

# THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

*A Village on the Move*

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## Crestwood and MWRD Celebrate Completion of 135th Street Stormwater Project

On Wednesday October 11, officials from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and the Village of Crestwood celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completion of a \$9.5 million flood mitigation project along 135th Street. The objective of the project is to alleviate street and basement flooding for approximately 82 homes in the Crestwood Gardens south of 135th Street and just east of the Cook County Forest Preserves at Central Avenue.

The MWRD installed a storm sewer and modified an existing detention basin to improve water conveyance along the Laramie Avenue Drainage Ditch to its outlet at the Cal-Sag Channel to protect the community from flooding and enhance local water quality. The project will also provide stormwater alleviation for the Nathan Hale Schools Campus.

"I want to thank all the residents for being patient while enduring the construction process. I know at times it was challenging with all the streets torn up and detours. Thank you to everyone from MWRD that came out and spent time with our residents to go over some of the tough questions and challenges. As Mayor I worked hard to make sure we responded to all. From the ground breaking to the completion of the ribbon cutting I was very honored to oversee and be part of the process."

Along with the storm sewer upsizing project recently completed in the Gardens neighborhood, the Mayor and Trustees believe this MWRD grant-funded investment will have a major long-term impact to reduce the chronic flooding from overland drainage from the Forest Preserves that have burdened this community for decades.



## FEATURED ARTIST NOVEMBER BECKY CLEMMONS

The Village of Crestwood is excited to announce the showcasing of art pieces from some of our local artists at Village Hall!

When the new Village Hall was relocated several years ago we were very proud of its new look. We knew we wanted to add a personal touch in it so we reached out to some local artists that had formed the Town and Country Art League or TCAL to ask if they would like to display some of their pieces throughout Village Hall.

The artists and photographers brought many of their finest creations to be placed. These individuals have shared so many pieces of their exceptional works of art that we would like to extend an opportunity for you all to come visit and enjoy. We have started what we are calling, "TCAL Artist of the Month". Each month a piece of artwork will be placed on an easel in our lobby at Village Hall. We will also showcase their piece in a section of the Adviser every month.

We recognize that the Village of Crestwood is home to many thriving artists. We invite you to enjoy a variety of creative and inspiring works of art produced by local artist's right here in our community. We are happy to support and encourage awareness to many of these talented artists. Many of these paintings are for sale.

**Becky Clemmons** is our November artist of the month. Becky's love for art started back



in grade school. Her mom used to buy her the Venus color by number projects. These projects sparked her passion for sketching. Becky continued this hobby and love through high school. Becky is a mom of three boys which kept her busy. As life went on she started becoming interested in Folk Art painting. After receiving a camera from her father in law, who was a successful photographer himself she became interested in photography. Becky was mostly self-taught along with the pointers from her father in law. Later in life Becky did attend Columbia College along with classes at the Art Institute.

For the last 10 years or more Becky has transitioned into jewelry making. She makes one of a kind necklaces made of natural resources, wood metal etc. Her pieces are extraordinary.

Becky's art is displayed for the month of November in Village Hall. Becky also has jewelry pieces and art for sale.

[beckyclemmons@msn.com](mailto:beckyclemmons@msn.com)  
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## Village Meeting Schedule

**Village Board Meetings** - 7:00pm  
**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave  
November 2 and November 16

**Committee of the Whole** - 7:00pm  
**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave  
November 14

**Planning Commission – Zoning Board** - 8:30pm  
**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave  
November 13 and November 27

## 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

Hello November, Crestwood!

It's wild to believe it's the Holiday season approaching already. The leaves are falling and the temperatures are dropping. I hope you all had a chance to get out through the Village and see all the incredible and spooking Halloween decorations some of our residents have displayed. The Board and I had a lot of fun viewing the many homes that were nominated in our first ever Halloween decorating contest. The decision was tough but our winners will be announced at the November 2, 2023 Board meeting. We will be sure to feature them in next month's adviser.

As we come into the colder months we are wrapping up some of our projects around the Village. We are proud that the contractors have completed six months ahead of schedule and are now

just finishing up miscellaneous restorations. The 135th street flood project is complete along with finishing up some paving and punch list work in the Gardens. As always we are a Village on the Move!

Rebate forms are available at Village Hall. Be sure to come on by and say hello to our dedicated staff members. They will have forms ready for you! Rebate checks will be passed out at our Annual Fine Art's Fair which will be February 18th 2024 at Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center.

I'm sure you're all enjoying the completion of 127th street and Route 83. The intersection looks great and all of the surrounding businesses are happy to get back to normal.

You may have noticed the red light cameras have been taken down on Cicero Avenue. This is to allow IDOT to perform upgrades for new LED lights and controls. These upgrades will sure be a nice addition to our Village streets. This is IDOT's project and they predict completion by end of November.

There are so many things I am thankful for this year, but at the top of that list are the residents of Crestwood. I am ever so grateful for the trust you have placed in me as your Mayor, and in the governing body and our dedicated employees.

I encourage everyone to give thanks as well. Let's spread the message of Thanksgiving not just during the holiday season, but throughout the whole year.



I wish you the happiness of good friends, the joy of family, and the wonder of the holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Windy City Thunderbolts named Member of the Year

Mayor Ken Klein and Thunderbolts General Manager Mike VerSchave were present as the The Windy City ThunderBolts were honored as MEMBER OF THE YEAR at the Chicago Southland CVB's 2023 Annual Meeting &

Awards Luncheon. We thank them for the award and appreciate their support! We also would like to thank the Village of Crestwood and Mayor Ken Klein for their partnership to help make all of this happen!



Windy City Thunderbolts Staff



Jim Garrett, President of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, Thunderbolts General Manager Mike VerSchave, and Daniel Thomas, Deputy Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism

## Surplus Refund 2023

Forms are NOW AVAILABLE at the Village Hall ONLY - 13800 S. Cicero Ave.

Requirements to qualify for the surplus refund:

1. Moved in to your home on or before 1/1/22
2. Currently Residing in the home
3. Have paid all your 2022 real estate taxes
4. You are the owner of the home and receive no rental income at the property



Mayor Ken Klein and Thunderbolts General manager Mike VerSchave





Administrators Lindsey Nissen and Tim Butler distribute cookies to celebrate the announcement that U.S. News and World Report has selected Shepard High School among the nation’s best high schools.

## 85 A.P. Scholars from Shepard

Shepard High School proudly announces that 85 of its current students or May 2023 graduates qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars.

The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP exams.

The College Board honors outstanding performances on AP exams with several levels of recognition. The following students received recognition as A.P. Scholars.

A.P. Scholar (scores of at least ‘3’ on three or more exams) – Jenna Abuzerr, Cole Balabon, Evelyn Bernsee, Jessica Byrdak, Madison Cantore, Donny Cardenas, Brandon Chrones, Hannah Cichon, Ava Corsi, Alex Craig, Payton Crims, Amaree Davis, Maricruz Fernandez.

Also, Maia Fitzpatrick, Samantha Flores, Martin Foertsch, Nora Fraider, Lauren Gawel, Jackson

Gillono, Benjamin Grady, Diego Hernandez, Natalia Kiernia, Jocelyn Leggett, June Lyons, Gael Martinez, Amelia Mastela, Holly McGrath, Gabriel Middleton, Abdul Mohammad, William Monahan.

Also, Amanda Muller, Analise Mulvihill, Roberto Olimpijev, Manuel Orozco, Brandon Phan, Aidan Reilly, Enzo Restivo, Brianna Rolek, Erendira Salgado, Timothy Sanchez, Gabriella Scalzo, Macy Sera, Ava Serdar, Ariana Serna, Emily Shepard, Abbie Statham-Ball, Elizabeth Stepuszek, Nathan Treat, Vincent Wang, Brookalyn Woods, Cayla Wordlaw, Zackery Zemeckis.

AP Scholar with Honor (average score of at least 3.25 on all exams, scores of ‘3’ or higher on at least four exams) – Ismail Alwahsh, Ethan Chua, Julia Feldner, Kayla McGrury, Alejandra Penaranda, Giulia Scarnavack, Dania Soriano.

AP Scholar with Distinction (average score of at least 3.5 on all exams and scores of ‘3’ or higher on five or more) – Macy Balabon, Alexander Bernsee, Dragos Cojo-



Congratulations to head coach Clint Connelly, assistant coaches Ryan McGuire and Joel Harrison, and the sophomore football team on their 52-6 win over SSC rival Evergreen Park. This team finished their season 8-1 overall and a perfect 6-0 in conference – they are the South Suburban Conference Red Division champions!

## U.S. News honors Shepard

U.S. News and World Report has selected Shepard High School among the best secondary schools in the nation for 2023-2024.

Criteria for this honor included college readiness, breadth of curriculum, scores on state proficiency tests, performance in reading, math, and science, underserved student performance, and graduation rates.

"On behalf of the administration and staff at Shepard we want to thank you for supporting our school initiatives, improving student attendance rates, encouraging engagement in challenging curriculums, and increasing in-



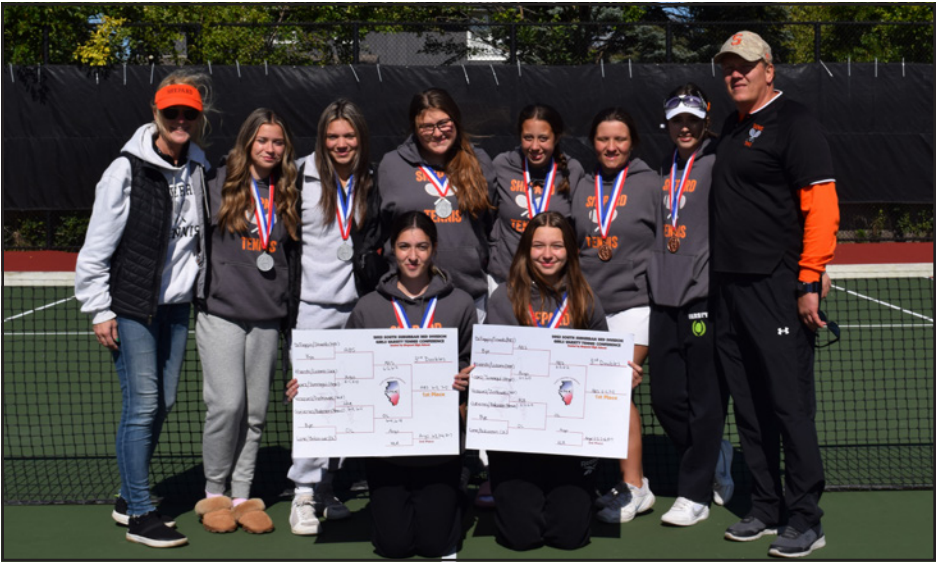
volvement in our school community. We know that this recognition is possible in large part because of the strong partnership that exists between school and home," Principal Dr. Jen Pollack said to students and parents.



Shepard High School proudly announces that 85 of its seniors and May 2023 graduates qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars. Pictured are the current seniors who earned A.P. Scholar, A.P. Scholar with Honor, or A.P. Scholar with Distinction awards.

cariu, Ellie Davidson, Maura Diaz, Tyler Florez, Margaret Gleason, Samantha Heiden, Fiona Jacobson, Margaret Klingner, Madeline Knies, Brittany McCarthy, Maja Natan, Kylie Puchalski, Alexa Ramirez, Alaina Simikoski, Carson

Steele, Amanda Taglieri, Aidan Wright.  
More than 1,400 institutions award a full year’s credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades.



Congratulations to coaches Kelly Myron and Jim Weber and the varsity girls tennis team on tying for first place at the South Suburban Conference Red Division tournament. Shepard tied with Argo with 21 points, and due to tie breaker rules the conference championship went to Argo.

Last year varsity finished last at conference. "The girls vowed to improve their skills and play in the offseason. On Saturday, their hard work paid off resulting in a complete turnaround tying for first place. Very proud and honored to coach these girls. Every player contributed to the growth and success of this team, both on and off the court," Coach Myron said.





Principal Appreciation Week was October 16 - October 20, 2023. Cook County School District 130 celebrated Nathan Hale administrators who work hard every day on behalf of the students.




The Nathan Hale Primary School Eagle and Staff wish to thank the families for a great Open House event at the beginning of the school year.

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Nathan Hale Intermediate School recognized their custodians Wayne Kuhl and Michelle Benjamin on National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day.



In September, the students at Nathan Hale Primary School were excited to receive gifts from Bernie's Book Bank.





# 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

09-05-2023: A resident reported that she has been talking-to a gentleman that she met online who identified himself as a doctor in Syria. During the online relationship the offender claimed to need money so that he could return to the United States. The offender sent the victim a pack of checks and instructed her to write herself a check for \$16,000.00 and then send \$5000.00 to the offender using a Bitcoin machine. The victim later learned that the original check was fraudulent and that she was now out the \$5000.00.

09-13-2023: A resident reported that she received a credit card statement from Forever 21 with a balance of \$968.00. The victim reported that she never opened an account with Forever 21 and that all of the transactions were made in Colorado which were fraudulent.

09-2023: A resident reported that she wrote out a check for Capital One in the amount of \$280.00. However, upon review of her statements she learned that the check had been cashed for \$1980.00. Upon speaking to bank officials she learned that the check had been washed and was made out to another subject.

09-28-2023: A resident reported that he received a letter in the mail from Eaglemark Savings Bank which is a subsidiary of Harley Davidson Credit Corporation denying his credit application for a 2023 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The victim advised he never applied for any credit application for a motorcycle.

09-30-2023: A resident reported that she received an email that appeared to be from her brother in law asking for money. The email included instructions to log in to Amazon and purchase Amazon or Apple gift cards and then provided an email address to send these to. The victim sent two separate transactions for a total of \$350.00 before contacting her sister and learning that this was a scam. .

## Theft

09-06-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2017 Hyundai Elantra from the 5700 block of 129th Street which was later recovered in Calumet Park.

09-06-2023: Unknown suspects stole an Aventon Adventure electric bicycle from the storage unit of an apartment building in the 5700 block of 128th street.

09-07-2023: Unknown suspects stole a 2015 KIA from the 140th block of James Drive. The vehicle was later revered on October 1st in Calumet Park.

09-08-2023: An Unknown male, black subject riding a bicycle stole a Milwaukee Cordless blower and accessories from a vehicle in the 136th block of Lamond. The subject was observed by the victim as he rode off with his items.

09-09-2023: Unknown suspects broke into a 2019 Dodge Charger and stole several items in the AMC movie theater parking lot.

09-18-2023: Unknown suspects stole the wheels and tires from a vehicle parked int he lot in the 127th block of Cal Sag Road.

09-21-2023: Unknown suspects broke into vehicle and stole numerous Milwaukee and DeWalt brand power tools from the 5700 block of 129th street. All of the tools were marked with a Roman numeral #3 on them.

09-22-2023: Unknown suspects broke into a vehicle and stole numerous power tools in the 127th block of Carriage Lane.

09-22-2023: A resident reported that she observed as a male, black suspect stole a power blower as her landscaper was working from the 5200 block of 137th Place.

09-25-2023: Officers responded to the 139th block of Char Lane in reference to an auto theft in progress. As officers arrived, the 2016 Hyundai Elantra was fleeing the scene and was unable to be stopped by officers. The vehicle was recovered on Sept 28th in Chicago.

09-26-2023: Unknown suspects broke into 2008 Dodge Sprinter

and took several power tools in the 5300 block of Waterbury Drive.

09-27-2023: Unknown suspects broke into a Chevy Cargo van and stole numerous power tools in the 139th block of James Drive.

## Criminal Damage to Property

09-09-2023: Unknown suspects broke out the window of a Dodge Charger while it was parked in the AMC movie theater parking lot.

09-22-2023: Unknown suspects broke the window on a vehicle in the 5700 block of 129th Street

09-22-2023: A resident reported that subjects broke into his Ford van by breaking the window in the 5500 block of 129th Street. Video surveillance was reviewed and showed two male, black subjects with flashlights; one wearing a reflecting high visibility vest and the other subject wearing all dark clothing.



09-28-2023: Unknown suspects broke the rear hatch glass on a Lincoln Navigator in the 5300 block of 139th Street.

## Burglary/Vehicular Hijacking

09-18-2023: Unknown suspects broke into Absolute Vision Care in the 5500 block of 127th Street. Taken in the burglary was 77 pairs of eyeglasses.

09-20-2023: A victim reported that while sitting in his 2019 Dodge Durango in the Menard’s parking lot , a male, black subject wearing a black ski mask and a black zip up hoodie approached his vehicle , opening his door and displayed a handgun and order the subject out of the vehicle. The offender fled in the vehicle on Cal Sag Road.

## Smoke Alarms at Home

**SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART** of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today’s smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

### FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ! Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ! Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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Shepard High School students traditionally light candles during the induction ceremony for National Honor Society.



Shepard High School recently inducted a new class of students into its chapter of National Honor Society.

# Shepard students qualify for National Honor Society



Shepard High School recently hosted an induction ceremony for students who qualified for National Honor Society.

Criteria for membership include a grade point average of at least 3.6/4.0 and participation in at least four extracurricular activities (five if the student is a senior.)

NHS students also selected math teacher Jim Jett as the annual faculty leadership award. Each year NHS members honor a teacher for inspiring them to give their best, serving as a positive role model, and embodying the organizational pillars of service, character, scholarship, and leadership.

Students qualifying for NHS included:

Leena Bader, De'Aja Baker, Hamza Ballout, Emily Baran, Evelyn Bernsee, Jacob Cachor, Aimee Campos, Brandon Chrones, Cameron Chrones, Patrick Corrigan, Layla DeLorenzo, Aryanna Elizondo,


Chantal Fierros, Martin Foertsch, Allyson Ford, Karl Freimuth.


Also, Alexis Gezik, Ava Gliva, Emma Greene, Isaac Guerrero, Ahmad Hadad, Josephine Hansen, Rylee Hassett, Diego Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Makenzie Hofer, Owen Iwaniec, Sophia Jimenez, Nathan Juma, Anastasia Kladis, Ayanna Love, Caylie Lyons.

Also, Amelia Mastela, Lili McCarthy, Gabriel Middleton, Victoria Miller, Amanda Muller, Ismael Musa, Maja Natan, Meara Nicholson, Cody Peck, Brandon Phan, Lujain Rabadi, Michael Rantisi, Enzo Restivo, Sascha Rubens, Elizabeth Ryan.

Also, Helena Santillan, Madison Scapardine, Victoria Schlange, Lacey Skala, Amelia Smith, Jasiya Smith, Brianna Spain, Ryan Sprandel, Abbie Statham-Ball, Matthew Stewart, Caprice Stubitsch, Nathan Treat, Benjamin Whitney, Logan Wright, Ratib Zatar.

### How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

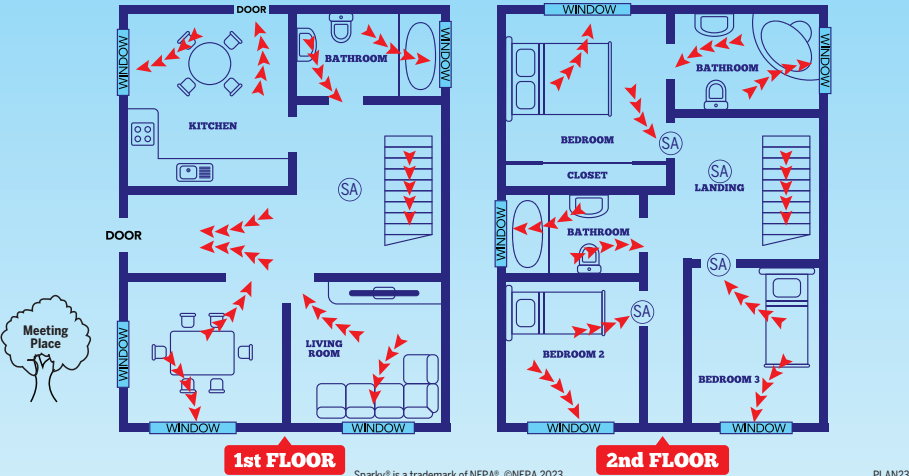
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- ☐ Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- ☐ All windows and doors open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- ☐ Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- ☐ Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- ☐ The house or building number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- ☐ Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely outside.
- ☐ Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

Sample Escape Plan



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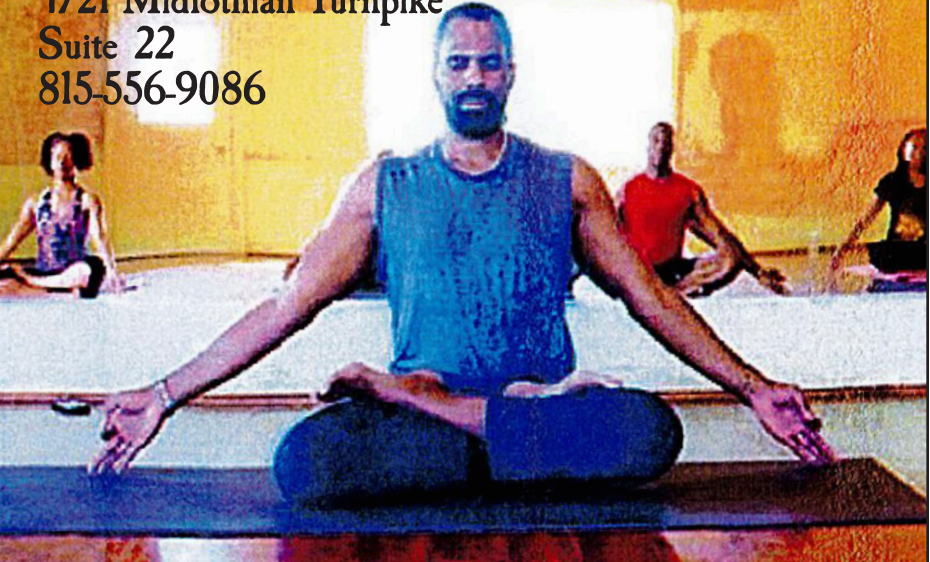
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# Crestwood Police Department helps to grant courageous boy a wish

After being sworn in as an officer with the Chicago Police Department yesterday, DJ Daniel was sworn in by Chief David Weigand as an Honorary Crestwood Police Officer. Sergeant Kevin Sisk then had the honor to pin his badge onto his uniform and give him a pep talk about his duties as a police officer.

Officer Daniel is an 11 year old boy who is fighting brain and spinal cancer. Crestwood was the 796th law enforcement agency to swear him in and he is not done yet. Later today, DJ will also be sworn in with Robbins, Alsip, Merrionette Park, Posen, and Blue Island.

When asked about pinning the badge on DJ, Sergeant Sisk said, "As police officers, we are often referred to as heroes. But today, hearing DJ's story, and his strong desire to be a public servant, DJ became our hero!"

We wish DJ the very best as he continues his journey.

Thanks to the Blue Island Police Department for organizing the event for DJ and allowing to be part of it.



Chief Dave Weigand swearing in DJ Daniel

## St. Christopher School Holiday Craft Show

Free Admission and Free Parking  
Saturday, November 11, 2023  
9 am to 4pm  
14611 S. Keeler Ave - Midlothian



Stop by for lunch

Italian beef sandwiches, homemade chili, soup, and more

Bake Sale

Delicious desserts and fresh baked bread

Adult & Children's Raffle



# 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!



NOVEMBER  
FEATURE  
dips

## Come join the Biela Center's Cookbook Club

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH • 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.*

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended our recent **Fall Craft and Vendor Fair at the Biela Center**. It was hard to leave without many treasures purchased from our talented and valuable crafters and vendors. Your presence and support is gratefully appreciated.

**KEEP ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR SPRING FAIR!**

Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events |


November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Art Class 10-12 pm 1 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Men's Pinochle 12-4 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am 2 Knit Wits 10-12 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	3 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	4
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### Biela Center Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive


Please consider buying an extra item or two when you are out shopping!

**Donations are being accepted at the:**

**CRESTWOOD BIELA CENTER**  
**4545 Midlothian Turnpike**  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY**  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Should you be a Crestwood family in need, please call the Biela Center to reserve a basket no later than Nov. 15th. Limit one per household.

Baskets are limited.  
Baskets will be distributed on Monday, Nov. 20th  
Cindy 708-371-4800 ext. 6001



## 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:**

- ☐ Friday, November 3rd Unstuffed Cabbage
- ☐ Tuesday, November 7th Chicken & Potato Casserole
- ☒ Friday, November 10th **CLOSED** (VETERAN'S DAY)
- ☐ Tuesday, November 14th Cheesy Pizza Tortellini
- ☐ Friday, November 17th Thanksgiving Dinner **(\$10 TODAY ONLY – PAY BY NOV 7th)**
- ☐ Tuesday, November 21st Hamburger Stir Fry
- ☒ Friday, November 24th **CLOSED (IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING)**
- ☐ Tuesday, November 28th Baked Potato Bar

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Pinochle

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

**Men/Women Pinochle**  
**MONDAY'S 12:00-4:00PM**

**Men's Pinochle**  
**WEDNESDAY'S 12:00-4:00PM**

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



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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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ADMIT ONE

ADMIT ONE



## SHED POUNDS, GAIN FRIENDS

First visit is **FREE!**

### Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike

Crestwood, IL

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

**For more information**

Adrienne 708-2281701

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

## 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 at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001 or Ashley ext. 6002 for availability.





THE CHRISTKINDLMARKET

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023  
10AM (BUS DEPARTS AT 10:30AM)  
RETURN: 5:00PM

Cost: \$40.00 Coach Transportation  
No refunds, you may transfer your seat to another person.



The smell of roasted nuts, fresh pretzels, bratwurst, and hot spiced wine, the sound of music, and the glimmer of sparkling Christmas ornaments, all in a cozy atmosphere - this is the authentic German-style Christkindlmarket experience.

Visitors can explore vendors' products from all around the world and enjoy the unique shopping experience while enjoying international food, beverages and performances at the outdoor market that is always free of admission. Children have the opportunity to participate in Kinder Club activities.

Ready to make some wonderful memories, collect a specialty souvenir mug, and get into the holiday spirit?

Call Cindy with any questions 708-371-4800 Option #6





BREAD TAG  
RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle Bread Tags at the Biela Center

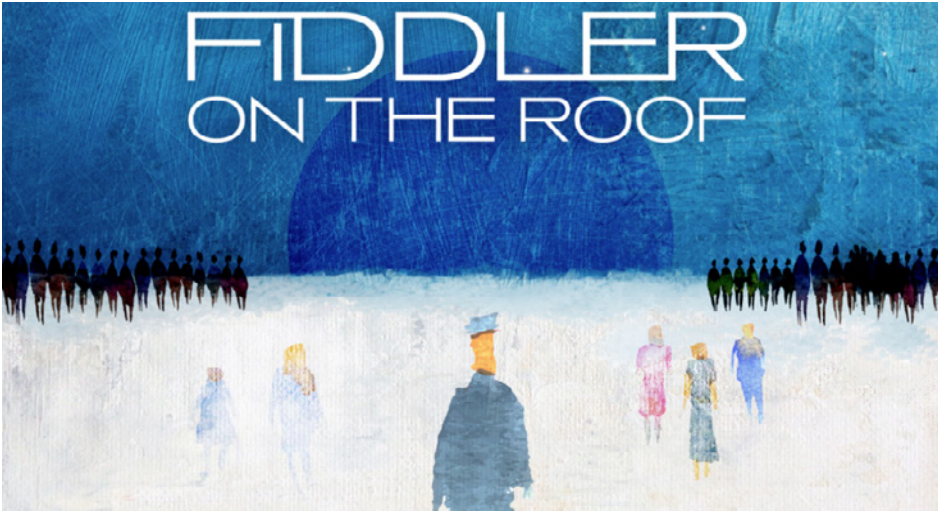
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Bread tags for wheelchairs

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](http://www.scarce.org).



Drury Lane Presents...  
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024  
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

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, NOVEMBER 10  
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




OBITUARIES

**Kevin O. Hanold**, of Crestwood, passed away on Friday, September 29, 2023 at the age of 61 years. Beloved father of Lauren (Gregory) Mitchell and Shawn (Anna) Hanold. Cherished grandfather of AnnDee, Mary Jo, Noah, Jonas, Benjamin and Audry. Kevin has been reunited with his late parents, Oscar and Lyla Hanold. Dear brother of Kimberly, Keith and Kelly (April). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Monday, October 2, 2023 from 4 P.M. until 7 P.M. at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment private. For more info: [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com) or (708) 824-9000

**Bernard M. Williams**, of Crestwood, passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the age of 80 years. Beloved husband of Anna M., nee Reutter. Devoted father of Cheryl Fortier and Laura Bellik. Fond brother of John (Joan) Wiliams, April (Ralph) Coyle, and the late Jarlath (the late Jim) Mullen. Grandfather of 5 amazing granddaughters. Funeral Services were private at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more info: (708) 824-9000 or [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)



### 4th Annual Donation Drive for Homeless Veterans

Edward J. Hines VA Hospital serves Veterans as far North as the Illinois/Wisconsin border, all of Suburban Cook County, Kane, DuPage, Will, Grundy, Kendall, Dekalb and sometimes Kankakee, Central and LaSalle counties. Unfortunately, there is a high Veteran homeless population in these areas and they depend on Hines VA to provide them with many basic necessities. When in need, Veterans can shower, wash their clothes, collect food from the pantry and obtain available clothes/jackets and toiletries from the Hines VA facility. We are hosting a drive to collect basic toiletries and cleaning supplies to donate to the homeless Veteran population, for these items are always in high demand. If you are interested in donating much needed items, please see the following list of requested donations:


Cleaning products	Body Wash	Toilet Paper (single roll or 4 pk)
Dishwashing Soap	Body and Hand Lotion	Tampons/Sanitary Napkins
Hand Soap	Shampoo	Deodorant
Laundry Detergent	Conditioner	Paper Towels (single or pack)
Fabric Softener Sheets	Bar Soap (single or pack)	Bath/Hand bathroom towels
Clorox/Lysol Wipes	Toothpaste (toothbrushes not needed at this time)	Chapstick

Donated Items can be dropped off at Evergreen Park's Maher Community Center - 3450 W. 97<sup>th</sup> St.

Saturday, 10/21/23 and Saturday 11/4/23 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Items will be delivered to the Hines VA the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to purchase items via Amazon and have them delivered directly to the Hines VA, please use the following QR code:



If you have any questions please email  
Viviana - [vivirod24@gmail.com](mailto:vivirod24@gmail.com) or Jeanine - [jeanineclarkin@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanineclarkin@yahoo.com)



# CHRISTMAS Market

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH  
11AM-2PM

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

JOIN US FOR...

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

NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY TO ATTEND!



## CRESTWOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE 2024

Ages:

Pinto- 6, 7, and 8 Years Old  
Mustang- 9, and 10 Years Old  
Bronco- 11, and 12 Years Old  
Pony- 13, and 14 Years Old

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

COME TO THE CRESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER TO SIGN UP

★ SIGN UP TODAY ★  
ALL GAMES PLAYED ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

## CRESTWOOD T-BALL LEAGUE

AGES 4-7  
FEE: \$85  
INCLUDES JERSEY, HAT, AND PICTURES

COME TO THE CRESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER TO REGISTER  
LOCATED AT 5331 W. 135TH ST.



## Veteran Resources VA


### Satellite Office Hours

SENATOR  
**BILL CUNNINGHAM**  
+ REPRESENTATIVE  
**MARY GILL**  
+ REPRESENTATIVE  
**KELLY BURKE**  
+ ALDERMAN  
**MATT O'SHEA**

SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
STARTING NOV. 8  
**1 P.M. - 3 P.M.**  
10402 S. WESTERN AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60643

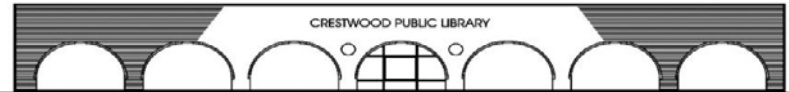
STAFF FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST  
**HEALTH CARE • MEDICAL • DISABILITY • EMPLOYMENT • FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SENATOR BILL CUNNINGHAM AT:  
DISTRICT OFFICE: (773) 445-8128 OR VISIT [WWW.SENATORBILLCUNNINGHAM.COM](http://WWW.SENATORBILLCUNNINGHAM.COM)





CRESTWOOD  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



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ADULTS



**Virtual Classroom Kitchen:  
Sweet & Savory Streusel**  
Wednesday, Nov. 15th • 6:30 pm  
Virtual Program

Sweet, crunchy, and buttery are the hallmarks of streusel top-pings, but they can also have a savory side. Let’s learn how to make different versions of these scrumptious finishing touches. Be sure to join us for this live virtual demonstration with guest cooking instructor Kristyn Slick!

**Medicare PPO Seminars**  
Thursdays, November 9th & 16th, 6:00 pm  
In-Person Program

Join guest speaker and independent insurance agent, Bill Johnson, at the library as he shares important information on Humana Medicare PPO options.

**Stampin’ Up Card Class**  
Monday, Nov. 13th • 6:00 pm  
In-Person Program  
\$5 per person  
Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards!

**Q&A with Pamela Hawkins**  
Monday, Nov. 20th • 6:00 pm  
In-Person Program  
Join licensed insurance agent Pamela Hawkins for a Q&A session about what resources may be available for you for assistance with things like prescription drugs, transportation, dental and vision.

**Needles & Yarn Knitting Club**  
Monday, Nov. 27th • 6:30 pm  
In-Person Program  
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!

**Take & Make Adult Craft**  
Available Thursday, Nov.30th  
Stop by the library and pick up a DIY craft kit!

Illinois Libraries Present:  
**A Taste of Love with  
Maya-Camille Broussard**  
Wednesday, November 8th, 7:00 pm  
Virtual Program  
Join Maya Camille Broussard, star of Netflix’s Bake Squad, owner of Chicago based Justice of the Pies, and cookbook author, for a demo from her kitchen. Just in time for Thanksgiving, Chef Maya-Camille will share her love of pie, stories of those who inspired her, and tips and tricks to help you make the perfect pie.



**Scrabble Club**  
Saturday, November 18th  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
In-Person Program  
Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!

**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, IL.

YOUTH & FAMILIES



**Annual Gingerbread House Decorating**  
Tuesday, November 28th  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Families join us again this year for our annual Gingerbread House Decorating Night. Each family will receive a pre-built gingerbread house and decorating supplies to decorate here in the library and then take home to enjoy. Cost is \$5.00 per family. Space is limited so register early! Light refreshments will be served.

**Toddler Storytime**  
Fridays, November 3, 10, & 17  
10:30 am  
Space is limited. Please register. Children ages 1-4 with an adult, can come hear stories, songs and make a craft during this 30-minute program.



**Messy Mondays**  
Mondays, November 6 & 27  
10:30 am  
Children ages 2-4 with an adult. Please register  
Parents can bring their budding artist to the library to create messy things during this 30-minute art class. Please dress to get messy.

**Pajama Storytime**  
Wednesday, November 8th  
6:00 pm  
Children under 4 with an adult. Please register.  
Children of all ages can join us for a special 45-minute evening storytime with songs, stories and a craft. Wear your Pajamas!

**Preschool STEAM**  
Thursdays, November 2 & 16  
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.

**Thanksgiving Kids Craft**  
Monday, Nov. 13 • 4:00 pm  
Please register.  
Kids ages 7 and up can come to this in-person craft class to make a Thanksgiving craft.

**LEGO Club**  
Tuesday, November 7 • 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, Nov. 14 • 5:00 pm  
Therapy dog, Hershey 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, November 29  
6:00 pm  
Limit of 8 families.  
Please register.  
Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo!

**International Snack Club**  
Thursday, Nov. 16 • 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 India.

**Chess for Kids**  
Friday, November 17 • 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.



**Take Home Science Kit**  
Available Thursday, Nov. 9th  
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, November 9 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.



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 has to be broken before you can use it?

OCTOBER ANSWER:  
1, 2 and 3

Santa will be at the CRWC  
Saturday, December 9th  
from 11am-2pm!

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.

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

October Puzzle Solutions

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

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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ACROSS

1. Bereft  
5. Bend  
8. Pairs  
12. Fever  
13. First woman  
14. Rant  
15. Ale  
16. Is able to  
17. Fertilizer  
18. Dropsy  
20. More parched  
22. Braggart (Colloq (1.2)  
23. Greek goddess of the dawn  
24. Toboggan  
27. Realm  
31. Relation  
32. Large snake  
33. Emphatic form of it  
37. Breakwater  
40. Mischievous bird  
41. Diving bird  
42. Ascend  
44. Below  
47. Auricular  
48. Tire  
50. Particolored  
52. Accustomed  
53. Nocturnal bird  
54. Notion  
55. Female sheep  
56. Golf peg  
57. Vend

DOWN

1. Laboratory  
2. Double curve  
3. Regretted  
4. Sea nymph  
5. Turned into  
6. Eggs  
7. Directed one's way  
8. Axiom  
9. Item of merchandise  
10. Finished  
11. Large body of water  
19. Chatter  
21. Kangaroo  
24. Snow runner  
25. Ignited  
26. Abstract being  
28. To endure  
29. Charged particle  
30. Not  
34. Ousts  
35. New Guinea seaport  
36. Swastika  
37. Move ungracefully  
38. Regret  
39. Giraffe-like animals  
42. Pock away  
43. Languish  
45. Ocean fluctuation  
46. Foot part  
47. Be indebted  
49. Reverential fear  
51. Indian dish

94 South

HEY, GREAT HOLIDAY JACK!

THANKS SANTA... AND DECEMBER 25TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

HEY, WHAT ABOUT ME?

OH, HI TOM.

YOU KNOW THERE IS A MAJOR HOLIDAY BETWEEN HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS.

AND IT'S PROBABLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN BOTH OF YOUR HOLIDAYS COMBINED.

WOW, HE'S RIGHT.

VETERANS DAY.

LET'S PLAN A CELEBRATION.

I'LL BRING THE GIFTS.

JACK, YOU PLAN THE ENTERTAINMENT.

AND, TOM YOU CAN BE.... AH, I MEAN, BRING THE FOOD.

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**CRWC Hours**  
Mon. – Thurs. 5 am - 10 pm  
Friday 5 am - 8 pm  
Sat. and Sun. 7 am - 5 pm  
CLOSED ON 11/23 ALL DAY FOR THANKSGIVING

# Events



**Polar Express Movie Night**  
**Friday, December 8th, 6pm**  
Register at the CRWC.  
All Aboard! Put on your comfiest pajamas and grab your blankets for our Holiday Movie Night! Tickets are \$10 for all participants, including adults (children must be accompanied by adults at ALL times). The purchase of your ticket will get you a slice of pizza or Raising Cane’s Chicken Tenders, popcorn, a christmas cookie, and a water. Registration is required at the CRWC by December 3rd!

**Christmas Market with Santa**  
**Saturday, December 9th 11am-2pm**  
No registration necessary  
Get in the holiday spirit by coming to the CRWC on December 9th to see Santa. Christmas Market shopping, pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, arts & crafts, cookie decorating, and more!  
**Vendors Needed for Christmas Market**  
Interested in becoming a vendor for our Christmas Market? Spaces are limited, so sign up at the CRWC. Must be original work ONLY, no previously used items or items for resale are allowed! Registration takes place, in person at the CRWC only until November 19th. Any questions, contact Kelsey at [kkolecki@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:kkolecki@crestwood.illinois.gov)

# Children

**Crestwood Sunday Hoops**  
**January 7th - March 10th**  
*In person registration*  
Crestwood Sunday Hoops is a league for 5th-8th grade boys basketball teams looking for some extra games. Games will be played on Sundays from January 7th-March 10th with no games on Super Bowl Sunday. Both team sign ups and individual sign ups are welcome!

**Swim Lessons**  
**January 9th through February 17th**  
*6 week session*  
*In person registration required*  
Open registration for the next session of swim lessons begins Monday, December 4th, in person at the CRWC. Swim lessons take place either 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**  
**Practices begin in February, games begin May through end of June**  
*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. The fee includes a jersey, hate, game balls, and umpires. 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.

**CRESTWOOD SUNDAY HOOPS**  
5th-8th grade boys teams  
January 7th through March 10th  
8 week season plus playoffs  
\$450 per team  
\$100 for individual sign up



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**POLAR EXPRESS**  
**MOVIE TICKET**  
— BELIEVE —  
**DECEMBER 8TH, 2023 @6PM**

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS & BRING YOUR BLANKETS  
Parents need to be present at all times during the movie.

Tickets: \$10 ages 3 & up  
Ticket includes a slice of pizza or Cane's Chicken Tenders, popcorn, a Christmas cookie & water

# Group Exercise and Water Fitness Schedule

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

# Workout Classes

(separate from All Inclusive Membership)

**Zumba with Kristen Castillo**  
**Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm:**  
**October 19th-November 30th**  
**(6 week session, no class 11/23)**  
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**  
**October 16th-November 20th**  
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!