awarded to five communities across the state through IEPA’s Unsewered Communities Construction Grant Program (UCCGP). Made possible through the governor’s bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan, the project will allow underserved communities to have a safe and dependable wastewater collection and treatment system. The announcement was made at the Village of Alto Pass, where a total of \$4.4 million in state funding from IEPA and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity was awarded to replace the failing infrastructure within the community.

In the fall of 2020 Illinois EPA announced \$20 million in funding available to assist communities with inadequate or nonexistent wastewater collection and treatment facilities through the Unsewered Communities Construction Grant Program (UCCGP). Through Governor Pritzker’s bipartisan Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan, Illinois EPA is making \$100 million available over the next five years through construction grants for wastewater collection and/or treatment facilities for such communities. Additionally, the Unsewered Communities Planning Grant Program (UCPGP) provides \$1M annually in smaller scale grants to



help communities develop construction plans. 2021’s recipients can be found here.

Illinois EPA estimates there are more than 200 Illinois communities that have inadequate or nonexistent wastewater collection and treatment facilities. These communities rely on individual septic tank systems or patchwork systems that result in illegal surface discharges that have negative environmental impacts. Affordability of appropriate systems is the greatest obstacle for unsewered communities. The UCCGP provides an opportunity to receive grant funds which would help finance the corrective action needed to address issues with wastewater collection and treatment.

In addition to the UCCGP (construction) and UCPGP (planning) programs, the state is investing in additional environmental infrastructure through Governor Pritzker’s historic Rebuild Illinois capital plan. Those programs include the Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities program, which is investing \$25 million in capital funds to construct green infrastructure best management practices to prevent, eliminate, or reduce water

quality impairments. Through Rebuild Illinois, IEPA also received an additional \$100 million to fund wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects through the State Revolving Fund loan program as well as a \$50 million hazardous waste remediation program to ensure hazardous wastes do not negatively impact the health of Illinois residents or their communities.

## Other communities that that are receiving UCCGP Grants include:

- City of Freeport in Stephenson County will receive \$2,244,529 to provide sewer service to the Oakhill Subdivision residences that are currently utilizing private septic systems.
- Village of Westfield in Clark County will receive \$5,000,000 to construct a wastewater treatment plant with UV disinfection to serve approximately 558 residents of the unsewered community.
- City of East Dubuque in Jo Daviess County will receive \$2,222,000 to extend the sanitary sewer to 84 residential single-family households in the Indian Hills and Kneable Court residential subdivisions that are currently on private systems.
- Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District/ Village of Holiday Hills in McHenry County will receive \$3,495,000 for the Phase 1 portion of the extension of sanitary sewer service from Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District to the 276 single family residences in the Village of Holiday Hills and 29 homes in the Le Ville Vaupell Subdivision.

For more information about the Unsewered Communities Construction and Planning Grant Programs, please visit [www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/grants-loans/unsewered-communities/Pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/grants-loans/unsewered-communities/Pages/default.aspx).

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Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

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# Preserving Our Heritage: Bruno Muzzarelli | By Ken McClory

As part of the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 Preserving Our Heritage initiative, we look this month at the stories and revelations of the valor and sacrifice of Bruno Muzzarelli.

Bruno was born and raised in South Wilmington, Ill., Grundy County, on July 31st, 1915. South Wilmington was a small mining and railroad town some 80 miles south of Chicago.

Bruno knew a lot about the hardships of the Great Depression, as it brought unemployment, homelessness and hunger to his experience at the age of 14. Hunting rabbits helped provide meals consisting of soups and biscuits. One of the main goals of education was to teach students to read.

He registered for the draft on Oct. 16th, 1940, and enlisted in the Army on March 2nd, 1942, three months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was immediately assigned to Camp Grant, Ill. Camp Grant was an induction center and was Bruno’s basic training facility. Located in Rockford, Ill., the camp also served as a prisoner of war detention center, holding more than 2,500 POWs.

Bruno was then assigned to the 29th Infantry Division and sailed for England in September 1942. As part of the division’s 116th Regiment attached to the 1st Infantry Division, Bruno was in the first wave of troops ashore during operation Neptune, the landings in Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6th, 1944. It supported a special ranger unit tasked with clearing strategic points at Omaha Beach.

During the invasion, Bruno was wounded, suffering shrapnel fragments to his lower body. The first wave suffered close to 50 percent casualties, and more than 1,000 Americans lay dead or wounded on the sands of Omaha. You could say that Bruno was lucky to be alive when he was shipped to an Army hospital in England — shrapnel could be cleaned up and treated with penicillin to guard against infection. (Penicillin was a precious commodity not available in World War I. In the days before antibiotics, something as simple as minor wounds could get infected and lead to death. Throughout 1943, penicillin production became America’s War Departments’ no. 2 priority after the Manhattan

Project’s drive to build an atomic bomb.)

On D-Day, 73,000 U.S. troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, boosted by millions of doses of the miracle drug, changing the fight against infection, as evidenced by Bruno. He had returned to the 29th Infantry Division in Europe to fight on with his unit until the end of the war.

In September 1944, Bruno and the 29th Division was ordered to southern Holland and entered Germany on Oct. 1st, 1944. On Nov. 16th, 1944, the 29th joined in one of the largest U.S. Army offensives of the war. Bruno’s infantry division began its drive to the Roer River, blasting its way through six German strongholds. While the Battle of the Bulge raged on, the 29th Division patrolled aggressively over the Roer River, prepared for the Allied offensive to resume. The 29th crossed the Rhine River on March 31st, 1945, and joined the Allied expeditionary forces’ blitzkrieg across central Germany. The end was in sight. On May 2nd, the 175th Infantry’s 3rd Battalion participated in the historic handshake with the Soviets’ 6th Guard Cavalry Division. Five days later, Nazi Germany collapsed and the war in Europe was over.

In 11 months of continuous combat, Bruno Muzzarelli and his 29th Division had participated in seven major offensives, gaining a reputation as one of the U.S. Army’s finest outfits in World War II. During the European Campaign, more than 20,000 29ers fell in battle. The last elements of the division did not depart Europe until late 1945, arriving in New York City in January 1946.

Corporal Muzzarelli was honorably discharged shortly after arriving in New York. He was awarded four Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters, a Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, four Battle Stars for campaign action at D-Day, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, six Overseas Service Bars, the Middle Eastern Campaign medal, Army of Occupation medal, and the World War II Victory medal. The 29th Infantry Division was also the recipient of a unit citation, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, for its participation on D-Day of the invasion of Normandy.



Bruno Muzzarelli

Bruno returned to South Wilmington and married the love of his life, Consoline (nee Donna) May 4th, 1946, a marriage lasting 66 years, until his passing at the age of 97 in 2012. Bruno was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City, and an American Legion Member at Koca Post No. 39 in Braidwood. He loved hunting and fishing, and was well known to catch some “lunker” muskie. He solemnly promised that if he ever stopped fishing, it would be time to go to heaven. He stopped fishing at 95 and was interred with military honors at Braceville-Gardner cemetery less than two years later.

Bruno’s military contribution and strength to resist opposition and danger, along with courage implies firmness of mind and will are testimony to the tenacity of our WWII Veterans.

Thank you, Bruno, for your honorable character, unwavering patriotism and extraordinary contribution to the ongoing Preserving Our Heritage initiative.

*Ken McClory is a Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 member who authored the feature and is currently taking the lead in his Post’s “Preserving Our Heritage” initiative. If you have a veteran in your life whose story deserves to be told, please feel free to reach out to Ken at (708) 214-3385.*

### Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

#### HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

#### Types of electric space heaters

**Oil or water-filled radiator**  
Heated oil or water travels through the heater.


**Fan-forced heater**  
A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

**Ceramic heater**  
Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

**Infrared heaters**  
Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

#### Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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

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## 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 and should only ever be used outdoors.
- NEVER heat your home with the stove.



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Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.


- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!





**Fact**  
Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

## ComEd Offers Ways for Cook County Residents to Save on Energy Costs

As we dip into what is historically the coldest part of the year, it’s nice to know that there are means of reducing your energy costs. ComEd offers the following suggestions for those who qualify:

### Home Energy Upgrades

Get rid of drafts and save money with insulation and air sealing. Weatherization improvements like these may reduce energy waste by up to 20 percent, lowering your energy costs. You’ll experience better indoor air quality and a more comfortable home.

Income eligible homeowners of single-family homes, manufactured homes, town homes and duplexes may qualify to receive free weatherization improvements and free installation of energy-saving products. ComEd has partnered with your natural gas utility to bring electric and natural gas savings to you.

To qualify for free home energy upgrades, ComEd customers must meet household income at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). AMI varies, depending on where you live within the ComEd service territory. Your local community agency, the Chicago Bungalow Association or the Chicagoland Vintage Home Association will help you determine your eligibility based on your area. The chart presented here describes the maximum qualifying household income for most of the Chicago metropolitan area.

Number of People in Household	Max Household Income
1	\$52,200
2	\$59,650
3	\$67,100
4	\$74,550
5	\$80,550
6	\$86,500
7	\$92,450
8	\$98,450
9	\$104,400
10	\$110,350

### Energy Savings Kits

Lower your energy bill and reduce your environmental impact with an energy savings kit. Call your local community agency and you may receive a FREE kit that includes energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® certified LED bulbs, water-saving faucet aerators, an advanced power strip and more. Plus, you’ll receive information on energy-saving actions that can help you further reduce your energy expenses.

Contact your local community agency for eligibility details and ask for your free kit to be mailed to your home. Once you have your kit, view our short videos explaining how easy it is to install your new products.

### Community Agencies

Eligible ComEd customers who own a single-family home, manufactured home, town home or duplex can contact a local community agency to get started. Tenants can apply with the property owner’s permission. For a list of agencies in your area, visit [www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/CommunityActionAgencies.aspx](https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/CommunityActionAgencies.aspx)

For more information on ways you can reduce your energy bill, visit [www.comed.com](https://www.comed.com) and click on “Ways to Save.”

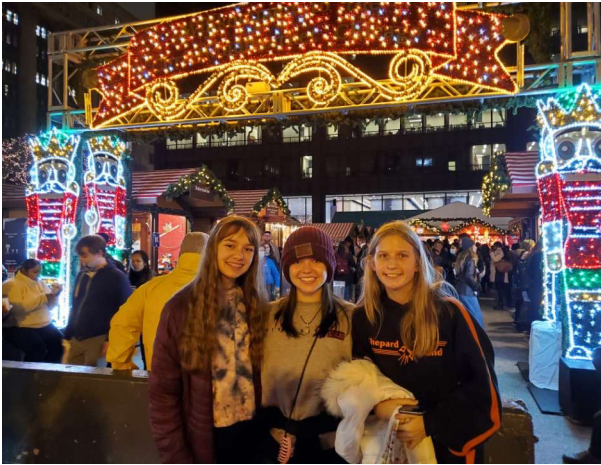


# Shepard German Club Visits Christkindlmarket

To celebrate the end of first semester, teacher Jennifer Fischer from Shepard High School took German Club students to visit Christkindlmarket, the outdoor festival at Daley Plaza that emulates traditional European holiday markets. Booths sell imported souvenirs, hot cider, soft pretzels, roasted nuts, chocolates and much more.



(LEFT-PHOTO) Teacher Jennifer Fischer with some of the Shepard High School German Club students who recently visited the Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago. (MIDDLE-PHOTO) Shepard High School’s German Club gathers for a group shot at the Christkindlmarket in Daley Plaza downtown. (LEFT-PHOTO) Shepard High School German Club members learn about the European tradition of Krampus at the Christkindlmarket in Daley Plaza.



(LEFT-PHOTO) Students from Shepard High School’s German Club had fun on a recent visit to the Christkindlmarket in downtown Chicago. (MIDDLE-PHOTO) Teacher Jennifer Fischer took German Club from Shepard High School to the Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago. (LEFT-PHOTO) Ornaments are just one of the wares on offer at the Christkindlmarket in downtown Chicago, where Shepard German students paid a recent visit with their teacher, Jennifer Fischer.

## GET UP AND GET OUT!



### LIGHT UP THE LAKE

**Through Jan. 2 | Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago**  
Brighten the winter season with Chicagoland’s biggest indoor, temperature-controlled light garden, featuring large-scale light-sculpture displays; an Alpine ice rink, authentic holiday beer garden, kiddie train rides, gift market, Merry Main Street Presented by Brach’s — and, of course, a visit with Santa. Through Jan. 2, in Festival Hall. Tickets are \$26 for adults, \$21 for children 3-12. Children under age 3 enter free.

### EVENING SNOWSHOE HIKE

**Thursday, Jan. 6th, 5:30pm | Camp Bullfrog Lake | 9600 Wolf Rd., Willow Springs**  
Explore the Forest Preserves on snowshoes! Stop by to try out snowshoes and go on a short hike at the campgrounds. (Four inches of snow is required.) Snowshoes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required. In the event that there is no snow, the hike will take place on foot. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors also should wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. For more information, call (708) 771-1573 or email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov. Cost: FREE.

### MOON WALK

**Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 6:00pm | Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center | 9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs**  
Let the full moon be your guide as you hike the 1-mile White Oak Trail, and warm up by a fire under the night sky

afterwards. All ages are welcome. Please bring binoculars — limited pairs to lend. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (708) 839-6897 or email littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost: FREE.

### BADHAND IN CONCERT

**Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 8:00pm | Brazen Head Pub | 13602 Cicero Ave., Crestwood**  
Join BadHand at Brazen Head for a night of rock, folk, Irish & bluegrass from artists Caamp, Tom Petty, Mumford & Sons and more! For more information, see the BadHand page at Facebook, or call Brazen Head at (708) 388-8862.

### KIERAN BYRNE IN CONCERT

**Friday, Jan. 21st, 7:30pm | The Carraig Pub at Chicago Gaelic Park | 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest**  
Kieran Byrne is a native of Limerick, and has been living here for the last 8 years after moving from Ireland. Kieran is a teacher by profession and has been playing live music since the age of 18, starting in England while at college. Kieran plays Irish folk and rebel music along with some country. Kieran is a regular on the music scene, playing venues from the southside to the northside of Chicago. Kieran’s influences include The Pogues, The Dubliners and Christy Moore. There is NO COVER CHARGE for this event. Pub food will be served from 5:00-10:00pm.

### AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE HIKE

**Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 1:00pm | Camp Sullivan | 14630 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest**  
Explore the Forest Preserves on snowshoes! Stop by to try out snowshoes and go on a short hike at the campgrounds. (Four inches of snow is required.) Snowshoes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required. In the event that there is no snow, the hike will take place on foot. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors also should wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. For more information, call (708) 771-1573 or email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov. Cost: FREE.

### CREATIVE RE-USE: PAPER MAKING

**Sunday, Jan. 30th, 1:00-3:00pm | Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland**



In the first part of a three-part journaling series, learn how to make paper from recycled materials. For more information, call (224) 501-6634 or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov. Cost: FREE.

### EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

**Sunday, Jan. 30th, 6:00pm | Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center**  
Enjoy a fun, interactive evening of storytelling by the fire. Learn how the world around us was shaped by wind and fire, and how those two natural forces continue to play a vital role in shaping the Earth today. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (708) 839-6897 or email littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost: FREE.





BIELA CENTER  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike - Crestwood, IL

CALENDAR: JANUARY 2022

708-371-4800 Ext: 6002

For more Information

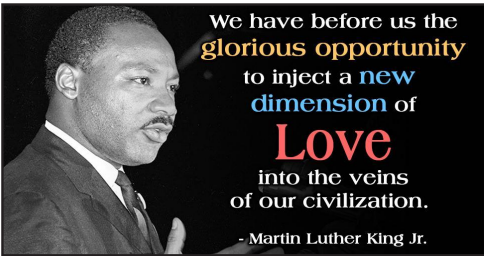
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY | Fitness from 11am-12pm      TUESDAY | Bingo at 1pm      FRIDAY | Bingo at 1:15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Baked Potato Bar	5 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Senior Club 12:15PM	6	7 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Bingo 12:15PM Lunch Cheese Soup with ½ Ham Sandwich
10 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM	11 Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Chicken Kiev	12 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM	13	14 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Lunch German Potato Salad with Sausage Bingo 12:15PM
17 MLK DAY CLOSED	18 Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Pasta Faggioli Soup with ½ Salami Sandwich	19 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Senior Club 12:15PM	20 Line Dance Lessons 1PM-2PM	21 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Lunch Italian Chicken Bingo 12:15PM Line Dance Party 6:30PM-10PM
24 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Crochet Classes 4PM-6PM	25 Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Zesty Italian Sausage Sandwich from Madori's Crochet Classes 4PM-6PM	26 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM	27 Line Dance Lessons 1PM-2PM	28 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Lunch Turkey Apricot Wrap Bingo 12:15PM

31 Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Crochet Classes Intermediate 4PM-6PM
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Would you like to start 2022 doing something different? Check out our many daily activities. All are welcome! If there is something you don't see, but would be interested in, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001



The Biela Center will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Enjoy your day!

Look What's Cooking!!!

Tuesday, Jan. 4th:	Baked Potato Bar
Friday, Jan. 7th:	Cheese Soup with ½ Ham Sandwich
Tuesday, Jan. 11th:	Chicken Kiev
Friday, Jan. 14th:	German Potato Salad with Sausage
Tuesday, Jan. 18th:	Pasta Faggioli Soup with ½ Salami Sandwich
Friday, Jan. 21st:	Italian Chicken
Tuesday, Jan. 25th:	Zesty Italian Sausage Sandwich from Madori's
Friday, Jan. 28th:	Turkey Apricot Wrap

Pop is \$.50 and Water is \$1.00; please pay before grabbing your lunch. Lunches are \$5.00, served Fridays to 12:15pm, Tuesdays is 12pm. Bingo played 1:00-3:00pm. Reservations must be made a week in advance — NO EXCEPTIONS! All lunches are served with dessert. Reservations must be made one week in advance. For cancellation, call 708-371-4800 Ext: 6002.

REMINDER REFUND POLICY

We would like to remind everyone about our No Refunds Policy.

If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place.

\*\*Unless there is a waiting list you will not need to find a replacement, and you will be issued a refund\*\*

**No refunds will be given otherwise.**

This is in place because we have to pay the facility's fees prior to our trip. Which means they are paid well in advance, and your seat has already been filled.


We ask that all trips are paid 2 weeks prior to the trip. Someone from our office will contact you if you have not paid by the 2-week deadline.

If you have any questions, please call Ashley  
708-371-4800 Ext: 6002

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**No Class on Monday, January 17, 2022**

THE BIELA CENTER  
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE  
CRESTWOOD, IL 60418  
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## Classes starting soon at Biela Center Intermediate class starting on

Monday, Jan. 24th - Mar 21st (No class Feb. 21st)

4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Intermediate Class** must have knowledge of basic stitches like single crochet and double crochet. Items needed 4 ply yarn, solid colors, and H-I and J hook. Class focus is on reading a pattern and learning new stitches.

**8 week class**

**Cost - \$60.00**

(payment must be made in full at first class)

**Advanced registration is a must** (payment must be made in full at first class)  
**Class size is limited to 10 people**

**708- 371-4800 ext: 6002**  
**Register with Ashley**

Must have knowledge of basic stitches like single crochet and double crochet.

Items needed 4 ply yarn, solid colors, and H-I and J hook. Class focus is on reading a pattern, and circular crochet, and Chevron pattern plus more.

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Crestwood, IL 60418  
**708- 371-4800**  
**Register with Ashley**



## The Four Winds Casino

There is still a guideline we will have to follow — this may change closer to our trip.

Masks must be worn on the bus traveling to the casino.

*This is as of May 27, 2021, a message from the Four Winds Casino Shuttle. We have moved to the CDC recommendation on masks, so anyone who is vaccinated does not have to wear a mask. This will be done on the honor system as no checks will be performed. We will still be requiring temperatures be taken before coming out to the casino.*

**Date:** February 24, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60418

**Return:** 4:30 pm

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

**Cost Includes:** \$15.00 Instant Slot Credit, \*\*Up to \$10.00 Food Credit\*\* can be used toward the following food outlets: The Buffet, Timbers Fast Food & Deli, Grab N Go, Kankakee Bar & Grill.

Any questions please call Ashley 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

**If you would like to attend, please fill this out and return to Ashley.**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City & State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current W-Club Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**You're Invited...**

## To learn the art of Crochet Classes starting soon

**BEGINNER** class starting on

Tuesday Jan. 25th - Mar. 15th

4:00 - 6:00 pm

8 week class

**Cost - \$60.00**

(payment must be made in full at first class)

**Advanced registration is a MUST -- Class size is limited to 10 people**

NO experience needed. Start at the beginning with others who want to learn too. Items needed 4 ply yarn, solid light color, H hook and scissors. Class is designed with the beginner in mind. Come ready to learn.



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Crestwood, IL 60445  
**708- 371-4800**  
**Register with Ashley**



Are you looking for more ways to have fun, win some prizes, and love to play Bunco?

The Biela Center has started hosting Bunco on the **First Thursday** of every month, from 2pm-4pm.

Admission will be \$5.00 every time in order to win select prizes. We hope to see you there!

Please Contact Ashley with any questions @  
~ 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002 ~

Biela Center: 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

**Let's Roll!**

**Bunco Players have talent. They can roll dice and talk at the same time.**



## EVITA

Based on true events, Evita tells the story of Eva Perón's rags-to-riches life as she goes from poor provincial child to First Lady of Argentina. A champion of the working-class descamisados, she uses popularity and politics to serve her people – and herself. Featuring some of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's most iconic songs, including "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," this musical masterpiece won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Original Score. The 1996 film adaptation was nominated for five Academy Awards, winning for Best Original Song.

**New Date!!**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022

**Lunch:** Chicken Breast, Pork Medallions or Vegetable Kabob

**Please choose what you would like for lunch.**

**Cost:** \$89.00 includes Theater tickets, Coach Transportation and Lunch

**Must be paid in full by February 9, 2022**

**Time:** 10:00am-4:00pm (Bus departs at 10:30am)

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot 708-371-4800 Option #6

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We will start off by enjoying a marvelous tour of the historic Rialto Square Theatre, then return to the Rotunda for a delicious lunch. Then we will complete our experience with a mini-concert on the world renowned Barton Grande Theatre Pipe Organ.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

**Return:** 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$70.00

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Theatre Tour, Lunch & Organ Concert.

**Payment is due: February 28, 2022**

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot: 708-371-4800 Option #6

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## CHICAGO CRIME TOUR

Escape into Chicago's underworld on a crime and mob tour with stops on-and-off the luxury, climate-controlled bus. Walking tour paths explore historic crime scenes with great photo opportunities. True crime stories about Chicago Gangster Al Capone, The Untouchables, The Chicago Mob, Prohibition, John Dillinger, Frank "The Enforcer" Nitti, Cap George Streeter, Leopold & Loeb, H.H. Holmes & more. Visit historic landmark buildings: Biograph Theater, Holy Name Cathedral, Cook County Criminal Courthouse, Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, etc. Tour famous Chicago neighborhoods: Streeterville, River North, Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Loop and Magnificent Mile. Locals and tourists agree that this educational and entertaining thing to do in Chicago is a unique cultural experience.

**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2022

**Depart:** 8:30am

**Return:** 3:30pm

**Cost:** \$100

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Crime Tour & Pizza Lunch

**Payment is due: Thursday, January 27, 2022**

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot: 708-371-4800 Option #6

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## Boot Scootin' Boogie!

We offer Line Dancing lessons on Thursdays. This month, classes will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Time:** 1:00pm to 2:00pm

**Location:** Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL

**Cost:** \$20.00 for the month

**No Classes January 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*Enter through the back door entrance\*\*\***

To reserve your spot please email:

[LDALearnTolinedance@gmail.com](mailto:LDALearnTolinedance@gmail.com)

Men, Women, Guests of **ALL AGES** are welcome

*All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.*



## City on Fire - October 8, 1871

Chicago's busy streets were taken over by flames for three days, overwhelming a city built of wood and causing severe destruction. After the fire died, recovery efforts exposed deep social and economic inequalities when more than 100,000 people became homeless, and society placed blame upon the Irish immigrant O'Leary family. The devastation also sparked change and regrowth in Chicago by introducing new fire safety guidelines and rebuilding as the resilient city known today. One hundred and fifty years later, *City on Fire: Chicago 1871* guides visitors through the crucial events and conditions before, during, and after the fire—many of which draw striking comparisons to today's social climate. This family-friendly exhibition features more than 100 artifacts from the Chicago History Museum's collection, interactive and multimedia elements, and personal stories from survivors of the fire.

**New Date**

**Date:** April 21, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

**Return:** 5:00pm

**Cost:** \$70.00

**Payment is due: April 8, 2022**

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Admission & Lunch

**Please choose what you would like for lunch:**

All sandwiches include homemade chips, medium chef's choice cookie, soft drink or water.

**Clark Street BLT:** Applewood-Smoked Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise, on White Bread.

**Gold Coast Veggie:** Grilled Artichoke hearts, roasted bell peppers, sundried tomatoes, pesto, spinach, provolone cheese, on tomato focaccia.

**Lakeshore Drive Tuna:** Homemade Tuna salad, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, on Croissant.

**North Side Turkey:** Oven Roasted Turkey Breast, Smokehouse bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise, on multigrain.

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot 708-371-4800 Option #6

**No refunds, you may transfer your seat to another person.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## FRIDAY NIGHT LINE DANCE PARTY!

Grab your cowboy boots, cowboy hats and come on down to Boot Scootin' Boogie the night away!

**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022

**Time:** 6:30pm to 10:00pm

**Location:** Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood IL

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

**\*\*\*Enter through the back door entrance\*\*\***

To reserve your spot please email:

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Men, Women, Guests of **ALL AGES** are welcome

*All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.*



## Senior Exercise Class

With certified instructor Rita Langer

Beginning January 4, 2022

8 classes for the month of January at \$40

Tuesday and Thursday 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Class Dates: January 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27

Please register and pay before the start of the first class by visiting us at:

**Biela Center**  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood, IL 60418

Should you have any questions, please call 708-371-4800

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.







## Moraine Valley makes significant impact to regional economy

Moraine Valley Community College is a sound investment for both students and taxpayers, according to a 2021 economic impact study conducted by the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University. The college contributes to the vitality of its service area educationally, culturally, civically and economically. These activities represent significant economic contributions by increasing workers’ earning potential and generating additional tax revenues.

A Moraine Valley education increases earnings for graduates. This analysis focuses on a student who completes within two years, is in their early 20s and does not work during their time in school. After completion, the calculations project earnings over a 40-year post-graduation time frame.

On average, graduates of associate degree programs and long-term certificates who completed their education in 2014 saw a post-completion increase

of \$9,240 in earnings over their pre-enrollment wages.

A Moraine Valley graduate can expect a total lifetime earnings gain of more than \$570,000 compared to someone not attending community college. The net present value, a metric that estimates the current total value of an investment based on future payments, of earning a Moraine Valley degree is about \$230,833.

Students graduating in 2009 earned a median of \$52,644 within nine years of completion, representing a 19.2 percent annual growth rate. According to College Navigator, average student loans (\$4,797) for Moraine Valley students tend to be significantly less than national averages (\$6,768). Only 10 percent of Moraine Valley students take out loans.

At Moraine Valley, students are equipped with the tools, resources and connections to make sound career decisions, plan for their future and find employment. Out of all the students who completed a degree or certificate in 2009, 78.4 percent were employed one year after graduating, and 90.8 percent were employed in career jobs after 10 years. Students earning an Associate in Applied Science

degree had the highest employment rate with around 94 percent after 10 years.

The college also enhances the skills of the workforce, boosts the competitiveness of area businesses and adds jobs to the local economy. The college purchases goods and services, and invests in building and remodeling. In addition, income earned by employees is spent in the local economy.

As a major employer and business entity, Moraine Valley generates millions of dollars in local sales and wages, and paid over \$28.3 million in wages and benefits to the 518 employees who live within the region.

For example, in 2020, college wages, salaries and operating expenditures produced an estimated total economic impact of \$84.1 million for the gross state product and 954 jobs.

“We work hard at serving our students and our 26 communities to help them achieve success,” said Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, college president. “These findings help demonstrate the significant role we play in helping our students and their communities improve their quality of life and what an excellent investment Moraine Valley is to our taxpayers.”

## Moraine Valley Nursing Students Engage in Act of Kindness Project

Students from a nursing clinical practicum at Moraine Valley Community College positively impacted their community in various ways through “The act of kindness” project.

This course is part of the pediatric experience for third semester students, said Dr. Katrina Escarilla, Moraine Valley nursing instructor. The goal of the project is to create community awareness, particularly in the pediatric population, of how a simple act can positively impact others. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People 2030 sets data-driven objectives for the health of the population. Students were asked to pick an initiative from this source and choose an area within their community to implement it.

One student, Bridget McCormick, of Orland Park, went to her local park district to talk to a small group of adolescents with special needs about oral hygiene and the importance of going to the dentist. She presented a

4-minute cartoon video to help explain and gave them each a new toothbrush kit. Another student from Oak Forest, Filomena Paolella, went to Edison School in Stickney to do vision screenings for a kindergarten class. She brought eye charts and printed information about doing the test at home for other family members to use. Two parents were told to take their children to an optometrist because of vision issues discovered in the test.

“I was nervous going in front of 5-year-olds, but it was easy. The kids were really excited to do it,” Paolella said. “I enjoyed it and was happy it actually made a difference.”

This is the first semester the project was implemented. Typically, students go to a facility for their pediatric rotation, but it was altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The students reported a sense of purpose. They learned that being a nurse is not just caring for the sick, but it’s also about health promotion and disease prevention in our community,” Escarilla said. “The students did a pretty good job making the activities interesting, so the kids remained engaged the whole time. I am so proud of these students.”



Mr. Plumbing has been a part of this great community for 42 years!

Help us to give back to that community! We are collecting non-perishable food donations in our showroom to be distributed to Operation Blessing. Operation Blessing is a not-for-profit food pantry that has been serving our community since 1982.

We are located at:

14024 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood

(708) 385-8607







## Crestwood Public Library January Adult Programs

### Adult Take & Make Snowflake Craft Kits

Beaded Snowflakes - **Available Monday, January 3rd**

Color Scratch Snowflakes - **Available Monday, January 17th**

A limited number of kits will be available at the Front Desk while supplies last.



### Stampin' Up Card Class!

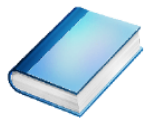
Create your own one-of-a-kind themed greeting cards! *Limited* seating is available in order to safely accommodate our patrons. If you're interested in joining our in-person demonstration, please call (708) 371-4090, or visit the Front Desk to register. Cost is \$5 per person. **Monday, January 10th, at 6:00pm.**

**Face Masks will be required by all who attend.**

### Adult Book Club

Join us on the **first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM** for our patron run book club! Read new or old favorites, and meet some new friends! Title suggestions are always welcome.

**Our December Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:30pm**



### Scrabble Club

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks! (*In-Person Program*)

**Saturday, January 15th, 10:30 AM - 12:30pm**



### Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library and make some new friends while working! **Monday, January 24th, 6:30pm** (*In-Person Program*)

### An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00pm** *Program will be on Zoom*

Bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia discusses her newest book, *Velvet Was the Night*, and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror. Silvia Moreno-Garcia is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the critically acclaimed novels *Certain Dark Things*, *Gods of Jade and Shadow*, and *Mexican Gothic*, which *Vanity Fair* called “[An] irresistibly dark feminist reimagining of the Gothic fantasy novel.” Mexican by birth, Canadian by inclination, Silvia has edited several anthologies, received many awards for her novels, and is a columnist for the *Washington Post*.



## January Library Events for Families and Youth



### Take & Make Monday Crafts for Kids

Every Monday, a limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up for children to create at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. See our Facebook page for an image of each week's project. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance.

### Preschool Story Time - Winter Session

Kids ages 1-5, under 3 with adult, can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. **Story time will resume Friday, January 14, 2022, at 10:30am.** Space is limited. Registration is required. Mask-wearing protocols will be in place.

### Girls Who Code

Girls who Code is a computer science club for girls in grades 3-5. Girls will read the first *Girls Who Code* book and then learn how to code to complete online challenges. **This program runs for 6 consecutive weeks and registration is required. Program runs Thursday, January 20 to February 24 at 4:00pm.** Call 708-371-4090 or stop in to register.

### Read to the Dogs!

Hershey the therapy dog and his friends Cashel and Hazel are back at the library, and ready to hear kids grades K-4 read their favorite stories. Registration is required for a reading time. Social distancing while waiting and masks must be worn to attend this program. **Wednesday, January 19, 2022, from 5:00-6:00pm.**

### Crafty Kids at Home!

Kids in grades K-3 can pick up a craft to make at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. A limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up from the Front Desk on **Thursday, January 20, 2022.** These kits may contain small parts and are not meant for children under 5.

### Chess for Kids

Miss playing chess with your friends or would you like to learn how to play chess? If so, Mr. Pierre is back to host another session of Chess for Kids. **Program open to kids ages 6-16. Friday, January 21 at 3:30pm.** Registration is required. Limit of 10 children.

### LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12, come share your creativity and join us for a fun day of building with Legos! Your creation can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design. Lego Club meets twice a month. **January Dates: Tuesdays, January 11 & 25 at 4:00pm** Ages 6-12  
Tuesdays, January 11 & 25 at 4:00pm.

### Take Home Science Kits

Crestwood Library will be offering hands-on science kits for kids to experiment at home. Adult supervision may be required. A limited number of take home-science kits will be available to pick-up beginning **Thursday, January 6, 2022.**

Join us for **Family Bingo** here in the library on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6:00pm.** Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo. When a parent gets Bingo, the kids win the prize! **Registration Required. Limit of 8 families.**

### Take and Make for Tweens

Kids grades 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade can pick up a take home craft kit to make at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. A limited number of kits will be available for pick-up beginning **Wednesday, January 12, 2022.**

Following current CDC guidelines, all patrons attending a program or using the Crestwood Public Library will be required to wear a face covering.



## 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 Crestwood to get help in filing a claim for your injury or illness.

There is no charge or fee for this service. The DAV is a national service organization comprising of veterans

dedicated to helping other veterans to 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 Elks Lodge #1596 at 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood, 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.DAV84.org](http://www.DAV84.org).



**ELKS LODGE #1596** | 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood, Illinois.

# Moraine Valley Speech and Debate Team Has Success This Fall

The Moraine Valley Community College Speech and Debate Team had a successful fall semester, winning 1st Place twice and taking 3rd once, as they returned to in-person competition.

After nearly two years participating virtually, the team competed in-person the weekend of Oct. 16th at McHenry County College, finishing first. In November, the team took 3rd Place at the Highland Community College Tournament, which included 4-year colleges and universities. Earlier in December, Moraine Valley finished in first place overall at the Elgin Community College competition. Moraine Valley also hosted an on-campus tournament over the weekend of Oct. 31, where 20 colleges and universities from around the country participated. Host colleges do not compete.

Moraine Valley students on the team include Naail Chaudhry of Orland Park, Ameet Dhaliwal of Orland Hills, Alexis Lyons of Orland Park, Aidan

McGuire of Mokena, Chayse Mueller of Hickory Hills, Robert Murillo of Chicago, Oswaldo Ocampo of Burbank, Eliza Perkovich of Hickory Hills, Itzel Rojas of Oak Lawn, Cameron Spencer of Oak Forest, and Eli Zwiesler of Chicago Ridge.

The team still has some virtual coaching, as well as face-to-face, but has appreciated the chance to compete again like they used to.

“The students are not taking this opportunity for granted,” said John Nash, Moraine Valley communications professor and co-coach of the team. “I think they appreciate the ability to connect with their team, their coaches and competition so much more now. This is one of the tightest family unit teams we have had in quite some time.

“Overall, I am pleased with how well the team did,” he continues. “They are all mostly first-year students, and they won two tournaments. However, what I am truly happy about is how much

they are learning about themselves and about communication in general.”

The team will continue their season on Jan. 7th and 8th with a tournament hosted by Phi Rho Pi Region IV.



Members of the award-winning Moraine Valley Community College Speech and Debate Team from their most recent first place win include (back row left to right) Chayse Mueller, Ameet Dhaliwal, Naail Chaudhry and Itzel Rojas, and (front row left to right) Eli Zwiesler, Oswaldo Ocampo, Eliza Perkovich and Robert Murillo. (Missing are Alexis Lyons, Aidan McGuire and Cameron Spencer.)

## IN SPORT NEWS



### 2022 Spring Season Registration

#### Why play Softball with Crestwood Fastpitch Association this year?

**We think our club is pretty great but here are a few reasons to play softball this spring at CFA:**

- A fun, family-friendly environment
- Accommodate all ages 6 – 18
- Outside activity with lots of space and fresh air
- Make friends, learn teamwork, and develop life skills
- Established for over 25 years
- We have a great group of volunteers
- Did we mention already how much FUN we have?

Indoor practices will begin in January. The season runs from April through June

Home games at Walker Park, road games in neighboring towns (see website for details)

Register online beginning December 10 @ [www.crestwoodfastpitch.com](http://www.crestwoodfastpitch.com)

Contact us for more info:

Email: [CrestwoodFastpitch2016@gmail.com](mailto:CrestwoodFastpitch2016@gmail.com)

Facebook: Crestwood Fastpitch Association

Website: [www.CrestwoodFastpitch.com](http://www.CrestwoodFastpitch.com)

## Shepard Varsity, JV Cheerleaders Sweep at Andrew Invitational

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School both delivered sterling performances at the Andrew Invitational Dec. 18th. Both teams took 1st Place.

Varsity, coached by Felicia Marr, now have won championships in both their competitions this season. In December, the Astros took 1st Place at the Lincoln-Way East Invitational.



The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders both pictured, from Shepard High School both took first place at the Andrew Invitational Dec. 18th.



# Fun & Entertainment

\*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

**FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!**

**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**

**NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES**  
can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:  
  
**Garage Sales**  
**Appliance and Electronics Sales**  
**Transportation (Cars, Boats, Motorcycles)**  
**Homes for Sale or Rent**  
**Apartments for Sale or Rent**  
**Employment Openings**  
**Jobs Wanted**  
  
To place your classified ad **call 708-293-1430**

**JANUARY CLASSIFIED**

**FOR SALE**  
New Hamilton Beach juicer – \$65. New Amazon Fire HD8 tablet – \$30. Assorted collector’s Barbie dolls – \$20 each. New smokeless 12” x 16” portable grill – \$60. Call (708) 371-0619.

**WANTED**  
Seeking LP record albums, pre-1975 baseball cards & all collectible cards. For records, call John at (708) 860-9562. For collectible cards, call Gary at (708) 363-4559.

**OBITUARIES**

**Chrzanowski, Casmira** "Cass"(nee Suczynski), 94 years, of Crestwood, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 21st, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Peter A. Cherished mother of Michael (Eileen), Barbara (Alvin) Bakun, Steven (Susan), Trish (Gregory) Ledwon, and Marie (Salvador) Mosqueda. Loving grandmother of Mary Ellen, Peter, Andrew, Molly, Kurt, Adam, Laura, Eric, Matthew, Ryan, Jessica and Kyle. Dear great-grandmother of 13. The baby and last surviving sister of the Suczynski family. Visitation Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood, with a Funeral Mass Wednesday, Dec. 1st, at Saint Terrence Catholic Church. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Dedo, Joseph P.**, U.S. Army Veteran, of Crestwood, passed away Monday, Nov. 15th, 2021, at the age of 90 years. Beloved husband of Helen V., nee Kurek. Loving father of Kenneth (the late Rosanne), Ronald, David (Darlene), Susan (John) Julkowski, and the late Richard (Marta) Dedo. Cherished grandfather of Kenneth II (Kaitlyn), Veronica, Cassandra, Robert, Lauren, Brandon, Joanna, John, Prt. 1st Cl. Matthew U.S.M.C., Daniel, and Timothy. Dear twin brother of the late Josephine (the late Eugene) Smid. Fond brother of Louis (the late Rose), the late Stanley (the late Bernice), and other deceased brothers and sisters. Visitation was held Monday, Nov. 22nd, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a funeral Mass Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois. Proud member of Teamsters Local 710. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Dybas, Michael K.**, of Crestwood, passed away suddenly on Thursday, Nov. 4th, 2021, at the age of 64. A Memorial Mass for Michael K. Dybas will be held Saturday, Dec. 18th, 2021, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Peterson, Debra E.** (nee Kelam), of Crestwood, passed away Monday, Nov. 22nd, 2021, at the age of 66 years. Beloved wife of James J. Peterson. Loving mother of Tyler McMaster, Amy Barnum, Julie (Hector) Chavez and James (Melissa) Peterson. Cherished grandmother and neighborhood "Mom" of many. Dear sister of Joanie and Gale Kelam. Visitation took place Monday, Nov. 29th, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Springer, James Edward**, of Crestwood, passed away Sunday, Nov. 28th, 2021, at the age of 67 years. Loving brother of Michelle Llana. Funeral Services for Jim are private. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

## 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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## CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- 1 Goes with out a date
- 6 Picture book
- 11 Leather maiking need
- 13 S. W. Indian tribe
- 14 Twelve months
- 15 Professor (abbr.)
- 17 Dinner drink
- 18 System international (abbr.)
- 19 Acid
- 21 Obvious
- 23 \_\_\_ A Small World...
- 24 Gain
- 26 Assumed name
- 27 Guitar finger marker
- 28 Told a tall tale
- 30 I want my \_\_\_
- 31 Cook quickly
- 32 Hunts game
- 34 Dine
- 36 By way of
- 37 Mattress
- 38 Doctrine
- 40 Set free

- 42 Person, place or thing
- 43 Football assoc.
- 45 Secondary
- 47 Snaky fish
- 48 Rice dish
- 50 Your person
- 52 Parody
- 53 Evoked
- 55 Food and Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
- 56 Road (abbr.)
- 57 Black
- 58 Make a sweater
- 60 Greek "N"
- 61 Cliff dwelling birds
- 63 Number
- 65 Laundry detergent brand
- 66 Hilarity

### DOWN

- 1 What's fashionable
- 2 Relating to the ankle bone

- 3 Comes before a vowel
- 4 Gross national product
- 5 Father
- 6 Relative
- 7 Downwind
- 8 Pellet gun
- 9 Long loose overdoat
- 10 Damp
- 12 Star
- 13 Bowler's target
- 16 Movies
- 17 Web
- 20 Leaky faucet noise
- 22 Morse code "E"
- 23 Asian country
- 25 Uneasy
- 27 Bird \_\_s
- 29 Condescend
- 31 Sharp slope
- 33 Thanksgiving vegetable
- 35 Abridged (abbr.)
- 38 Dummy
- 39 Negatively charged particle

## DECEMBER

### Sudoku Solution

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

## DECEMBER

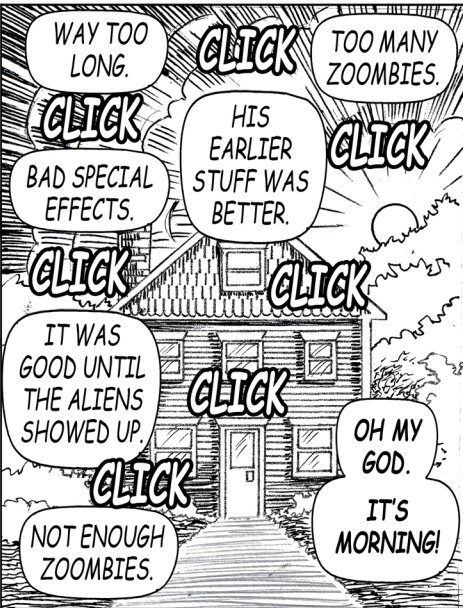
### Crossword Solution

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G	E	E	S	E		D	Y	E	D		U	S	D	A

- 40 Liquor holder
- 41 Shallow area
- 42 Dainty
- 44 Respiratory disease
- 46 Heavenly body
- 47 Went gently
- 48 Buffs
- 49 Fight off
- 51 4-H (spelled out)
- 53 To incite
- 54 Carpe \_\_\_
- 57 Imp
- 59 Thai
- 62 Popular appliance brand
- 64 Doctor (abbr.)

Crestwood’s very own ongoing strip...

## 94 South by Jim McGreal





IN SHEPARD SPORT NEWS



Shepard Senior Signs With NIU

Shepard High School senior Roy Williams recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for Northern Illinois University.

Surrounded by teammates, family, and coaches, Williams earned praise from varsity football head coach John Rone.

He lauded Williams’ work ethic both on the field and in class as Roy became “a straight-A student.”

Williams became the third player from Shepard to sign with a Division 1 school in the past four years.

(LEFT-PHOTO) Teammates gathered to celebrate Shepard High School senior Roy Williams signing to play football for Northern Illinois University. (MID-DLE-PHOTO) Varsity football head coach John Rone with Shepard High School senior Roy Williams on the day he signed to play football for Northern Illinois University. (LEFT-PHOTO) Shepard High School senior Roy Williams signed to play football for Northern Illinois University.



CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

5331 W. 135th | Crestwood, IL 60418 708-371-4810

Hello Residents,

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff are ready for winter and are gearing up for the spring! Along with the activities listed here, please visit [www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com) to keep updated to what is happening in the building and community with the CRWC!


Believe it or not, summer will be here soon enough! Baseball registration is open for our Crestwood Crush Pinto (6-8 years old), Mustang (9-10 years old), Bronco (11-12 years old), and Pony (13-14 years old) teams. Register your child at the CRWC. The season will be held from late April through mid-June.

Swim lessons will be starting a new session March 1st-April 9th. Open registration will begin Monday, Feb. 7th. To see what sessions are available for your family, call (708) 371-4810 or visit our website to see all our class dates and times. Keep an eye out on our website for new upcoming dates for our next session this spring!

Saturday, Feb. 5th we will be hosting our Bags ’n’ Brew Winter Class Tournament. Come out for a day of bags, beer, food, music and more! And there will be a cash prize for the winners. The tournament will begin at 1:00pm, and teams can pre-register at the CRWC or register for the event the day of for \$25 per team.

Don’t miss out on our next session of Zumba! Held on Thursdays starting Jan. 6th and running through Feb. 10th, Zumba classes will be held at the Biela Center from 6:30-7:30pm for a 6-week session. Come to the CRWC to register, or you can sign up at the Biela Center night of with exact cash or check.

Rocco Mossuto



CRESTWOOD CRUSH

Crestwood Crush Baseball 2022

**Divisions:**

*Pinto*– Ages 6, 7, and 8 years old (Must be 6 by 5/1/22)

*Mustang*– 9 and 10 years old (Must be 9 by 5/1/22)

*Bronco*– 11 and 12 years old (Must be 11 by 5/1/22)

*Pony*– 13 and 14 years old (Must be 13 by 5/1/22)

*The age that your child will be on May 1, 2022 is the division that you register them for.*

**Registration Deadline: Before January 3rd, 2022 for \$150 or by March 1st, 2022 for \$175**


- A birth certificate will be required for all players.
- Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center during business hours.
- Season: Runs late April through mid-June, weather permitting.
- Games and practices: Playfield Park. Games hosted Monday through Thursday with potential weekend tournaments.
- In-house league, teams, communities, and individuals welcome.
- We will host games and are willing to travel within 30 minutes.
- 3 contact days a week (practices and games).
- Medals will be awarded at the end of season at our free Sports Picnic– families welcome.
- Each level will play 20 games plus playoffs.
- Starting in January, the CRWC will host open practices free to registered individuals.
- Volunteers, coaches and concession workers, are needed. Fees for the participant will be waived/ reduced for volunteers.

**Cost: \$150 or \$175 (based on registration date) for Crestwood Residents/Non-Residents**

(Fee includes: Hat, Jersey, Game Balls, and Umpires)

*(Crestwood Residents will be reimbursed at the end of the season if their child completes the entire season. Reimbursement forms available at the CRWC).*

For more information about the 2022 season, contact Cori Herbert or Rocco Mossuto at 708-371-4810 or [crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov)



CRESTWOOD SPRING

Crestwood Spring Baseball League for Teams

**Team Divisions:**

*Pinto*– Ages 6, 7, and 8 years old (Must be 6 by 5/1/22)

*Mustang*– 9 and 10 years old (Must be 9 by 5/1/22)

*Bronco*– 11 and 12 years old (Must be 11 by 5/1/22)

*Pony*– 13 and 14 years old (Must be 13 by 5/1/22)

*The age that each child will be on May 1, 2022 is the division that you register them for.*

**Registration Deadline: February 15th, 2022**

- A birth certificate will be required for all players.
- Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center during business hours.
- Season: Runs late April through mid-June, weather permitting.
- Games and practices: Playfield Park. Games hosted Monday through Thursday.
- In-house league, teams, communities, and individuals welcome.
- We will host games and are willing to travel within 30 minutes.
- Medals will be awarded at the end of season at our free Sports Picnic– families welcome.
- Each level will play 20 games plus playoffs.

**Cost per Team: Please contact Rocco for more information**

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Bags n' Brew



Winter Classic Tournament 2022



CASH PRIZES

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**Location:** Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center

**Date:** Saturday, February 5th, 2022

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Fee:** \$25.00 per team

**Ages:** ANY

**Register:** Call 708-371-4810 or visit the CRWC. Pre-register or register day of.

Come out for a day of beer, food, music, and fun!

Questions? Call— 708-371-4810, email [crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov), or visit our website [Crestwoodfitness.com](http://Crestwoodfitness.com)



Zumba!

**Thursdays: January 6th– February 10th, 2022**

(6 week session)

**Location:** Biela Center– 4545 Midlothian Turnpike

Instructor: Kristen Castillo

**Times:**

**6:30– 7:30 PM**


(Code #213001-G)

Zumba, a type of dance fitness that has been around since the 1990s, is the backbone of the dance fitness craze— it incorporates a variety of Latin-inspired dance moves and music to promote a healthy heart, a healthy dose of aerobic activity, and a fun, exciting way to build and tone muscle, improve cardio, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Fees for the 6 Week Session:**

Residents- \$48 / Non-Residents- \$54

Punch Card- \$54 (allows 6 visits within two sessions)



Register by visiting us at the CRWC.

5331 W 135th St. Crestwood, IL 60418

708-371-4810 [www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com)