

THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move OCTOBER 2024 • #571



TRICK OR TREAT 2024

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

CRESTWOOD TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS: 3-7 PM

It's trick-or-treat, smell-my-feet, give-me-something-good-to-eat time in Crestwood!

Parents are encouraged to accompany children when they make their rounds. Police will also have extra officers on patrol during trick-or-treat hours, where they'll be watching for Halloween pranksters. Police encourage parents and trick-or-treaters to bypass homes where there are no lights. And, if you're visiting cousins or friends to go trick or treating in other towns, make sure you observe the trick or treating hours.

We have included some safety tips to help your Halloween experience be a safe and fun time!



Our 2nd annual HALLOWEEN decorating contest!

Our second annual Halloween decorating contest. Since our residents are so creative at Christmas time we have decided to join in on the Halloween decorating fun.

We will let you use your imagination with some family friendly fun throughout the spooky season.

Does your house stand out as the spookiest one in the neighborhood, or the most inviting for the ghost and goblins who will be trick-or-treating this month?

This year our judges will be out judging your spectacular displays October 15-31.

Be sure to have your homes ready. There are some creative and talented people in Crestwood, so we are sure we will get to see the coolest decorations and haunted houses around! Homes will be judged on

visual impact, creativity/ innovation, use of space, incorporation of a theme, and cohesiveness.

If you would like to nominate your house or a neighbor's house please be sure to email cjohnson@crestwood.illinois.gov or call 708 371-4800 x 2003

Halloween is a great neighborhood activity and a long standing tradition for most kids! We want everyone to enjoy the fall weather and have fun!!

First prize - \$300
Second price - \$200
Third price - \$100

We will announce the winners in the November Adviser and award the winners their cash prize at the November 7, 2024 Village Board meeting.

CRESTWOOD ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS:

FINE ARTS FAIR

CRESTWOOD RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER

Join us for our annual Fine Arts Fair! We have gathered local artists to provide an opportunity for people to browse and shop. Music throughout the day, along with wine and cheese samplings from SIP.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH ••••• 10am-2pm

- Original work
- Art & Crafts
- Wine & Cheese

Surplus checks will be passed out by Mayor Klein and the Village Board

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDERS AND COME ON BY. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN EVENT YOU DONT WANT TO MISS!

Contact Rocco or Kelsey at 708-659-4800 with any questions

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Tues.: 9am - 8pm

Police Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave.
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Emergency: 911

Fire Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave.
708-465-1300 | 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

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(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

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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
October 3 and October 17

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
October 1 and October 15

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
October 14 and October 28

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

Hella October Crestwood,

It's hard to believe it's already October and we will be discussing Holiday plans soon. Time sure seems to be flying by.

I wanted to share some updates on projects going on around our Village. The IDOT lead Project on Cicero for traffic lights, controls and street light replacement at times will cause Cicero Ave to be down to one lane, if you can't avoid Cicero, please allow yourself extra time as traffic will be backed up at times. Please drive safely. I hear and see all the complaints and concerns this is causing and I assure you we are doing everything we can to assist with this. We thank you for your patience and realize it will be well worth it once the project is complete.

Hi Five Dispensary on Cicero Ave. has passed all state inspections and will be opening within a few weeks. Grand opening will be announced soon.

Bold Age Pace Building on 135th and Long Ave. renovations are almost complete and are expecting to be open sometime in late October.

The Old Ace Hardware Store on 127th, was purchased by Pure Paradise Salon Suites from Frank-

fort and renovations are moving along quickly, looking forward to the facelift to the building and parking lot there. Looking forward to working with them. All these projects are filling spaces that have been vacant for years. Helping keep Crestwood as A Village on The Move.

It has been brought to our attention about the Littering problem around RiverCrest and the Cal-Sag area. We have had a cleanup day there this year and a lot of volunteers spent hours that day cleaning up that area. Not to mention how many times our public works personnel have spent time cleaning there. If people continue to throw trash out of their cars, we will be forced to start writing citations for littering. Please police

yourselves. Help keep Crestwood Clean.

You all may notice many residents that will be participating in our annual Halloween decorating contest! We will transform Crestwood into the spookiest Village around this month. The Village board and I will be judging throughout the month of October. Be sure to call Village Hall and nominate the best decorated house!

I hope to see you all throughout the Village this month. We have lots of exciting things happening! The Village Board and I will be at our Annual Art Fair on October 20th at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center. We will be passing out rebate checks. I encourage you to come visit all of



Ken Klein
MAYOR

our local artists that are displaying and selling their Fine art pieces. Music, wine and cheese will be offered for your enjoyment.

CRWC also puts on every year an amazing family event! Trunk or Treat will once again happen on October 26th from 12pm -2pm. free candy and admission! Be sure to go all out on your costumes this year, we have great prizes for the winners.

I hope you all enjoy the month of October and all our awesome Village has to offer.

Sincerely,

Ken Klein

Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood



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Friday, November 1st
8:00pm

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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

08-07-2024: A resident reported that she received a Facebook friend request from someone who claimed to be a cast member from the show Chicago PD and Chicago Fire. As the online relationship continued, the suspect began asking for money for hospital bills. The victim purchase numerous gift cards valued at \$1950.00 and provided the online friend with the card information.

08-26-2024: A victim reported that upon checking his online banking accounts, he discovered three unauthorized withdrawals that occurred at separate locations in Chicago for a total of \$900.00

08-28-2024: A female reported that an unknown suspect was able to withdraw \$900.00 from her Chase checking account. The suspect appeared at the Chase bank and provided a Georgia identification with the victim's information and was able to withdraw \$900.00 without authorization.

Theft

08-05-2024: Unknown suspects broke the window on a 2019 Ford van and stole miscellaneous tools in the 136th block of Lamon.

08-05-2024: A victim reported that after leaving his key fob in his vehicle overnight, he discovered unknown suspects took his 2022 KIA Sportage from the 140th Block of James Drive.

08-05-2024: A victim reported that while at Export Fitness, he secured his personal belongings in a locker with a padlock. Upon completing his workout, the lock and all of his personal belongings were missing.

08-09-2024: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle and attempted to steal the stereo system in the 4900 block of Circle Court.

08-10-2024: A resident reported that while at Walker Park, unknown suspects broke the window on his vehicle and took his wallet. The victim then received notifications that his credit card was used to make a purchase at Walgreens for \$761.00.

08-18-2024: Unknown suspects stole a 2021 KIA Forte from the 5100 block of 139th Place.

08-18-2024: Unknown suspects broke into 2016 GMC Denali that

was parked in the AMC Theater parking lot and stole a laptop computer.

08-20-2024: Unknown suspects entered an unlocked vehicle in the 138th block of Laramie and took an unknown amount of loose change.

08-23-2024: A victim reported that while at Planet Fitness, unknown suspects took her wallet from her unlocked locker. While the victim was working out, she received several notifications that her credit cards were being used at various locations.

08-23-2024: A victim reported that while working out at Planet Fitness, she had her personal belongings secured in a locker. After leaving, she discovered that her wallet was missing from her bag. Her credit cards were used at several locations including CVS in Midlothian. A check of a surveillance video shows a suspect as a black, female wearing a light colored Mickey Mouse T-shirt and dark colored pants who fled the scene in a gray Chevy Malibu.

08-27-2024: Unknown suspects entered a 2022 Ford van and stole a backpack containing a computer and an iPad in the 135th block of Lawler.

08-29-2024: A victim reported that while working out at Planet Fitness, he received notifications of his credit card being used at Target. The victim went to the locker room and discovered the lock had been cut off and his wallet was missing. Three separate transactions using different credit cards were then made at Target.

08-29-2024: A victim reported that after working out at Planet Fitness, he discovered his lock to be missing from his locker and his wallet to be taken. His credit card was then used at Marianos in Oak Lawn to make a \$306.00 purchase.

08-30-2024: Unknown suspects stole a 2020 white Jeep Grand Cherokee from the 140th block of Gail Lane.

Retail Theft

08-08-2024: Lost prevention from Kohl's reported a retail theft where two suspects entered the store gathering numerous items valued at \$799.00 and then left the store without making payment.

08-12-2024: Lost prevention from Kohl's reported a retail theft where

two suspects entered the store gathering four different men's colognes valued at \$563.00 and then left the store without paying.

08-18-2024: Lost prevention from Kohl's reported a retail theft where three suspects entered the store gathering numerous items valued at \$851.00 and then left the store without making payment.

08-20-2024: Lost prevention from Kohl's reported a retail theft where a suspect entered the store, gathered numerous items valued at \$410.00 and left without payment.

08-27-2024: Officers responded to Kohl's for a retail theft in progress. A suspect was detained and it was discovered that she had taken 10 travel sized fragrances and an unknown make up product for a total of \$403.00. The suspect was issued a

local ordinance citation and released from the scene.

08-27-2024: Officers responded to the At Home Store in reference to a retail theft in progress. Officers learned that three suspects entered the store and filled three shopping carts with miscellaneous merchandise and then fled the store without paying. The suspects ran to their vehicle and fled the area leaving the merchandise in the parking lot.

08-29-2024: Lost prevention from Kohl's reported a retail theft where two suspects entered the store gathering numerous items valued at \$1189.00 before fleeing in a green Honda Civic.

08-31-2024: Officers responded to Target in reference to a retail theft with a suspect in custody. Officers learned that the female offender had gathered numerous make up products valued at \$119.00 and attempted to leave the store without paying. The suspect was issued a local ordinance citation and released from the scene.

Criminal Damage to Property

08-08-2024: A resident reported unknown suspects had egg'd the front of her home striking the front of the house along with the front windows.

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Thanks to Fire Captain Martin Rita for his quick action!

On September 16th at approximately 3pm, the Crestwood Fire Department was dispatched for a structure fire in town. Captain Martin Rita just happened to be driving by when he saw smoke coming from behind a house. He immediately pulled over and met with a passerby who was in front of the house. He began to knock on the front door to notify the resident of the fire. He then grabbed a garden hose and began to extinguish the fire that was burning the deck and burning up the siding, almost to the eaves. He extinguished a majority of the fire prior to the on-duty crews arriving on the scene. The on-duty crews made sure there was no extension into the house. Martin's quick actions prevented a tragedy from occurring to one of our residents. The Village Administration and Chief Fire Officers would like to commend Martin for his quick and efficient actions.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12th 2024

Every year our Crestwood Fire Department takes this opportunity to visit all the local schools to educate children and staff on the importance of Fire safety.

Our Fire department looks forward to this every year. It brings them great joy to see the excitement on the kids' faces as our local heroes share a great deal of knowledge and tips to avoid fires and safely protect themselves in the event they are in a fire.

This year Turner School in Crestwood will be hosting a Fun Fair to support Fire Prevention Week.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and



a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

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Oct. 6th

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- Dress as your Fav. Sports Player
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Car & Truck Show

- 30+ Awards
- AllMakes&Models•Cars•Trucks
- Jeeps•Custom•Lowriders•Hot-rods•Vans•Modified•Classics
- \$100 Free Car Lottery
- FALL FEVER CORNER
- \$20 Reg., Raffles, Free T-shirt, Food Truck Fest, Prizes, Music



9-12:30pm Awards@4:30pm

New ground for D218: Pass rate leap, Class of 2024 shines in AP

District 218 students continued their decade-plus trend of growth and improvement on Advanced Placement exams this year in several ways, headlined by 25% of the graduating class passing at least one AP exam during their high school careers.

At least one in four graduating seniors left District 218 with college course credit earned from The College Board. It's the first time in district history a group of seniors has achieved this milestone.

This highlight, however, represents just one recent indicator of the upward movement in AP in District 218, according to The College Board.

The overall pass rate on national A.P. exams leaped to an all-time high of 51% from 43% in 2023, 41% in 2022 and 35% in 2021. The most recent instance of the district's AP students coming close to this all-time high was in 2009, but that was based on 309 passing exams which was 50.9% of the exams taken. This year students passed 1089 exams for a 51.2% overall passage rate.

Further, students averaged passing scores of at least a '3' on more than half (16 of 28) of the AP courses offered in District 218. AP scoring ranges from a low of '1' to a high of '5.'

Also, compared to 2023, 40 more AP students earned AP Scholar recognition from The College Board for their performance on exams.

"Our students continue to demonstrate that they can rise to the challenge when they are presented with rigorous and complex coursework.

We're pleased and proud of the fact that while our enrollment in AP courses continues to grow, student performance has either improved or been maintained," said Director of Data and Accountability Andrew Deines.

Growth among students of color offers perhaps even more significant news.

In the past decade, the number of Black students enrolled in AP courses has grown from 104 to 184. Likewise, over the same span, the number of Latino students enrolled in AP classes has increased from 234 to 527.

"Encouraging more underrepresented student populations to take AP courses is still a point of emphasis. We continue the work for reaching our goal of having our AP classrooms reflect the district's proportional representation by race," Deines said.

AP classes challenge students with university-level rigor. Passing a national AP exam qualifies a student to earn college credit for that subject's introductory college course.

While enrollment grew steadily for more than a decade, the number of students taking AP courses surged in 2019-2020 when District 218 partnered with Equal Opportunity Schools to recruit more students of color.

Overall in District 218, the number of students enrolled in AP courses increased from 924 to 1,147 between 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The number dipped slightly to 1,137 in 2021-2022. Last year the district increased enrollment to 1,273.

Marching Astros named Grand Champion

In his first competition as the new band director at Shepard High School, Ken George could hardly have hoped for more from his students.

The Marching Astros took top honors as Grand Champion at the Pontiac Indian Showdown on Saturday. The band also won the awards for Best in Class and Best Music in Class C.

Also a Shepard graduate, George took the reins from mentor Chris Pitlik this fall. "I'm so proud of our kids," George said.



Drum majors proudly display the awards, including Grand Champion, won by the Shepard High School marching band at the competition hosted by Pontiac High School.



The Marching Astros wait patiently during the awards ceremony at Pontiac High School. They would learn the Shepard band won Grand Champion as the top band among all classes.

Shepard JROTC remembers 9/11 victims

The U.S. Air Force JROTC program from Shepard High School once again gathered today to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Prior to the start, U.S. Air Force Major (ret.) Dan Johnson asked his students to remember that the victims and first responders started that day much like they were: Waking up, getting ready for school or work, and going about their daily lives.

For more than two decades the JROTC program has organized an annual memorial dedicated to the victims. As students walk 14 miles, or 56 laps, around the school track classmates read the names of all those who perished that day.

The event starts with the posting of colors, the national anthem, an introductory speech by Johnson, and then the solemn walk.



After posting colors during the National Anthem, the colorguard detail from in the U.S. Air Force JROTC program at Shepard High School exits. Students enrolled in JROTC then walked 14 miles on the stadium track while classmates read the names of all victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.



Moraine Valley unveils upgraded NDT lab

Moraine Valley Community College used a \$500,000 grant from the Congressional Funded Community Project to upgrade its Nondestructive Testing (NDT) laboratory. The college unveiled the space during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August.

The facility now features cutting-edge technology, including a magnetic particle inspection machine, phased arrays ultrasonic testing devices, eddy current scanners and probes, and digital radiography tools. A new liquid penetrant station is coming soon.

NDT is a growing field that plays a critical role in assuring that structural components and systems perform their function in a reliable and cost-effective fashion. NDT technicians and engineers define and implement tests that locate and characterize material conditions and flaws that might otherwise cause less visible but troubling events.

“Access to state-of-the-art equipment will enhance our reputation as the only community college in Illi-



Members of Moraine Valley's Board of Trustees join members of the Executive Leadership team, faculty and staff in cutting the ribbon on an updated Nondestructive Testing lab.

nois offering an NDT curriculum,” said Steve Pappageorge, executive director of Community Education, Workforce Development and Government Relations at Moraine Valley.

Moraine Valley offers an eight-course certificate program that can be completed in as little as one semester. The grant also allowed the college to build a training room outfitted with computers, multimedia equipment and more. Moraine Valley contributed to construction efforts by adding new lighting, eye-wash stations for safety and renovating the training room.

Students in the NDT Program may receive financial assistance through

Run or walk the Halloween 5K, enjoy family activities at Moraine Valley

Grab some gym shoes and a costume for the 11th annual Halloween 5K run/walk and Kid's Dash on Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m., at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

Participants can walk or run the officially timed 5K (3.1 mile) path throughout campus. The Kid's Dash will start at 10:15 a.m. for children 3 to 12 years old. All pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Costumes are encouraged for the individual and group costume contest.

Runners/walkers can sign their children up for the Little Pumpkins Patch, a free activity area

open during and after the race that includes pumpkin decorating and various Halloween activities.

Registration is \$40 for community members/alumni and \$30 for Moraine Valley students/employees. Prices go up by \$5 on Oct. 1. The Kid's Dash is \$15 until race day. Anyone who wants to register their child for the Little Pumpkins Patch must be signed up for the race.

Event sponsorship is available between \$100 and \$1,000. Proceeds from the event will go to the Moraine Valley Foundation, which provides student scholarships. For additional information or to register, visit morainevalley.edu/fitrec/programs/halloween5k/.

the new Mark Seby Nondestructive Testing Scholarship created in the memory of Mark J. Seby by his family. Seby was a husband and dad of three children who attended Moraine Valley's NDT Program and worked at General Electric for more than 25 years in the Outage

Planning Services department at the Constellation (formerly Exelon) Braidwood Nuclear Station.

Students looking to start a new career or enhance skills in this field are encouraged to enroll in classes that start in October.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS
When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.
Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)
Did you know?
Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly 800 reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards
VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD

Moraine Valley student studies in Japan through U.S. Department of State scholarship

Moraine Valley Community College student Priscilla Candelas, of Burbank, returned from a two-month experience this summer in Japan for an intensive language-learning program after receiving a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS).

More than 5,000 people applied for the CLS Program with Candelas being one of 500 applicants from U.S. colleges and universities selected to study overseas. This was her second time applying for the scholarship, and she was accepted in February to study at Okayama University in Japan from June 12 to Aug. 9.

"I always wanted to go to Japan and have been interested in Asian culture since I was a kid. I used to watch Rick Steves [travel] programs and wanted to travel," Candelas said.

The CLS Program is part of a government effort to increase the number of Americans studying critical foreign languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Swahili, Urdu and Japanese. It includes intensive language education and cultural enrichment experiences to promote quick learning.

Candelas started studying Japanese in 2012 while attending college in California. She moved back to Illinois in 2017 and began taking classes at Moraine Valley. She happened to attend a presentation in the college Library when Michael Renehan, Moraine Valley professor of intensive English language and coordinator of Global Education and Diversity, mentioned the scholarship opportunity. Candelas had little time to send in an application and was not accepted the first time. To help boost her chances of being accepted and enhance her knowledge of Japanese culture and language, she joined the Japan America Society of Chicago in 2022. She was selected in the otherwise highly competitive process.

"It [this scholarship] is very difficult to win, and she is the first Moraine Valley student chosen," Renehan said. "This is important because it allows students, who would not have the resources to study abroad, the opportunity to travel on a fully funded summer-long trip where they receive world-class language instruction



Moraine Valley student Priscilla Candelas earned a Critical Language Scholarship to study in Japan this summer.

and learn cultural competence, which allows them to participate in a globalized workforce."

Once Candelas was in Japan, she was tested for placement in a Japanese class and placed in level one.

"It was more advanced than what was taught in school. At first, I felt out of my league and needed accommodations for my disability. I learned so much about Japanese culture and now am more fluent in the language," she said. "It's a hard program, and there were a lot of sleepless nights, but the teachers were more than willing to help you."

Part of the immersion included field trips, which students later presented on. Candelas visited smaller towns such as Tsushima and Yakage, where she learned about more traditional ways of life. She also learned calligraphy and wore a yukata (a simpler kimono) to a festival.

"It was one of the best summers of my life. I highly recommend this program, especially since they have many languages available," Candelas said. "I really connected with the language and found some pronunciation similar to Spanish, which I'm pretty fluent in as well. I'm proud of everything I accomplished there."

BIELA SENIOR CENTER

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!



OCTOBER FEATURE
Halloween
Themed
Foods

Come join the Biela Center’s Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD • 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.

Do you like to play Pinochle?
Join us at the Biela Center!

Mixed Men/Women Pinochle
Monday’s 12:00-3:00 pm

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
Call Cindy or Shannon at 708-371-4800
Ext. 6000 for more information.



Bunco...let's roll!

First and third Thursday of every month, 1PM – 4PM

Are you looking for more ways to have fun, win some prizes, and love to play Bunco? Admission will be \$5.00 every time in order to win select prizes. We hope to see you there!

Join us at the Biela Center!
4545 Midlothian Turnpike,
Crestwood

Please Contact Cindy with any questions @ 708-371-4800 EXT: 6001



Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	2 Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am3 KnitWits 10 am-12 pm Mexican Train 12-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	4 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	5
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Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND • 12:15–3:30PM
Regular Meeting. We play 7-11 game.
Bring a \$3.00 new wrapped gift.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH • 12:15–3:30PM
Halloween Party. Contest for best costume - \$25.00
Also contest for Scariest Pumpkin-\$25.00.
Funniest Pumpkin-\$20.00 & Most Unusual Pumpkin-\$15.00

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.*

Scrabble at Biela!

MONDAYS • 12:00 - 2:00PM
Have fun while improving your memory, spelling and vocabulary!

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood





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4545 Midlothian Turnpike

Crestwood, IL

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

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MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
11:15AM – 12:00PM \$2/class

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



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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
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708-371-4800 EXT: 6000



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



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.



Hard Rock Casino

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

DEPART FROM BIELA CENTER: 10AM, RETURN: APPROX. 4PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$40

Includes: coach bus; \$10 slot play for new members; half price meal voucher for guests 55+ *Full payment is due upon reservation.*

New members receive \$10 Free Slot Play just for signing up for a Unity by Hard Rock Rewards card with a valid phone number and email address. Plus, earn 25 Tier Credits for a chance to spin and win \$10 to \$100,000 Free Slot Play!

HALF OFF HARD ROCK CAFE Guests 55+ **Receive 50% Off WEDNESDAYS.** Redeem offer directly at Hard Rock Cafe. 50% off pre-taxed meal. Must present Unity Rewards card and a valid ID. Cash or credit payment only. Does not include gratuity or alcohol. *Every guest must provide their own current email address in order to receive a Unity Play Card.*

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

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.

If you have any questions please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 option #6

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.



Color and Conversation

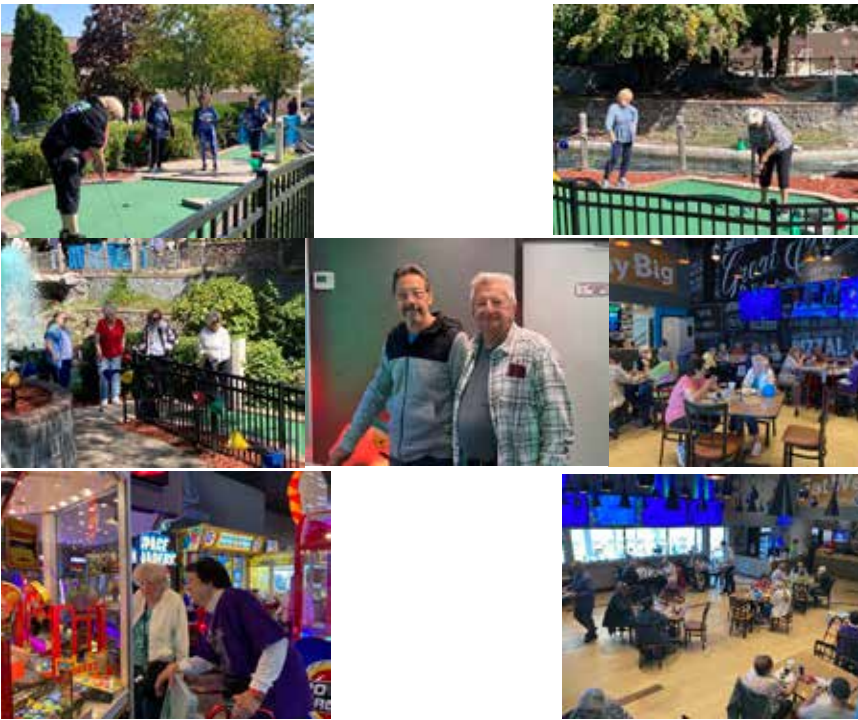
MONDAYS • 10 – 11AM

Do you remember the joy of grabbing a box of crayons and filling the pages of a coloring book as a child? Well guess what? Coloring isn't just for kids anymore! Come escape from everyday life, release your inner child, and lower your stress level. *All supplies will be provided!*



THANK YOU In the Game - Hollywood Park

For once again hosting The Village of Crestwood Biela Center Mayor's Golf outing!



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
While we know there are emergencies, should you not cancel prior to the date and/or do not attend 3 or more dates for the month, this will result in you having to pay in advance for future lunches.

Please check the lunches you would like to attend:

- ☐ Tuesday, Oct. 1st Sub Sandwich
- ☐ Friday, Oct. 4th Parmesan Pork Chop
- ☐ Tuesday, Oct. 8th Spinach Chicken Bake
- ☐ Friday, Oct. 11th Taco Stuffed Baked Potato
- ☐ Tuesday, Oct. 15th Creamy Garlic Pasta
- ☐ Friday, Oct. 18th Sicilian Chicken Soup
- ☐ Tuesday, Oct. 22nd Biscuits and Gravy
- ☐ Friday, Oct. 25th Ground Beef Stroganoff
- ☐ Tuesday, Oct. 29th Halloween Party (\$10 TODAY ONLY - due Tues, Oct 15th)

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

Name _____

ANDREW BIELA CENTER'S FALL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL 60418

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
9 AM - 3 PM

SHOP FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS!

FREE ADMISSION

A box will be available should you wish to donate canned goods for our Thanksgiving baskets.

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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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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 _____

BIELA SENIOR CENTER



Biela Center Senior Pumpkin Decorating Contest

DROP OFF YOUR CARVED ENTRY AT THE BIELA CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD BY 4:00 PM.

All Jack-o-lanterns will be displayed throughout the week.

JUDGING WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30TH. All submissions can either be picked up by 4 pm that day, or they will be discarded. Small prizes will be awarded. Winner need not be present.

Super Seniors Rules of the Road and Mobile DMV

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 • 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. THE BIELA CENTER 4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

- New and Renewal Identification Cards
- Renewal of Drivers License
- Sticker Purchases
- Real ID
- Rules of the Road Class begins at 10:00 am



Please call 708-371-4800 Ex. 6000 to register for the mobile unit and/or classroom



Journey through time at the captivating Geneva Lake Museum

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 8:30 A.M. 4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$55 Cost includes: coach bus transportation, docent-led museum tour. Full payment is due upon reservation.

Walk the streets of yesteryear, lined with homes and businesses from 1830 to 1930. Walk through those doors, with a guided tour to see and touch what made up everyday life in those days. Following the museum, we will enjoy downtown Lake Geneva with shopping and lunch on your own.

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

Shake, Rattle and Roll at Starved Rock

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:00 A.M. 4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$105 Cost includes transportation, show and buffet lunch Full payment is due upon reservation.

Get rowdy, snap those fingers, and clap your hands for this unique show that will get you rockin' and ready to dance! Take a seat and hold on, as Quentin Flagg takes you on a roller coaster ride of great music and a high-energy state show. This rock and roll show will include favorites from the 50's & 60's and more.

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

Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH 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.



Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:30 AM RETURN: APPROX. 3:30PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD COST: \$80 Includes: coach bus, entry into the museum, meal voucher

The Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, located in Chicago, is the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere. It features over 400,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. Some of the highlights include:

- U-505 Submarine: An actual World War II German Submarine
- Henry Crown Space Center: Exhibits on space exploration, including the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft.
- Superhuman Body: An exhibit exploring the wonders inside the human body.
- The Blue Paradox: An immersive experience about the ocean
- You will also be able to view more than 50 Christmas trees from around the world.

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



ARE YOU READY FOR MEDICARE D OPEN ENROLLMENT?

November 1, 2024 12:15 PM

About Our Event

Find out the value of screening your Medicare Part D prescription drug program annually. Many Medicare participants don't realize that plan and drug prices can change substantially from one year to the next. Pathlights' SHIP counselors will provide an unbiased explanation of prescription drug plan options. Those approaching Medicare, current enrollees, and caregivers of enrollees are encouraged to attend.

Location

The Biela Center 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood 708-597-2760



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FEATURED ARTIST OCTOBER:
CAROL CHIRAFISI

Carol Chirafisi is a resident of Frankfort and has been a professional artist for over 50 years. She has been President of Town and Country Art League (TCAL) since 2017, having served on its board and in many leadership roles through the years. The Town and Country Art League, which serves the needs of local, professional and amateur artists, meets in the Biela Center in Crestwood on the second Friday of the month from September through May (except January), 7-9:00 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

Besides the Town and Country Art League, Chirafisi has been active in and led other local art and cultural associations. She served as President of the Montclair Leyden Art League located in Franklin Park. With a commitment to promoting Native American education and culture, Chirafisi was a member of the Tatanka Ska Society in Frankfort for 25 years, serving as its President for 10 years until 2020.

Chirafisi has taught art for 37 years. Currently, she teaches adult education classes in three locations: Biela Center in Crestwood, Vogt Visual Arts Center in Tinley Park, and Louis Viverito Senior Center in Burbank. She majored in fine arts at Governors State University and has continued her art education by taking semi-private lessons, classes, and workshops from various local artists.

Chirafisi went on to receive a Masters in Teaching and Learning and served as an elementary school teacher, retiring in 2014 after teaching 14 years for Chicago Public Schools. In addition to working as a free-lance artist and teaching art and elementary school, Chirafisi and her late husband, Joe, were co-owners of a small business, Chirafisi

Masonry, for almost 50 years.

Chirafisi enjoys all art forms. She creates artwork in oils, acrylics, watercolors, graphite, pen & ink, and charcoal. She specializes in realism in portraiture, still life, and landscape, and murals in public buildings and private homes.

She says that she sees beauty in all beings and in all things around her, knowing that even that which is deemed not beautiful still has purpose and imbedded within it is possibly a lesson to be learned. She states that as she explores what it is that she wants to paint and, more importantly, why, she finds joy in trying to share through a visual medium what is beautiful to her. Through the use of oil or watercolor, color, texture, shapes, light and dark contrast, a variety of edges, Chirafisi hopes to be able to convey her feelings of and reaction to that which she sees with the viewer.

Chirafisi has won numerous art awards through the years. Currently, she displays and sells her artwork at the Vogt Visual Arts Center and the Annual Crestwood Fine Arts Fair. In addition, she has shown her work at McCord Art Gallery, Tall Grass Gallery, and various Fine Art Shows in Chicago. Local libraries where she has displayed her work include Crestwood, Acorn Library (Oak Forest), Worth, Tinley Park, Palos Park, and Palos Hills.

Chirafisi sells her artwork and accepts commissioned work. She can be contacted at 815-474-0924 or cchirafisi@comcast.net.



Nathan Hale students visit Crestwood Village!



On the morning of September 13, some amazing staff members from Nathan Hale brought some of their students to visit us at the Village of Crestwood. They started their field trip at the Crestwood Police Department where they were greeted by Chief Kevin Sisk and Director of Police Operations Dave Alexander who showed them around the station, including a tour of the cells, evidence room and talking about procedures – it was very exciting! The children and staff were shown the armory room where they were talked to about proper gun safety. The children got to tour the squad cars and see all the cool functions that are attached!

Next they headed to the Firehouse. Here the Students were guided by Firefighter/Paramedic Keith Johnson and Firefighter/EMT Brian Lacey. They toured the ambulance, learned about the

functions of the engine and truck and witnessed a firefighter gear up and get ready to fight a fire! They also learned some important safety tips. So glad they stopped by.

They ended their Field trip over at Village Hall where they were greeted by Mayor Klein and Village Clerk, Cathy Johnson. They were given a grand tour of the offices, the Mayor's office where they all sat in the Mayor's chair, and were shown all the different offices of staff members, even the basement storage! The group walked over to the Civic Center where we hold our Village Board meetings and toured there. Clerk Johnson explained what goes on at Village Hall and the Civic Center. We even had a short coloring session, which was a big hit. Village Clerk Johnson stated "All the kids were very kind, caring, and interested in everything. The teachers were awesome also!"

OBITUARIES

Gustavo Iannotti, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, 75 years old of Crestwood. Beloved husband of Jean, nee Stejspal. Loving father of Audrey, Chandi, Christopher, Michael, Matthew, and Brian. Dear brother of Mary Lou, Prudy, and the late Henry and Domenica. Cherished grandpa, uncle, and friend of many. Gus was an avid fisherman and a devoted Chicago Cubs fan.

Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Entombment of ashes and military honors will occur in private at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hines VA Hospital would be appreciated. For more info: (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com HINES VA HOSPITAL, 5000 S. 5th Avenue, Building 9 CDCE, HINES, ILLINOIS 60141

Karen L. Kaczynski, nee Kansoer, "Ducky the Clown" passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at the age of 75 years. Karen was a longtime resident of Crestwood. Beloved wife of the late Ronald C. Kaczynski, Crestwood Police Officer. Loving mother of Michael (Tina) and Jason (Lisa). Cherished grandmother of Jillian, Emily, Ashley, Ryan, and Nathan. Dear sister of Al "Sonny" Kansoer, and the late Donna Kansoer and Lenny Kansoer. Fond aunt of Rhonda (Phil) Fusco, Kathy (Tony) Torres, and the late Mitchell Kansoer. Visitation was Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Funeral was Monday, September 16th, 10:00 A.M. at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Longtime member/officer of Chicago South Lodge #1596 and very active volunteer of Oak Lawn Lodge #2254

Proud Grandma of Crestwood shares her grandson's baseball accomplishments

Daniel Pacella currently attends Illinois State University. Daniel is currently #24 of the ISU baseball team. His grandma, Cindy Frederick is a current Crestwood resident who beams with pride and love for her grandson and all he has accomplished. We wanted put Daniel in the spotlight and let him know his grandma's friends and fellow Crestwood residents will be cheering him on this season! GO REDBIRDS!

Illinois State baseball's sophomore Daniel Pacella has been named to Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First-Team, which marks Illinois State's 16th-straight season of having at least one student-athlete named to the First Team.

Pacella is a sophomore outfielder from Mundelein, Ill. Pacella was named a 2024 All-MVC First Team selection. Pacella holds a 4.00

cumulative GPA in Physical Education Teacher Education.

Pacella hit .328 with 28 extra-base hits, including 12 home runs. Pacella totaled the seventh-most single-season RBIs in program history with 61 in 2024. Pacella played in 53 games, with 53 starts.



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ADULTS

Paper Shredding at the Library

Saturday, October 12th,
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.



Tarot for Beginners

Thursday, October 24th 6:00 pm
In-Person Program. Registration required.
Curious about how you can use tarot as a tool for self-reflection and connection? We will learn a bit about the history of this practice and do a fun card reading activity.



DIY: Decorative Fabric Pumpkins

Thursday, Oct. 10th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program. Registration required.
Create a fall decoration that will last beyond one season! We will be using hot glue and simple hand sewing to make a plush patterned pumpkin that can be displayed in your home.

Medicare Basics

Wednesdays, October 2nd & 23rd, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program.
Please join Bill Johnson - a local independent insurance agent with over 25 years of experience in the Medicare and health insurance industry - for a free informational seminar regarding the basics of Medicare.

Take & Make Adult Craft

Available Thursday, Oct. 31st
Stop by the library and pick up a DIY craft kit!



Stampin' Up Card Class

Monday, Oct. 14th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program. Registration required.
Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards! \$5 per person.

Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Monday, Oct. 28th, 6:30 pm
In-Person Program.
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!



Scrabble Club

Saturday, October 19th,
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
In-Person Program.
Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!

CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD: Utility Bill Clinic

Monday, Oct. 7th, 5:30 pm
In-Person Program. Registration required. Limited space available.

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is hosting a free event to advise residents on reducing electric, gas, and both land-line and cell phone bills. Each participant will speak one-on-one with a CUB counselor to review their bills.



Cable Options & Reducing Robocalls

Monday, Oct. 21st, 6:00 pm
Virtual Program
Join CUB for a free presentation about your cable options and reducing robocalls! They'll discuss the different options available on the TV market, ways to cut your cable costs, and how to avoid common robocall scams.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime

Fridays, October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 10:30 am
Registration required. Space is limited. Children ages 1-4 years, with an adult, can come hear stories and songs, and make a craft during this 30-minute program.

Preschool STEAM

Thursday, Oct. 17th, 10:30 am
Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required.
Join us this month for a fun science or math activity to learn basic math and science concepts.

Messy Mondays

Mondays, October 7th & 21st, 10:30 am
Children ages 2-4 with an adult. Registration required.
Parents can bring their budding artists to the library to create or play with messy things during this 30-minute art class. Please dress to get messy.

Halloween Craft - Pumpkin Decorating

Wednesday, October 16th, 4:00 pm
Ages 7 years and up. Registration required.
Come decorate a small pumpkin just in time for Halloween. All supplies provided. Please register.



Cooking Adventures

Thursday, Oct. 17th, 4:00 pm
Kids ages 9 years and up. Registration required.
Kids will learn to make snack recipes that they can make on their own during this in-person class. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited.



LEGO Club

Tuesday, Oct. 8th & 22nd, 4:00 pm
Registration required.
Kids ages 6-12 years, 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, Sept. 17th, 5:00 pm
Kids in grades K-5. Registration required. Keep those reading skills up this summer by reading to Therapy dogs, Humphrey, Haymish, and Hazel. Call for a 15-minute time slot.

Family Bingo

Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 6:00 pm
Registration required. Limit of 7 families. Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo!

International Snack Club

Thursday, Oct. 24th, 4:00 pm
Registration required.
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 years and up are invited to journey to South Korea this month.



Take Home Science Kit Available Thursday, October 3rd

Come to the library to pick up a hands-on science kit for kids ages 5 years and up to experiment at home. This month, kids will learn about catapults by making a Pumpkin Chucker. A limited number of kits will be available to pick up beginning Thursday, October 3rd.



Dia De Los Muertos Take and Make Craft

Available Thursday, Oct. 31
Stop in to pick up this special take and make craft to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos on November 1st & 2nd. All supplies will be provided. Craft is suitable for all ages. Available while supplies last.

CHESS CLUB

Friday, Oct. 18th, 3:30 pm
Children ages 6-16 years.
Registration required.
Learn how to play chess or develop your existing skills against other players in a friendly environment. Players of all abilities are welcome. Chess boards are provided.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

NEW foldable Radio flyer wagon \$60.00

NEW 4 piece full size comforter set southwestern design \$45.00

Please contact 708 285-1646 if interested or for more details.

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

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

SEPTEMBER RIDDLE:

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Answer: SHORT



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.

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

September Puzzle Solutions

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

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Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11	
12						13				14			
15						16				17			
18					19				20				
				21			22	23					
24	25	26					27				28	29	30
31						32				33			
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39	40	41	42					43			44	45	46
47						48	49				50		
51						52					53		
54						55					56		

- ACROSS
1. Goatskin bag for holding wine
5. Braggart (Colloq) (1.2)
8. As well as
12. Grass around house
13. Change color of
14. Took legal action against
15. Nautical call
16. Pet form of Leonard
17. Minor oath
18. Haste
20. Spars
21. Salt of iodic acid
24. Cathedral
27. The sun
28. Go wrong
31. Small island
32. Expire
33. Off-Broadway theater award
34. Father
35. Soil
36. Monastery head
37. Sleeping sickness fly
39. Belonging to the common people
43. Assurance
47. A Great Lake
48. Sesame plant
50. Notion
51. Islamic call to prayer
52. Everything
53. Knights' titles
54. Bull
55. U-turn (Colloq)
56. Leg joint
- DOWN
1. Reveal secret
2. Island of Hawaii
3. Pairs
4. Whenever
5. Lazed
6. Affirmative vote
7. Soldiers
8. At sea
9. Projecting pieces
10. Chair
11. Chances
19. Card game
20. Actor, - Gibson
22. Stage whisper
23. Pedal digit
24. Carried out
25. America (Abbr)
26. Aged
28. Wane
29. - de Janeiro
30. Soak flax
32. - and don'ts
33. Monolith
35. Pig enclosure
36. Egyptian serpent
38. Agree total
39. Exploit
40. Ricelike grains of pasta
41. Fibber
42. Lotto-like gambling game
44. Norse god
45. Lake
46. Bottom
48. Greek letter
49. Island (France)

94 South

ONE DAY AT THE HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PATCH...

PICK ME... PICK ME!

HEY KID, ARE YOU NUTS?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU IF THEY PICK YOU?

OH PLEASE PLEASE PICK ME!

SURE I DO.

YOU GO TO A GOOD HOME WITH LOTS OF DECORATIONS AND CANDY AND COSTUMES.

WELL... YEAH, BUT THERE'S A DARK SIDE TOO.

OH, I KNOW ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN NIGHT AND TRICK OR TREATERS.

NO, NOT THAT, I MEAN THE... ULP!

HONEY THIS ONE IS PERFECT.

SNAP

LUCKY STIFF.

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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!

Children

Swim Lessons

November 12th-December 21st
(5 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. Classes start for ages 6 months and end at ages 14. Open registration begins on October 28th, in person only at the CRWC. Please note this is a 5 week session due to the holidays!



CRWC'S ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 26th
12pm - 2pm

Costume contests for prizes
Free admission & Free candy

CRWC PARKING LOT
Located at 5331 W 135th St. Crestwood IL
WWW.CRESTWOODFITNESS.COM

Upcoming Events

Fine Arts Fair 2024

Sunday, October 20th, 10 am - 2 pm In person registration required
Join us for our annual Fine Arts Fair! We hope to gather local artists to provide an opportunity for people to browse and shop. Music throughout the day, along with wine and cheese samplings from SIP Wine Bar. Artists interested in becoming a vendor must complete an application form by October 14th. Any questions, please reach out to Kelsey at kkolecki@crestwood.illinois.gov

Trunk or Treat 2024

Saturday, October 26th 12 pm - 2 pm
Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat event! Get dressed up in your Halloween Costume and trick or treat around the CRWC Parking Lot from local businesses and organizations! Trick or treating, games, and activities will be available around the parking lot too.

Elf Movie Night

Friday, December 13th 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
In person registration required
Get in your best holiday pajamas and bring your friends and family for the showing of Elf. Bring blankets and chairs to sit on inside the CRWC during the movie. Tickets are sold only in person at the CRWC for \$10. The purchase of your ticket includes a slice of pizza, popcorn, cookie, and water. Parents/Guardians must be present the whole movie, but do not need to buy a ticket, unless they want to eat.

Christmas Market with Santa

Saturday, December 14th 11 am - 2 pm No registration necessary
Get in the holiday spirit by coming to the CRWC on December 9th to see Santa. There will be Christmas Market shopping, pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, arts & crafts, cookie decorating, and more! Interested in selling your creations and becoming a vendor at the market? Contact Kelsey at kkolecki@crestwood.illinois.gov for more information and applications.

CHRISTMAS Market

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
11AM-2PM

CRESTWOOD RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER
5331 W 135TH STREET • 708-659-4800

CHRISTMAS MARKET SHOPPING
PICTURES WITH SANTA & MRS CLAUS
ARTS & CRAFTS
COOKIE DECORATING
COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE
AND MORE!

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

ELF

COME DRESSED IN YOUR COMFIEST PAJAMAS AND BRING CHAIRS & BLANKETS TO SIT ON AT THE CRWC. ALL KIDS MUST BE WITH AN ADULT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
6PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

\$10 PER TICKET: WITH YOUR TICKET YOU WILL GET: SLICE OF PIZZA, POPCORN, COOKIE, AND WATER

ADULTS DO NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE A TICKET UNLESS THEY WANT TO EAT

IN PERSON REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY MON, DEC 3RD.

Workout Classes (not included in membership)

Zumba with Kristen Castillo
Tuesday & Thursdays, 7pm-8pm
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.



Guided Yoga with Sarah Cutrara
Mondays, 7pm-8pm
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!

