

# A Village on the Move

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## CRESTWOOD ADVISER



Spring 2023 will see Crestwood’s Public Works Department replacing all storm sewer pipes in the Playfield area.

### Major Infrastructure Improvements Coming to the Village in 2023

After years of planning and funding-approval stages by the federal and state agencies, the new year will bring several major projects starting construction in 2023 in Crestwood.

“We are very excited to finally get some very important infrastructure projects being built here in our Village,” said Mayor Klein. “All of these projects have been years in the making and are funded by grants that have saved millions for Crestwood taxpayers. Because they are funded through federal and state and local agencies, they take a considerable time to get permits, approvals and funding in place. But in 2023, our residents will benefit greatly, and our community will be strengthened by these investments.”

#### Cicero Avenue Streetlighting and Streetscape Project

The Village received more than \$5 million in federal dollars to upgrade the lighting on Cicero Avenue and the sidewalks all along this vital business corridor. The upgrades will include enhanced roadway lighting, pedestrian lighting for safety, improvements at the intersections of Cal-Sag Road, 135th Street and Midlothian Turnpike, and sidewalk improvements.

“The Village has been working on this project to secure grant funding over the last decade,”

stated Mayor Klein recently. “Our administration and the Board of Trustees are committed to keeping Cicero Avenue strong, since it is the heart of our business community, and is a big reason our Village residential taxes are so low.”

Construction is scheduled to begin in the 2nd half of 2023. It will cover the highway from the Cal Sag Channel south to 143rd Street.

#### Midlothian Turnpike Sidewalks

A key initiative of Crestwood through two administrations is to provide safe, accessible sidewalks all along the Turnpike, on both sides this major road, from Pulaski Road on the east to Central Avenue on the west. Funded by both the federal Surface Transportation Program and the Cook County Department of Transportation in grants, the Village will oversee 2 miles of concrete sidewalks constructed along the right-of-way.

“It has long been a vision of our Village to see our residents be able to walk along this key east/west roadway without walking in the road or along the side of the road in rain-soaked soil or snow,” Mayor Klein said. “This federal & County-funded project is a big victory, at no cost to our taxpayers.”

Construction is slated for April 2023.

#### Playfield Area Infrastructure & Rehabilitation Project

Starting again in spring 2023 will be the completion of Area 2-South of this multi-year, \$30-million-plus project to rebuild the water and sewer systems, along with the streets in the oldest neighborhoods in Crestwood. The North Section of Area 2 (north of 135th Street) was completed in 2022, with new water mains, cleaned and rehabbed storm sewers, newly lined sanitary sewers and resurfaced roads.

Attention once again returns to the South section, south of 135th Street, in the Crestwood Gardens neighborhood. This major project included newly lined sanitary sewers, which extend lifespan approximately 50 years and new water mains along the road rights-of-way, replacing the rear yard, old and leaking cast iron water pipes. A major part of this project included moving the residential water service lines from the rear yards to the front, new mains — allowing Village crews the ability to better service the water system in emergencies.

Spring 2023 will bring a full replacement of all storm sewer pipes in the area. This will allow storm water runoff — particularly in major rains — to collect in the pipes more efficiently,

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**LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN**

Dear Neighbors,

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with the people you love. At the Village, we are looking forward to the new year, new beginnings and new growth. There's a lot for us to be thankful for here in Crestwood, and there's more all the time.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who donated to our annual Christmas food drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to help more than 20 families to have a nice Christmas dinner. It's nice to know that we can always count on this community to help those less fortunate.

By now, all of you have heard that our tax surplus refund applications are available at Village Hall. I am happy to report that this year, we are able to give not just 100 percent back of the Village portion, but an additional 20 percent as well — that's 120 percent back. It certainly is a great time to be a Village resident.

I mentioned new beginnings — it seems there's always something new happening in our "Village on the move," helping us to grow and better our overall quality of life here in Crestwood. At the intersection of Cicero Ave. and Cal Sag Rd., you'll have noticed that Raising Cane's Chicken Tenders has been in development. Well, I'm proud to announce that it will be open for business as of Jan. 24th, offering new dining opportunities to our community, in addition to jobs and broadening of our tax base.

As always, my door is always open. I look forward to working with the Trustees and Village residents throughout the year, continuing to make this Village a great place to live, visit and do business.

Sincerely,

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



**Village Meeting Schedule**

<b>Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Crestwood Civic Center</b>   13820 S. Cicero Ave   Jan. 5th and 19th
<b>Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Village Hall</b>   13800 S. Cicero Ave   Jan. 3rd, 17th, and 31st
<b>Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm</b>
<b>Crestwood Civic Center</b>   13820 S. Cicero Ave   Jan. 9th and 23rd

**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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Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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

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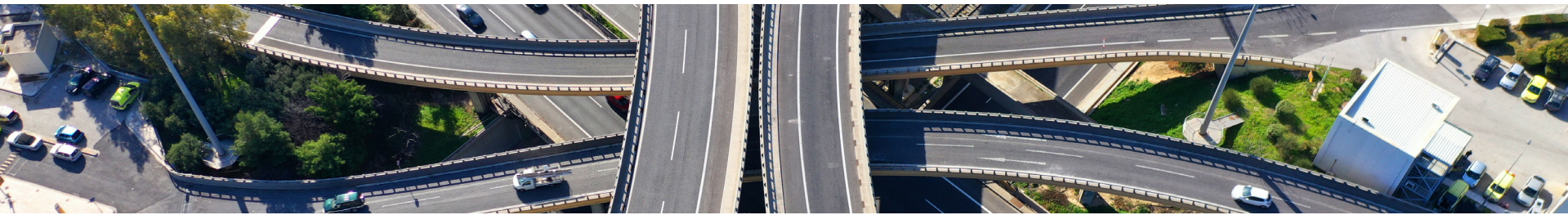
and flow to the sewer system on 135th Street. After all the sewer work is complete, the Village plans to reconstruct all the streets in this neighborhood, including sidewalks.

"It has been a central objective of mine, since talking office, to reduce flooding in this neighborhood," said Mayor Klein. "By replacing the storm sewer pipes in the street with larger pipes, we believe that much of the street flooding and basement backups may be mitigated. That is our goal. We have been working with our legislators in Springfield to help us get grant funding that will offset the costs. Our residents there have long needed help, and we intend to improve the quality of life in this neighborhood, like all of Playfield, when this project is complete."

**135th Street Flood Mitigation Project**

Construction will continue in 2023 for this \$9.5 million project funded by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). When completed in 2023, the project will carry additional stormwater in a large 6-foot trunk sewer from the Cook County Forest Preserve property at 135th Street and Central Avenue, along 135th Street, in front of the Nathan Hale schools, to the Laramie ditch north to the Cal-Sag Channel.

According to Mayor Klein, "our priority is to plan for a stronger and more vital Crestwood. Our Board of Trustees and I will continue to focus on investing in the valuable infrastructure that adds to public safety, increases property values and improves our quality of life in our neighborhoods. We look forward to finally taking shovels to the ground in the new year!"



**Christmas Decorating Winners 2022**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**  
The Payton Family – 13600 S. Laramie

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**  
The Werley Family – 12825 Carriage Lane, Unit 3B

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
The Gorney Family – 4951 W. 135th Pl. and  
The Bafia Family – 4945 W. 135th Pl.

**HONORABLE MENTION:**

5212 W. 137th Pl.  
12955 E. Playfield Dr.  
12801 S. Central Ave.  
5249 Arbor Ln.  
5335 Arbor Ln.  
13336 S. LeClaire Ave.  
5531 W. 131st St.  
5040 W. 137th St.  
5409 W. 137th St.



The Christmas lights in the Village of Crestwood were AWESOME! There were so many good houses, it made it very difficult to choose a few winners! Congratulations to all our winners, and to those who made the effort decorate their properties so beautifully. Your decorating skill and passion make the Christmas holiday special!



# Enjoying a Rec Center Christmas ...

Thank everyone who came out for the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center's Christmas celebration! We hope everyone had as much fun as we did. No fewer than 15 trees were decorated this year by various local businesses and organizations. The Christmas Market consisted of more than 43 different vendors, making it a great place to shop for Christmas gifts. Kids decorated cookies, wrote letters to Santa, colored, and made reindeer food. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand for pictures, and Mayor Klein also handed out gifts to the kids at the market. Even the Grinch showed up for our special Grinch Pajama Movie Night, making this year's Christmas at the CRWC a tremendous success! Thanks for coming out!



Attendees could find something special at Jetta T Designs.



Trustee Theresa Flynn, Mayor Klein, Trustee Benigno, Village Services Director Bill Graffeo and Trustee Brian Skala pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Crestwood Recreational & Wellness Center's Christmas celebration last month.

# Village Thanks All for Contributions to Christmas Food Drive

Mayor Ken Klein and Village Clerk Cathy Johnson would like to Thank all the Village residence, businesses along with Trustee Brian Skala and group Nameless Few MA and all that generously contributed to the annual Christmas food drive. Our Public Works Crew out did themselves this year by gathering and putting together all the collected baskets. This is no easy task. The Crew goes through each item making sure its expiration date is good and each donation is good to go to a needy family. Chief Engineer George Hardwick from the Fire Department lead the crew from house to house to ensure the baskets were delivered on time for a Christmas celebration. Both Mayor Klein and Clerk Johnson worked very hard on this project. A big thank you to them as well for their hard work and generosity.



Members of our Public Works Department and Fire Department delivered food to those in need as part of our Village's annual Christmas Food Drive.



Elena and Natalia, enjoying the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



From all of us at the Village and on behalf of all those who attended, thank you to the CRWC staff for making this event possible. We appreciate all your hard work and efforts!



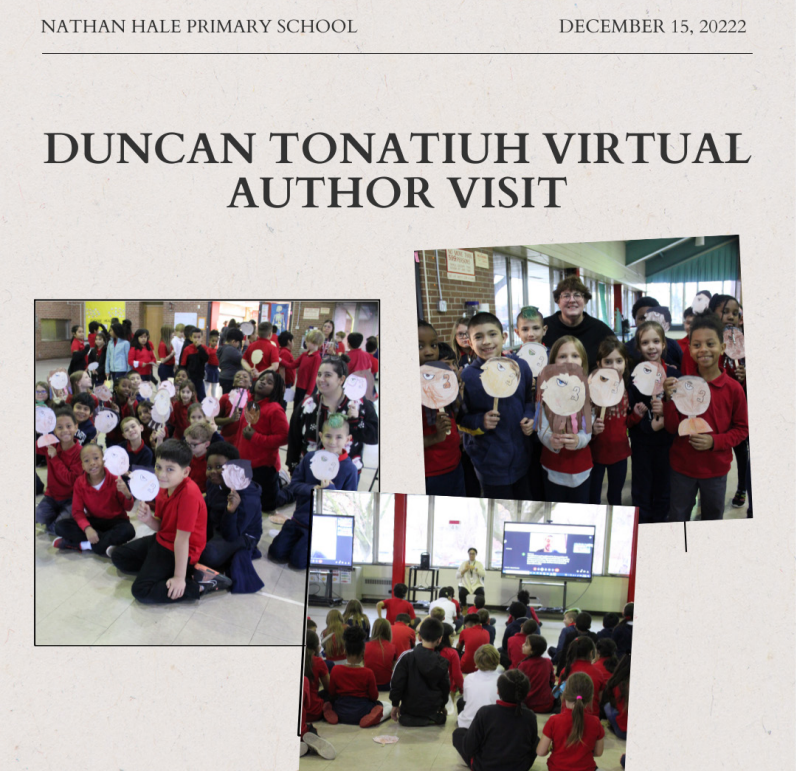
Public Works staff with Gloria Brooks.



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# D130 Celebrates the Season in December

Things get busy around the holidays for most of us, and students at D130 schools are no exception. We received some updates from the district on how active they were in the days running up to their winter break:



Award-winning author Duncan Tonatiuh visited Nathan Hale Primary School and Nathan Hale Intermediate School. He shared stories of his work as an author and illustrator. For more information on Tonatiuh's work, visit his website at duncantonatiuh.com



The staff of Nathan Hale Middle School donated gifts to students in need in our community. The National Junior Honor Society students wrapped the presents for four (10-member) families. We thank them for their participation in the Christmas Gift Giving Project this year!



Nathan Hale's Pre-K class was excited to meet their new elf friend, Ronny. One day, Ronny went fishing with the students' snacks. Another day he was late arriving to their classroom because he was baking, and he left a scavenger hunt for his friends to do. The students were so excited to come to Nathan Hale Pre-K School each day to see what kind of sneaky things Ronny had been up to!



Ms. Vitkauskas' 3rd grade class at Nathan Hale Primary earned a reward for their behavior and for crushing their goals on the MAP test! To celebrate, they had Grinch Day on Friday, Dec. 16th, 2022. Students completed Grinch Day activities throughout the day for both math and reading.



Nathan Hale Middle School students have been busy creating different types of art in Ms. Banos-Rosas' classroom.

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# Preserving Our Heritage: J.J. Finn

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 J.J. Finn.

On Dec. 7th, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Air Force attacked and bombed Pearl Harbor. Japan’s primary goal was to destroy the U.S. fleet docked in Hawaii. This single act caused American opinion to turn away from an “America first” mentality, and the next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war. Within days, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States of America. WWII had realistically and instantly become a “World War.”

By February 1943, after months of intense fighting and heavy casualties, Soviet forces defeated Germany at Stalingrad and started its march to Berlin. In North Africa, British and American forces had defeated the Italians and Germans, and an Allied invasion of Italy followed, and Mussolini’s government fell.

In May 1943, American and Canadian troops invaded Atuu Island in Alaska’s Aleutian Islands, then occupied by the Japanese, and the island once again was under American control.

The U.S. naval victory at Coral Sea and Midway by early 1943 had slowed Japanese expansion in the Pacific, leading the way for U.S. sea and air forces to begin rolling back Japan’s conquests.

J.J. Finn enlisted in the Navy on May 8, 1943. His patriotism was bubbling over, and he felt his service was most needed fighting for his country and the free world. Finn chose to join the Air Corps and fly in airplanes — and that he did. He was accepted into radioman school. There, he was trained as a specialist in communication and was taught expert skills and knowledge in the Navy’s transfer of critical intelligence from ship and shore to aircraft.

Upon completion, he was assigned to the *U.S.S. Franklin*, an Essex-class aircraft carrier. As a rookie radioman aboard the *Franklin*, much of Finn’s daily routine consisted of fixing radios on the fighter planes. But by June 1944, the war in the Pacific would come raging at him as he would soon acquire his baptism by fire. Finn was now a combat naval aviator sailing into the war on the Pacific as part of a crew flying a TBM-Avenger torpedo bomber, manufactured by General Motors. (During the war, GM, Ford and Chrysler didn’t build cars — they built planes, tanks and jeeps.) Over the following year, he would experience some of the most horrific battles of the war.

J.J. Finn’s and the *U.S.S. Franklin*’s arrival in the region of the Pacific war began by taking part in the Mariana Island campaign, where their aircraft provided aerial strikes for landing forces at Bonin Island, Guam, Palau Islands, the Peleliu landing in September 1944, and more.

The *Franklin* continued in her supporting role during the landing at Leyte, during the Battle of Leyte Gulf. On Oct. 30th, 1944, she was at-

tacked by Japanese Kamikazes, which hit the front deck and crashed through the galley. Due to crippling damage, she departed for repair, refueling and resupplying at Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.

On March 3rd, 1945, Finn and the *U.S.S. Franklin* departed Pearl Harbor, ready for battle. Returning for combat in the Pacific, Finn now joined Task Force 58 for air attacks on the Japanese homeland to support the Okinawa landings. Task Force 58, also known as the Fast Carrier Task Force, was an armada comprising, at times, more than 10,000 combat aircraft fighters. Dive- and torpedo bombers — including Finn’s TBM-Avenger crew — could be launched in under an hour.

On March 19th, 1945, a Japanese aircraft attacked the *U.S.S. Franklin* with one of her 250-kg bombs smashing into the flight deck. The bomb caused massive fires, damage, explosions and deadly destruction. Making matters worse were the 53 aircraft aboard loaded with high-octane fuel. It was estimated that in the five hours following the attack, as many as 50 500-lb. bombs exploded on the flight deck. The explosions were so violent that nearby ships were rocked and lifted from the water.

It is well documented that Seaman 1st Class Ralph Packard aboard the *U.S.S. Hunt* recalled seeing things that were “ungodly.”

“I saw guys flying through the air and past the *U.S.S. Hunt*,” Packard remembers seeing through his 40-power long-range glasses. “And we were over a thousand yards away. ... I saw men running around on fire — just flaming torches.”

Fact has it that the *Franklin*’s crew were called to their battle stations 12 times that night, and during a lull in the action retired to bed for rest. What the crew didn’t know was that a lone Japanese bomber had made its way to the sleeping carrier, dropping two armor-piercing bombs, both of which tore through ship’s deck. Nearby ships rushed to the *Franklin*’s aid, placing their own hulls against her, allowing much-needed help.

Hundreds remained on board working to save the vessel. Of the crewmembers aboard, 724 died and 265 were wounded. The *Franklin* managed to limp back to Pearl Harbor before finally arriving at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on April 28th, 1945. She was repaired and returned to service and never saw any more significant battle again, but it is a night Finn and the rest of the *Franklin*’s crew would never forget.

Over the course of World War II, the *U.S.S. Franklin* and her crew of approximately 3,500 lost more than 900 men and suffered severe



A TBM Avenger bomber like the one flown by J.J. Finn in World War II. (Photo: Airwolfhound from Hertfordshire, UK)

damage as the carrier that sustained the heaviest damage while surviving and continuing to fight in the war — thus the nickname, “The Ship That Wouldn’t Die.” She was honored with four Battle Stars. *Franklin*’s was the 3rd-largest naval disaster of WWII. The *U.S.S. Arizona* lost 1,177 in December 1944 at Pearl Harbor, and 880 were lost from the *U.S.S. Indianapolis* in June 1945 near the Philippines.

V-E Day on May 8th, 1945, celebrated the unconditional surrender of Germany, ending WWII in Europe. V-J Day on Aug. 15th, 1945, marked the unconditional surrender of Japan and the end of WWII, one of the most deadly and destructive wars in history.

Throughout the war, J.J. Finn and his TBM-Avenger crew played a key role against Japanese surface forces, sinking many Japanese warships in the Pacific. Finn was discharged March 17th, 1946, and was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Battle Stars, each issued for meritorious participation in battle, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation Medal, Air Medal for heroism while participating in aerial flight, Combat Action Ribbon for high-precedence participation in ground-and-surface combat, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the China-Burma-Indonesia Campaign Medal.

J.J.’s daughter Terry Finn provided all the pertinent information and facts that helped to develop this feature. With love and affection, she contributed mightily to bring to life her father’s valorous and true experiences of WWII. Terry is a beacon and a revered friend to the (DAV) Chapter 84 Crestwood, Ill. (DAV) assists local veterans in filing benefit claims with the Veterans Administration. She is a well-respected, caring clinical psychologist who has helped many veterans.

*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.*

# Someone You Should Know: Pearlie Buchanan

She’s been one of your neighbors for some time — in fact, if you’re reading this, she’s probably lived in Crestwood for more years than you have. Pearlie Buchanan, who recently turned 93 years old, has been a Village resident for 70 years, and has resided at the same address all of that time.

Pearlie lived here with her late husband, Aire Lee Buchanan, raising six children here. Two of her children are deaf and had to be enrolled at the Jacksonville School for the Deaf. At the same time, Pearlie attended higher education outside the community, and later would take in her blind niece after her parents died, and care for her for the next 30 years.

A hard worker, Pearlie has been nothing if not self-driven, resourceful and determined, continuing to work after her husband’s death through to the age of 70. Possessing a modest education, she maintains that times often were hard for her and her family, and that it took a lot of prayer and trust in God to see her through, and that it still does today.

Pearlie says that what she likes about living in Crestwood is the peace and quiet, and spacious living. She remembers the days when there was much more abundant vacant land, and how she and her father were permitted to plant gardens, and how they would invite friends and neighbors to come pick fresh produce. Though the surrounding areas have changed over the years, and the vacant land has receded considerably, Pearlie is still happy to be a lifelong resident of the Village of Crestwood.



Pearlie Buchanan, a resident of our Village for 70 years, has fond memories of Crestwood both then and now.

2023 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 now at [www.crestwoodfastpitch.com](http://www.crestwoodfastpitch.com)

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# Smoke Alarm Law Update Goes Into Effect Jan. 1st

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the General Assembly to pass a new law that will require Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery beginning Jan. 1st, 2023. This applies to residents who still use alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.

### What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come Jan. 1st, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed within a single- or multi-family home is required to be equipped with a 10-year sealed battery.

- Smoke alarms in single- or multi-family homes prior to Jan. 1st, 2023, may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fail to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunction.

### Exemptions

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.



As of Jan. 1st, smoke alarms in Illinois homes that aren't hardwired or employ wireless integration or similar technology must feature a long-term, 10-year sealed battery.

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S	3 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK	4 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK	5 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK	6 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK
9 Chair Fitness 11:15-12 pm Mixed Pinochle (12-4 pm)	10 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	11 Art Class 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11:15-12 pm Men's Pinochle 12-4 pm	12 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 Knit Wits 10-12 pm Line Dance 1-2 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm	13 Chair Fitness (11:15-12 pm) Bingo (12:15-3:15 pm)
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UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW  
- How to Support your Community -

**Be Alarmed!**  
A fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. Fire departments then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. The educational materials and alarms are provided to fire departments at no-cost.

**SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION PROGRAM**

Learn more about the program and request your smoke alarms by visiting [www.IFSA.org/alarms](http://www.IFSA.org/alarms).

**Updated Public Education Messaging**  
At Daylight Saving Time, eliminate the use of "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries" - there will be no more battery replacement! Begin using "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Alarms," or "Change Your Clocks, Check Your Alarms." The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance has recently created a Social Media Toolbox to help support your educational efforts, whether they be in a newsletter, social media, or elsewhere! Utilize these free resources and others at [www.IFSA.org/resources](http://www.IFSA.org/resources).

**About the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance:** Since 1982, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been bringing together persons and groups with a common interest in fire safety, burn prevention, and public education, and to promote programs and disseminate information related to fire safety and burn prevention. The IFSA also hosts a variety of burn survivor support programs, including Camp "I Am Me," a unique week-long camp for children who have experienced severe burn injuries.

UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW  
- Effective January 1, 2023 -

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the General Assembly to pass a law which will require Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery beginning January 1, 2023. This would apply to residents that are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.

**What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?**

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed withing a single or muti-family home are required to be featured with a 10-year sealed battery.
- Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023 may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fails to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunctions.

**Exemptions**

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.

To view the Illinois law in its entirety, visit [www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law](http://www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law)

**— BENEFIT OF 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERIES —**

- HASSLE-FREE**  
No more climbing up the ladder to change batteries.
- NO LATE-NIGHT LOW BATTERY CHIRPS**
- MORE SAVING**  
No more costly battery replacements for the life of the alarm.

## 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.

**Biela Center January Lunch Menu**  
Lunches are \$5.00.  
On Tuesdays we serve from 12:00-1:00 pm and Fridays from 12:15-1:15 pm.  
Bingo will be played following lunch.  
All lunches are served with a side and dessert.  
Reservations must be made one week in advance.

For cancellation call: 708-371-4800 Option #6

**Please check for the lunches you'd like to attend:**

- ☐ Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>: Pulled Turkey Sandwich
- ☐ Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta
- ☐ Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>: Madori's Zesty Italian Sausage Sandwich
- ☐ Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>: Cream of Potato Soup
- ☐ Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>: Baked Mostaccioli
- ☐ Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Mini Muffuletta
- ☐ Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>: Taco Salad with Quesadilla

Extra Dessert, Pop and Water is \$1.00 each; please pay before receiving your lunch.

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**First Time Visitors**  
Present this ticket for one FREE lunch (and stay for Bingo)

**Biela Senior Center**  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood  
Not applicable for holiday lunches

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**Please Read... Important Policy Information**

**New Payment Policy — Effective Immediately**  
Full payment is due upon reservation.  
We will no longer be excepting reservations without full payment.

**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, in which case 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 that they are paid well in advance, and your seat has already been paid for.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy or Ashley 708-371-4800 Option #6

**1 FREE TRIAL CLASS**  
AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

**ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES**

**Medical Equipment**

The Biela Center has some equipment for short-term use. Should you find yourself or a family member in need, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001 or Ashley ext. 6002 for availability.

The Biela Center will be closed on **Monday, January 16, 2023** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Enjoy your day!

We have before us the glorious opportunity to inject a new dimension of Love into the veins of our civilization.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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### LINE DANCE LESSONS

**Boot Scootin' Boogie!**

We offer Line Dancing lessons on Thursdays!

Time: 1pm to 2pm  
Location: Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL  
Cost: \$20.00 for the month

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

To reserve your spot please email:  
[LDlearn2linedance@gmail.com](mailto:LDlearn2linedance@gmail.com)  
Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome  
All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

### Do you like to play pinochle?

Join us at the Biela Center!

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Men/Women Pinochle – Mondays 12:00-4:00 pm

Men's Pinochle – Wednesdays 12:00-4:00 pm

Call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001 or Ashley at Ext. 6002 for more information.



### SENIORS PUMP IT UP!

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MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS  
11:15 AM-12:00 PM  
\$2.00 a class

Classes will resume on January 9, 2023  
**No CLASS January 16, 2023**

THE BIELA CENTER  
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE  
CRESTWOOD, IL 60418  
708-371-4800 EXT. 6002



### Hard Rock Casino

**Date:** Thursday, April 27, 2023  
**Depart:** 9:30 am  
**Return:** 3:30pm  
**Cost:** \$35.00  
**Cost includes:** Transportation.

Full payment is due upon reservation.  
We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment. Thank you for your understanding.

**No Refunds.**  
Any questions or to register, please call Ashley:  
708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

As of June 9, 2021 there will be a fee of 2.95% when using a credit card.  
All other items being paid using a credit card, debit card or e-check will incur a 2.95% processing fee (minimum of \$1.95), assessed by Invoice Cloud, the Village of Crestwood's electronic payment processing vendor.

### Crestwood Senior Club

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

#### Join the fun!

All are welcome to come JOIN US in an afternoon out to our Senior Club Meeting.

We meet two times a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 12:15 – 3:30pm.


We offer sweet rolls, coffee, split the pot, raffles, bingo, and on occasion have lunches to celebrate special events!!

### JANUARY

**Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
No Meeting – Biela Center Closed

**Wednesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Regular Meeting





### The Four Winds Casino - Senior Day

Incentive for senior days are as follows. Earn 100 W\* Points at Four Winds New Buffalo, and then visit a kiosk between 8am – 10pm Eastern to receive \$10 in Instant Credit/Free Slot Play.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
**Depart:** 9:30am  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60418  
**Return:** 4:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$35.00 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.


**Effective immediately:** Full payment is due upon reservation.  
We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment. Thank you for your understanding.

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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### Do you like to play board games? Come on over!




GO to the Biela Center for **GAME NIGHT**  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike

Friday, January 20, 2023  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a FREE night of fun!  
Come with a friend, or make one here.

Bring your favorite game or cards  
(or we'll have a few here to borrow)

Snacks will be provided



### Beginning January 10, 2023

Come relax with

## chair yoga


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Good for your body, mind, and soul  
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Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
\$2 per class

The Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood, IL 60418  
If you have any questions, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001 or Ashley at Ext. 6002



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



### Super Seniors Days

Why wait in line at the DMV?

We are having two Super Senior days here this year. This program is for anyone who may need to get his or her driver's license renewed, state ID (if you are 65 and older you may obtain a free state ID), License plate sticker, Refresher course on the Rules of the Road.

**1<sup>st</sup> Date:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Date:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
**Time:** 10am- 2pm

**Location:** Biela Center 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

**What is Super Seniors?** Super Seniors is a convenient and voluntary program for driver's license renewal, which includes Rules of the Road classroom instruction, and a vision-screening exam. The Rules of the Road Review Course also includes a review of safe driving techniques and Illinois driving laws. You may also renew your License plates.


A Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Unit will be available for participants to renew their driver's licenses. An identification card can be obtained for \$20.00; however, if you are age 65 and older you may obtain a free, non-expiring State of Illinois photo ID card.

**FTI, Drivers age 75 and older are required to take a driving test to renew their driver's licenses; therefore they must visit a Driver Services Facility.**

**The Rules of the road course review**  
\*This class will begin at 10am on both dates listed above. Please register in advance\*.

You may come into the Biela center and grab a copy of the course workbook, or you may download a copy of the course workbook from the website below:  
[www.crestwoodillinois.com/services/services\\_for\\_seniors/programs.html](http://www.crestwoodillinois.com/services/services_for_seniors/programs.html)

**To register for Rules of the Road Review Course**  
**Please call Cindy or Ashley 708-371-4800 EXT: 6000**



### SHED POUNDS, GAIN FRIENDS

First visit is FREE!


Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood, IL


Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm  
**For more information**  
Adrienne 708-2281701

Real People. Real Weight-Loss.® [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org)

### Play Pool or Visit our Library




Did you know the Biela has a pool table? Gather your friends and drop in to play!



Come read a book or do a puzzle in the comfort of the Biela's library. You may also borrow a book to take home.

Both rooms are open Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.



### Civil War Museum & Mars Cheese Castle

The Civil War Museum is like no other Civil War museum in the country. The Museum focuses on the Civil War from the perspective of the people of the seven states of the upper Middle West: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. These seven states sent over one million men to serve in the Union army while providing much of the food and raw materials necessary for the northern states to carry on the war. Through the use of personal stories and narratives, the Museum also explores how the Civil War impacted the people on the Western home front before, during, and after the war by connecting the prewar causes to the postwar effects.

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023  
**Depart:** 8:45am  
**Return:** 4:00pm  
**Cost:** \$60

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Museum admission.  
Lunch will be on your own at Mars Cheese Castle.

**Itinerary:** We will arrive at the museum at 10:30am. The guided tour is about 1 hour and 30 minutes long. We will depart the museum around noon. We will then head to Mars Cheese Castle where you will have lunch. (Lunch is on your own.) You will be able to shop before or after lunch — whichever you choose; we will depart Mars cheese approximately at 2:30pm.

**Effective immediately:** Full payment is due upon reservation.  
We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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### THINKING ABOUT MAKING A MOVE IN 2023? THEN EXPERIENCE THE CLIFF RAGO DIFFERENCE!

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## BEGGARS PIZZA

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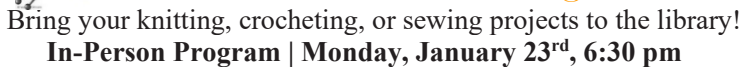
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## January Crestwood Library Events for Adults



Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards!  
**\$5 per Person | Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

**Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!**  
**In-Person Program | Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Stop by the library any time between 6:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to create a cozy winter craft.  
**In-Person | Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. An exploration of the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what we love and what brings us together, Ross will discuss his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, with performance poet Dan “Sully” Sullivan. Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry: *Against Which*; *Bringing the Shovel Down*; *Be Holding*, winner of the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award; and *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award.

**Virtual Program | Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

Guest speaker Stephen Quandt tells the story of working with dogs and the people of Chernobyl thirty-five years after the nuclear disaster. Funny, heartwarming, and emotionally uplifting, learn about the incredible animals who survived, and Stephen's work with them. This is a story for all animal lovers and lovers of heroism. Please register for this event on our website.

**Virtual Program | Monday, January 23rd , 6:30 pm**

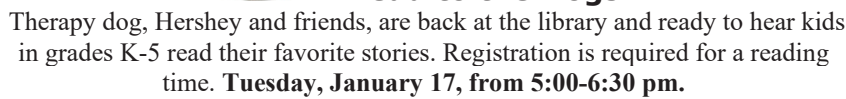
Join Bill Johnson, a local independent insurance agent, for more information about getting started with Medicare plans.  
**In-Person Program | Mondays, January 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office and the State of Illinois Comptroller's office will be at the Crestwood Public Library on **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm** to assist you in checking if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICASH program.

Join us for a family game night at Crestwood Library. Whether your family prefers board games, card games, or anything in between, we've got something everyone will enjoy! Adult participation is suggested. Games vary from session to session. **Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:00 pm**

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. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance.

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 will meet on **Tuesdays, January 10 & 24 at 4:00 pm.**  
**Registration is required.**



**Family Bingo** returns on **Wednesday, January 25, at 6:00 pm.** 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.**

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 20 at 3:30 pm.**  
**Registration is required. Limit of 10 children.**

Need to get out of your house? Why not come see a movie at the library? Kids ages 5 and up can bring their lunch to the library and watch a movie on our big screen on the Fridays of Winter Break at 12:30 pm. Under 5 with adult please. **Movie date: Friday, January 6.**

Kids ages 1-5 (under 3 with an adult) can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. **Story Time will meet on Friday, January 13, 20, & 27 at 10:30 am** Space is limited. Registration is required. Mask wearing is optional.

Parents can bring their young ones (ages 1-4) to the library to create with all things messy during this 30-minute art class. Please wear clothes to get messy. **Class will meet twice this month on Mondays, January 16 & 30 at 10:30 am. Registration is required to attend.**

Crestwood Library has 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 5.**

Twins in grade 5-8 can come to the library to make a winter tree painting during this one-hour class. Class will be on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** at **4:00 pm**. Registration recommended.

Kids in grades 1-4 can come to the library to make a snowman craft on **Thursday, January 12, at 4:00 pm.** Registration is required. Unable to attend? Leftover crafts will be available for pick-up after class.

Kids in grades 5-8 can join our kids' Dungeons & Dragon Club on **Wednesdays at 6:15 pm**, here in the library. This group meets bi-weekly on **January 4 & 18**. Space is limited, contact the front desk to register.



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.**

**(708) 385-8607**



**Saturday, Jan. 14th, 9:00am**  
**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland**

Join staff and explore in search of winter's resident birds. Binoculars available for lending. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call Sand Ridge at (708) 868-0606 or email [sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov). Cost: FREE.

**Saturday, Jan. 14th, 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. Registration is required. In the event that there is no snow, walks and other activities will be offered. For more information or to register, call (708) 771-1573 or email [experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov). Cost: FREE.

**Saturday, Jan. 21st, 8:00pm**  
**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 9 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.

**Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 6:00pm**  
**Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center**  
**9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs**

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](mailto:littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov). Cost: FREE.

As of Jan. 1, 2023, hundreds of new laws take effect here in Illinois. Let's take a look at 15 significant new laws that are now officially on the books:

**HB 00209** Bans latex gloves for the use of handling and preparing food. (In favor of nonlatex gloves. Health care facilities will be required to ban their use after Jan. 1st, 2024.)

**HB 0347** Makes changes to the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act to replace “pediatric” patients with “under the age of 18.” Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a timeframe within

which a hospital must submit a plan to provide certain services to sexual assault survivors, such as medical forensic services. Allows DPH to fine offending hospitals \$500 per patient if not in compliance.

**HB 00601** Expands the definition of the crime of possessing burglary tools to include devices to unlock or start a vehicle without a

key and duplicating a signal from a key fob of a vehicle.

**HB 02739** Requires insurance companies to notify the Department of Insurance at least 30 days before beginning to write flood insurance policies.

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**HB 03772** Provides people whose cars were stolen are not to be liable for violations, fees, fines or penalties when caught on red light cameras or speed cameras.

**HB 04304** Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to conduct exit interviews with every child, age 5 and over, who leaves a foster home within five days of the removal.

**HB 04338** Expands insurance coverage for prescription drugs to include prenatal vitamins after Jan. 1st, 2024.

**HB 04392** Allows a person to apply for felony expungement or sealing despite a

positive cannabis test within 30 days of filing of the petition.

**HB 04434** Allows the Secretary of State to issue special license plates for professional sports teams, including the Chicago Sky, the Chicago Red Stars and the Chicago Fire.

**HB 04821** Declares the Eastern Milksnake the official state snake of the State of Illinois.

**HB 05400** Prohibits a person from engaging in a street sideshow on any street or highway causing traffic to slow or stop to facilitate street racing or street sideshow. The Secretary of State must automatically process salvage or junking certificates to a salvage dealer who posts an annual bond of \$100,000.

**SB 02535** Requires that before a licensed pharmacist dispenses an opioid, he or she must inform the patient that opioids are addictive and offer to dispense an opioid antagonist.

**SB 03019** Bans a child sex offender from working at a carnival, amusement enterprise, or fair.

**SB 03127** Formally recognizes emergency medical dispatchers as first responders.

**SB 03616** Changes the Illinois Human Rights Act to include traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists, to combat hair discrimination in the workplace.

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  
Appliances 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

Goodyear Wrangler 255/65R 17" tires + 17" Chevy wheels from 2018 Colorado; 23,000 miles. Asking \$600. Call (708) 389-8701.

OBITUARIES

**Kordecki, Irene** (nee Ignaczak), 98 years. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Kordecki for 47 years. Devoted mother of Kathleen (Tom) Rieman and Lynda (Dan) Maurer. Dear sister of Alice and the late Lillian, Rita, Ann, Sophie, Joseph, Aloysious, John and Walter. Loving grandmother of Tom, Susan, Joseph and Daniel. Dearest great-grandmother (Busha) of Devin, Trevor and Amanda. Loving Aunt of 20 nieces and nephews. Irene worked at the Sherwin-Williams plant in Roseland for more than 40 years. She was an avid churchgoer who enjoyed going out to lunches with friends, and to breakfast with her grandsons. Irene also enjoyed going to bingo and playing games every day with her great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Tuesday, Dec. 20th at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a funeral Mass following at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment St. Benedict Cemetery in Crestwood. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

**Mattio, Dane Michael**, U.S. Navy Veteran, of Crestwood, formerly of Park Forest, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, at the age of 75 years. Beloved husband of Jane, nee Kimberly. Loving father of Eugene (Kari), William (Kristy), Scott and Phillip (Erin). Cherished grandfather of Olzea, Luscentia, Giana and Luciano. Dear son of the late Luciano and Antoinette. Visitation was held Monday, Dec. 12th at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a funeral Mass taking place Tuesday morning at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Family and friends met directly afterward 12:00pm at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, Illinois, for military honors and interment. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or Best Friends (www.bestfriends.org) would be appreciated. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

\*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

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.

7								
			2			7	1	
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CROSSWORD

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73				74				75		

www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 1 Watch chain
- 4 What a road is
- 9 Discs
- 12 Revel
- 14 White poplar
- 15 Christmas song
- 16 Singing voice
- 17 Averages
- 18 Austin novel
- 19 National newspaper (2 wds)
- 21 Asian country
- 23 Average work performance
- 24 South southeast
- 25 Correct
- 28 Cell stuff
- 31 \_\_ matter
- 34 Soft drink brand
- 36 Cutting tool
- 38 Expression
- 40 Fruit in cookies

- 41 Horse-like animal
- 43 Women's magazine
- 44 Precedes an alias
- 45 Facial twitch
- 46 Valuable mineral holder
- 48 Eagerness
- 51 Government agency
- 53 Pretentious
- 54 Con
- 56 Delivery service
- 58 Member of an American Indian people
- 61 Wrecking
- 66 Eve's garden
- 67 Songs you sing alone
- 69 Decorative needle case
- 70 Spray
- 71 Layers
- 72 Fish catchers
- 73 Possessive pronoun
- 74 Fish tank growth
- 75 Mountain Time

DOWN

- 1 German "Mrs."
- 2 Lubricates
- 3 Wine bottle
- 4 Chinese bear
- 5 On the ship
- 6 Same
- 7 Shade tree
- 8 Writing tables
- 9 Unconsciousness
- 10 Prefix for half
- 11 Louver
- 13 Toddler
- 15 Stairway post
- 20 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 22 America
- 25 Three wheeled bike
- 26 Kinglike
- 27 Ship initials
- 29 Colored People's association

- 30 Admiral (abbr.)
- 32 Fine
- 33 Awry
- 34 Farming club (abr.)
- 35 Alternative (abbr.)
- 37 Bomb
- 39 She
- 42 Fib
- 43 Serving of corn
- 47 Lassie
- 49 Representative
- 50 Big Apple (abbr.)
- 52 Dawn
- 55 Italian food
- 57 Opposite of avant-garde
- 59 Blue-pencil
- 60 Loch \_\_ monster
- 61 Horse fly
- 62 Egg layer
- 63 Object
- 64 Batty
- 65 Essence
- 68 Fat

DECEMBER

Sudoku Solution

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

DECEMBER

Crossword Solution

W	A	S		P	O	O	C	H		M	A	P
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American Veterans  
Motorcycle  
Riders Association



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Hometown / Bridgeview, IL

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August 18, 2022

Town of Crestwood  
13800 S. Cicero Avenue  
Crestwood, IL 60418

Dear Crestwood Board of Trustees,

On behalf of the American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Association (AVMRA) – Chapter 7 Board of Directors, we thank you for allowing our chapter members to collect donations for our annual Poppies Fundraiser on May 28, 2022.

This year, our members were able to extend our outreach to include the corner of 135th & Cicero Avenue in Crestwood which greatly contributed to the \$2235 collected from both Memorial Weekend locations. These funds will directly help the Veteran organizations we support or provide supplies to host future fundraisers that will extend our outreach beyond your communities' considerate support.

AVMRA Chapter 7 is a not-for-profit organization devoted to assisting veterans, their families, POW/MIA support groups, VFWs, American Legions, and other veteran support groups. AVMRA's support is provided through many means, such as monetary funds, fundraisers, wanted & needed provisions, companionship, entertainment, and respect.

We look forward to next year's Poppies Fundraiser and hope that we can count on your continued support.

Sincerely,

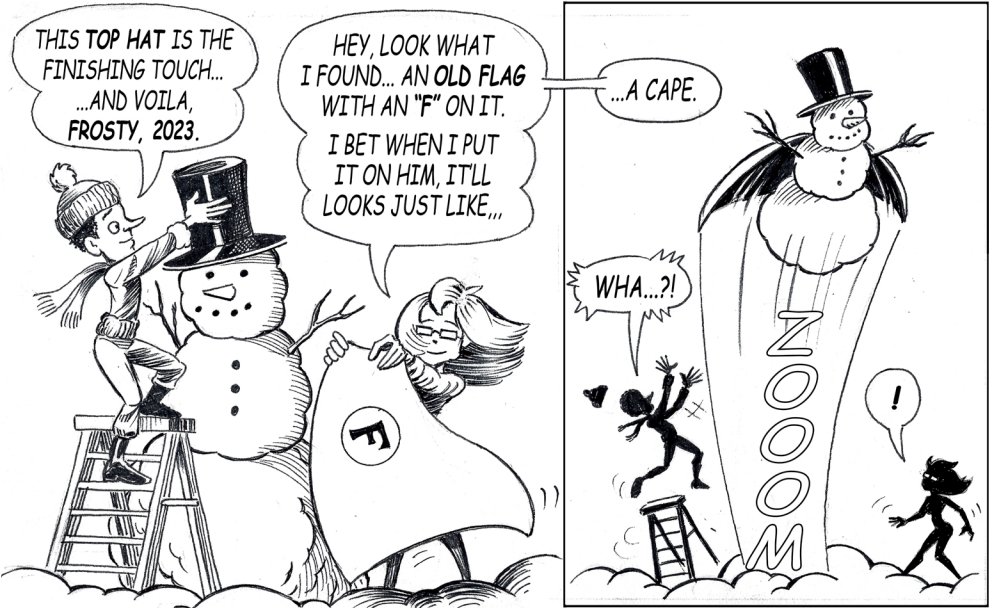
Salvatore Morales, Commander

AVMRA Chapter 7 | PO Box 2475 | Bridgeview, IL 60455 | info@avmra7.org

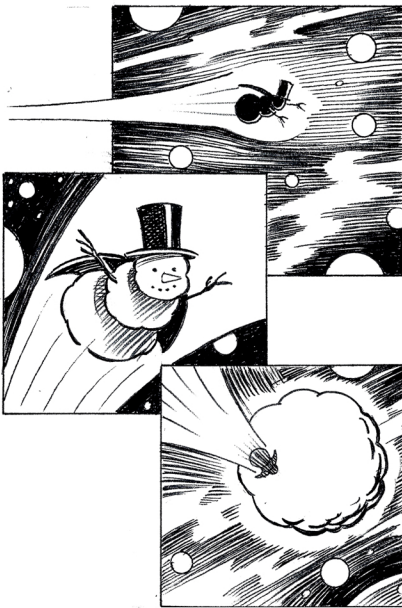
Kevin Peterson, Vice Commander

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

94 South by Jim McGreal



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The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff is gearing up for the 2023 Winter season! Along with the activities and events 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! As always, feel free to reach out to us by calling us at (708) 659-4800 or email us at [crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov). Visit our Facebook (Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center) and Instagram ( @crestwood\_recreation ) pages to stay up-to-date on all activities and memberships we offer!

South Suburban Basketball League registrations open now! The CRWC has paired with the John D. Rita Recreation Center, Commissioners Park, Markham Sports Complex and Kruger Park Recreation Center to bring you a developmental basketball league for 1st through 8th graders. Practices will begin early January, occurring once a week and games will begin Feb. 4th/5th. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays. You can expect four home games and four away games with single-elimination playoffs. The fee for this league is \$100 for Crestwood residents and \$120 for non-residents. Volunteer coaches are welcome, just be sure to pass along your information to our activity manager Kelsey.

Crush Developmental Baseball League beginning this February 2023. Open to children ages 6-14 with practices beginning in February and games beginning in May. The fee is \$150 per child. Volunteer coaches and concession workers are needed, however, fees for volunteers' participants will be waived/reduced. There will be a volunteer coaches meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19th, for those interested. For more information, please reach out to [rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov).

Looking for a part-time job that works around your school hours? The CRWC is hiring swim instructors to help teach our children's swim lessons. Hours are part-time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Please email [crwcspports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcspports@crestwood.illinois.gov) for more information and for where you can find the application.

# Swim Lessons

## Winter 2023

January 10th—February 18th  
(6 weeks)

Our **group** swim lessons teach the children basic swimming skills along with semi advanced stroke development and personal safety in the water, while encouraging speed and fun through games. Skills range from beginner to advanced and children will be grouped together on the first day according to their swim ability.



**CRWC**  
CRESTWOOD RECREATION  
& WELLNESS CENTER

### Parent Child Water Bonding\*

Ages : 6 months to 3 years old

**Both parent and child must be in the water.**

Day:	Date:	Time:	Code:
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	6:30—7:00 PM	131001—W
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	9:30—10:00 AM	131001—X

**Fee:** \$51.00—Resident    \$56.00—Non-Resident

### Preschool Swim Lessons

Ages: 3 years old to 5 years old

For children moving up from parent child or new to swim lessons. This class will focus on building confidence in the water.

Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	4:00- 4:30 PM	231001—GG
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	4:30- 5:00 PM	231001—HH
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	6:00- 6:30 PM	231001—II
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	6:30- 7:00 PM	231001—JJ
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	9:30- 10:00 AM	231001—KK
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	11:30- 12:00 PM	231001—LL

**Fee:** \$56.00—Resident    \$61.00—Non-Resident

### Open Swim Lesson

**Registration begins**  
**Monday, December 5th**

### Winter 2023

5331 W. 135th Street  
Crestwood, IL 60418  
708-659-4800

\* Illinois State Health Code requires all children who are not potty trained to wear tight fitting rubber or plastic pants over their swim diaper, under their swim suit.

—Please do not eat 30 minutes or less prior to lesson, to avoid any upset stomachs or cramps while swimming.

— Swimmers may register for more than one day of classes.

— There are no refunds or make up lessons for missed classes.

— All swimmers need to bring a swim-suit and towel to every class. Goggles are encouraged.

## Youth lesson information on Reverse Side

### Youth Beginner Swim Lessons

Ages: 5 to 8 years old

For children moving up from preschool lessons, or new to swim. This class bring focus towards encouraging independence in the water.

Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	4:30- 5:15 PM	213100—GG
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	6:00- 6:45PM	213100—HH
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	5:00- 5:45 PM	213100—II
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	7:00- 7:45 PM	213100—JJ
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	10:00- 10:45 AM	213100—KK

Fee: \$66.00—Resident                      \$71.00—Non-Resident

### Youth Intermediate Swim Lessons

Ages: 7 to 14 years old


This is a faster paced swim lesson for children with some previous swim experience. Children will be encouraged to focus on advancing speed and endurance in the water.

Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	5:15- 6:00 PM	213100—M
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	6:45- 7:30 PM	213100—N
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	5:45- 6:30 PM	213100—O
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	10:45- 11:30 AM	213100—P
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	12:00- 12:45 PM	213100—Q

Fee: \$66.00—Resident                      \$71.00—Non-Resident

Questions? Call— 708-659-4800, email [crcwsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crcwsports@crestwood.illinois.gov), or visit our website [Crestwoodfitness.com](http://Crestwoodfitness.com)

Parent/Child and Preschool lesson information on reverse side.



# CRUSH DEVELOPMENTAL BASEBALL LEAGUE 2023

## DIVISIONS

**Pinto** – Ages 6, 7, and 8 years old (Must be 8 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – JJ

**Mustang** – 9 and 10 years old (Must be 10 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – KK

**Bronco** – 11 and 12 years old (Must be 12 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – LL

**Pony** – 13 and 14 years old (Must be 14 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – MM

*The age that your child will be till July 15, 2023 is the division that you register them for.*


**Fee: \$150**

- A birth certificate will be required for all players.
- Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center during business hours.
- Season: Practices begin in February. Games: May through end of June, weather permitting. Followed by all-star and part time travel for an additional fee. In house of divisions of 4 plus teams, SWI for divisions less than 4 teams
- All Games and practices: Playfield Park. Games hosted throughout the week. SWI games will be home and away with other villages.
- Pinto @6pm (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 1pm) Mustang @6pm (Monday Wednesday, Friday), Bronco (TBA), Pony (TBA)
- Individual and team registration welcome. (Contact for team information rmosso@crestwood.ilinois.gov)
- We will host games and are willing to travel within 30 minutes.
- 3-4 contact days a week (practices and games).
- Medals will be awarded at the end of season at our Fire Picnic at Playfield Park July 15th all families welcome. Games, food, entertainment provided by the league.
- Each level will play: Pinto (16 games), Mustang (18 games), Bronco/Pony (20 games) plus playoffs.
- Starting in June, the CRWC will host open practices free on Sundays to registered individuals.
- Volunteers, coaches and concession workers are needed. Fees for the participant will be waived/returned for volunteers. There will be a volunteer and coaches meeting on Sunday February 19th held at the Crestwood Recreation Center. The meeting will be followed by a coach's clinic for all League head and assistant coaches.

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

For more information about the 2023 season, contact Rocco Mossuto at 708-659-4800 or [rmosso@crestwood.ilinois.gov](mailto:rmosso@crestwood.ilinois.gov)

**Opening Day will be held at Playfield Park**



**Zumba!**

**Thursdays: January 5th—February 9th**  
(6 week session)

**Location: CRWC Multi-Purpose Room**

**Instructor: Kristen Castillo**

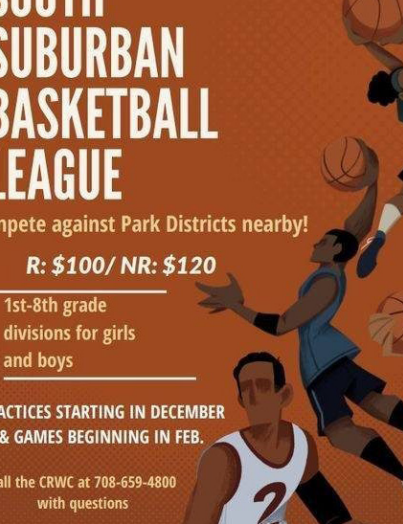
**Times:**  
**6:30– 7:30 PM**  
(Code #213001-L)

**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)*

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Register by visiting us at the CRWC.  
5331 W 135th St. Crestwood, IL 60418  
708-659-4800 [www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com)



# SOUTH SUBURBAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Compete against Park Districts nearby!

**R: \$100/ NR: \$120**


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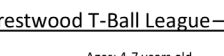
1st-8th grade  
divisions for girls  
and boys

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**PRACTICES STARTING IN DECEMBER  
& GAMES BEGINNING IN FEB.**

Call the CROWC at 800-659-4800  
with questions


 An illustration of three basketball players in action against a textured orange background. In the foreground, a player in a white jersey with the number 2 is shown from the waist up, holding a basketball. Behind him, a player in a blue jersey is jumping to shoot or pass the ball. In the upper right, another player in a blue jersey is shown in mid-air, also with a basketball. The style is a flat, graphic illustration.



## Crestwood T-Ball League—2023

Agers: 4-7 years old

Practices will begin at 10am Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 (indoor if needed)  
Games will be played on Wednesday's at 6pm & Saturday's at 10am  
Games will start on Wednesday, May 31st, 2023

Games will be played at Walker Park (139th and Laramie) or at the CRWC

<p><u>Registration deadline</u> Tuesday, March 15th Registration Code: 350013 – A</p>	<p><u>Season</u> May 31st– June 28th <u>No game on Wednesday</u> 16 games</p>
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**Fee: \$85.00 (fee includes team shirt, hat, and pictures)**

Player and Coach request will be accepted but **Not Guaranteed**

**To register, visit the CRWC**

For more information about the T-ball Season 2023, contact Rocco Mossuto  
rmossuto@crestwood.ilinois.gov  
Address: 5331 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St, Crestwood, IL  
Phone: (708)-659-4800  
Email: crwcports@crestwood.ilinois.gov  
[www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com)

