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CRESTWOOD ADVISER



A Look Back at a Year of Progress: 2022 in Review

Before the calendar rolls over to a new year, we thought we should take a look back at the significant progress we have made over the past year with regard to the many Village improvement projects that are underway, as well as some that are still on the horizon. We do realize that these projects can be very taxing on the patience of our residents and businesses, but we can assure you that the rewards of their completion, from the improvements themselves to increased property values, will end up being worth the inconvenience and then some.

I am proud to say that we have opened more than 28 new businesses this year to keep our village Crestwood Strong and A Village on the Move. This adds to our strong tax base that helps with all the improvements to our infrastructure and Village services. We have added to every department this year — including two fire engines, several squad cars, public works trucks and equipment — to replace some old and aging equipment, with a lot of additional improvements planned for the upcoming year.

As you drive around, you can see a lot of the progress we made this year to Phase 3 of our water main, sewer and street repaving project. The flood project at 135th and Laramie to Central was started, and will be completed next year. It's been tough with all the traffic issues, but as we say, it will be worth it in the end. The Chicago Tree Initiative and The Morton Arboretum donated 40 trees and plants to Walker Park this year, of which we hope to make a

yearly event, to keep the Village looking great and green. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help plant them!

The Playfield water project is moving along. We are approximately six months ahead of schedule. The second phase will be finishing up in early spring, due to the weather. The third and final phase will begin next year. Currently, we're waiting for the bids to come in so we can award the project and get it on the schedule for 2023. This will be our final phase of the \$23 million project to improve the Village water, sanitary and storm sewers in the Playfield and Gardens area. This is a huge deal, because it helps the assets of the Village and its residents to increase in value. The Village was able to secure all of the funds to pay for this project, so that residents and businesses would be spared helping to pay for it.

For 2023, we have a lot of projects on the horizon:

Currently, you can see several new projects on Cicero. Raising Cane's should be opening soon. Belle Tire started construction, and the Seneca Property has been cleared and ready for four new stores to go in. We're just waiting for final IDOT approval, and expect to be announcing them soon. On Cicero Ave., we will be upgrading the traffic control lights and street lights starting this spring. We have been working on several grants to help with streets, sidewalk and light improvements.

Midlothian Turnpike

Led through IDOT on Nov. 18th – Triggs Construction, Inc., was an apparent low bidder. (Total bid = \$3,045,567.25.) This project consists of constructing sidewalks on both the north and south sides of Midlothian Turnpike, from Central Avenue to Pulaski Road — a little more than two miles. New PROWAG-compliant sidewalk ramps will be installed at all intersections. Additionally, pedestrian signal updates are to be included at Central Ave., Kostner Ave., and Pulaski Rd. Construction is expected to start in spring 2023, and the Village has received federal funding and an Invest in Cook County grant for approximately 80 percent of the construction costs.

Cicero Avenue

Expected to be led through IDOT in spring of 2023. This project includes new street lighting, pedestrian signal upgrades, and sidewalk upgrades along the east and west sides of Cicero Avenue from 143rd Street to the Cal Sag Channel. Construction on this project is estimated to cost \$4.35M and is expected to begin in summer of 2023.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN

Dear Neighbors,

Let me be among the first to wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. It's always great to see all the residents and businesses show their Christmas spirit by decorating their homes and properties. Many go above and beyond, and that's why we're holding, as always, our Christmas decorating contest. Be sure to call the Village with your nominations. The Board and I look forward to awarding the best of the best at our Dec. 15th board meeting. I hope you can join us.

I want to take a moment to thank all of the Village employees for a year of remarkable service. Since being appointed as Mayor last November everyone has worked hard to make the transition seamless. We as a group have worked hard to make a lot of improvements and growth throughout the Village. Without the fine men and women who work for Crestwood, this great village wouldn't be able to provide the high-quality services, protection, programs and well-maintained public areas that we do. As a resident and as your mayor, I thank you!

While on the subject of wonderful programs and services, I hope to see all you residents and families at our yearly Christmas Market with Santa at CRWC on Saturday, Dec. 10th, from 11:00am-2:00pm. Our Rec Center employees have worked very hard to prepare this amazing day for all to enjoy.

As we look forward to a fresh new year, I think it's important that we recognize all of the Village's accomplishments from 2022, as you've read in the full overview on the cover. Though I realize many of these projects cause aggravation or inconvenience while in progress, I assure you that the long-term rewards will far outweigh the temporary nuisances.

Many of you have been waiting to hear an update on our surplus refund process and disbursement. As you know, we were waiting on the county to disburse tax bills before we could determine how our process would work. I'm happy to say that starting Dec. 15th, we will be accepting applications. I'm even happier to report that while in years past, we have given back 100 percent of the Village of Crestwood portion on your tax bill, this year we are giving an extra 20 percent — **that's 120 percent!** The Village Board and I continue to be fiscally responsible and have a surplus that we would like to share with you this year. Please look for more detailed information on what you need for your application on page 5. Checks will be distributed on March 26, 2023 at the fine arts fair located at CRWC.

One of our main focuses as a Village board is to keep our budgets in line and to continue to add

new businesses to our Village sales- and property-tax base. We have welcomed and continue to welcome many new businesses to the Village. I have been working with national companies over this past year to encourage them to come to our great Village. I hope to be able to announce, in the near future, several amazing projects that would fill the majority of the remainder of the east and west sides of Route 83.

Our annual Christmas Basket giveaway for those in need has been a Crestwood tradition for many years. Because of the generosity of residents, Village employees, local businesses and the Village, we have been able to supply a generous Christmas basket to local residents in need. We will once again be collecting perishable items through Dec. 15th at Village Hall. I hope that you can continue your generosity and assist us in helping those in need in our community.

As a reminder, vehicle stickers go on sale this month, so be sure to stop and visit our great Village Hall staff, who will be ready and waiting to help you.

I am committed to working with the Village Board to continue our efforts in the New Year. Together, we are excited to keep the momentum going when it comes to projects and events in the works. I am also very committed to working with residents. I believe residents provide a wealth of ideas and perspectives. Working with the community is a major priority for myself and the Board as this year moves forward.

Crestwood is a wonderful community because of the contributions of everyone who lives and works here, and I am very proud to represent this Village we all call home. As I look ahead to this exciting year, it's my hope for all residents that 2023 is ultimately filled with opportunity and joy, and that we can celebrate another healthy, prosperous year together. I am proud and honored to be your Mayor.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ken Klein

Ken Klein

Mayor, Village of Crestwood

Important Numbers

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 Fax: (708) 371-4849
 Hours:
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm
 Tues.: 9:00am-8:00pm

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

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

Recreation & Wellness Facility
 5331 w. 135th St.
 Main: (708) 659-4800
 Hours:
 Mon.-Thu.: 5:30am-10:00pm Friday 5:30am-8:00pm
 Sat.-Sun.: 7:00am-5:00pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Recycling Reminder

This is just a reminder to all residents and businesses to prevent contaminated recyclables from going into our recycling bins. This applies to everything, but food items in particular are a common problem. Used pizza takeout boxes, bottles, cans or jars that haven't been thoroughly rinsed, aluminum foil of any sort whether clean or not, as well as disposable foil pans of the sort used in baking or for catering, are all items that can contaminate the pool of recyclables and cause them — along with everything else in their vicinity — to be unfit for recycling, defeating the purpose of the program. When this happens, it forces recycling companies like Republic Services to find alternative solutions for the contaminated materials, and it substantially increases costs for local recycling programs.

Republic Services remains committed to providing us with reliable services. Extreme action is necessary to keep our local recycling programs operating as intended. We must work together as a Village to do better. As usual, the Village will take on any additional cost for service, but we are asking you to do your part as residents. We know sometimes it's hard to tell what can and should be recycled. For questions or additional details, please visit RepublicServices.com.

Thank you for sharing our commitment to recycling and responsible environmental stewardship.

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | Dec. 1st and 15th

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm

Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave | Dec. 5th and 19th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | Dec. 12th and 26th

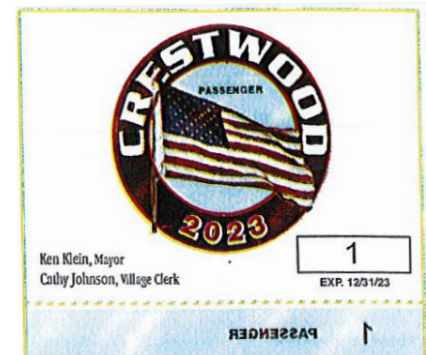
Village of Crestwood Parking

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!

Vehicle Stickers On Sale December 5, 2022

What you will need to receive your 2023 vehicle sticker:

- 1. Your renewal application.**
- If a new vehicle or new resident, we will need your Crestwood driver's license and your car registration.
- Your payment of \$5.00 for a senior (over 65 years)
 - All others:
 - \$10.00 for a passenger car
 - \$15.00 for a B-C truck
 - \$10.00 for a recreational vehicle
 - \$20.00 for a D-F truck
 - \$30.00 for any truck with a heavier plate
 - \$3.00 for a dog/cat tag
 - \$20.00 for a Bus A sticker
 - \$30.00 for a Bus B sticker



The deadline for you to have your 2023 vehicle sticker displayed on your vehicle is February 28, 2023, so no need to run in on the 5th, but don't forget the deadline comes fast!

ComEd Warns Customers of Increase in Scam Attempts During the Holiday Season

CHICAGO — ComEd urges families and businesses to be on the lookout this holiday season for impersonators looking to steal money and information from unsuspecting individuals.

Scammers posing as ComEd employees will call homes and businesses from a number that appears to be from ComEd and threaten to turn off electric service unless payment is made to a bogus website or phone number. Sometimes imposters will visit in person to collect personal information that can be used to steal identities or access bank accounts.

“During the holidays, scammers and imposters will up their game ... knowing people are busier, distracted with holiday plans and paying less attention to their spending and bill-paying habits,” said Nichole Owens, ComEd vice president of customer channels. “The best defense against scams is knowing what to look for and sharing scam-awareness tips with family and friends.”

“Fraudsters use fear and distraction to trick their victims,” adds Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau, and a strategic partner with ComEd in raising awareness of utility scams. “They put the fear in people that they may lose their electricity during the holidays as well as the coldest of winter months and peak summer heat. We always see a spike in these reports to the BBB Scamtracker when staying warm or cool is most important, and your wellbeing may depend on it.”

Tips to Help Identify Scams

ComEd will never call or visit your home or business to:

- Ask for direct payment with a prepaid cash card, cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, or third-party payment app like Cash App, QuickPay, Venmo or Zelle;

- Demand immediate payment; or
- Ask for personal information such as a Social Security number, driver’s license number or bank information. We also will not ask for your ComEd account number unless you contact us first to enroll in a program or service.

Tips to Help Identify a True ComEd Employee

- All ComEd field employees wear a uniform with the ComEd logo and visibly display a company ID badge with the logo and employee’s name.
- ComEd recently changed its logo, so customers may continue to see the former ComEd logo on uniforms, badges and vehicles until the logo is phased out.
- If customers are ever unsure about whether a person knocking at their door is a true ComEd employee, they are encouraged to close and lock their door, and call ComEd from a trusted phone number — which is **800-EDISON1 (800-334-7661)**. A true ComEd employee will not mind waiting.

Assistance With Past-Due Balances

Scammers sometimes find success with individuals and businesses who may be behind in their bills and pressure them into sending immediate payment. For anyone facing difficulty paying their electric bill, ComEd offers a number of payment assistance programs to help customers avoid late notices and disconnection. For information, visit ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance.

To make it easier for customers to find ways to pay electric bills and energy-saving tips, ComEd offers its Smart Assistance Manager (SAM) at secure.comed.com/assistance/landing, an online self-service tool that can match customers with payment-assistance programs and energy-efficiency offerings to help them manage their electric bills now and into the future.

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).

Each month we continue to remind residents about all the scams that are occurring. Please remember that if anyone contacts you for any reason — overdue taxes, warrant for your arrest, allegations of illegal activity on your accounts — and offers to allow you to settle the matter by purchasing gift cards, IT IS A SCAM!

Do not give anyone on the phone your personal or banking information.

Do not allow anyone over the phone or via email or link to access your computer.

If you have any doubts at all, please contact the police department for advice. Senior Service Office Tom Dawson or any other police officer will be able to assist you in determining if it is a scam. Our officers are here 24 hours a day and would rather respond to assist you in preventing a scam than to have to take a report where you have been scammed out of thousands of dollars.

Deceptive Practice

10-06-2022: A resident reported that while needing to return an item to Amazon, she conducted a Google search for Amazon Customer Service and found what she believed to be an Amazon Customer Service phone number. She called the number and spoke to a subject who identified himself as an Amazon employee. She explained that she needed to cancel a recent transaction, and the subject gave her instructions on how to download several applications to her phone. The subject also instructed her to scan her driver’s license and credit card onto the phone applications. The victim then noticed several unauthorized transactions to her bank account for a total of \$3,999.97.

10-24-2022: A resident reported that upon receiving her banking statement she noticed an unauthorized transaction in the amount of \$539.00 for ChildrensPlace.com.

Theft

10-03-2022: Unknown suspects stole a wallet from a vehicle that was parked in the Export Fitness parking lot.

10-04-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a vehicle in the 140th block of Kostner.

10-05-2022: Unknown suspects stole an Amazon-delivered package that contained a drone, from the 5700 block of 129th Street.

10-17-2022: Officers responded to the Burlington Coat Factory in reference to a theft in progress. Officers learned that a male, Black suspect had left the store with two shopping carts of merchandise without paying for the items. However, a group of shoppers struggled with the suspect and were able to retrieve one of the shopping carts of merchandise. When officers spoke with the store management, it was learned that Burlington would not be willing to prosecute if an apprehension was made. No further action would be taken at this time.

10-23-2022: A male, white suspect entered Brindi’s Liquors and took several bottles of Tequila before fleeing in a gray Ford Fusion.

10-26-2022: As a female was fueling her vehicle at the Delta Sonic gas station, an unknown suspect entered her vehicle and stole her purse. The suspect then entered a getaway vehicle and fled the scene.

10-31-2022: An unknown subject entered the AT&T store and took an iPad from the display and fled out of the store, jumping into a white, four-door sedan, leaving northbound on Cicero.

Burglary

10-03-2022: Officers responded to BJ Liquors in the 141st Block of Cicero in reference to an alarm. Officers arrived and discovered the front glass to be shattered. After reviewing surveillance video, it was discovered that two suspects exited a vehicle and used a large landscaper brick to break the glass. Several bottles of liquor as well as the currency from the cash register was taken. The suspect’s vehicle was previously reported stolen from Manteno.

10-13-2022: Officers responded to BJ Liquors in the 141st Block of Cicero in reference to an alarm. Officers arrived and discovered the front glass to be shattered and several broken bottles of liquor on the ground. After reviewing surveillance video, it was discovered that two suspects exited a vehicle and used a crowbar to break the glass. Several bottles of alcohol, tobacco products and currency were taken.

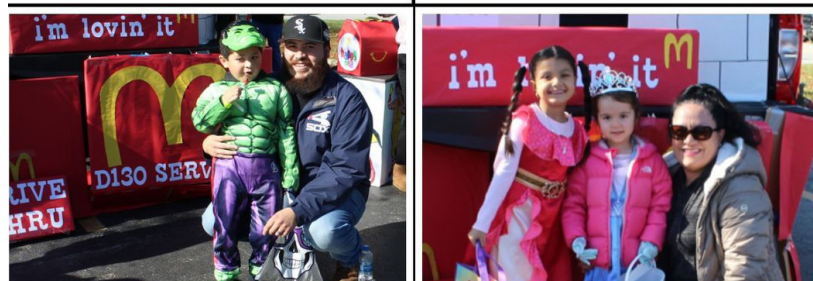
10-26-2022: Officers responded to BJ Liquors in the 141st Block of Cicero in reference to an alarm. As officers approached, they observed a silver Dodge Charger in the parking lot and subjects running from the store entering the vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, however the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and was unable to be stopped. After reviewing surveillance video, it was discovered that an undetermined amount of merchandise was taken.

Looking Back at a Busy and Active Fall for School District 130

Before we officially plunge headlong into winter, School District 130 wants to share a collection of memories that made fall 2022 great!



There are 101 reasons why District 130 loves Nathan Hale Intermediate School staff on Halloween!



It was a wonderful Saturday for the Trunk-or-Treat event at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center. Thank you to all the Cook County School District 130 staff who helped decorate the truck and pass out candy.

2022 Surplus Applications Soon to Be Available!

Well, the tax bills are in the mail, and our surplus application will be available by Dec. 15th, 2022.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we waited for the tax bills to come out.

The program will be basically the same as in previous years, with everyone needing to pick up an original form at the Village Hall. We do not accept copies, nor anything printed from the website.

The necessary items to file are as follows:

- A copy of your 2nd Installment 2021 real estate tax bill.
- Proof of payment of your tax bill from either Chase Bank or the Cook County Treasurer website. (NOT your mortgage company.)
- A copy of the driver's license of the owner(s) of the home with the Crestwood address. If the license has an out-of-state address, you do not qualify.
- A copy of your current paid water bill. (Excluding condominium owners.)



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DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

2022 ANNUAL DECORATING CONTEST

Call the Village at 708-371-4800 to nominate your home or a home you feel is worthy of an award

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place to be awarded at the December 15, 2022 Board meeting.



Preserving Our Heritage: Romaine Gregg BY KEN MCCLORY

As part of the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 Preserving Our Heritage initiative, my journey of more than 12 years and 40 features of World War II veterans will continue as long as there are people who have stories deserving to be told. This month, I'll focus on "The Forgotten War" and the sacrifice and valor of Korean War veteran Romaine Gregg.

By 1948, Gregg had graduated from Avalon Park Grammar School on the Southeast Side of Chicago and moved to Peotone, Ill., with his grandmother. There he would assist his uncle Guy in building a home for his grandparents. Knowing nothing about building a house, he was taught the skills of welding and cutting steel, and pouring concrete, along with framing, siding and roofing, and electrical and plumbing work. That was the good news.

The bad news was that in 1950, he was a sophomore at Peotone High School and barely knew how to read. His grades were poor, he was struggling at school, and his grandmother was very strict regarding education. At the same time, he was working at a steel fabricating shop with his uncle Rick, earning \$20 a week. Realizing there was a good chance he would not graduate high school, Gregg and a couple of buddies decided to enlist in the Air Force.

Being only 16 years old and knowing he had to be 17 to enlist, his recruiting sergeant helped him to falsify his birth certificate. To make matters worse, he had to beg his parents to sign the release papers. Finally, he was off to Chicago and enlisted in the Air Force. In Aug. 1950, he served his basic training in Wichita Falls, Texas, at Sheppard Air Force Base, worried most of the time of being found out as a 16-year-old kid.

He attended tech school in Denver, Colo., at Lowery Air Force Base, followed by aerial gunnery school in Tucson, Ariz., at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, earning his gunners wings on his 17th birthday, Feb. 17th, 1951.

After about a year of service, he finished combat crew training in San Antonio, Texas, at Randolph Air Force Base. His difficult and demanding technical training paid off, and Gregg was assigned to a crew ready to fly a B-29 Superfortress.

Gregg was now an Air Force tail gunner, and the Korean War was raging. His job as a rear gunner was simple, but hazardous: defend against enemy fighter or interceptor attacks operating a .50-caliber machine gun while his crew flew bombing missions over Korea. At first the bomber was used in strategic day-bombing missions, but with North Korean Soviet MiG-15 jet fighters appearing in the war, and the loss of many American aircraft, all future B-29 raids were restricted to night missions. Gregg was with the 307th Bombardment Wing, 371st Squadron, consisting of 12 aircraft, and was deployed to Okinawa, conducting operations under the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command, training other SAC units operating B-29s prior to his combat role in Korea.



Romaine Gregg

The B-29 dropped 1,000-lb. VB-3 "RAZON" (Range Control Ordnance) and 12,000-lb. "TARZON" radio control bombs, mostly demolishing bridges, like the one across the Yalu River, and attacks on dams and waterway facilities.

Gregg flew 10 night combat missions, many on the Yalu River. The Yalu River was both a political and cultural dividing line. Only Koreans inhabited the southeast side, while only Chinese lived on the northwest banks. Because of its economic value and strategic location, the river played a major role in the Korean War.

By war's end, B-29s had flown 21,000 sorties and dropped 167,000 tons of bombs. Thirty-four had been lost in combat — 16 to fighters, four to flak, and 14 to other causes. B-29 gunners were credited with destroying 27 enemy fighters. The Superfortress flew its last mission of the war July 27th, 1953.

After 3 years, 3 months and 15 days, Gregg was 19 years old at time of discharge. Staff Sergeant Romaine Gregg was honorably discharged shortly after arriving home at Paris Air Force Base, Calif., in December 1953. He was awarded the United Nations Korean Service

Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Presidential Citation.

Gregg returned to Peotone, Ill. Needing a continued adrenaline rush, he took to stock-car racing, running a '39 Ford Coupe and a '47 Ford two-door Coupe at local venues including Raceway Park and Soldier Field. By 1960, he owned his own general contracting business, Forsite Construction. After 35 rewarding years, he retired from the business only to continue working as a general contractor at Pitt Ohio Company in Stickney, Ill. Now 87, he has been with Pitt Ohio for 12 years and counting.

Romaine Gregg's Korean War contribution implies a testimony to the tenacity of our Korean War Veterans. Thank you, Romaine, for your honorable character, unwavering patriotism and extraordinary giving to the ongoing Preserving Our Heritage initiative.

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

Stormwater Pollution Solutions

What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is storm water runoff a problem?

Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants, and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged, untreated, into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

The effects of pollution

Polluted storm water runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people:

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved-oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris — plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts — washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life like fish, turtles, ducks and other birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish, or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted storm water often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Residential Storm Water Pollution Solutions

Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

Education is essential to changing people's behavior. Signs and markers near storm drains warn residents that pollutants entering the drains will be carried untreated into a local water body.

Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a

soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Auto Care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a water body.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks, and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

Septic Systems

Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens — bacteria and viruses — that can be picked up by storm water and discharged into nearby water bodies. Pathogens can cause public health problems and environmental concerns.

- Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary. (Every 3 to 5 years.)
- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

Residential Landscaping

Permeable Pavement

Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead, these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing storm water runoff.

Rain Barrels – You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito-proof containers. The water

can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales – Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.

Vegetated Filter Strips — Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants storm water picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

Pet Waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

Commercial

Dirt, oil and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm sewer system and eventually enter local water bodies.

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- Which plan is right for me?
- How do I choose?

Medicare basics and beyond

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- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around
- storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters, and keep them clean to avoid leaks.
- Report any chemical spill to the local hazardous waste cleanup team. They will know the best way to keep spills from harming the environment.

Construction

Erosion controls that are not maintained can cause excessive amounts of sediment and debris to be carried into the storm water system. Construction vehicles can leak fuel, oil, and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by storm water and deposited into local water bodies.

- Divert storm water away from disturbed or exposed areas of the construction site.
- Install silt fences, vehicle mud-removal areas, vegetative cover, and other sediment and erosion controls and properly maintain them, especially after rainstorms.
- Prevent soil erosion by minimizing disturbed areas during construction projects, and seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible.

Agriculture

Lack of vegetation on stream banks can lead to erosion. Overgrazed pastures can also contribute excessive amounts of sediment to local water bodies. Excess fertilizers and pesticides can poison aquatic animals and lead to destructive algae blooms. Livestock in streams can contaminate waterways with bacteria, making them unsafe for human contact.

- Keep livestock away from stream banks and provide them a water source away from water bodies.
- Store and apply manure away from water bodies and in accordance with a nutrient management plan.
- Vegetation taking place along waterways.

- Rotate animal grazing to prevent soil erosion in fields.
- Apply fertilizers and pesticides according to label instructions to save money and minimize pollution.

Automotive Facilities

Uncovered fueling stations allow spills to be washed into storm drains. Cars waiting to be repaired can leak fuel, oil and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by storm water.

- Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of cleanup materials.
- Provide cover over fueling stations, and design or retrofit facilities for spill containment.
- Properly maintain fleet vehicles to prevent oil, gas and other discharges from being washed into local water bodies.
- Install and maintain oil/water separators.

Forestry

Improperly managed logging operations can result in erosion and sedimentation.

- Conduct preharvest planning to prevent erosion and lower costs.
- Use logging methods and equipment that minimize soil disturbance.
- Plan and design skid trails, yard areas and truck access roads to minimize stream crossings and to avoid disturbing the forest floor.
- Construct stream crossings so that they minimize erosion and physical changes to streams.
- Expedite revegetation of cleared areas.



The Village of Crestwood is doing a Holiday Toy Drive for various charities. Please bring your new donated toy to any of the various Village buildings — The Biela Center, Village Hall or the Rec Center. We appreciate your generosity, and look forward to helping make many children smile during the Holidays.



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

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We are located at:

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(708) 385-8607



Attention Veterans

If you were honorably discharged from the U.S. military and believe you suffer from an injury or illness that you contracted because of your service, you are invited to attend a meeting of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 84 in Crestwood to get help in filing a claim for your injury or illness.

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

dedicated to helping other veterans to receive the medical attention and compensation they deserve.

DAV Chapter 84 meets on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #1596 at 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood, Illinois. National and Chapter Service Officers will be available to assist you in filing a claim for compensation and medical assistance. Bring a copy of your DD-214 to the meeting with you.

Again, this service and all subsequent services provided by the DAV are free of charge. To learn more about the DAV and its mission to serve disabled veterans, visit their website at: www.DAV84.org.



BIELA CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike - Crestwood, IL

CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2022

For more information:
708-371-4800 Ext: 6

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 CHRISTKINDLE MARKET Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm) Bunco (1:30-4 pm)	2 SATURDAY, DEC. 3: SCRAPBOOKING (9 AM-9 PM) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Bingo (12:15-3:15 pm) Scrapbooking (5 pm - 9 pm)
5 SUNDAY, DEC. 4: SCRAPBOOKING (9 AM-5 PM) Chair Fitness Holiday Party Mixed Pinochle (12-4 pm)	6 Bingo (12-3 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)	7 Art Class (10-12 pm) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Men's Pinochle (12-4 pm) Senior Club Holiday Party	8 ORNAMENT CRAFT (10 AM-11:30 AM) Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm)	9 Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Bingo (12:15-3:15 pm)
12 SUNDAY, DEC. 11: SCRAPBOOKING OPEN HOUSE (12 PM-4 PM) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Mixed Pinochle (12-4 pm)	13 Bingo (12-3 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)	14 SOUND OF MUSIC Art Class (10-12 pm) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Men's Pinochle (12-4 pm)	15 Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm)	16 GAME NIGHT (6-8 PM) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Bingo (12:15-3:15 pm)
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26 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	27 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK	28 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK	29 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK	30 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE
				31 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Look What's Cooking!!!

Friday, December 2nd: Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut
Tuesday, December 6th: Tortellini Soup with Italian Sausage
Friday, December 9th: Apricot Poppy Chicken
Tuesday, December 13th: Individual Pizza - **CHOOSE ONE:**
Cheese Sausage Pepperoni
Friday, December 16th: Christmas Party (**Pay \$10 by Dec. 6**)
Tuesday, December 20th: Beef Sandwich

Lunches are \$5.00. Extra Dessert, Pop and Water are \$1.00. Please pay before receiving your lunch. On Tuesdays we serve from 12:00-1:00 pm and Fridays from 12:15-1:15 pm. Bingo will be played following lunch. All lunches are served with a side and dessert. Reservations must be made one week in advance. For cancellation, call: 708-371-4800 Option #6.



Biela Center December Lunch Menu
Lunches are \$5.00.

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Bingo will be played following lunch.
All lunches are served with a side and dessert.
Reservations must be made one week in advance.
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Please check for the lunches you'd like to attend:

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- Tuesday, December 6th: Tortellini Soup with Italian Sausage
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Cheese Sausage Pepperoni
- Friday, December 16th: Christmas Party (**Pay \$10 by December 6th**)
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We are closed December 23rd-January 6th. Please have a warm, safe, and wonderful Holiday break.

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

Name: _____

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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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1 FREE TRIAL CLASS
AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES

Medical Equipment



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

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

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

REMINDER: REFUND POLICY

We would like to remind everyone about our No Refunds Policy.
If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place.

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

No refunds will be given otherwise.

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

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



The Biela Center will be

CLOSED

For winter break from
December 23rd - January 6th

We look forward to your return on January 9th!



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

We offer Line Dancing lessons on Thursdays!!

Time: 1pm to 2pm

Location: Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL

Cost: \$20.00 for the month

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

To reserve your spot please email:

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Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

Do you like to play pinochle?

Join us at the Biela Center!

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Women's Pinochle – Mondays 12:00-4:00 pm

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

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



The Biela Center will be closed from December 23rd – January 8th 2023.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Bunco will resume on January 19th, 2023.

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

The Biela Center has started hosting Bunco on the **First & Third Thursday** of every month, from 1:30pm-4pm.

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

Please Contact Ashley with any questions @

~ 708-371-4800 EXT. 6002 ~

Biela Center: 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

Let's Roll!

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

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



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

Friday, December 16, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

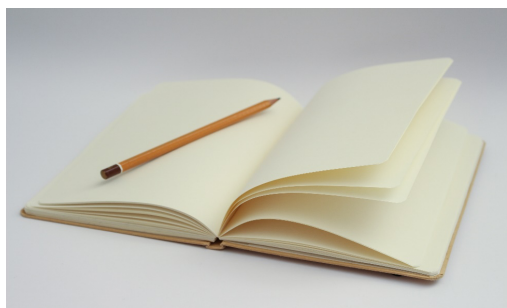
Join us for a **FREE** night of fun!
Come with a friend, or make one here.

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

Snacks will be provided



Come pick up your FREE Joy Journal



Journals will be distributed, while supplies last, at

The Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

On Wednesday, December 21st

Between 9 am- 4 pm

The only requirement is that beginning January 2023, you need to write daily at least one positive thing that has occurred during the day or that you are grateful for. ☺

Please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 (ex. 6001) or Ashley (ext. 6002) with any questions or to check on availability

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THE CHRISTKINDLMARKET


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 Christkindlmarkt 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?

Date: Thursday December 1st, 2022
Time: 10am (bus departs at 10:30am)
Return: 5:00pm
Cost: \$30.00 Coach Transportation

As of March 1, 2022, full payment is due upon reservation.
 Call Ashley or Cindy with any questions 708-371-4800 Option #6
No refunds; you may transfer your seat to another person.



As of June 9, 2021 there will be a fee of 2.95% when using a credit card.

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

SENIORS PUMP IT UP!

WITH CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR DIANA ESPARZA

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GET YOUR BODY MOVING WITH AN
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MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS
 11:15 AM-12:00 PM
 \$2.00 a class

NO CLASS – December 23rd - January 8th

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!
 Classes will begin on January 9th, 2023

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



Ornament Decorating

Come join us and get into the Christmas spirit by painting a glass ornament at:

The Biela Center
 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Thursday, December 8th
 10 am - 11:30 am
 Cost: \$10 (includes all supplies)

To ensure enough supplies, please register in advance by calling Cindy at 708-371-4800 (ext. 6001) or Ashley (ext. 6002)



Crestwood Senior Club
 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

Join the fun! *Doors OPEN at 12:15*

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!!

December

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022
 Christmas Party – 12:30 pm
 Meal from Barraco's
 Entertainment – James Libera

Next Meeting – January 18th, 2023
 MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Beginning January 10, 2023
 Come relax with




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

With certified instructor Joe Kamenske

Tuesdays and Thursdays
 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 \$2 per class

The Biela Center
 4545 Midlothian Turnpike
 Crestwood, IL 60418

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Thank you! 

It is with deep gratitude that The Biela Center would like to thank all who participated and helped in our first Craft Fair, and those who made donations for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets. We are blessed with your kindness, and you are all greatly appreciated.



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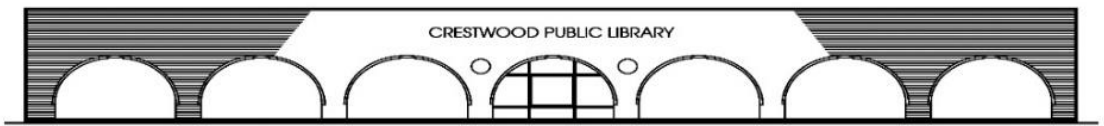
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**The Library will be closed, December 24-26, 2022,
& December 31, 2022 - January 2, 2023, for the holidays.**

December Crestwood Library Events for Adults



Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!
In-Person Program | Monday, December 19th, 6:30 pm

Stampin' Up Card Class

Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards!
\$5 per Person | Monday, December 12th, 6:00 pm

SCRABBLE CLUB

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!
In-Person Program | Saturday, December 17th, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Drop-In Craft for Adults

Stop by the library any time between 6:00 – 7:00 pm on Monday, December 5th, to create a fun and festive holiday decoration.
In-Person | Monday, December 5th, 6:00 PM

Illinois Libraries Present: Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special Illinois Libraries Present holiday season event. Shauna will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. Though her career began in broadcast journalism, and she now talks about pie instead of Hollywood, she uses the same skill set for her regular television appearances on *TODAY Show* and *Food Network*. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

Virtual Program | Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm

Virtual Classroom Kitchen: Retro Holiday Candies

Making your own holiday candy isn't difficult, especially when it's a family activity. And those memories are really the best part of the holiday season. This is a cook-along program, so if you would like to cook with Kristyn, you'll want to prep ahead of time. Be sure to take a look at the list of ingredients and detailed recipes posted on our website in the Events calendar.

Virtual Program | Thursday, December 15th, 6:30 pm

Pet Supply Collection

Crestwood Library will be collecting canned and dry pet food, towels and other supplies for local animal shelters during the month of December. Please drop your donation off during regular library business hours. Thank you for your generosity for our furry friends in need.

December Crestwood Library Events for Families and Youth

Christmas Ginger Bread House Event

Families, join us at the library for a sweet night of Gingerbread House Decorating. Every family will receive a pre-built gingerbread house to decorate and take home. All candy and supplies will be provided.

One house per family, extra houses are \$5.00 each.
Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 pm. Registration required.

Take & Make Monday Crafts for Kids

Every Monday, a limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up for children to create at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance. There will not be a kit the week of December 26.

LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12, come share your creativity and join us for a fun day of building with Legos! Your creation can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design. Lego Club will meet on **Tuesdays, December 6 & 20 at 4:00 pm.** Registration is required.



Read to the Dogs!

Therapy dog, Hershey and friends, are back at the library and ready to hear kids in grades K-5 read their favorite stories. Registration is required for a reading time. **Tuesday, December 13, 2022, from 5:00-6:30 pm.**

Family BINGO

Family Bingo returns on **Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm.** Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo. When a parent gets Bingo, the kids win the prize! **Registration Required. Limit of 8 families.**

Chess for Kids

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

Lunch and a Movie

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

Preschool Story Time - Fall Session

Kids ages 1-5 (under 3 with an adult) can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. **Story Time will meet on Friday, December 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 10:30 am** Space is limited. Registration is required. Mask wearing is optional.

Messy Mondays for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Parents can bring their young ones (ages 1-4) to the library to create with all things messy during this 30-minute art class. Please wear clothes to get messy. **Class will meet twice this month on Mondays, December 5 & 19 at 10:30 am.** Registration is required to attend.

Take Home Science Kits

Crestwood Library has hands-on science kits for kids to experiment at home. Adult supervision may be required. A limited number of take-home science kits will be available to pick up beginning **Thursday, December 8, 2022.**

New Year's Eve Craft

Kids ages 6-10 can come to the library to make a fun craft to help celebrate the new year! Class will be on **Thursday, December 29th at 4:00 pm.** Registration recommended.

Crafty Kids

Kids in grades 1-4 can come to the library to make a Holiday craft on **Thursday, December 15, at 4:00 pm.** Registration is required. Unable to attend? Leftover crafts will be available for pick-up after class.

Dungeons & Dragons Group

Kids in grades 5-8 can join our kids' Dungeons & Dragon Club on **Wednesdays at 6:15 pm, here in the library.** This group meets bi-weekly on **December 7 & 21, 2022.** Space is limited, contact the front desk to register.

**TO: The Crestwood Library Organization
& Patrons**

Thank You



for your Kindness

The Food Drive items recently collected will be enjoyed by the men, women, children and families currently served by the Incarnation-St. Terrence St. Vincent DePaul Society food pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum

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The Morton Arboretum
4100 Illinois Route 83, Lisle

Dazzling new light displays celebrating the Arboretum's centennial year will highlight the 10th anniversary of *Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum*. Advance ticket purchase is recommended as many nights of this must-see winter lights spectacular will sell out. Non-member tickets range from \$16 to \$27. Children under age 2 are free. *Illumination* is generously sponsored by Invesco QQQ, ComEd, and Duly Health and Care. For more information or for tickets, visit mortonarb.org.

Chamber Concerts

Sundays, Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th and March 5th, 2:15 p.m.
The Morton Arboretum
4100 Illinois Route 83, Lisle

Experience intimate classical concerts at The Morton Arboretum's historic Thornhill Education Center. Attendees will be close to the artists, providing a unique opportunity to see, hear and feel the music. Performers include KAIA String Quartet, Dec. 4th; Metropolis Oboe Quartet, Jan. 8th; Duo Kayo, with cellist Titilayo Ayangade and violist Edwin Kaplan, Feb. 5th; and fortepianist Trevor Stephenson and cellist James Waldo, March 5th. Tickets are \$37 for a single concert admission and \$175 for a seasonal subscription. For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

WeishFest 2022

Friday, Dec. 2nd, 5:00pm
115 Bourbon Street
3359 W 115th St., Merrionette Park

Created in honor of a young man named Andrew Weishar, who passed of cancer in 2012 at the age of 21, the Andrew Weishar Foundation, a volunteer-led 501(c)(3), takes as its mission Andrew's request to his family to "pay forward" the kindness and generosity he was shown during his fight with cancer. The AWF continues that gesture with WeishFest 2022. Come out and celebrate the legacy of a life well lived, and to enjoy music and entertainment from The Birkenrocks, The Fray, Morgan Evans, Mitchell Tenpenny, Quinn XCII, Sean & Charlie and more. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.weish4ever.org.

Christmas Past

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 11:00am-3:00pm
Sand Ridge Nature Center
15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland

Visit the pioneer cabins at the Sand Ridge Nature Center and celebrate holiday traditions. Play with handmade toys, make a craft, and see what's cooking on the open fire. For more information, call (708) 868-0606 or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov. Cost: FREE.

Girls Like Us: The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Sunday, Dec. 11th, 2:00pm & 5:30pm
Moraine Valley Community College, Dorothy Menker Theater
9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills

It's never too early to get into the holiday spirit. Join Chicago cabaret favorites GIRLS LIKE US Laura Freeman, Beckie Menzie and Marianne Murphy-Orland as they sing favorite holiday tunes and spread cheer! Laugh at the stresses of the season and bask in the joy of holiday traditions with favorites like "Winter Wonderland," "Silent Night" and "Merry Christmas, Darling." Table seating is \$30 Tickets are \$35/\$31.50 for members/\$28 for veterans and active military, and FREE for children and students with I.D. For more information or tickets, contact boxoffice@morainevalley.edu or call (708) 974-5500.

A Carpenters Christmas Featuring Lisa Rock

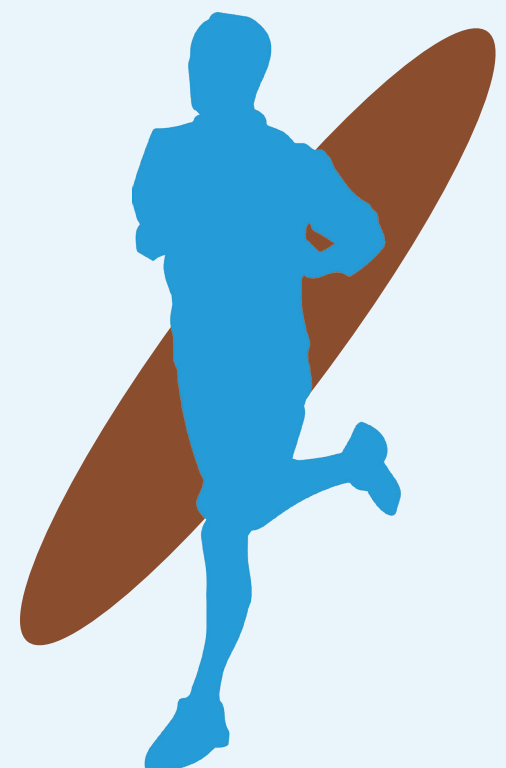
Saturday, Dec. 17th, 7:30pm
Moraine Valley Community College, Dorothy Menker Theater
9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills

While the Carpenters are known for over a dozen chart-topping hits, they also won over their fans with their Christmas celebrations. Singer and playwright Lisa Rock and her band are keeping the Carpenters' holiday traditions alive by bringing their unforgettable Christmas songs to the stage. Tickets are \$35/\$31.50 for members/\$28 for veterans and active military, and FREE for children and students with I.D. For more information or tickets, contact boxoffice@morainevalley.edu or call (708) 974-5500.

Winter Solstice Night of Lights Walk

Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 6:30-9:00pm
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Take a candlelit walk, enjoy a bonfire and hot chocolate. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897. Cost: FREE. *Programa ofrecido en Español.*



Village Seeks Donations for Annual Christmas Basket Drive

For many years now, the Village of Crestwood has hosted a Christmas basket collection drive. Once again, we hope to do our part to make the holiday season brighter for those in need. To that end, we will once again be accepting donations through Thursday, Dec. 15th. In past years, Village of Crestwood residents and businesses have always shown their generosity, enabling us to provide a wonderful Christmas basket filled with turkey and all the trimmings for a traditional feast to more than

20 area families. With your help, we hope to keep that tradition going.

Our Christmas Basket collection strives to help low-income individuals, families and seniors within the Village. We at the Village take pride and joy in providing a helping hand where needed.

As always, your help and generosity are greatly appreciated.

VILLAGE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS!



If you or your family is in need of some assistance at this time of the year, or if you know of someone in need who could use some extra food items, please call the Village at 708-371-4800 x2003.

If you are able to donate non-perishable food items for the needy baskets, please drop them by the Village from December 1 – 15th for delivery to the needy residents the week before Christmas!

The Village is honored to do this each year for our residents!

Christmas Light Recycling at the CRWC

There's something particularly sad about a string of Christmas lights with most or all of its lights burned out. Something that was once so festive and that brought such joy no longer doing so, and inclining us to replace it with a new strand. But what do you do with that old and worn-out length of spent holiday cheer? Bring them to the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center!

Through Jan. 15th, you can bring your old

Christmas lights to the CRWC to have them recycled, courtesy of All American Recycling (AAR). You can opt for a monetary scrap rebate from AAR, or you can choose a charity to whom you would like to donate.

So don't look wistfully at those forlorn lights and think about how they used to shine — bring them to the CRWC where they can continue to do good!



Participate in our program to get your residents lights recycled and keep them out of landfills!



- All American provides the bins, drop off and pick up at the location of your choosing.
- Receive a monetary scrap rebate for lights collected or have us donate to a charity of your choice!
- Broken and/or unused string lights and extension cords are all accepted.

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FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

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FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS

are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

- Garage Sales**
- Lost and Found**
- Large Appliances**
- Automobiles**
- Motorcycles**
- Boats and Trailers**

NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES

can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:

- Garage Sales
- Appliances and Electronics Sales
- Transportation (Cars, Boats, Motorcycles)
- Homes for Sale or Rent
- Apartments for Sale or Rent
- Employment Openings
- Jobs Wanted

To place your classified ad: call 708-293-1430

DECEMBER CLASSIFIED

WANTED

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

OBITUARIES

Kasput, Victor K., U.S. Army Veteran, of Crestwood, passed away on Monday, Nov. 14th, 2022, at the age of 86 years. Beloved husband of Georgene, nee Cleary. Loving dad of Georgiana (the late Jack) Tieman, Victor (Renee), Christine (Derek) Carstensen, and Matthew. Cherished grandpa of Daniel, Vincent, Kellie, Ryan, Alexis, Theresa, Garrett and the late David. Dear great-grandpa of Sarah, Abigail, and Lucas. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, Nov. 17th, 2022 at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. A funeral Mass was held Friday at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, Masses are preferred. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

Plowman, Ryan Daniel, age 17, of Crestwood. Beloved son of Daniel R. and Jennifer, nee Moucheron. Loving brother of Drew. He is survived by a dear great-grandmother, loving grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is mourned by a host of longtime friends whom he loved like family. Honor student, NHS member and talented varsity soccer player at Shepard High School. He was actively involved in the Crestwood Soccer Club. Visitation for Ryan was held on Thursday, Nov. 10th, 2022, at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood) with a funeral Mass on Friday, Nov. 11th, 2022, at St. Damian Catholic Church (5250 W. 155th Street, Oak Forest). Interment Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery (16201 104th Avenue, Orland Park). In lieu of flowers, donations to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org (733 Third Avenue, Suite 510, New York, NY 10017) would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

Getsch, Nikolaus Jr., of Crestwood, 74 years of age, U.S. Army Veteran, passed away on Monday, Nov. 21st, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Emily. Loving brother of Linda Vlahos and Peter Getsch. Nikolaus was born in Zams, Austria, on Jan. 24, 1948, to the late Nikolaus Getsch Sr. and Anna Meszarosch. Dear friend of Janina Purickiene. Funeral services, military honors, and interment for Nikolaus Getsch Jr. will be held Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, at 10:00am, at the Chapel of St. Casimir Cemetery, 4401 W. 111th Street, Chicago. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

SUDOKU

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

		6			3		8	
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CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
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ACROSS

- 1 Habits
- 5 Cur
- 10 Chart
- 13 Not many (2 wds.)
- 14 Foot joint
- 15 Travel around
- 16 Replace a striker
- 17 Hazard
- 18 Unclip
- 19 Reporter's question
- 21 Book ending
- 23 The other half of Jima
- 26 Epoch
- 28 Beefy
- 29 Mexican fruit
- 32 Panel
- 33 Little Mermaid's love
- 34 Cliff debris
- 36 Baseball team
- 37 Access (2 wds.)
- 38 Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)

- 42 Went gently
- 43 Radar echo
- 44 Flower start
- 46 Regions
- 49 Inscribed stone
- 51 Novel
- 52 Stretch to make do
- 53 Partner (plr.)
- 57 Lavatory
- 59 Winged
- 60 Pet __ (annoyance)
- 62 Plant
- 66 Small particle
- 67 Willing
- 68 Assert
- 69 North northeast
- 70 Synthetic resin
- 71 Harp

DOWN

- 1 Had been
- 2 American Football Conference (abbr.)

NOVEMBER

Sudoku Solution

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

NOVEMBER

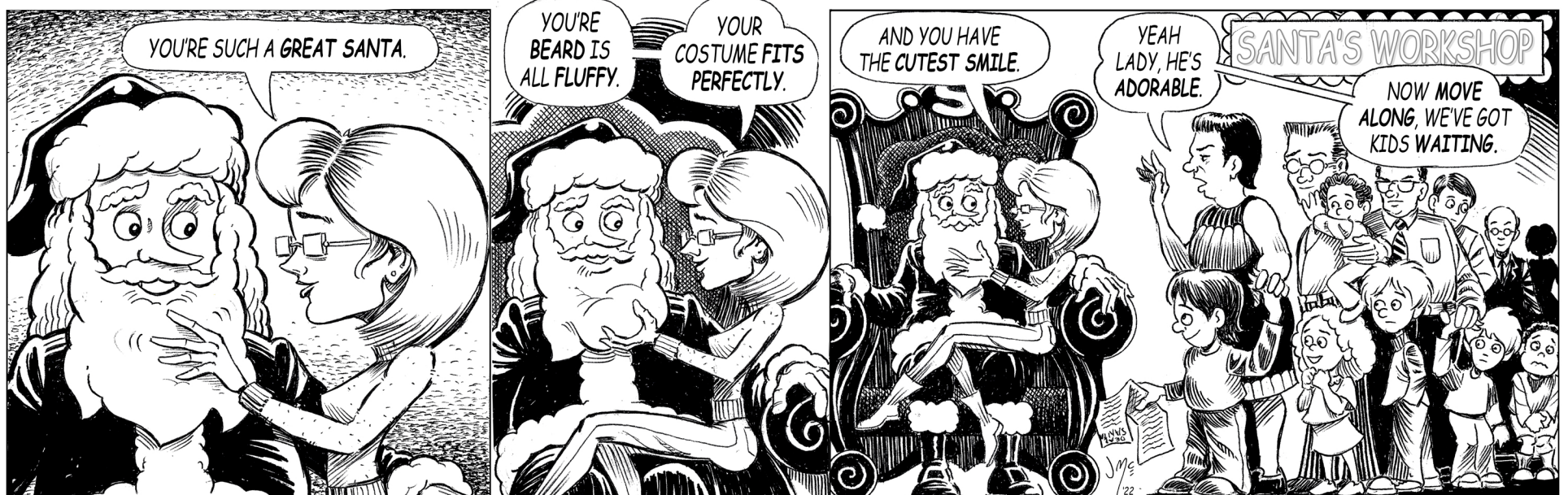
Crossword Solution

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C	A	S	T	R	O		P	T	S	D		D	Y	E	

- 3 Yes
- 4 Compass point
- 5 Ancient paper (plr.)
- 6 Single
- 7 Gumbo
- 8 Prune
- 9 SOS!
- 10 First day of week
- 11 Analyze
- 12 Fill-in
- 15 Radio receiver
- 20 Possessive pronoun
- 22 Flightless birds
- 23 Object
- 24 Article for sale
- 25 Neglect
- 27 Bets
- 30 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 31 Courts
- 32 Protrusion
- 35 Loaded down
- 37 Gossip
- 38 Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 39 Lotion ingredient
- 40 Join
- 41 Niche
- 42 Eagerness
- 44 Assail verbally
- 45 Fanatical
- 47 Vegetable
- 48 Dual
- 49 Espana
- 50 Bird claw
- 54 Fencing sword
- 55 Glean
- 56 Segoly's bulb
- 58 Ovoid
- 61 Nettle
- 63 Wall plant
- 64 Neither's partner
- 65 Ram's mate

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

94 South by Jim McGreal





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

Hello Residents,

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff is gearing up for the Winter season! Along with the activities and events listed here, please visit www.crestwoodfitness.com to keep updated to what is happening in the building and community with the CRWC! As always, feel free to reach out to us by calling us at our new phone number, (708) 659-4800, or email us at crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov.

Join us at the CRWC on Friday, Dec. 9th at 6:00pm for the Grinch Pajama Movie Night complete with popcorn and waters for all participants. Bring your blankets and snuggles, and get ready for a fun-filled evening for only \$5 a child. Hopefully our holiday decorations are still intact after a visit from our special guest! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call us at (708) 659-4800 or come in person to register!

Sign up to decorate a Christmas tree Dec. 5th-10th at 9:00am. The CRWC is looking for businesses, corporations or Crestwood families interested in helping spread holiday cheer. Sixteen trees will be available for decorating in front of the CRWC. Please fill out the Community Tree Trim form found on our website under "Events" or at our front desk, and turn it back in to us at the CRWC. Upon signup, you will receive a complete list of guidelines via email. We look forward to seeing the community involvement!

The CRWC has paired with Crestwood's Public Library to bring you Crestwood's Christmas Market with Santa! This event will take place at the CRWC on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Here you will find plenty of holiday-themed merchants from whom to pick up some last-minute gifts. Crafting tables, coloring pages and letters to Santa will be available, along with hot chocolate, cookies, books, and much more. No registration is required. Bring your cameras and get a picture with Santa! Hope to see you there!

South Suburban Basketball League registration is open now! The CRWC has paired with the John D. Rita Recreation Center, Commissioners Park, Markham Sports Complex and Kruger Park Recreation Center to bring you a developmental basketball league for 1st-8th graders. Once-a-week practices begin Monday, Dec. 12th, with games beginning Feb. 4th/5th. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays. You can expect four home games and four away games with single-elimination playoffs. The fee for this league is \$100 for Crestwood residents, and \$120 for non-residents. Volunteer coaches are welcome; please just notify our activity manager, Kelsey.

Crush Developmental Baseball League begins in February, and is open to children ages 6-14, with practices beginning in February and games beginning in May. The fee for our program is \$150 per child. Volunteer coaches and concession workers are needed. Fees for children of volunteers will be waived or reduced. A volunteer coaches meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 19th, for those interested. Individual and team registrations are welcome. For team registration information, please reach out to rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov. Games will be held at Playfield Park and fields. Medals will be awarded at the free end-of-season picnic at Playfield Park July 15th. Come sign up your child today!

Crestwood T-Ball League registration is now open for children ages 4-7. The \$85 registration fee includes a hat, team shirt and pictures. Practices begin 10:00am Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. (Indoors, if needed.) Games will be played on Wednesdays at 6:00pm, and Saturdays at 10:00am. Games will begin Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, and will be played at Walker Park (139th and Laramie) or here at the CRWC.

The CRWC is hiring swim instructors to help teach our children's swim lessons. Hours are part-time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. If you are interested in joining our team, please email crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov for more information, and for where you can find the application.

Rocco Mossuto

Crestwood's Christmas Market with Santa

Presented by Crestwood Recreation Center and Public Library
Saturday December 10th 11am-2pm

Holiday themed merchants wanted!

Join us for a day of holiday festivities including holiday themed merchants, letters to Santa, decorating cookies, crafts, hot chocolate and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Please note:

- \$20 a space. Only 25 spaces available.
- Set up begins at 9am, the event runs from 11am-2pm. Merchants can expect to leave around 2pm.
- There are limited outlets, the CRWC cannot guarantee electrical connections.
- 1-6ft table will be provided per registration.
- Must be original work or direct sale, no previously used items or items for resale.
- Registration deadline is November 19th, 2022. You must register in person at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center located at 5331 W 135th St in Crestwood.
- Checks can be made out to the CRWC.
- Contact crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov with questions.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

Goods to be sold: _____



Community Tree Trim

The Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center is looking for businesses, organizations, and Crestwood families that would like to decorate a Christmas tree this holiday season. Trees are available on a *first-come, first-served* basis at no cost. This is a great way for everyone around the Crestwood community to get involved this holiday season. A total of 16 Christmas trees are available to decorate. Decorating times are available starting at 1pm on Monday, December 5th and trees must be finished no later than 9am Saturday, December 10th. The Tree Trim Celebration takes place on December 10th at 11am. There will be cookies, holiday music, hot cocoa, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Business, Organization, or Family _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Email address: _____

The tree comes pre-lit with white lights, but is otherwise a blank canvas. The Tree Trimming Party will take place on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 11am at the CRWC. Those that would like to decorate a tree should fill out the registration form and drop it off at the CRWC no later than Friday, December 2nd by noon—Attn: Julia.

All 16 trees will be decorated during the week of December 5th. A complete list of guidelines will be emailed to your business/organization/family (check spam folder).

Any questions, email jrandich@crestwood.illinois.gov





CRESTWOOD RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER PRESENTS

THE GRINCH PAJAMA MOVIE NIGHT

WEAR YOUR COMFIEST PAJAMAS AND BRING BLANKETS TO SIT ON!

DECEMBER 9TH AT 6PM
\$5 FOR KIDS TICKET
INCLUDES POPCORN AND A WATER

EVERYONE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



MUST PRE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT BY DECEMBER 2ND BY CALLING OR COMING INTO THE

CRESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER & PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT

Saturday, December 10th
11am-2pm at CRWC

Crestwood's Christmas Market with Santa

Join us for a day of holiday festivities including, holiday themed merchants, letters to Santa, decorating Christmas cookies, crafts, hot chocolate, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus!



Featured Vendors

- Made by Mossuto
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- DCOY CROCHETS FOR YOU
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- Warm and Cozy by ShellaMar
- Amanda Stone
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- LilyAnna's Creations
- Linda & Pam's Uniques
- Oravibez
- Two Happy Tortugas
- Moonlight Been
- Lauren Marie Botique
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- Shawna Young
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