

THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move

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Midlothian Turnpike Sidewalk Project Completed

After 6 years of planning, searching for federal and County grant funding, engineering design and regulatory agency approval, Crestwood's objective to have pedestrian sidewalks along Midlothian Turnpike has been achieved. This winter, construction was essentially completed on four lineal miles of concrete sidewalks, from Central Avenue east to Pulaski Road.

"We are excited to finally see this important project complete," said Mayor Klein recently. "One of our goals for the Board of Trustees was to improve all the sidewalks along our major roadways in Crestwood, so this is a major milestone. Next year the sidewalks along Cicero Avenue will be improved, along with streetscaping and new pedestrian streetlights. We are in engineering design for new sidewalks and a bicycle path along 135th Street. And we received grant funding from the State for a path along Cal-Sag Road."

"Our residents need to be able to walk safely on walkways along these major streets—not in the street".



The Midlothian Turn sidewalks were paid for 80% with grants from the federal government, IDOT and Cook County Department of Transportation.

Mayor Klein added, "we are grateful that this nearly \$6 million project was funded largely by grants and not with taxpayer funds. Thanks to Mayor Lou Presta, who worked hard to get these grants, and to our friends at Cook County DOT who were so supportive."

The Joy of Christmas

The Christmas spirit is always in the forefront to help the residents and businesses in Crestwood. Mayor Ken Klein, and the Trustees once again have filled hundreds of kid's hearts with happiness. The mayor was able to secure over 600 gifts to pass out to every child that visited Santa Claus at the CRWC for their Christmas market. The Mayor would like to thank everyone that participated and made the Christmas market a success. He would also like to thank Menards and Walmart for their help and donations which produced so many smiles and the gratitude of many parents. Last but not least he wanted to thank

Bill Graffeo and all his elves for efforts to make another successful event in our village.



FEATURED ARTIST JANUARY JOHN HOWARD

John Howard, a native Chicagoan, has been a professional artist for 35 years. He received his formal education at the American Academy of Art, Chicago, Illinois, in 1976. Since then, his works have brought him recognition in many private and corporate collections, as well as through various awards and exhibitions. Recent recognition includes the Transparent Watercolor Society's 30th Annual Exhibition, as well as publication of two paintings in North Light Books: Splash 9 Tips and Techniques as well as Strokes of Genius 3: The Best of Drawing. He also won the CFS medal from the American Watercolor Society's 136th Annual International Exhibition in New York.

John's desire is to translate an experience of light through watercolors. His visual vocabulary in composing a painting is one of a direct approach. While using



representational subject matter along with the orchestration of vivid colors, John works a series of sketches created on location, then refined in the studio, hoping to evoke an emotional response.

As an extension of his knowledge and experience, John enjoys the challenge of translating his skills of drawing and painting with various mediums into rendering murals on a grand scale.



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Important Numbers

Village Hall

13800 S. Cicero Ave.
(708) 371-4800 | Fax: (708) 371-4849
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9am - 4pm
Tues.: 9am - 8pm

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.
(708) 371-4800 x4500 | Fax: (708) 385-2836

Recreation & Wellness Facility

5331 W. 135th St.
(708) 659-4800
Mon.-Thu.: 5am - 10pm, Friday 5am - 8pm
Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm

Library

4955 135th St.
(708) 371-4090
Mon.-Thu.: 9am - 8pm, Friday: 9am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: Closed

Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)

(708) 371-2900

Bremen Township (Residents south of 135th)

(708) 333-1591

Republic Services

Call Village Hall first at (708) 371-4800, before
Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

IDOT

(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

(708) 448-8006 or (847) 705-4228

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
January 4 and January 18

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
January 2, January 16 and January 30

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
January 8 and January 22

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!

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings and Happy New Year Crestwood!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to 2024! The New Year is a time when we reflect on our lives and commit to improving ourselves and the world around us in the coming year. As your Mayor, I along with our Village Board strive to make great things happen here in Crestwood. Our mission and purpose as your council is to create an environment where families can thrive.

As I look back on all that occurred in 2023, I'm amazed at how much the Village was able to accomplish. There is much more to come in 2024, as many of the construction

projects around town will be finishing up we will keep our Village motto as "A Village on the Move" and continue to enhance our Village to an even greater place to live, work and raise a family. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for all our citizens.

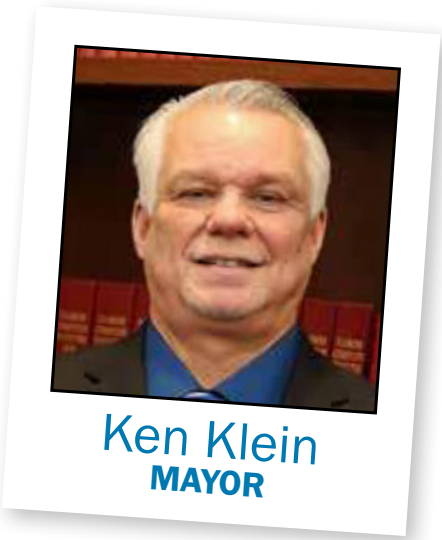
Winter is upon us and it's time to gear up for the colder weather. To help with maximum efficiency when removing snow, please remember to move your cars off of the street. Our snow plow crews will thank you!

I want to thank all the residents and businesses that donated food or a monetary donation for

our annual Christmas Basket drive. Every year we put together food baskets for those in need. I want to thank our Public Works Department and Village Staff that were instrumental in making this happen for many residents in need.

Be sure to stop in Village Hall for your rebate form. I look forward to seeing you all on February 18th at the Art Fair where we will distribute the rebates.

I look forward to the coming year and all it brings. Please know my door is always open and I am honored to hear from you and work with you. The future



can be brighter if we are working together.

Sincerely,
Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood



2023 Surplus Applications
AVAILABLE NOW and through the
deadline of January 19, 2024

NOTE: If you have lived in your home since January 1, 2022 and are currently residing in the home and are an owner of the home (not a renter) you qualify for this program.

Well the tax bills are in the mail, and our Surplus Applications are available now and they will continue to be available through the deadline of January 19, 2024.

The program will be basically the same as in previous years, with everyone needing to pick up an original form at the Village. We do not accept copies or anything printed from the website.

The necessary items to file are as follows:

- 1. A copy of your 2nd installment 2022 Real Estate Tax Bill
- 2. Proof of payment of your tax bill from either Chase Bank or the Cook County Treasurer website (not your mortgage company)
- 3. A copy of the driver's license of the owners of the home with the Crestwood address. If the license has an out of state address you do not qualify.
- 4. A copy of your current paid water bill (excluding condo owners)

CRESTWOOD ARTS COUNCIL
PRESENTS

FINE
ARTS FAIR

FREE EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
10AM-3PM

Crestwood Recreation &
Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street

Join us as we host our seventh Crestwood Fine Arts Fair! We Hope to gather local artists to showcase their artisanship and provide an opportunity to browse, shop, and celebrate the Arts. Enjoy music throughout the day, along with wine and cheese samplings.

We are seeking artists to participate as vendors and performers for time slots throughout the day. Come share your talents and enjoy the support of a community that appreciates creativity!

Artists and performers
interested in participating
must complete the Vendor
Application Form and send
payment by 1/21/2024.



Contact Trustee Linda
Madlener
lmadlener54@gmail.com or
call the Village Hall (708) 371-
4800 for more information.

CRESTWOOD ARTS COUNCIL
PRESENTS A
FINE ARTS FAIR

PLACE: CRESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER
DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
TIME: 10AM - 3PM CRESTWOOD ILLINOIS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 21, 2024
ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION: JANUARY 27, 2024

APPLICATION FEE: \$30/TABLE
BRING/MAIL PAYMENT TO VILLAGE HALL 13800 S. CICERO
*Checks Payable to: Village of Crestwood

*Application acceptance determined by council - MUST HAVE PROOF OF ART
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

NUMBER OF TABLES: _____ FEE: _____ (\$30/TABLE)

SEEKING TALENTED MUSICIANS VOLUNTEERING TO PLAYFOR THE FOLLOWING TIMES
10AM 11AM 12PM 1PM 2PM
(CIRCLE A PREFERRED TIME SLOT)
QUESTIONS? Call Village Hall (708) 371 - 4800 / Trustee Madlener

APPLICANT'S WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT
I HEREBY ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY EXHIBIT, INCLUDING ANY DAMAGE OR
LOSS THEREOF. I HEREBY RELEASE THE CRESTWOOD ART COUNCIL AND FAIR VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY AND
ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS, THEFT, DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY DURING THE FAIR. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
THIS FINE ARTS FAIR IS A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT.
I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONCE ACCEPTED MY ENTRY FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(OFFICE USE)
DATE RECEIVED: _____ CHECK #: _____ SPACE #: _____ CONFIRM: _____

Webb Chevrolet hosts Auto Tech students

Despite their busy schedules, general manager Tim Gehr and several other supervisors from Webb Chevrolet in Oak Lawn yesterday found time to show automotive technology students from Richards and Shepard high schools the career possibilities waiting for them.

Teachers Keith Luszczak and Matt Krogh brought 29 students to tour Webb facilities, talk with various professionals, and meet trainer Christopher May from the renowned General Motors Automotive Service Education Program at Triton College.

The GM ASEP allows students to earn an associate’s degree and work. Many then transfer to Southern Illinois University to earn a bachelor’s degree in automotive technology and then start careers at lucrative salaries.

“Students were able to see the ins and outs of the dealership giving them a behind the scenes

experience. They talked to people from all aspects of the dealership and received true answers,” said Luszczak, who teaches at Richards.

On the way back to campus students talked about the experience

“Every student thanked me and told me it was a great field trip and I am sure students will come to class tomorrow making others feel like they missed out. Students mentioned they were interested in careers that they had not considered prior to the trip,” Luszczak said.

Gehr, Fixed Operations Director Ernie Hack, Service Director Sean Drane, Business Development and Communications Coordinator Brittany Vargas and many other Webb employees “all made today about the kids. From what I heard all 29 of the students felt the warm welcome Webb Chevrolet gave them.”



Teachers and students from Richards and Shepard high schools talked with many managers and professionals at Webb Chevrolet on Dec. 5.



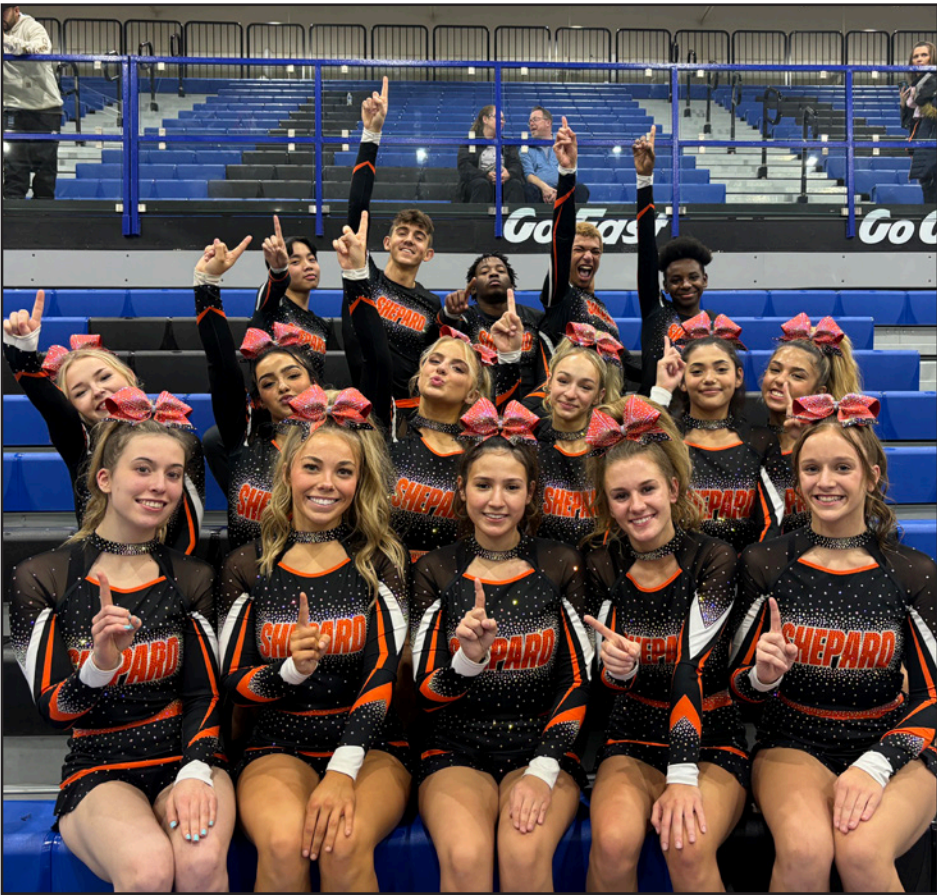
Christopher May, a trainer with the General Motors Automotive Service Education Program at Triton College, talked about career paths with teachers Matt Krogh (left) and Keith Luszczak and their students from Shepard and Richards high schools.

Shepard cheerleaders win LWE Invitational

The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School opened their competitive season by taking first place in the CoEd Division at the North Pole Invitational hosted by

Lincoln-Way East High School on Saturday, December 9.

Shepard graduate Felicia Marr serves as coach for the Astros.



The varsity cheerleaders, coached by Felicia Marr, from Shepard High School won first place at the North Pole Invitational at Lincoln-Way East High School.

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January 27, 2024 2-6 pm

LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY

\$15 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN 4-12, UNDER 3 = FREE

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO HELP STUDENTS TRAVELING TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND IN SUMMER 2024

Location: Student Cafe at Shepard High School
13049 S Ridgeland Ave, Palos Heights, IL

QUESTIONS? EMAIL JENNIFER.FISCHER@CHSD218.ORG

Registration now open for spring semester classes at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College is offering an assortment of courses and formats for the spring 2024 semester. Aside from in-person classes, other formats include online and hybrid, which is a combination of online and face-to-face instruction. Classes start Jan. 16 and later.

Moraine Valley offers more than 130 degree and certificate programs. Students interested in transferring to four-year colleges or universities can earn associate degrees in Arts, Fine Arts, General Studies, Engineering Science, Applied Science or Science. Students also can choose from several career certificate programs, including Allied Health and Nursing, Business and Computer Sciences, Industrial Technology and Public Service. The college offers noncredit programs and courses as well.

Moraine Valley also offers several classes at its two extension sites – the Education Center at Blue Island (12940 S. Western Ave.), where students can complete the

Nursing Program in the health care classrooms and labs on-site, and the Southwest Education Center in Tinley Park (17900 S. 94th Ave.), which features the college’s legal library for the Paralegal Program.

Tuition at Moraine Valley costs \$471 per three-credit-hour course compared to more than \$1,475 per class for private colleges or universities, ultimately saving students thousands of dollars each year.

A complete list of credit and non-credit classes can be found in the spring 2024 class schedule online at morainevalley.edu. Registration is ongoing. Tuition is \$137 per credit hour plus fees and books. New students must complete an admission application at morainevalley.edu/apply, and can register in the Registration Office, located in the Student Services Center (Building S), 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills; by phone at (708) 974-2110 (TTY 711), email registration@morainevalley.edu or online.

Moraine Valley Automotive Technology Program reaccredited

The Moraine Valley Community College Automotive Technology Program earned Master Automobile Service Technology reaccreditation – the highest level – by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation.

This is a five-year certification cycle that rigorously assesses the college’s Automobile Technician Training Program. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used, and an on-site evaluation took place in October. The ASE Education Foundation is a nonprofit, independent organization that evaluates and accredits entry-level technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry.

“This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents,” said Michael Coley, ASE Education Foundation president. “Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that Moraine Valley’s graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result of the

quality education provided by Moraine Valley, the motoring public will benefit since better repair technicians will join the workforce.”

Moraine Valley’s MOPAR Career Automotive Program (CAP) provides manufacturer-specific training and hands-on experience working at a Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat or Maserati dealership. Students can earn an associate degree in automotive technology and a MOPAR CAP diploma. Students also can choose to enroll in the Nissan Training Academy at the college.

“Maintaining our Master Automobile Service Technology accreditation is incredibly important for the college, our programs, our students and the community. It proves that our facilities, programs, courses and faculty meet strict industry standards to ensure our students are properly trained for employment in the automotive service industry,” said Ira Siegel, professor and program coordinator of automotive technology at Moraine Valley. “This certification also is a requirement for maintaining our manufacturer partnerships.”

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\$299,900

Vehicle Stickers on sale now!



WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR 2024 VEHICLE STICKER:

1. Your renewal application

2. If a new vehicle or new resident, we will need your Crestwood driver’s license and your car registration.

3. Your payment of \$5.00 for a senior (over 65 yrs.)

All others:

\$10 Passenger car

\$15 B-C truck

\$10 Recreational vehicle

\$20 D-F truck

\$30 Any truck with a heavier plate

\$3 Dog/Cat tag

\$20 Bus A sticker

\$30 Bus B sticker

The deadline for you to have your 2024 vehicle sticker displayed on your vehicle is February 29, 2024, so no need to run in, but don’t forget the deadline comes fast.



We Watch, We Call!

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

Deceptive Practice/ SCAMS

11-07-2023: A resident reported that he was contacted by First Merchants Bank inquiring if he was in the process of making a cash withdrawal. After advising the bank representative that he hadn’t attempted to make any withdrawals he learned that five withdrawals had been made from his accounts at several locations in Indiana totaling \$27,000.00.

11-09-2023: A business resident reported that they mailed a check in the amount of \$396.00 to a business in Crestwood, however, it appears that the check was intercepted, washed and then fraudulently cashed the same day. The amount of the check was checked from \$396.00 to \$996.00. It is believed that this check was stolen from a mailbox.

11-20-2023: A resident reported that she received a conformation letter from Merrill Lynch confirming her newly opened account. The victim advised she did not open an account nor did she give anyone permission to use her information.

11-20-2023: A resident reported that she received an email from what she perceived to be from Norton /Lifelock, a service that monitors identity and a service which the victim subscribes to. The email advised that the victims bank account would be debited \$304.00 and for her to contact the number in the email for further details. The victim contacted the number and was eventually transferred to a manager who was able to gain remote access to her personal computer and transferred \$30,000.00 from her savings account to her checking account. The \$30,000.00 was then transferred to a bank in Hong Kong. The victims personal computer was then locked out and only a blue screen appeared on the monitor. The victim was advised that there was a discrepancy with her bank account and would require \$13,000.00 to be transferred over to rectify the issue. Since the victim had no access to her computer, she was told to withdraw the money from her account and send it to an address in California. The victim

complied. Once the victim regained access to her computer she reviewed her bank accounts and realized she had been scammed.

Theft

11-03-2023: Unknown suspects broke into a vehicle in the 136th block of Lamon and stole numerous tools.

11-05-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2018 KIA from the 128th block of Hill Drive.

11-06-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2014 Chrysler from the 134th block of West Circle Drive. The vehicle was recovered the next day by the Oak Lawn Police Department.

11-06-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2020 Hyundai from the 5200 block of 137th Street. The vehicle was recovered two days later by the Calumet Park Police Department.

11-06-2023: Unknown suspects broke the window on a 2017 Jeep in the 138th block of Springfield and took several personal items from the vehicle.

11-10-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2020 Hyundai from the 135th block of LeClaire. The vehicle was recovered November 14th by the Chicago Police Dept.

11-12-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee from the 128th block of West Playfield Drive.

11-20-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2013 KIA from the 127th block of Central Ave. The vehicle was recovered on November 30th by the Blue Island Police Dept.

11-27-2023: Unknown suspects stole a package from the 5400 block of 127th Street that contained 60 pure silver coins.

Criminal Damage to Property

11-03-2023: Unknown suspects broke the window and damaged the steering column on a 2000 Hyundai in the 5700 block of 129th Street.

11-03-2023: Unknown suspects broke the window and damaged the steering column on a 2018 Hyundai in the 128th Block of Hill Drive.

11-09-2023: Unknown suspects broke the window on a 2013 Hyundai in the 5700 block of 129th Street.

11-27-2023: Unknown suspects damaged two tires on two separate vehicle that were parked in the 136th block of Laramie.

Armed Robbery/ Burglary/Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm


11/02/2023: A woman reported that as she was walking through the parking lot from the Target store, a vehicle pulled up and a black female wearing a ski mask and a dark blue winter jacket jumped out and pointed a black hand gun at the victim demanding her purse. The victim refused to give over her purse, and a struggle ensued. The suspect was eventually able to gain control of the purse and fled the scene.

11-26-2023: Officers responded to the Maxwell Street Polish located at

13501 Pulaski in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival it was learned that two suspects had pried open the door and made entry into the business. Once inside, the offenders were able to gather approximately \$6000.00 before fleeing the scene.

11-26-2023: The Crestwood Police Department received a call for shots fired in the area of the Off-Track-Betting, located at 13148 Rivercrest Drive. Officers were provided a description of a suspect and as responding officers arrived in the area, a suspect matching the description was spotted. Officers attempted to talk with the suspect, who then fled on foot. After a brief foot chase, the suspect was taken into custody. 2 additional persons of interest were also identified and detained. During the investigation, a firearm was recovered on scene, which was discovered to be stolen out of Indiana. It was also discovered that a stray bullet from the incident has struck a kitchen window of a residence in the 131st block of East Playfield Drive. The incident is still under investigation, however, at this time the incident is not believed to be random. Upon talking to witnesses and viewing security video, it was learned that the offending silver S.U.V, fled the scene eastbound on Midlothian Turnpike. The Crestwood Police Department and the Southwest Major Crimes Task Force are investigating this incident.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem


Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.


Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.





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Let's Work Together & Make Snow Fall a Non-Issue

We know snow is going to come sooner than later, so make sure your vehicles are not parked on the street after a one inch snow fall. Please do not blow or plow snow on our streets or neighbors yards.

The Police Department would like to emphasis the fact that you need to contain snow on your own property and not relocate it on village streets. This applies to all residential, commercial and industrial buildings. As a matter of fact,

Crestwood village code not only prohibits this, but can assess a fine if you are cited for this violation. Judging by the telephone calls that we receive each year pushing and blowing snow on a recently cleaned street erases the work done by our public works department and is inconsiderate to your neighbors. Crestwood has over 26 miles of streets to plow and the workers cannot keep coming back because of some careless individuals. Consider this a second warning to those that don't comply and receive a ticket from our police department. Winter weather can be



most difficult and we don't need to compound the problem.

The Village would also like to inform you of the protocol that the Village takes in a snow event. Our Village Services Director sends out our Public Work plows in two groups but there are different conditions that call for diverse plans of attack. He is in constant contact with the police department through a storm alert on street safety. He also keeps the Mayor informed of the plans to best handle the storm

and clean up after the storm has ended. A plow only or plow plus salt event is predicated by accumulation, driver safety and information from the weather service board. Salting in heavy accumulation or extreme cold temperatures with icing DOES NOT benefit our roadways. It most effective at temperatures above 20 F. In fact, salt is wasted on these types of events and has the potential to cause green kill. Trees up to 150 feet from a highway can be damaged--sometimes a salty mist from tires can harm trees a mile away. Salt splashes beyond streets, killing grass and gardens. Also, bare ground erodes quickly and erodes much needed nutrients from soil. Job performance is no longer measured by how much salt is applied per shift. Snow melts faster when salt is applied in narrow strips or as brine. Prudence in salt usage will be part of future salt planning; the EPA and IEPA are looking into the damage caused by over salting our roadways which include ground and surface water.

Our equipment is sent out during an event and primary areas are the main thoroughfares and intersections. Side streets are the last to be completed. The plow trucks concentrate on heavier traffic flow streets because of the potential of more accidents. We clear pathways on the less traffic streets until we can do a full clean up. The main street such as 135th, Midlothian Turnpike, Central Ave, Cicero Ave and Pulaski Ave are the domain of the State and County, though we assist when needed.

Let's work together to make a tough situation go away faster. Again, we ask for your patience in attending to the village streets. Safety is our main concern throughout the village during inclement weather. The Village as a whole would like to thank you for all your help to make this a safe winter in Crestwood.



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.

Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nfpa.org/winter.



2023 CHRISTMAS DECORATING WINNERS

1ST PLACE The Gorney Family 4951 W. 135th Pl.	2ND PLACE The Bafia Family 4945 W. 135th Pl.
3RD PLACE The Brefczynski Family 5249 Arbor Lane	4TH PLACE The Moran Family 4246 W. 143rd St.

The Christmas lights in the Village of Crestwood were AWESOME!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE BEAUTIFUL HOUSES!

THE DECORATING MAKES THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPECIAL!



New Year's Day Cast-Iron Skillet Rib Eye Roast, Roasted Veggies & Smashed Potatoes

Everyone celebrates the New Year differently—some staying up until midnight to watch the Times Square ball drop and others sing karaoke at a New Year's Eve party. But no matter what your New Year's tradition might be, it's always a good idea to fuel up with food. Here is a dinner idea that feel just as special as the occasion itself!

Ingredients

- ROAST:** One 3-pound boneless rib eye roast, Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1 ½ cups beef stock, 2 cloves garlic, 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, 3 sprigs fresh thyme, 1 shallot, finely chopped, ¼ cup red wine, ¼ cup brandy, ½ cup heavy whipping cream, 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard & 3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley

SMASHED POTATOES: 3 pounds mini Yukon Gold potatoes, about golf ball-size, ¼ cup butter 1/4 cup olive oil, add more as needed, table spoon onion powder, table spoon garlic powder kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, fresh rosemary, sea salt & 8oz of cheddar cheese

ROASTED VEGGIES: 10 strips thick-cut bacon, 6 tablespoons butter, 6 tablespoons Olive oil, 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved, 1/2 pound of chopped carrots, 1/2 large onion, chopped, 2 tablespoons Minced garlic, Salt and freshly ground black pepper, 1 cup of shaved Parmesan cheese and Balsamic Vinegar

Directions for Roast

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- Place the roast on a paper towel-lined plate. Allow the roast to come up to room temperature, about 1 hour.
- Pat the roast dry on all sides with paper towels. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper.
- Place a cast-iron skillet over high heat. Add the oil and heat until shimmering. Carefully lay the roast in the hot oil, being mindful that the oil may pop. Sear the roast until evenly browned and deeply seared on all sides, about 3 minutes per side. Turn off the heat and pour 1 cup beef stock into the skillet. Add the garlic cloves and surround the roast with the rosemary and thyme.
- Transfer the skillet to the oven and roast, 45 to 60 minutes, depending on the desired doneness (for medium and a bright pink center, cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of the roast registers 130 degrees F, about 50 minutes). Transfer the roast to a cutting board. Discard the garlic cloves and herbs. Tent the roast with aluminum foil while creating the pan sauce.

- Place the skillet back on the stove over medium-high heat. Add the shallots, red wine and remaining 1/2 cup beef stock and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the shallots have softened and the liquid has reduced in volume by half, about 5 minutes. Stir in the brandy, heavy cream and mustard and cook just until a thin sauce comes together, about 2 minutes more.
- Slice the rested roast thinly and place on a serving platter. Serve warm with a drizzle of the sauce and a sprinkle of fresh parsley.

Directions for Mini Yukon Gold Smashed Potatoes

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- Add the potatoes and 1/4 cup salt to a large stockpot fitted with a strainer filled with water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cook the potatoes until fork-tender, about 20 minutes. Using the strainer, remove the potatoes from the water and set aside to drain.
- Add 1/4 cup Olive oil to a baking sheet and coat generously. Gently dump or transfer the potatoes to the baking sheet using tongs. Smash the potatoes with the bottom of a cup until the tops crack open. Drizzle with butter and season with rosemary, salt, pepper, garlic and onion powder.
- Bake until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Transfer the potatoes to a platter. Top with Cheddar Cheese as desired.

Directions for Roasted Veggies

- Cook bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until crispy.
- Remove to a paper towel-lined plate, then roughly chop
- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- In same pan with bacon fat, add ¼ cup Olive oil and melt butter over medium heat.
- Add onions, minced garlic Brussels sprouts and Carrots. Cook, stirring occasionally, until sprouts are golden brown, 6 minutes.
- Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and toss bacon back into pan.
- Place in oven at 400 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.
- When you are ready to serve add shaved Parmesan cheese and Balsamic Vinegar.

What is the Biela Senior Center?



4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD, IL

The Biela Senior Center offers adults, over the age of 50, many opportunities that promote independence with a wide variety of activities.

Some of the events that take place are Senior Club, fitness and yoga classes, day trips, Bingo, lunches, Knit Wits, line dance and

“There are no strangers here, only friends you haven’t yet met.”

William Butler Yeats

much more! Groups also meet to play pinochle, Mexican Train and Bunco. We have a pool table, a library where you can find a quiet place to read or do a puzzle, and a computer lab.

Call to make a lunch reservation, or stop by at any time for a tour of

our building and see what we are all about. If you live in the Village of Crestwood, and do not drive, call and schedule bus pick up with our Dial-A-Ride program. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001. We look forward to meeting you!



JANUARY
FEATURE
Soup

Come join the Biela Center’s Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH • 12:30 – 2:00 PM

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Bring a copy of your favorite recipe along with a prepared sample to share. We will discuss the recipes and compile them for the year to make into a cookbook. Your recipe may even be featured in a Biela lunch! Dishes will rotate monthly.

Please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001 to register.

Just a Reminder: The Biela Center will be closed through January 5th. We will reopen January 8! Happy New Year!

Pinochle Players Wanted!

Do you like to play Pinochle? Our Wednesday group would love to meet you! Please join them at 12:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon.

Join us at the Biela Center!
4545 Midlothian Turnpike,
Crestwood
Call 708-371-4800, Ext. 6000 with any questions.



Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CLOSED Happy New Year!	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6
7	8 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Mixed Pinochle 12-4 pm	9 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	10 Art Club 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11-12 pm	11 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 a Knit Wits 10-12 pm Mexican Train 12-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm	12 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	13
14	15 CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr.	16 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	17 Art Club 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	18 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 a Knit Wits 10-12 pm Mexican Train 12-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	19 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	20
21	22 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Mixed Pinochle 12-4 pm Card Club 12-3 pm	23 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	24 Art Club 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Cookbook Club 12:30-2 pm	25 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 a Knit Wits 10-12 pm Mexican Train 12-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm	26 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	27
28	29 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Mixed Pinochle 12-4 pm	30 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	31 Bally's Casino - Chicago Art Club 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11-12 pm			
	Come	make	new	friends!		

Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD
HAPPY NEW YEAR
No Meeting – Biela Center Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2024 • 12:15–3:30PM
Regular Meeting
Stroke Support Group – Jessica Bonner

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

All are welcome to come JOIN US in an afternoon out to our Senior Club Meeting. We meet two times a month on the 1st and 3rd 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!! *Doors open at 12:15pm.*

Seniors Pump it Up!

with Certified Instructor, Diana Esparza

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

11:15AM – 12:00PM
\$2/class

Get your body moving with an exercise class designed just for you!

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL
708-371-4800 EXT: 6000



Chair Yoga

Good for your body, mind, and soul
Stress relief • Strength training • Flexibility benefit

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:30 – 10:30AM
\$2/class

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL
708-371-4800 EXT: 6000

If you have any questions, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001.





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



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS
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: LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com
Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome
All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

IMPORTANT BIELA POLICY INFORMATION

PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment is due upon reservation. We will no longer be excepting reservations without full payment.

NO REFUND 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 paid.

CREDIT CARD POLICY

As of February 17, 2023 there will be a fee of 3.25% when using a credit card.

All other items being paid using a credit card, debit card or e-check will incur a 3.25% processing fee (minimum of \$1.95), assessed by Invoice Cloud, the Village of Crestwood's electronic payment processing vendor.



1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES

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ADMIT ONE

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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ADMIT ONE

Looking for a gift idea for a relative or neighbor?
Try a Biela Lunch Certificate!

It doesn't need to be just for Christmas -
Stop by the Biela and purchase a lunch certificate!!

GIFT CERTIFICATE

THIS GIFT CERTIFICATE IS GOOD FOR ONE
FREE \$5.00 LUNCH AT THE BIELA CENTER.

TO: SPECIAL PERSON

FROM: YOUR NAME

ISSUED BY: BIELA STAFF MEMBER

JANUARY

Biela Center

Lunch Menu

Lunches are \$5.00. Tuesdays we serve from 12:00-1:00 pm and Friday's from 12:15-1:15 pm. All lunches are served with a side and dessert. Bingo will be played following lunch. **Reservations must be made one week in advance.** For cancellation call: 708-371-4800 Option #6

Please check the lunches you would like to attend:

- ☐ Tuesday, January 9th

Beef Sandwich

☐ Friday, January 12th

Chili & Hot Dog

☐ Tuesday, January 16th

Chicken Tenders & Tater Tots

☐ Friday, January 19th

Denver Omelet & Egg Casserole

☐ Tuesday, January 23rd

Vegetable Chicken Soup

☐ Friday, January 26th

Ham & Broccoli Bake

☐ Tuesday, January 30th

Italian Sausage Sandwich

We are closed until January 5th.
Please have a warm, safe, and Happy New Year!

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

Name _____



Bally's Casino Chicago Trip

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST
BALLY'S CASINO CHICAGO (600 N WABASH)
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:00 A.M.
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
RETURN TIME: APPROXIMATELY 4:00 PM
Cost: \$40.00
Cost includes \$25 free slot or table play for new members.
Full payment is due upon reservation.

Any questions, please call 708-371-4800 ex. 6000

Medical Equipment on Loan!

The Biela Center has some equipment for short term use. Should you find yourself, or a family member, in need, please call Cindy or Shannon at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 for availability.



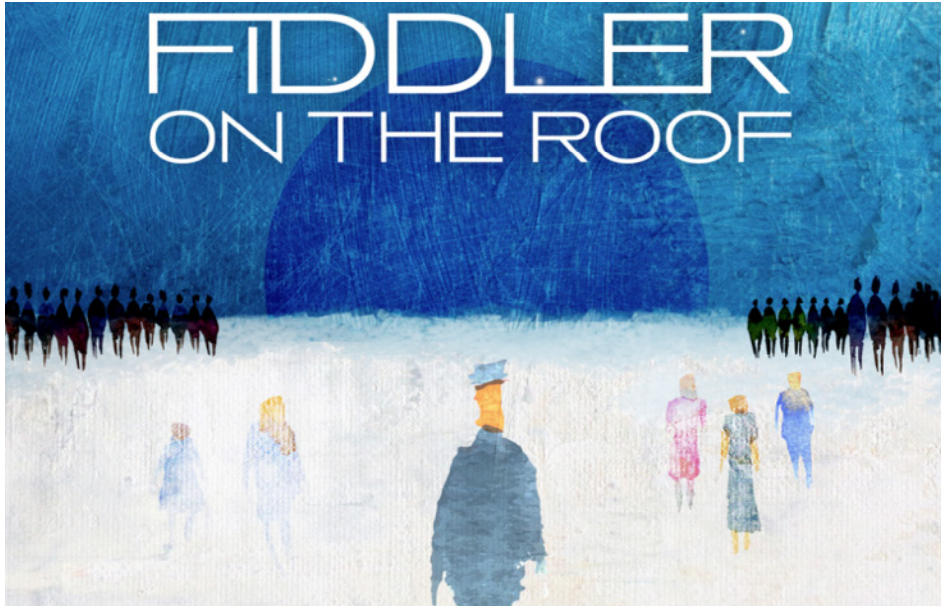
Jacob Henry Mansion
OCEAN'S RAT PACK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:00 A.M.
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$100.00

Cost includes transportation, show and barbeque glazed pork chop lunch with chef's choice of potato and vegetable. *Special dietary needs, including vegetarian selection, must be made in advance. Full payment is due upon reservation.

Ocean's Rat Pack is the ultimate tribute group devoted to the music of Dean Martin by Tony Ocean, Frank Sinatra by Bill Serritella and Sammy Davis Jr. performed by Elliot Wimbush. Ocean's Rat Pack bring the audience back in time when Vegas and Hollywood were king. Delight in their authentic performances that bring to life the vibe of the Rat Pack era and proving that these classics will never go out of style, but rather create new fans of the legendary performers of the Rat Pack.

Please call Cindy (ext. 6001) or Shannon (ext. 6002) at 708-371-4800 with any questions.



Drury Lane Presents...
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER AT 10:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$120.00
Cost includes transportation, lunch and performance
Full payment is due upon reservation.

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story of Tevye and his five daughters has been touching audiences worldwide with its humor, warmth, and honesty for generations. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of political and social change in Czarist Russia. Rich in historical detail, Fiddler on the Roof’s universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy, and sadness.

Any questions, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ex. 6001

A green recycling symbol consisting of three arrows forming a triangle.

BREAD TAG
RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle Bread Tags at the Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL



Bread tags for wheelchairs
We’ve partnered with SCARCE for this recycling project. SCARCE works with Danielle Cares for Chairs to recycle bread tags. Funds raised through recycling bread tags provide mobility equipment for those in need.
Learn more on www.scarce.org.



Drury Lane Presents...
GUYS AND DOLLS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER AT 10:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$125.00
Cost includes transportation, lunch and performance
Full payment is due upon reservation.

Step into the dazzling lights of 1950s New York City with Guys and Dolls. This enduring tale of romance, risk, and unforgettable rhythm, follows the improbable love story of high-rolling gambler Sky Masterson and mission doll Sarah Brown, along with the comedic relationship of the ever-patient Miss Adelaide and craps game organizer Nathan Detroit. Guys and Dolls takes you into the golden age of Broadway with wit, charm, and plenty of heart with vibrant characters and unforgettable songs like “Luck Be a Lady” and “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat.”

Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 Ex. 6000 with any questions.

Bunco

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO HAVE FUN, WIN SOME PRIZES, AND LOVE TO PLAY BUNCO?

Join us at the Biela Center!
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
First & Third Thursday of every month
1:00PM – 4PM

Admission will be \$5.00 every time in order to win select prizes. We hope to see you there!
Please Contact Cindy with any questions @ 708-371-4800 EXT: 6001



Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
6:00PM – 8:00PM
Do you like to play board games? Come on over! Join us for a FREE night of fun! Come with a friend, or make one here. Bring your favorite game or cards (or borrow the ones we have here). Snacks will be provided

OBITUARY

Richard “Richie” Snider, age 43 of Crestwood, who passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday December 13, 2023. He was a beloved son of Steven and Maryann Snider, a wonderful father to Italiana and Eugene “Gino” Foley, a loving boyfriend to Bridget Foley, and a loyal and cherished brother to Rachel and Keith Viola and to Christina and Erik Ryder. His memory will also live on as a special Godson, cousin, nephew, grandson, and friend to so many. Those close to him know he was louder and bigger than life itself! He could and would out “bling” everyone and had a passion for his cars. He was happiest when he was spending time with his kids, his dogs, and his family who will always keep his memory alive. C Wood forever! Please join us for a Celebration of Richard’s life on December 30, 2023 from 12 noon until 3:00 pm at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations are greatly appreciated and will help pay for his services and settle his estate. We love you, Biggie Rich and will miss you terribly.

For more info: (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com



New Businesses in the Village
Help us welcome them to Crestwood!

BUFFALO WILD WINGS GO Now Open!



13426 S. Cicero • (708) 575-7232

Great people and Community oriented. Great family values. They made a great donation to Shepard’s Basketball Team. Turnout was awesome. Great fit for Crestwood. Looking forward to working with them. Thanks Hena Group.



“May have a new side Job Tossing Wings” stated by Mayor Klein.

CRESTWOOD
SPRING BASEBALL
LEAGUE 2024

EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS NOV. 1ST- JAN. 1ST FEE- \$150
LATE REGISTRSTION IS JAN. 2ND- MARCH 15TH FEE- \$175



CRESTWOOD
PUBLIC LIBRARY



4955 W. 135th Street, Crestwood
P: 708-371-4090 F: 708-371-4127

ADULTS

Virtual Classroom Kitchen:
Saucier's Secrets - The
Five Mother Sauces

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 6:30 pm
Virtual Program
The five mother sauces are relevant in all modern cooking practices. Understanding these sauces will help you read menus, decide what to order, and know how to make sister sauces. Be sure to join us for this live virtual demonstration with guest cooking instructor, Kristyn Slick!

Take & Make Adult Craft

Available Thursday, Jan. 25th
Stop by the library and pick up a DIY craft kit.

Stampin' Up Card Class

Monday, Jan. 8th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program / \$5/person
Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards!

Needles & Yarn
Knitting Club

Monday, Jan. 22nd, 6:30 pm
In-Person Program
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!

Scrabble Club

Saturday, January 20th
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
In-Person Program
Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!

Paper Shredding at the Library
Saturday, March 2nd
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
In-Person Program
Bring your excess paper to the library for our free shredding event! Limit 3 bankers boxes per person.

The Library will be closed January 1st & 2nd, 2024, for the New Year holiday.

Illinois Libraries Present: **Speculating about Our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells**
Thursday, January 11th, 7:00 pm
Virtual Program



Join us for a panel discussion featuring three best selling science fiction writers, Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.

Jim Gibbons: **Save the Date!**
the 1920's Chicago Gangsters vs. Eliot Ness

Monday, Feb. 12th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program
Historical Presenter Jim Gibbons will discuss the origins of the rivalry between Al Capone's South Side Organization and Bugs Moran's Market Street Gang, including the turf wars, the control for profits and power, and the eventual arrival of FBI agent Eliot Ness to the City of Chicago.

Kanopy Streaming Service

NOW AVAILABLE! **kanopy**

A new video streaming service with instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kid favorites is now available with your Crestwood Public Library card! To get started, visit [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com) and select the "Add Library Card" button to set up your account.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime

Fridays, January 12th, 19th, & 26th at 10:30 am
Space is limited so please register.
Children ages 1-4 with an adult, can come hear stories, songs and make a craft during this 30 minute program.



Pajama Storytime
Wednesday, January 10th
6:00 pm

Children ages 3 to 8.
Please register.
Kids can join us for a special 45 minute evening storytime with songs, stories and a craft. Wear your Pajamas!

Preschool STEAM

Thursdays, January 11th & 25th, 10:30 am
Children ages 2-4 with an adult. Please register.
Join us twice a month for a fun science or math activity to learn basic math and science concepts.

Messy Mondays
Mondays, January 8th & 22nd, 10:30 am

Children ages 2-4 with an adult. Please register. Parents can bring their budding artists to the library to create with all things messy during this 30 minute art class. Please dress to get messy.



Kids Winter Craft

Monday, Jan. 15th, 4:00 pm
Kids ages 7 and up can come to this in-person craft class to make a cozy winter themed craft. Please register.

LEGO Club
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, 4:00 pm
Kids ages 6-12, come share your imagination and join us for a fun day with Legos! You can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design!

Read to the Dogs!

Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 5:00 pm
Therapy dogs, Humphrey, Cashel and friends, are back to listen to kids in grades K- 5 read their favorite books aloud! Call to register for a 15-minute time slot.

Family Bingo

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 6:00 pm
Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo! Please register. Limit of 7 families.

International Snack Club

Thursday, Jan. 25th, 4:00 pm
Do you like learning about different places and their foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different countries? Then join us for snacks, facts, and fun! Kids ages 10 and up are invited to journey to Czechia. Registration required.

Chess for Kids
Friday, Jan. 19th, 3:30 pm
Kids ages 6 - 16, have you wanted to learn to play chess or need some new opponents to play? If so, Mr. Pierre is back to host another session of Chess for Kids.

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra tickets

Through our community partnership with Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO), the Crestwood Public Library is pleased to offer free tickets to classical music concerts as part of the Check Out IPO Library program. IPO performances are held at Ozinga Chapel, Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Dr., Palos Heights, Illinois.



Take Home Science Kit

Available Thursday, January 4th
Come to the library to pick up a hands-on science kit for kids ages 5 and up to experiment at home. A limited number of kits will be available to pick up, beginning Thursday, January 4th while supplies last.

Monday Take and Make

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. No craft January 1st, 2024.

Classified Advertising

HELP WANTED

Copher Movers and Storage, Inc.
Steady Full or Part Time Work
Call (708) 423-1890
4745 West 135th Street
Crestwood, IL 60418

Free Advertising for Crestwood Residents! Limited to 20 words or less and 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 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

Riddle??

What do the letter "t" and an island have in common?

DECEMBER ANSWER:
All 12 months have 28 days!



Sudoku

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

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3				5	2	9	8	6
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7		2		8	6		9	

December Puzzle Solutions

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

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ACROSS

1. Spouse
5. Russian secret police
8. Wen
12. Ilex
13. Sheltered side
14. Greasy
15. Inspires dread
16. Observer
18. Actress, __ West
19. Dutch cheese
20. Female sheep
21. Not kosher
23. Exclamation of surprise
25. Jargon
27. Talismans
31. Something not to be done (2-2)
32. Island (France)

33. Smear
34. Section
36. Girdles
37. Tibetan ox
38. Painful
39. French, water
42. Splashes
44. Raincoat
47. Contagious skin infection
49. Repeat
50. Uproar
51. Prefix, new
52. Military detachment
53. Dame - Everage, Humphries' character
54. Congeal
55. Suffix, diminutive

DOWN

1. Forcible impact
2. U.S. State
3. Transient
4. Printer's measures
5. Ravine
6. Knee
7. Hag
8. Dove's call
9. Argument
10. Swing to the side
11. Wheel cover
17. Island of Hawaii
19. Jewel
22. Spacious
24. Large tree
25. __ and outs, intricacies
26. Female deer

27. High-pitched
28. Right of access over property
29. Minor admonishment
30. Ethnic telecaster
32. A suspicion
35. The Orient
36. Long-leaved lettuce
38. Reel
39. Ireland
40. Among
41. On top of
43. Double curve
45. Entrance
46. Bird shelter
48. Greek letter
49. Regret

94 South

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WOW... SANTA!
YOU'RE STILL HERE.

YEP, JUST TYING UP SOME LOOSE ENDS

HOW WAS YOUR CHRISTMAS?

AH... WELL... IT WAS OK...

...EXCEPT FOR THE CROWDS AT THE AIRPORT, AND THE LONG LINES IN THE STORES.

... NOT TO MENTION ALL THE JERKS IN TRAFFIC.

GOD, SOME PEOPLE CAN BE SO OBNOXIOUS.

YELLING AND COMPLAINING ABOUT EVERYTHING.

MAYBE YOU COULD USE YOUR MAGIC DUST AND GET RID OF SOME OF THEM.

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F!

WELL, THAT WAS THE LAST LOOSE END.

LET'S HEAD HOME RUDOLPH.

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CRWC Hours
Mon. – Thurs. 5 am - 10 pm
Friday 5 am - 8 pm
Sat. and Sun. 7 am - 5 pm
NOTE: Pool closes 1 hour before we close during the week and always at 3pm on the weekend!

Holiday Hours
Sunday, Dec. 31 7 am - 12 pm
Monday, Jan. 1 CLOSED



Christmas Market with Santa
A successful Christmas Market with Santa took place on Saturday, December 9th! Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, arts & crafts, holiday treats, presents from Mayor Klein, and shopping from our 50+ holiday vendors! Thank you to everyone who came out for a fun holiday event.

Holiday Tree Trimming
This Holiday season, 18 businesses and organizations decorated a tree outside of the CRWC to show their holiday spirit. Business / organizations who decorated include, Flow Right Plumbing, Blackwood Outdoors LLC, Crestwood Culvers, Old National Bank, Raising Cane’s Chicken, Crestwood Fastpitch, Biela Center, Crestwood Public Works, Crestwood Village Hall, Crestwood Public Library, Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center, Crestwood Soccer Club, Target CO, Swim Learn Play, Park Lawn Services, Delta Sonic Car Wash, All Day Comfort HVAC, and Nathan Hale Middle School Art Club.

Children

Swim Lessons
Jan. 9th through Feb. 17th
6 week session
In person registration required
Swim lessons take place on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, or Saturday mornings. Swim lessons teach a variety of different stroke development, pool safety, and pool skills.

Crush Spring Baseball 2024
In person registration required
All games will be located at Playfield Park. The game season will take place from May to the end of June, with games throughout the week. An opening day parade will kick off the season! Early registration will take place from November 1st 2023 through January 1st 2024 for \$150. Late registration will take place from January 2nd 2024 through March 15th 2024, with the fee increasing. The fee includes a jersey, hat, game balls, and umpire fees. Volunteer Coaches are needed to coach the teams.

Crestwood T-Ball 2024
Practices begin in April
In person registration required
Crestwood T-Ball sign ups for the 2024 Spring Season have opened! All games will be played at Playfield Park. You must sign up at the CRWC by March 15th 2024 to get your spot. Volunteer coaches are needed to coach the teams.

Group Exercise and Water Fitness Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aqua Fitness 8:00 - 9:00 am	Aqua Fitness 8:00 - 9:00 am	Aqua Fitness 8:00 - 9:00 am	Aqua Fitness 8:00 - 9:00 am	Aqua Fitness 8:00 - 9:00 am	Aqua Fitness 8:00 - 9:00 am
Water Walking 9:05 - 9:50 am	Arthritis Class 9:05 - 9:50 am	Water Walking 9:05 - 9:50 am	Arthritis Class 9:05 - 9:50 am	Water Walking 9:05 - 9:50 am	Cardio Kickboxing 9:15 - 10:30 am
Pump It Up 10:00 - 11:00 am		Pump It Up 10:00 - 11:00 am		Pump It Up 10:00 - 11:00 am	NOTE: Cardio Kickboxing does not meet every Saturday - call on Saturday mornings to confirm that class is running. These Group Exercise and Water Fitness classes require the All Inclusive Membership. Group Exercise and Water Fitness are for ages 16+.
Rusty Hinges 1:05 - 1:50 pm	Rusty Hinges 1:05 - 1:50 pm	Rusty Hinges 1:05 - 1:50 pm	Rusty Hinges 1:05 - 1:50 pm	Rusty Hinges 1:05 - 1:50 pm	
	Pump It Up 5:30 - 6:30 pm		Pump It Up 5:30 - 6:30 pm		
Cardio Splash 5:30 - 6:30 pm		Cardio Endurance 5:30 - 6:15 pm		Cardio Splash 5:00 - 6:00 pm	WATER FITNESS WORKOUTS

Workout Classes

(not included in membership)

Zumba with Kristen Castillo
Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Zumba incorporates a variety of Latin inspired dance moves and music to promote a healthy heart, a dose of aerobic activity, and a fun way to build and tone muscle, improve cardio, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Yoga with Sarah Cutrara
Mondays, 6pm-7pm
This weekly slow flow yoga class is a well-rounded practice that will help reduce stress by calming the mind and body, increase flexibility, and restore balance. All levels are welcome!