

# A Village on the Move

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## CRESTWOOD ADVISER

### Bremen Township in Partnership With AgeOptions Seeks Input on Special Meals

Bremen Township has been serving the Senior Community of Bremen Township since 2012 with a Hot Lunch Program, in partnership with AgeOptions.

Although our Senior Café in Oak Forest is temporarily closed due to COVID-19, we are happy to offer hot meals to go on certain days to people age 60+ who complete a Client Registration form, as required by our Area Agency on Aging.

In addition, Bremen Township Senior Services is seeking input from the community to determine if there is a need for **Therapeutic Meals** such as:

Diabetic • Low-Sodium • Renal-Friendly • Lactose Intolerant • Vegetarian • Gluten Free • Mechanically Soft

**The Bremen Senior Café is located at:**  
15350 Oak Park Avenue (rear building)  
Oak Forest

For more information, or if you would like to request a therapeutic meal be added to our menu choices, call (708) 687-8220 and specify which meal is requested. Please also leave your phone number and first name so we can contact you and answer any questions you may have about our wonderful program.

There is no guarantee for these meals at this time; it is only a survey to learn what needs exist in our community. Meals are distributed “drive-through style” outside the Café so that participants can remain in their cars. Soon we may also be allowed to resume service in our dining room with certain COVID restrictions, so clients would have a choice of how to receive their meals.

### Open House on Planned 135th Street Project Set for Wednesday, March 16th, at Civic Center

The Village will host an Open House on the proposed roadway improvements for 135th Street at the Crestwood Civic Center on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30pm. The planned improvements currently under consideration involve the entire Crestwood length of 135th Street, Kostner Avenue/Cal-Sag Road on the east and Central Avenue on the west end. Among the planned improvements are traffic safety enhancements and turn lanes at the Nathan Hale Schools, completed sidewalks, removal of all roadside ditches, installation of curbs and storm water sewers, a multi-use/bicycle path and a resurfacing of the road. The Open House and

presentation will focus on the initial planning design. Public input is encouraged for all Village residents, but especially from residents living along this roadway.

This Open House will be held “live” only, with no virtual participation or attendance. The Civic Center is located next to Village Hall at 13820 Cicero Avenue.



### Yard Waste Pickup to Begin April 4

April showers bring May flowers! And with them comes the time to start getting our yards picked up and ready for the spring planting ahead. Starting April 4, 2022, you will be able to put your yard waste out on the curb. Please remember to have your yard waste properly bagged or in a designated can with a yard waste label on it. Yard waste labels can be picked up at Village Hall, at 13800 S. Cicero Ave. We know many of you take great pride in your yards, and we appreciate your hard work and efforts to keep Crestwood beautiful.

### ‘Spring Forward’ for Daylight Savings Time March 13th

Just a reminder that everyone will need to set their clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 13th, to accommodate Daylight Savings Time.

Because many of our devices automatically update their own clocks, it’s often easy to forget that any other clocks in our homes, from our wall clocks to those on our stoves or microwaves, may still need to be brought forward by hand.

So let’s get ready to “spring forward” all together!







## Village Hall

13800 South Cicero Avenue | Phone: 708.371.4800

Be sure to visit the Village website at:  
[www.crestwood.illinois.gov](http://www.crestwood.illinois.gov)

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## LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN

Dear Neighbors,

Throughout the years of the previous administration, Crestwood assertively lived up to its motto of “A Village on the Move,” bringing in abundant, vital new businesses, developing land that had been lying fallow for many years, and aggressively pursuing grant monies from the state and federal governments to fund our local development projects instead of relying on tax dollars from Village residents and businesses. This tradition is one that we plan to maintain here in Crestwood, along with continuing to offer annual property tax surplus refunds.

And even through the pandemic and the transfer of power to a new administration here in the Village, we have not slowed down a bit. I am proud to update you on the start of a major project to reduce flooding for our residents next to the Cook County Forest Preserve Rubio Woods and along 135th Street. After many years of efforts by former Mayor Presta, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) awarded a nearly \$10 million project to significantly reduce overland storm water drainage from the Forest Preserve that adversely affected our community. The construction of this project is scheduled to start early this summer. It will include a constructed basin on Forest Preserve property to collect water and direct it in a 6-foot pipe along 135th Street, east to the Laramie Avenue ditch, where the storm water will flow north into the Calumet-Sag Channel. The project includes additional storm water detention near the Nathan Hale Schools, and ditch improvements to carry a larger capacity of water north.

This is a very important project that will enhance flooding resiliency and strengthen our growing property values. This is all part of a major improvement of 135th Street being planned now, using federal and Cook County funding, to improve the roadway from Kostner Avenue west

to Central Avenue. Called a “Complete Street,” one day 135th Street will have no ditches, all curb and gutter, a complete sidewalk grid, a multi-use path and resurfacing. These investments in Crestwood’s infrastructure will improve the livability of our Village — all while using grant dollars.

In addition to all of this, the next phase of the ongoing Playfield Area Infrastructure & Rehabilitation Project will resume early this spring, with storm and sanitary sewer improvements in the Crestwood Gardens subdivision, and resurfacing of streets and the replacement of damaged sidewalks for areas already completed, with further resurfacing and repair to the Crestwood Gardens region slated for next year.

We at the Village are encouraged by the continued improvement and growth here in Crestwood, and we remain grateful for the patience that all of you have shown throughout the various improvement projects that have taken place in recent years.

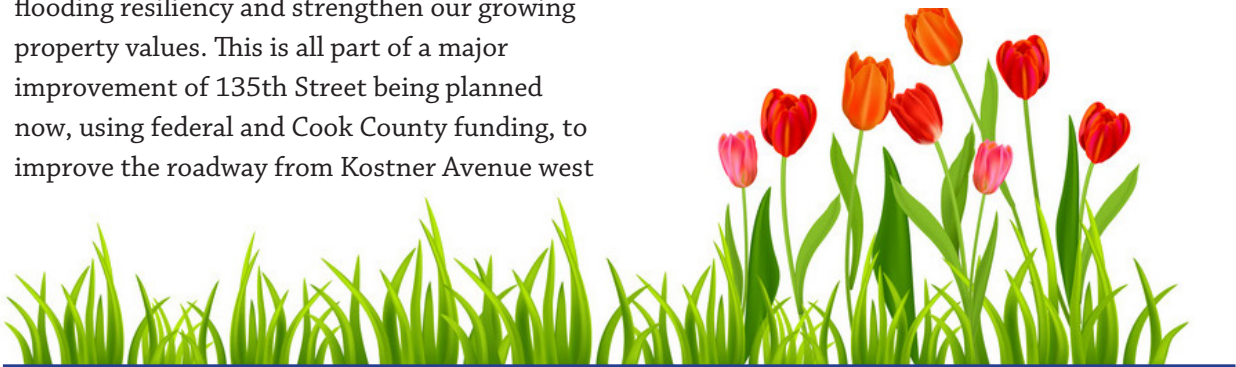
If any of you have any questions or concerns about the work going on the Village, please feel free to call or stop in at Village Hall — my door is always open.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in the Village.

Sincerely,

*Ken Klein*

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



## Village Meeting Schedule

**Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm**

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | March 3rd and 17th

**Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm**

**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave | March 1st and 15th

**Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm**

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | March 14th and 28th

## 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!



## Important Numbers

**Village Hall .....**  
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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) 371-4810  
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 dailing Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

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

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

## Going Somewhere in Crestwood? Dial-A-Ride!

While we’re all trying to stay in as much as possible these days due to COVID-19, those needing to go out and about in Crestwood still can take advantage of the Pace Dial-A-Ride system. The bus will take you anywhere within the corporate limits of the Village of Crestwood. Ray, the best bus driver in Crestwood, has been doing an outstanding job for more than 10 years now. He will make sure that you will receive the best service possible.

The fee for a one-way trip is \$2.25 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Senior citizens 65 years of age and over can ride free at all times. The vehicle is wheelchair accessible. You will be picked up at your home, and if that is your return destination, you will be delivered there accordingly.

Dial-A-Ride is in service Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 3:45pm. It is easy to set up an appointment to take you where you need to go. Simply call the Village Hall at (708) 371-4800 on the day you would like to ride, then indicate the time you need to be picked up and the approximate time that you will be returning. The Village will do its best to accommodate your time schedule, but many people use this service and with COVID restrictions in place, capacity is lower, so please give yourself a comfortable amount of time to complete your tasks. You will travel in comfort, as the bus is heated in the winter and air conditioned in the summer. COVID-19 restrictions apply — you must wear a COVID-19-appropriate mask and maintain adequate social distancing while aboard.

Now you know how it works, so take advantage of the service. When you need a ride, Dial-A-Ride!

## Village of Crestwood Welcomes New Trustee

We would like to introduce newly sworn-in Trustee Brian Skala to the Village Board. Brian has lived with his family in Crestwood since 2000, and was actually born on the property on Cicero Ave. next to the Panda Express that is still being farmed. Brian says that it’s a nice feeling to come back to the place where he was born.

Brian has been a contractor and plumber all of his adult life, taking a few years off at one point to become a Government Account Manager for Sprint. He served on the Village’s Planning Committee, and is looking forward to serving the Village as a Trustee. “I am happy to be a part of all the new and exciting things the Village has in store for us in the near future,” he says.



Trustee Brian Skala

## A Look at Our Transition to Post-Mask-Mandate Life in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — With a continued decrease in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, and increase in available ICU beds, the Illinois indoor mask requirement has been curtailed. More than 8 million people in Illinois are now fully vaccinated, with an average of approximately 16,000 COVID-19 vaccines administered each day, including more than 4,600 first doses daily.

As we go forward into a long-awaited phase of this pandemic, there’s a great deal more breathing room, if you will, in how we can approach venturing out into the world to attend events, shop for what we need, and generally interact with each other. On the subject, Gov. Pritzker recently said, “Today, our hospitals are much better positioned to handle emergencies, and more than half of all eligible adults have been boosted. This is the progress we needed to make to remove our state indoor masking requirements. As individuals, I encourage everyone to make the best choices going forward to protect your health, along with that of your family and community — and most importantly to treat each other with kindness and compassion.”

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr.

Nzogi Ezike weighed in on the transitional phase into which we are heading. “We each have a role to play in staying healthy, and we have many tools that can help protect us from severe illness due to COVID-19. Our tools include readily available safe and effective vaccines, monoclonal antibody and oral antiviral treatments, at-home testing, as well as the personal health actions people can take such as avoiding crowds, hand washing, and continued mask wearing as may be recommended.”

Masks will still be required where federally mandated, including on public transit, in health care facilities, congregate settings, long-term care facilities, and daycare settings. Private businesses and municipalities may choose to implement

their own masking requirements, though schools are urged to continue following state and federal guidelines ([dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance.html](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance.html) and [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html) respectively) to help keep students and staff safe in the classroom. The governor will review the results of lifting the indoor mask mandate before making any announcement

regarding the school mask mandate.

Vaccines continue to be readily available at pharmacies across the state, many local health departments, doctor offices, federally qualified health centers, and other locations. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, visit [www.vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

### Update on State Deployments for Testing, Vaccines, and Health Care

The state coordinated nearly 8,000 mobile vaccination clinics providing more than 243,000 vaccinations to some of our most vulnerable residents (long-term care residents, minority communities, schools, people experiencing homelessness, immigrant communities, and many others). Of those clinics, the state partnered with community groups and non-profits on more than 2,000 clinics with a specific focus on equity and administered more than 86,100 vaccines. Nearly 75,000 vaccinations were provided at the more than 2,000 school/youth vaccination clinics. These mobile vaccination clinics are one reason Illinois is a leading state for COVID-19 vaccinations.



# A Look at Our Transition to Post-Mask-Mandate Life in Illinois

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Because of the widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccines, the state will begin winding down its mobile vaccination clinics over the next month as federal funding decreases. Schools, organizations and other groups wanting to host a vaccination clinic should file an application within the coming weeks at [dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinationclinics.html](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinationclinics.html).

As the number of people in hospitals with COVID-19 falls back to pre-surge levels, and with

federal funding reimbursement for this support ending April 1, the state will draw down its emergency staffing support over the next month and work with our public and private partners as they retake responsibility for their long-term staffing needs.

Testing has also become much more readily available with at-home tests at many pharmacies and the ability to order free COVID-19 tests at [covidtest.gov](https://covidtest.gov). The 10-state community-based testing sites currently are open three days a week, but as we continue to see the number of cases and the demand for testing decrease — and as we head into summer, when we’ve seen the fewest number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths, mass-testing locations will close in favor of more cost-effective

testing options.

## COVID-19 Treatment Availability

COVID-19 treatments can also help decrease the burden on hospitals. While vaccination and boosting are still the best protection against severe illness due to COVID-19, there are currently two monoclonal antibody treatments, sotrovimab and bebtelovimab,, two oral antivirals, Paxlovid and molnupiravir, and a preventive drug, Evusheld, available across Illinois. Talk with your health care provider as soon as possible after testing positive for COVID-19 to see if you are eligible for one of these treatments and to get a prescription. You can use the COVID-19 Outpatient Therapy Locator to find a location to fill your prescription.

# Major Projects Underway for Crestwood in 2022

## Major Projects Underway for Crestwood in 2022

It’s shaping up to be a very busy year for Crestwood, with several long-planned projects starting construction and new initiatives being planned. “I am grateful to be leading our Village in continuing our record of attaining federal, state and Cook County financial support for the rebuilding of our community,” said Mayor Klein. “These infrastructure projects will help ensure property values keep growing and our neighborhoods remain a wonderful place to live and work.”

Here are some of the highlights of what residents will see in the new year:

### Neighborhood Revitalization

**Playfield Area Infrastructure & Rehabilitation Project.** The 2nd Area/Phase of the multi-year, multimillion-dollar capital project will continue again in early spring. Storm sewer and sanitary sewer improvements have already been completed with water main replacements being finished north of 135th Street and starting in the Crestwood Gardens subdivision south of 135th Street by April. The Village expects to resurface all streets and replace damaged sidewalks in the Area 2 North area by the end of 2022. The Area 2 South (Crestwood Gardens) streets will be resurfaced in 2023. The previous administration secured nearly \$4 million in grants and financed this project with very low-interest state loans — all without raising property taxes. Work will start in the area north of 135th Street first, then move south of 135th Street in 2022.



### Flooding Prevention

**Crestwood Gardens/135th Street MWRD Project.** The Village secured a \$9.5 million grant from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) to relieve flooding in the Crestwood Gardens neighborhood south of 135th Street and east of the Cook County Forest Preserve. The project objectives will be twofold: first, to construct a major sewer pipe along 135th Street to collect the overland watershed at the Central Avenue/Forest

Preserve location, and to take the storm water to the Laramie Ditch and into the Cal-Sag Channel. Secondly, to upsize a large storm sewer network in the Crestwood Gardens neighborhood to better collect surface and ground water that has repeatedly flooded streets and basements for decades. “For too long, our residents in this neighborhood have been burdened by flooding coming from the Forest Preserves. We look forward to this proactive effort in our partnership with the MWRD to bring flooding relief,” the Mayor said.

Construction is expected to begin in the summer this year.

### Sidewalks and Bike Paths

**Midlothian Turnpike Sidewalk Project.** One of the key priorities of the Village is to add and improve the sidewalk network along its major roadways. A major part of this vision is to construct sidewalks on both sides of Midlothian Turnpike from Pulaski Road west to Central Avenue. This \$3 million project will be paid for with 90 percent of the funding coming from the federal government and Cook County. Construction could come as early as late this year but has been delayed by permitting by IDOT.

**Natalie Creek Trail.** Currently finishing in the engineering planning phase, this nearly 13-mile route will include both an off-road path and on-road routing from the Tinley Creek Trail in Oak Forest north to the Cal-Sag Trail in Crestwood. The trail is a joint project with Midlothian and Oak Forest. A \$970,000 grant was awarded to the communities by the Illinois Department of Transportation under its Transportation Enhancement Program.



### Streetscape and Lighting

**Cicero Avenue Project.** This \$5 million project, 80-percent funded by a federal transportation grant, will install new, energy-efficient street and pedestrian lights to bolster the Village’s prime economic engine, Cicero Avenue. Included will be landscape improvements, replacement of damaged sidewalks and improved pedestrian crossings. Currently in the engineering design phase, the

project is scheduled to be constructed in later 2022. To fill a funding gap due to rising costs of the streetlights, Crestwood received a nearly \$1.5 million award from the federal American Rescue and Recovery Act in late 2021.

### Roadway Improvements

**135th Street.** One of the key initiatives of Mayor Klein is the improvement and modernization of 135th Street from a two-lane road with drainage ditches to a “complete street.” With the help of federal and county grants, this “Complete Street” design will include sidewalks on one side, a bicycle path on the other side, installation of better access into and out of the Nathan Hale Schools, curbs and gutters for the entire length, and an improved Central Avenue intersection. Currently concluding the engineering planning stage, this project is expected to cost \$5-6 million — at **no cost** to the Village for construction due to federal and IDOT grants.

**Pulaski Road.** Cook County commissioned a preliminary engineering study for the redesign of Pulaski Road from 127th Street in Alsip to 159th Street in Markham. This plan will call for Pulaski Road to be a “complete street” with sidewalks, a possible bicycle lane, enhanced safety, and a new bridge over the Cal-Sag Channel. Construction will depend on additional federal funding, but construction is targeted for later in this decade.

## Economic Development and a Stronger Tax Base

**Crestwood River Crossings.** A major priority for Mayor Klein is to continue the success in developing the River Crossings Center north of the Rivercrest Shopping Center on Cal-Sag Road. “We have such a great start in attracting popular companies like Aldi and Chick-Fil-A. Now I will focus intensely on recruiting businesses and restaurants to the other vacant property to build on that momentum.” The Village is currently in discussions with several entities about the remaining lots.

**Cicero Avenue.** Among the most desirable corridors for businesses in Cook County, Crestwood’s Cicero Avenue continues to be a location that the Village will promote in 2022. This includes strategic development opportunities such as the SW corner of Midlothian Turnpike and Cicero; the former Seneca Petroleum site, and the 40-plus acres north of Cal Sag Road. “Along with ensuring a safe community,” said Mayor Klein, “my number-one priority is continuing to attract businesses that add to our economic stability and keep our residential taxes stable and low.”



# We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Presta 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 in which you have been scammed out of thousands of dollars.

**Deceptive Practice**

01-06-2022: A resident reported that he received an email that his first Midwest bank debit card had been used to purchase Internet service without his permission.

01-07-2022: A resident reported that two separate banking accounts had been opened using her personal information without her permission.

01-18-2022: A resident reported that he received notification that his personal information was used to open a Wells Fargo account.

01-28- 2022: A resident reported that she had applied for an intern position to be a marketing advocate for an offshore company, which was an online position. The victim was hired for the position in January and received a payroll check for nearly two thousand dollars. The victim deposited the check in her personal banking account. The victim was later contacted and advised that the payroll department had made a clerical error and that she had to return one thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars back to the company. The victim complied and the money was sent. The victim later discovered that her banking account was now overdrawn, and it was discovered that the original payroll check was fraudulent. The victim has been unable to contact the company since.

**Theft**

01-10-2022: A business in the 136th block of Kenton reported having a package stolen that was delivered by Amazon, as well as U.S. mail.

01-11-2022: A business reported having their mail stolen by a suspect in a white Chrysler 200.

01-12-2022: Unknown suspects stole four tires off of a semi-truck in the 137th block of Kostner.

01-14-2022: A vehicle that was left running with the keys in it was stolen from a dealership in the 127th block of Cal Sag Road.

01-18-2022: Unknown suspects broke the windows on two separate vehicles that were parked at the Crestwood Recreational Center, taking an Anne Klein purse and a wallet.

01-20-2022: Suspects in a white van stole three tires off of a semi-trailer that was parked in the loading bay of Walmart.

01-3-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter from a vehicle that was parked in the 5700 block of 129th Street.



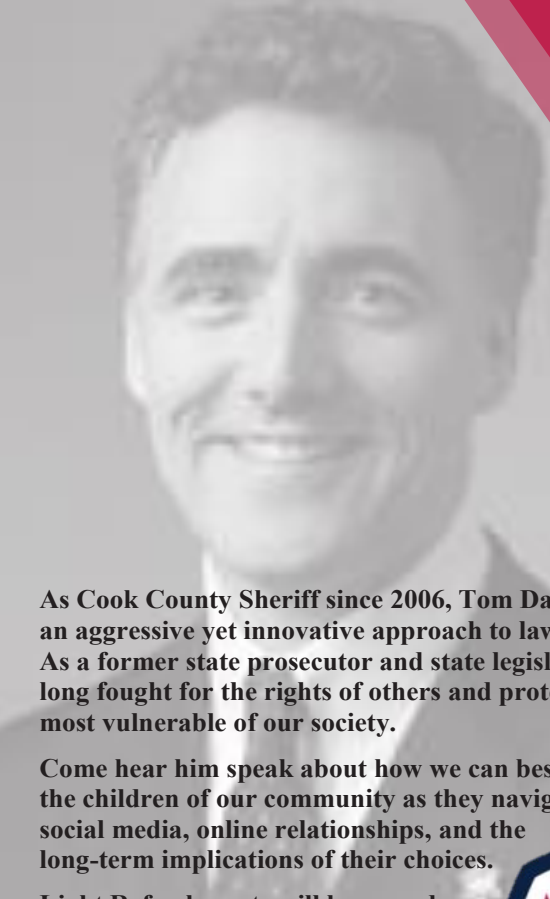
**Criminal Damage to Property**

01-07-2021: A resident reported that her vehicle was damaged by eggs in the 132nd block of Circle Drive Parkway.

01-21-2022: A resident reported that the front window of her residence was broken by a small paver brick in the 142nd block of Kostner.

**Armed Robbery**

01-14-2022: A victim reported that while at the Mobile One gas station in the 141st block of Pulaski, a suspect wearing a black jacket and black face mask approached him and displayed a handgun. The suspect then searched the victim's pockets and took a black iPhone and approximately four-hundred dollars in cash before fleeing the scene.



**TOM DART**  
Cook County Sheriff

**School District 130**  
Guest Speaker:

As Cook County Sheriff since 2006, Tom Dart has brought an aggressive yet innovative approach to law enforcement. As a former state prosecutor and state legislator, Dart has long fought for the rights of others and protecting the most vulnerable of our society.

Come hear him speak about how we can best support the children of our community as they navigate social media, online relationships, and the long-term implications of their choices.

Light Refreshments will be served.

**Hosted By:**

**Veterans Memorial Middle School**  
12320 S. Greenwood – Blue Island, IL  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

**Nathan Hale Middle School**  
5220 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St – Crestwood, IL  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
6:0 P.M.

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Crestwood, and Robbins*

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Ready to Volunteer?

Contact Adam Harold, Volunteer Services Manager, at 708.730.6208 or [aharold@sertomacentre.org](mailto:aharold@sertomacentre.org)

GET UP AND GET OUT!

**SOUTH SIDE IRISH PARADE**  
Sunday, March 13th 12:00-3:00pm  
103rd & Western Ave. to 115th & Western Ave., Chicago  
The 2022 South Side Irish Parade will step off at noon from 103rd Street and proceed down Western Avenue to 115th Street. The South Side Irish Parade is a family-friendly event and has a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol along the parade route. Many of the Western Avenue restaurants and pubs support the parade; please consider supporting them and celebrating in a responsible manner, helping to ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable parade. Sláinte!

**SOUTH SIDE IRISH SUNDAY**  
Sunday, March 13th, 1:00pm  
Chicago Gaelic Park  
6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest  
Families are welcome at this afternoon-to-evening event at Chicago Gaelic Park. Four stages of entertainment will feature a wide variety of Irish music, with a hot food buffet available from 1:00pm, with an array of children's activities from 1:30-5:00pm. Come listen to the sounds of The Larkin & Moran Brothers, St. James Gate, Taylor Street Band, Liam Durkin and more, with the Dennehy Irish Dancers lighting up the Emerald Room at 7:30pm. Admission is \$10, with kids 12 and under \$5. (Children 3 and under are FREE.)

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON**  
Thursday, March 17th, Doors Open at 11:00am, Lunch Served 12:00pm  
Chicago Gaelic Park | 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest  
Come on out for a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Chicago Gaelic Park with live music by Joe Cullen and a performance by Cross Keys School of Irish Dancing. A traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served to round out the festivities. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$32/person. No refunds will be given. For tickets and reservations, call (708) 687-9323.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE**  
Sunday, March 18th, 12:00-3:00pm  
St. Christopher's, Healy Hall | 146th St. & Keeler Ave.  
Following an age-old Italian tradition, the St. Christopher's Ladies Guild and the St. Christopher's Over 50s Club will host a St. Joseph's Table in Healy Hall following the 5:00pm Mass. All members and friends of the parish are invited to attend. Special dinner dishes such as mac & cheese and quiches will be added this year, as well as the traditional meatless entrees. Everyone is encouraged to bring something: a salad, dessert, meatless casserole, or an appetizer to share. There is no cost for the dinner, but a reasonable donation is requested. All donations go to the Parish Outreach Program. For more information, visit [www.stchrisladiesguild.org/st-josephs-table.html](http://www.stchrisladiesguild.org/st-josephs-table.html)

**GREEN BEFORE SPRING**  
Saturday, March 19th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center | 9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs  
While in plain sight, learn about early spring invasive plants that threaten the overall health of our forests. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (708) 839-6897 or email [little.red.schoolhouse@cookcountytill.gov](mailto:little.red.schoolhouse@cookcountytill.gov). Cost: FREE

**ERICA RENÉE LIVE AT THE BRAZEN HEAD**  
Saturday, March 26th, 9:00pm  
The Brazen Head | 13602 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood  
Erica Renée returns to The Brazen Head with her fun, eclectic mix of tunes. Come ready to dance, and to make your requests!

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# Preserving Our Heritage: Edward Pavelek

By Ken McClory

As part of the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 Preserving Our Heritage initiative, we look this month at the stories and revelations of the valor and sacrifice of Edward Pavelek.

Pavelek had to find full-time work back in 1938 as a necessity as the Great Depression continued to linger. He attended St. Joseph and St. Anne’s Elementary School on Chicago’s South Side and worked as a machine operator at the Emery Carpenter Container Company at the age of 13. Pavelek said, “The work was hard, but the pay was good.”

He never considered going to high school after he got the job, and joined the Navy in January 1944, at the age of 18. He completed basic training at Farragut Naval Air Station, located in Northern Idaho, and received advanced individual training at San Diego’s Gunnery School. It was there that Pavelek qualified as a gunner, mastering the operation of the 5-inch, 38 mm Naval anti-aircraft (AA) gun. The gun was installed into dual-purpose mounts, meaning that it is designed to be effective against both surface and aircraft targets. The gun fired a projectile 5 inches in diameter, and the barrel was 38 calibers long. The 5-inch/38-caliber gun was considered the best intermediate-caliber, dual-purpose naval gun of World War II. Its reputation as an AA gun was commonly employed by Naval vessels.

The *U.S.S America* was a troop transport for the U.S. Navy during World War I. She transported almost 40,000 troops to France. She was damaged and sank at her mooring in New York in 1918, but was soon raised and reconditioned. In March 1926, due to an oil leak, the *America* suffered a fire and burned nearly all of her passenger cabins. Despite nearly \$2 million in damage (more than \$31.7 million in today’s currency), the ship was rebuilt and back in service. In 1931, the *America* ended her service and was laid up for nearly 9 years. In October 1940, the *America* was reactivated for the U.S. Army and became a U.S. Army transport, the *U.S.S. Alexander*. By May 1941, the *Alexander* was refitted for use as a troop ship for WWII duty.

In May 1942, the *Alexander* spent almost a year undergoing a major refit. During the overhaul, it was converted to burn fuel oil instead of coal. The *Alexander* carried troops between New York and the Mediterranean Theater for the remainder of WWII. It was further

modernized with new oil-fired boilers, increased speed and was armed with AA 5-inch/38 guns. Pavelek spent most of WWII as a gunner aboard the *U.S.S. Alexander*, shipping back and forth on the Pacific, protecting merchant ships carrying supplies and armaments to Allied troops along the fighting fronts.

In 1944, Pavelek had navigated numerous assignments to Hawaii, New Guinea, Australia, Okinawa and the Philippines. During the Battle of Leyte on Nov. 12th, 1944, the *Alexander*, while anchored at Leyte Gulf, was attacked by a Japanese aircraft that dropped an aerial bomb 50 yards from the ship. Pavelek recalled his AA crew shooting down the plane. The Philippines invasion caused the Japanese to use suicide tactics. Pavelek also remembered that later that same day, the Japanese executed a kamikaze attack on the *Alexander*. The first plane struck another plane that crashed into the ship’s main mast. Pavelek’s AA crew shot down the second kamikaze plane. The ensuing explosion blew some crewmembers off the ship, and cargo in the 3rd and 4th holding compartments were a total loss. A Naval firefighting ship was able to put out the fire. The ship was still operational. The *Alexander* continued fighting the Battle of Leyte through December, with 18 casualties and two killed in action (KIA).

During the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines, the invasion force of the United States was the largest of the war in the Pacific. It consisted of 151 LSTs (landing ships, tanks) 58 transports — including the *Alexander* — 221 LCTs (landing craft, tanks) and 79 LCIs (landing craft, infantry).

The combined combatants of the 3rd and 7th Naval fleets overwhelmed the Japanese and crippled their elite fleet and reinforced the Allies’ superior control of the Pacific. Japan’s total losses in the Battle of Leyte Gulf amounted to three battleships, one large carrier, three light carriers, six heavy cruisers, four light cruisers and 11 destroyers.

“Small transport ships, including the *Alexander*, fulfilled their orders, doing exactly what they were designed to do,” Pavelek said. But it did come with a heavy price, with 8,651 of the 215,000 crewmen killed off of enemy shores. Nearly 700 cargo merchant ships were lost, along with 3 million tons of cargo. Seaman 1st Class Edward Pavelek was honorably discharged in 1946. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal with on Battle Star during the Battle of



Leyte, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. He said that he will always continue to wear his Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and WWII Victory Medals with dignity and respect. He also will always take great pride and forever remember and never forget his anti-aircraft crewmates.

Pavelek spent his last days with the Navy in San Diego, and as the war ended, he returned to Chicago’s Brighton Park neighborhood. He married and moved his wife and family to the West Elsdon area, where he lived for more than 55 years. He was employed with Western Electric for 37 years, and retired in 1986.

One of the founding members of the Central Park American Legion Post 1028 in 1946, Pavelek was an active and vigorous member for more than 70 years. Although it became difficult to walk, he attended monthly meetings and served nonstop with the Post’s Ritual Team/Honor Squad. Pavelek was proud of his Polish heritage and loved to play the concertina, and was a member of polka bands the Cavaliers and the Top Hats, also enjoying fun times with the Wheels S.A.C.

In 2013, at the age of 88, Pavelek suffered a heart attack and spent the rest of his days in poor health until his passing in 2017.

**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.**

## Simple tips to save



- ✓ More than half of the energy in a home goes towards heating in the winter, so it’s important to ensure all systems are regularly serviced and in proper working order.
- ✓ Regularly replace air and furnace filters; most filters should be cleaned or replaced every 60-90 days. A clean filter will allow the system to run more efficiently.
- ✓ Open window coverings during the day to allow sunlight to heat your home naturally, and close curtains at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- ✓ Keep furniture, drapes, stuffed animals and other objects away from heating sources.
- ✓ Adjust timer controls and programmable thermostats. Some older thermostats may not have an internal clock and may need to be adjusted manually.
- ✓ Winterize the home by finding and sealing leaks and replace older, less energy efficient gas appliances.
- ✓ Repair windows that don’t close properly and replace single-pane windows with more efficient ones.

## Sign up for a free home energy assessment:

- The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program offers free virtual or in-person home assessments for homeowners. Customers will receive free energy-saving products and a customized report detailing opportunities for saving money and energy.
- Customers who complete a home assessment may receive a showerhead, faucet aerator for their kitchen and bathroom, hot water pipe insulation and a programmable thermostat for free. Smart thermostats may be available for qualifying homes as well.
- Visit [NicorGas.com/schedule](https://www.nicorgas.com/schedule) to learn more and schedule your free home assessment.




# Crestwood Police Launches Illinois Premise Alert Program


The Crestwood Police Department has launched a new program in the Village. The Illinois Premise Alert Program exists to ensure that residents with special needs receive proper care in the event of an emergency. Registering your relevant details with the Village’s Emergency Communications Center enables first responders to know exactly what they’re dealing should they receive a 911 call from your location, and allow them to accommodate your and your

family’s needs to the fullest. All information gathered as part of this program is kept strictly confidential.

For now, forms for the Premise Alert Program are available at the Biela Center (4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood). Soon, an interactive online form will be available on the Village website at [crestwood.illinois.gov](http://crestwood.illinois.gov).



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Premise Alert Program Notification Form

Please Print Legibly

☐ New

☐ Change Information

☐ Remove Information

☐ Renewal

Special Needs Person Information: Name:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment / Educational Facility: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs Information: Please advise the nature of Special Needs for this individual:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please advise what type of precautions (if any) that Emergency Services Personnel should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand:

By completing and submitting this form I hereby verify the above person has a physical or mental impairment requiring the above listed special needs and I hereby give permission to the Crestwood Police Department to enter this information into the secured Premise Alert Program (PAP) database in the Crestwood Police Department Communications Center. This information will be provided to first responders prior to their arrival at the scene.

This information will remain confidential and used only by Crestwood Police personnel and conforms to the Illinois Public Act 96-0788.

➤ By furnishing this information it does not result in preferential service or create a special duty on the part of the Crestwood Police toward anyone associated with the listed person or the person themselves.

➤ This information is kept on file for two (2) years and if any of the above information changes I am responsible for notifying the Crestwood Police Department by filing an amended request form.

➤ This information automatically expires in two (2) years from the date it is received by the Crestwood Police Department and that I must renew the form prior to expiration if I want the information to remain in the database.

➤ By signing and submitting this form I certify I have read and understand this form in its entirety and I hereby give my permission for my name and phone number to be released to the emergency and law enforcement agencies of Cook County. I understand this information will remain confidential and used only by police, fire, EMS and 9-1-1 personnel.

Information Provider: Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed form to:

Crestwood Police Department, Attention: Commander Ronan

13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois 60418 or Fax: (708) 371-8307

Illinois Premise Alert Program

PUBLIC SAFETY (430 ILCS 132/) Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act

The Illinois Premise Alert Program was incorporated into state law in 2009, when legislators formally recognized the need to ensure a high level of public safety service is available to all members of the state, including citizens requiring special accommodations. This program offers guidance and direction to public safety workers who respond to, and assist with, those citizens with special needs or disabilities.

Individuals with conditions related to the following would be eligible to participate in this program:

Medical

Mental health

Physical limitations

Hearing impaired

Oxygen use



Information collected pertains to where participants live, work, and attend school; giving responders a valuable resource when they respond to emergency situations involving a community member with special needs.

How does this program help us serve you?

A database that is accessible to the Emergency Communications Center (9-1-1) stores information that is relayed to public safety personnel who respond to a call for service involving a program participant. The information gives emergency responders the ability to immediately deal with the identified special needs.

Confidentiality:

The information gathered as part of the PAP shall remain strictly confidential. The information shall be used only to provide assistance to emergency medical and police responders. No public safety worker shall knowingly violate this confidentiality clause.

Definitions as used in this Act:

"Disability" means an individual's physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities; a record of such impairment; or when the individual is regarded as having such impairment. "Disability" includes, but is not limited to, a medical impairment that requires the use of pressurized oxygen.

"Special needs individuals" means those individuals who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by individuals generally. "Special needs individual" includes, but is not limited to, an individual with a medical impairment that requires the use of pressurized oxygen.

"Public safety agency" means a functional division of a public agency that provides firefighting, police, medical, or other emergency services.

"Computer aided dispatch" or "CAD" means a database maintained by the public safety agency or public safety answering point used in conjunction with 9-1-1 caller data.

"Premise Alert Program" or "PAP" means a computer aided dispatch database of individuals with special needs maintained by public safety agencies.



Download the Crestwood Police Department Mobile App Today

Keep in touch with what is happening in your community. Download the Crestwood Police Department Mobile App to get the latest local public safety information, commend officers, report issues, and more!

It's free, anonymous, and provides information directly from your local

LOCAL SAFETY INFO

View neighborhood crime maps

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Commend an officer

Opt to Receive Emergency Push Notifications

REPORT ISSUES

Help with Unsolved Cases

Report Problems or Send in an Anonymous Tip

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The app is designed to make accessing the most relevant, important public safety information as quick and easy as possible. You can send in images taken right from your phone, or check for recent criminal activity in your area in seconds. Staying informed and in touch with the Crestwood Police Department has never been easier.



Crestwood Police Department

[www.crestwood.illinois.gov](http://www.crestwood.illinois.gov)

Download the Crestwood Police Department's Mobile App and be the first to know about public safety in your community.



How can my family participate in PAP?

To participate in this program, complete the Illinois Premise Alert Program enrollment form

What kind of information do you collect?

The enrollment form contains the following questions:

Individual name

Date of birth

Address

Phone numbers

Work or school address and phone number

The special needs of the individual

Name, address and relationship of the person submitting the form

Where can I find an enrollment form?

Forms are available on the city web site and can be filled out and submitted electronically or printed and returned either by mail or fax.

The web site is <https://crestwood.illinois.gov>

From the home page select

✓ Police

✓ Fire

Enrollment forms are also available at the front desk of the Crestwood Police Department and on the Crestwood Police Department App.

Submit completed forms to

Attn: Commander Ronan

[aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov)

13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois 60418

Phone: 708-371-4800 ext. 5003

Drop off at Police Department ONLY

Fax: 708-371-8307

If you are not certain if you or your family member has a condition eligible to participate in this program? Some participants with the following conditions are already enrolled:

Diabetes

Chronic bronchitis

Emphysema

Asthma

COPD



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NOVA, the show choir from Shepard High School, took third place at the Chesterton Trojan Classic.

## Shepard Show Choir Places at Third Straight Contest

NOVA, the show choir from Shepard High School, took 3rd Place at the Chesterton Trojan Classic last month.

This season, NOVA has won a trophy at all three of its competitions — a historic achievement.

“NOVA took 3rd place in their class at one of the most competitive shows in the Midwest,” Shepard choral director Roland Hatcher said. “These kids were amazing; and as far back as records can show me, this is the first Shepard show choir to place top three at every contest they attended in a season. They went toe to toe with some powerhouse programs all season and raised the bar for years to come.”



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## Yoga Students Send Cards to Children in Distress



Yoga students from Richards High School created cards for the charitable organization Cardz for Kidz.

Yoga enhances the connections among mind, body, and spirit.

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, instructor Mary Noren found a novel way to infuse some spiritual teaching into her yoga classes at Shepard High School.

“I had heard about the organization Cardz for Kidz on the radio and when I learned more about it, I just knew I wanted to do this with my classes,” she said.

Cardz for Kidz collects and distributes uplifting cards to all ages of people across the globe. The recipients include, but are not limited to, sick children in the hospital, veterans, seniors in nursing homes, and kids in foster care.

“I supplied my yoga students with endless amounts of paper, stickers, scissors, glue, and some students brought their own artistic materials in as well, like watercolor paints,” Noren said.

They worked using Google, Pinterest, and their own creative ideas to design uplifting and positive cards for individuals going through hard times. They impressed Noren.

“To say I am overwhelmed by their generosity and creativity would be an understatement. I just wanted to teach them about kindness, paying it forward and helping others in need, and they exceeded my expectations,” she said.

## Shop and Dine in Crestwood

Since the new round of vouchers have gone out, we would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the great variety of local establishments where you can put them to use and support our community. Crestwood features a broad variety of local restaurants and fast food establishments for your dining pleasure, and an array of retail stores where you can shop to your heart’s content. Whatever you’re in the mood for, Crestwood has it! Many of the restaurants offer delivery and carryout services as well as great indoor dining, so whatever your comfort level with the current state of the pandemic, we hope you’ll remember to get out and support your local businesses.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Ham or Salami ½ Sand wich (w/Cream of Potato Soup)	<b>2</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Senior Club 12:15PM	<b>3</b> Line Dance Lessons 1PM-2PM	<b>4</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12 PM Bingo 12:15 PM Lunch Aglio Olio Pasta with Broccoli
<b>7</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Int. Crochet 4-6 pm	<b>8</b> Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Chicken or Beef Kabob (w/rice) Beginner Crochet 4-6 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Rialto Sqaure Theatre 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Art Class 10 am-12 pm TOPS 5-6:30 pm	<b>10</b> Line Dance Lessons 1PM-2PM KnitWits 10:30 am-12:30 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm Zumba 6:15-8:30 pm	<b>11</b> Chair Fitness 11 AM-12 PM Lunch Stuffed Shells Bingo 12:15 PM Art League 7-10 pm
<b>14</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Int. Crochet 4-6 pm	<b>15</b> Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Corned Beef and Cabbage Beginner Crochet 4-6 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	<b>16</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Senior Club 12:15PM Art Class 10 am-12 pm TOPS 5-6:30 pm	<b>17</b> Line Dance Lessons 1PM-2PM KnitWits 10:30 am-12:30 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm Zumba 6:15-8:30 pm	<b>18</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Lunch Tuna Melt Bingo 12:15PM Line Dance Party 6:30PM-10 PM
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<b>28</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM	<b>29</b> Bingo 12PM-3PM Lunch Sloppy Joe TOPS 6-7:30 pm	<b>30</b> Chair Fitness 11AM-12PM Art Class 10 am-12 pm TOPS 5-6:30 pm	<b>31</b> Line Dance Lessons 1PM-2PM KnitWits 10:30 am-12:30 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm Zumba 6:15-8:30 pm	<div>1 FREE TRIAL CLASS AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES</div>

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Tuesday, Mar. 1st:

Ham or Salami ½ Sandwich (w/Cream of Potato Soup)

Friday, Mar. 4th:

Aglio Olio Pasta with Broccoli

Tuesday, Mar. 8th:

Chicken or Beef Kabob (w/rice)

Friday, Mar. 11th:

Stuffed Shells

Tuesday, Mar. 15th:

Corned Beef and Cabbage (\$8 Today Only)

Friday, Mar. 18th:

Tuna Melt

Tuesday, Mar. 22nd:

Chicken & Dumpling

Friday, Mar. 25th:

Minestrone Soup & ½ Egg Salad Sandwich

Tuesday, Mar. 29th:

Sloppy Joe

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.

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Full payment is due upon reservation.  
We will no longer be accepting 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 they are paid well in advance, and your seat has already been filled.

If you have any questions please call Ashley  
708-371-4800 Ext: 6002

Senior Exercise Class

With certified instructor Rita Langer

10 classes for the month of March at \$50  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15am-10:15am  
Class Dates: March 1, 3, 8, 10, 18, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31

Please register and pay before the start of the first class by visiting us at:

Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood, IL 60418

Should you have any questions, please call  
Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001 or Ashley at Ext. 6002

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

Join Us!!

Do you like to play pinochle?

Join us at the Biela Center!

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

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 12:15 – 3:30pm.

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

MARCH

Wednesday March 2, 2022  
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2022  
St. Patrick/St Joseph Luncheon

SENIORS PUMP IT UP!

WITH CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR DIANA ESPARZA

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GET YOUR BODY MOVING WITH AN EXERCISE  
CLASS DESIGNED  
JUST FOR YOU

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS  
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### FRIDAY NIGHT LINE DANCE PARTY!

Grab your cowboy boots, cowboy hats and come on down to Boot Scootin' Boogie the night away!

Date: Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30pm to 10:00pm

Location: Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, Ill.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

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

To reserve your spot, please email:

LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com

Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.



### 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:

LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com

Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome

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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 Thursday of every month, from 2pm-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.**

### Rialto Square Theatre



We will start off by enjoying a marvelous tour of the historic Rialto Square Theatre then return to the Rotunda for a delicious lunch. Then we will complete our experience with a mini-concert on the world renowned Barton Grande Theatre Pipe Organ.

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Depart: 9:30am

Return: 4:00pm

Cost: \$70.00

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Theater Tour, Lunch & Organ Concert.

**Payment is due:** February 28, 2022

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot: 708-371-4800 Option #6

**No refunds. You may transfer your seat to another person.**

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### Blue Chip Casino

Back by popular demand!!

We are heading back to The Blue Chip. The Blue Chip is back to welcoming groups, they just no longer give group incentives.

**Date:** Thursday March 24, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

**Return:** 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Cost includes:** Transportation

**Payment is due:** Thursday March 10, 2022

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot 708-371-4800 Option #6

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Bored with winter? Do you like to play board games?



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

Friday, March 25, 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



### Do you miss the childhood fun of coloring Easter eggs?

Join us at the Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike

on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

between 1-3 pm

Each participant will receive one dozen eggs to decorate.

To ensure that we have enough supplies, you **MUST** preregister no later than Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> by calling either Cindy 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001 or Ashley Ext. 6002



### Crochet for BEGINNERS

*Classes starting soon*



You're Invited...

**BEGINNER** class starting on

Tuesday April 12th - May 21st

4:00 - 6:00 pm

8 week class

**Cost - \$60.00**

(payment must be made in full at first class)

**Advanced registration is a MUST -- Class size is limited to 10 people**  
NO experience needed. Start at the beginning with others who want to learn.

Items needed - 4 ply yarn, solid light color, H hook and scissors.

Class is designed with the beginner in mind. Come ready to learn.

Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Tpk  
Crestwood, IL 60445  
708- 371-4800

Register with Ashley



### City on Fire ~ October 8, 1871

Chicago's busy streets were taken over by flames for three days, overwhelming a city built of wood and causing severe destruction. After the fire died, recovery efforts exposed deep social and economic inequalities when more than 100,000 people became homeless, and society placed blame upon the Irish immigrant O'Leary family. The devastation also sparked change and regrowth in Chicago by introducing new fire safety guidelines and rebuilding as the resilient city known today. One hundred and fifty years later, *City on Fire: Chicago 1871* guides visitors through the crucial events and conditions before, during, and after the fire — many of which draw striking comparisons to today's social climate. This family-friendly exhibition features more than 100 artifacts from the Chicago History Museum's collection, interactive and multimedia elements, and personal stories from survivors of the fire.

### New Date

**Date:** April 21, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

**Return:** 5:00pm

**Cost:** \$70.00

**Payment is due:** April 8, 2022

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Admission & Lunch

**Please choose what you would like for lunch:**

All sandwiches include homemade chips, medium chef's choice cookie, soft drink or water.

**Clark Street BLT:** Applewood-Smoked Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise, on White Bread.

**Gold Coast Veggie:** Grilled Artichoke hearts, roasted bell peppers, sundried tomatoes, pesto, spinach, provolone cheese, on tomato focaccia.

**Lakeshore Drive Tuna:** Homemade Tuna salad, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, on Croissant.

**North Side Turkey:** Oven Roasted Turkey Breast, Smokehouse bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise, on multigrain.

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot: 708-371-4800 Option #6

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHICAGO CRIME TOUR

**\*\*Important Date Changed\*\***

Escape into Chicago's underworld on a crime and mob tour with stops on-and-off the luxury, climate-controlled bus. Walking tour paths explore historic crime scenes with great photo opportunities. True crime stories about Chicago Gangster Al Capone, the Untouchables, the Chicago Mob, Prohibition, John Dillinger, Frank "The Enforcer" Nitti, Cap George Streeter, Leopold & Loeb, H.H. Holmes & more. Visit historic landmark buildings: Biograph Theater, Holy Name Cathedral, Cook County Criminal Courthouse, Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, etc. Tour famous Chicago neighborhoods: Streeterville, River North, Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Loop and Magnificent Mile. Locals and tourists agree that this educational and entertaining thing to do in Chicago is a unique cultural experience.

**Date:** Thursday, August 18, 2022

**Depart:** 8:30am

**Return:** 3:30pm

**Cost:** \$100

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Crime Tour & Pizza Lunch

**Payment is due:** Thursday, August 4, 2022

Call Ashley or Cindy to reserve your spot: 708-371-4800 Option #6

**No refunds, you may transfer your seat to another person.**

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES & TOUR PROCEDURES

- Masks are required inside and on the bus. Please bring your own.
- Eating or drinking is not allowed on the bus.
- Beginning January 3rd, 2022, guests 5 years of age and older are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Valid proof of vaccination includes:

- Valid photo ID (age 16+)
- Vaccination card
- Photocopy of vaccination card Digital record or app Printed record from

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### The Four Winds Casino

There is still a guideline we will have to follow — this may change closer to our trip.

Masks must be worn on the bus traveling to the casino.

*This is as of May 27, 2021, a message from the Four Winds Casino Shuttle. We have moved to the CDC recommendation on masks, so anyone who is vaccinated does not have to wear a mask. This will be done on the honor system, as no checks will be performed. We will still be requiring temperatures be taken before coming out to the casino.*

**Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60418

**Return:** 4:30 pm

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

**Cost Includes:** \$15.00 Instant Slot Credit, Up to \$10 Food credit that can be used toward the following food outlets: The Buffet, Timbers Fast Food & Deli, Grab N Go, Kankakee Bar & Grill.

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

**If you would like to attend, please fill this out and return to Ashley.**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current W-Club Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Up to \$30,000 in Housing Relief Available for Eligible Homeowners

CHICAGO — Building on Illinois’ COVID-19 emergency housing assistance response, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) recently announced that applications for homeowners financially impacted by the pandemic will be accepted beginning in April through the Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) program. ILHAF will provide up to \$30,000 in free assistance per homeowner paid directly to the servicer, taxing body or other approved entity on behalf of Illinois homeowners impacted by COVID-19 to prevent mortgage delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures to keep families safe and secure while they regain their financial footing. Program information and updates can be found at [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org).

The U.S. Department of the Treasury requires this assistance be used as a “last resort,” therefore struggling homeowners are federally required to seek other relief options prior to being eligible to apply for assistance through ILHAF in April. Potential applicants must demonstrate that they have either communicated with their mortgage providers about their inability to pay, or sought counseling with a HUD-approved counseling organization. Interested homeowners are strongly encouraged to attend an information session hosted by IHDA or one of its housing partners. The session schedule is posted online at [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org); for those without access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the ILHAF hotline at 1-866-IL-HELP (866-454-3571).

To qualify for ILHAF assistance, Illinois homeowners must have experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic after Jan. 21, 2020 (including a hardship that began before Jan. 21, 2020, but continued after that date). They also must currently own and occupy their home in Illinois as their primary residence, be at least 30 days late on their monthly housing payments and have a household income at or below 150 percent of the area median income.

Homeowners may apply for ILHAF assistance even if they received emergency mortgage assistance in the past through IHDA. However, if a homeowner received emergency mortgage assistance to cover mortgage payments in 2020, they may only receive ILHAF assistance for costs incurred in 2021.

ILHAF is funded through an appropriation in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), which was signed into law by President Biden in March 2021.

For more information and updates on the program, please visit [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org).



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

Help us to give back to that community! We are collecting non-perishable food donations in our showroom to be distributed to Operation Blessing. Operation Blessing is a not-for-profit food pantry that has been serving our community since 1982.

We are located at:

14024 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood

(708) 385-8607

Operation BLESSING

of Southwest Chicagoland

Electric Portable Space Heater Safety



When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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March Adult Programs

<p><b>Adult Take &amp; Make Craft Kit</b></p> <p>Watercolor Paint-by-Number will be available <b>Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup></b>. A limited number of kits will be available at the Front Desk.</p>	<p><b>Stampin' Up Card Class</b></p> <p>Create your own one-of-a-kind themed greeting cards! <b>\$5 per Person   In Person Program   Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm</b></p>
 <p><b>Needles &amp; Yarn Knitting Club</b></p> <p>Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library and make some new friends while working! <b>In Person Program   Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>Adult Book Club</b></p> <p>Join us on the <b>first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm</b> for our patron run book club! Title suggestions are always welcome. <b>In Person Program   Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>SCRABBLE CLUB</b></p> <p>Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks! <b>In Person Program   Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm</b></p>
<p><b>Diabetes Awareness Virtual Seminar</b></p> <p>In partnership with JenCare Senior Medical Center, join us for a special virtual presentation about diabetes awareness. <b>Virtual Program   Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm</b></p>	
<p><b>** Document Shredding Event **</b></p> <p>On <b>Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>, drop off your old and unwanted paperwork to be shredded for free at the library!</p>	
<p><b>An Evening with Jenny Lawson</b></p> <p>Join us for an evening with the #1 New York Times bestselling author and award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent memoir, <i>Broken (In the Best Possible Way)</i>, and her brilliantly funny body of work. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. <b>Virtual Program   Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>Hometowns to Hollywood: Chicago, The First Hollywood</b></p> <p>Celebrate Chicago's early entertainment heritage, film studios, and stars with film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek! <b>Virtual Program   Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>Classroom Kitchen: Easter Brunch</b></p> <p>Learn to create a delightful brunch for your spring and Easter celebrations with our favorite cooking instructor Kristyn Slick! During this live, cook along demonstration, she'll show you how to make a frittata and layered ham and cheese biscuits. Ingredient list will be provided prior to the program. <b>Virtual Program   Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm</b></p>	

March Library Events for Families and Youth

<p><b>Take &amp; Make Monday Crafts for Kids</b></p> <p>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. See our Facebook page for an image of each week's project. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance.</p>	<p><b>Preschool Story Time - Spring Session</b></p> <p>Kids ages 1-5, under 3 with adult, can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. <b>Begins March 25<sup>th</sup></b>. <b>Story time meets on Fridays, at 10:30 am.</b> Space is limited. Registration is required. Mask wearing protocols will be in place.</p>
<p><b>St. Patrick's Day Party</b></p> <p>Kids ages 6-10 can come celebrate St. Patrick's Day during this 1 hour in person program. We will read stories, make a craft and play games. <b>Wednesday, March 16 from 6:00-7:00 pm</b> Wear your favorite green clothes for more St. Pat's Day fun! Registration is required. No walk-ins</p>	 <p><b>Read to the Dogs!</b></p> <p>Therapy dogs Hershey and Hazel are back at the library, and ready to hear kids grades K-4 read their favorite stories. Registration is required for a reading time. Social distancing while waiting and masks must be worn to attend this program. <b>Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from 5:00-6:00 pm.</b></p>
<p><b>Crafty Kids at Home!</b></p> <p>Kids in grades K-3 can pick up a craft to make at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. A limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up from the Front Desk on <b>Thursday, March 17, 2022</b>. These kits may contain small parts and are not meant for children under 5.</p>	<p><b>Chess for Kids</b></p> <p>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. <b>Program open to kids ages 6-16. Friday, March 18 at 3:30 pm.</b> <b>Registration is required. Limit of 10 children.</b></p>
<p><b>LEGO Club</b></p> <p>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 meets twice a month. <b>March Dates: Tuesdays, March 8 &amp; 22 at 4:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Take Home Science Kits</b></p> <p>Crestwood Library will be offering 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 <b>Thursday, March 3, 2022.</b></p>
 <p>Join us for <b>Family Bingo</b> here in the library on <b>Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 6:00 pm</b>. Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo. When a parent gets Bingo, the kids win the prize! <b>Registration Required. Limit of 8 families.</b></p>	<p><b>Take and Make for Tweens</b></p> <p>Kids grades 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade can pick up a take home craft kit to make at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. A limited number of kits will be available for pick-up beginning <b>Wednesday, March 9, 2022.</b></p>

Following current CDC guidelines, all patrons attending a program or using the Crestwood Public Library will be required to wear a face covering.



IN SHEPARD SPORT NEWS

# Shepard Seniors Sign to Play College Football

The Shepard High School football program recently celebrated several seniors who signed a National Letter of Intent to play in college.

Mick Sealy-Bakos signed with St. Ambrose University; RaSand Hall signed with Independence Community College; and, Robert Jones signed with St. Ambrose University.

They join Roy Williams, who signed with Northern Illinois University last fall.



# Astros Complete Historic Season With Another First

The varsity girls bowling team from Shepard High School, already riding a season of historic achievements, closed it in style.

The Astros finished in ninth place among all teams in the state of Illinois. Previously, the team never had advanced to state.

Team members broke boundaries throughout the season. They won the South Suburban Conference Red Division championship for the first time in dominant fashion. Taylor Sprenkle won first place; Kahlen Ranson came in second; Cameryn Landers took 3rd; Saniah Calvin placed 4th; and Tiffani Carlsen joined them on the all-conference team by taking 6th place.

The team opened the state series taking second place at the IHSA Regional to advance to sectionals for the first time with team members taking three of the top four places (Cameryn Landers took 2nd, Kahlen Ranson 3rd, and Taylor Sprenkle 4th.)

Finally, the team took 4th place at the IHSA Sectional at Lockport to qualify for the IHSA state finals for the first time.

“This has been a year of firsts for this program! First time winning conference. First time advancing as a team from Regionals to Sectionals, and qualifying as a team for State. First time at State as a team, and advancing to day two and placing in the top 10! I am so very proud of these ladies!” coach said.

# Shepard Cheer to State Finals

The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School took 3rd Place in their division at the IHSA Sectional hosted by Lockport High School on Saturday, Jan. 29.

As a result Shepard advanced to the IHSA state finals.

Under coach Felicia Marr the Astros have produced a sterling season with championships at the Andrew and Lincoln-Way East invitationals and at the South Suburban Conference tournament.





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**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**  
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**Haak, George E.**, of Crestwood, at rest on December 23rd. Beloved Dad of Michael CPD (Carrie) and Justin RN (Kim). Cherished Grandpa of Kieran, Rylee, Grayson, Parker, Noah and Stella. His love for his family may only have been surpassed by his love of sports, especially baseball. From his inherited love of the Cubs to his no-hitter in the Babe Ruth League, to the heartbreak of '69, to the thrill of '84, to the gut punch of '03 to the victory of '16, his love of the game never wavered. George was a man of principle and a man of God. He was a devoted dad, beloved grandpa and an overall great man.

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**Spiller, Susan Lee**, age 74, longtime Crestwood resident, passed away Thursday, Feb. 17th, 2022, in Rogers. She was born Aug. 3rd, 1947, in Chicago, Ill., to William and Caroline (Johnston) Moore. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dennis Spiller, and her brothers, Richard Moore and Fredrick Moore. Susan had a knack for interior decorating, and she took pride in the spaces that reflected her style and personality. She enjoyed shopping and collected many treasures throughout her years. She loved spoiling her dogs Lexi and Shaley. Susan had a tender heart and was the type of person who would help anyone who needed it. Susan is survived by her children, Dennis and Keith Spiller, grandson Anthony Spiller, siblings Linda Lester, Mary Lynne Riebel, Jim Moore, William Moore (Donna), Shelia Sanders, Janet Guetzloff and Patricia Dadoine, and numerous nieces and nephews. A visitation and funeral service were held Thursday, Feb. 24th, 2022, at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home. Interment took place at Rogers Cemetery. To place an online tribute, please visit [www.bernafuneralhomes.com](http://www.bernafuneralhomes.com)

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**Stewart, Jean Marie**, passed away in her home in Crestwood, Ill., on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 2022. She was born to John and Marguerite Rickord in Kansas City, Kan., on Oct. 9th, 1933. She married Edward James Stewart on Oct. 13th, 1956 in Chicago. Jean is survived by her four children, Kathleen Stewart Ford, James (Patti) Stewart, Edward (Vicki) Stewart, and Marguerite (Michael) Ciannella, two grandchildren, Erik Matthew (Heather) and Joseph Edward (Alicia) Ford, and one great-grandchild, Kelani Joseph Samuel Ford. Also surviving is her sister-in-law Erma Rickord, along with numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Edward, brothers John (Mitzie), George (Laurie), Mary Louise (James) Kelly, James (Erma), and her grandson James Anthony. Jean was a parishioner at Incarnation Catholic Church in Crestwood. She was also very active in the Senior Community of Crestwood, and at church. She loved to play bingo with her sister and with friends. Jean was an avid reader and lifetime sports fan, following Notre Dame, her beloved Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. Spending time with her children was what she cherished most. Visitation was held Feb. 10th, 2022, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a funeral Mass taking place Friday, Feb. 11th, 2022, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

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- 7 Statute
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- 13 Sign of the zodiac
- 14 Food and Agriculture  
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- 15 Gone by
- 16 Pluto
- 17 North African country
- 19 Disallow
- 20 Talk
- 21 Not whites
- 22 Parent teacher groups
- 24 Recess
- 27 Ripen
- 29 Island
- 32 Head coverings
- 34 Be incorrect
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- 36 Leather worker's tool
- 37 South American animals
- 40 Kind

- 41 Still
- 42 \_\_\_ you! (attention getter)
- 44 Middle East dweller
- 48 Contend
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- 53 Rolled chocolate candy brand
- 54 Rock group
- 55 Sea animal
- 57 Lotion brand
- 58 Acid drug
- 59 Section
- 60 Women's magazine
- 62 Rice wine
- 65 America
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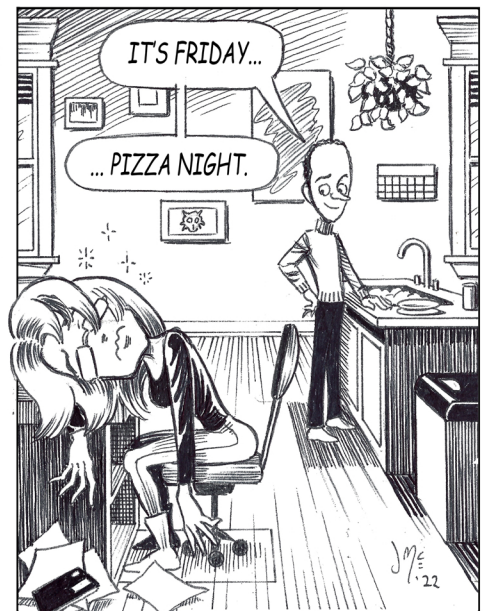
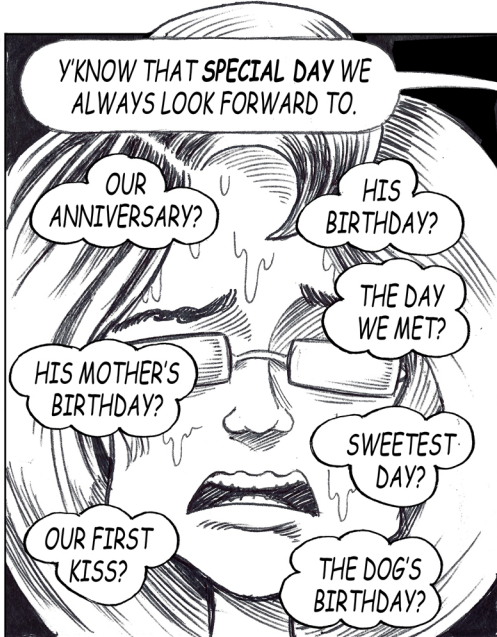
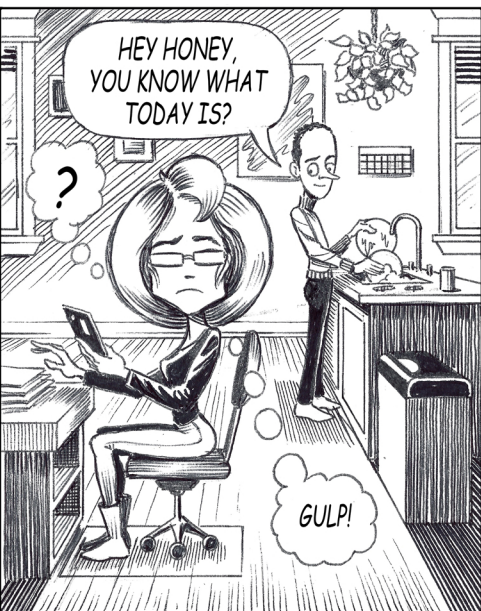
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*Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...*


**94 South** by Jim McGreal







**CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER**  
**5331 W. 135th | Crestwood, IL**  
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**Crestwood Crush Baseball 2022**

**Divisions:**

**Pinto**– Ages 6, 7, and 8 years old (Must be 6 by 5/1/22)

**Mustang**– 9 and 10 years old (Must be 9 by 5/1/22)

**Bronco**– 11 and 12 years old (Must be 11 by 5/1/22)

**Pony**– 13 and 14 years old (Must be 13 by 5/1/22)

*The age that your child will be on May 1, 2022 is the division that you register them for.*


**Registration Deadline: Before January 31st, 2022 for \$150 or by March 1st, 2022 for \$175**

- A birth certificate will be required for all players.
- Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center during business hours.
- Season: Runs late April through mid-June, weather permitting.
- Games and practices: Playfield Park. Games hosted Monday through Thursday with potential weekend tournaments.
- In –house league, teams, communities, and individuals welcome.
- We will host games and are willing to travel within 30 minutes.
- 3 contact days a week (practices and games).
- Medals will be awarded at the end of season at our free Sports Picnic– families welcome.
- Each level will play 20 games plus playoffs.
- Starting in January, the CRWC will host open practices free to registered individuals.
- Volunteers, coaches and concession workers, are needed. Fees for the participant will be waived/ reduced for volunteers.

**Cost: \$150 or \$175 (based on registration date) for Crestwood Residents/Non-Residents**  
(Fee includes: Hat, Jersey, Game Balls, and Umpires)

*(Crestwood Residents will be reimbursed at the end of the season if their child completes the entire season. Reimbursement forms available at the CRWC).*

For more information about the 2022 season, contact Cori Herbert or Rocco Mossuto at 708-371-4810 or crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov



**Crestwood Spring Baseball League for Teams**

**Team Divisions:**

**Pinto**– Ages 6, 7, and 8 years old (Must be 6 by 5/1/22)

**Mustang**– 9 and 10 years old (Must be 9 by 5/1/22)

**Bronco**– 11 and 12 years old (Must be 11 by 5/1/22)

**Pony**– 13 and 14 years old (Must be 13 by 5/1/22)


*The age that each child will be on May 1, 2022 is the division that you register them for.*

**Registration Deadline: February 15th, 2022**

- A birth certificate will be required for all players.
- Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center during business hours.
- Season: Runs late April through mid-June, weather permitting.
- Games and practices: Playfield Park. Games hosted Monday through Thursday.
- In –house league, teams, communities, and individuals welcome.
- We will host games and are willing to travel within 30 minutes.
- Medals will be awarded at the end of season at our free Sports Picnic– families welcome.
- Each level will play 20 games plus playoffs.

**Cost per Team: Please contact Rocco for more information**

For more information about the 2022 season, contact Cori Herbert or Rocco Mossuto at 708-371-4810 or crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov



**Crestwood T-Ball League—2022**

**Ages: 4-7 years old**

Practices will begin at 10am Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 (indoor if needed)

Games will be played on Wednesdays at 6pm & Saturdays at 10am

**Games will start on Wednesday, May 4th, 2022**

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

**Registration deadline**

Tuesday, March 15th

**Season**

May 4th– June 29th

**No game on May 28th**

16 games

**Fee: \$85.00 (fee includes team shirt, hat, and pictures)**

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

**To register, visit the CRWC**


For more information about the T-ball Season 2022, contact Rocco Mossuto or Cori Herbert or email crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov

Address: 5331 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St, Crestwood, IL

Phone: (708)-371-4810

Email: crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov

www.crestwoodfitness.com



Hello Residents,

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff are gearing up for the spring! Along with the activities listed here, please visit [www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com) to keep updated to what is happening in the building and community with the CRWC!

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner! Baseball registration is open for our Crestwood Crush Pinto (6-8 years old), Mustang (9-10 years old), Bronco (11-12 years old), and Pony (13-14 years old) teams. Register your child at the CRWC. The season will be held from late April through mid-June. Crestwood T-Ball is also available for kids 4-7 years old. The season will be held from early May to late June.

Swim lessons will be starting a new session on April 19th- May 21st, and open registration will begin Monday, March 28th. To see what sessions are available for your family, call (708) 371-4810 or visit our website to see all our class dates and times. Keep an eye on our website for new upcoming dates for our next session this summer!

May 13th-15th, we will be hosting an 11U Home Run Bash and a 13U Spring Championship Tournament. Each age division tournament will have a three-game guarantee, and medals for 1st and 2nd Place. If your team is interested in participating, please visit the CRWC to register. If you have any questions, please call (708) 371-4810 or email crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov.


Get ready for Summer Camp! From June 13th-July 22nd, the CRWC will be hosting a 6-week Summer Camp for kids between the ages of 8 and 13 years old. The camp will take place from Monday-Thursday from 7:30am-12pm. Our staff will plan daily activities for the campers to participate in tie-dye, outdoor sports, scavenger hunts, and indoor games.

Women’s softball league season will begin May 9th. Games are held Monday nights at the Crestwood softball fields. This is a 14-inch softball league with a 10-game season for women 21 and older. Bring your team and come sign up at the CRWC!

Rocco Mossuto

**Crestwood Recreation and Wellness**

**Women’s Softball Summer League 2022**



**Registration Deadline : April 11th, 2022**

**Season begins Monday, May 9th, 2022**

14– inch softball

10 game season

Games will be played at 6:30 pm on Monday nights, held at the Walker Park softball fields.


\*must be 21 or older to participate



\*full team registration

Cost: TBD

Due at time of registration

Registration will take place in person at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center located at 5331 W135th St, Crestwood, IL. Feel free to reach out to us with questions either by email at crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov or give us a call at 708-371-4810.





The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center is happy to bring back their Summer Camp for 2022. Over the course of six weeks, our campers can expect to play an array of sports including soccer, wiffleball, kickball, basketball and many more. Our camp counselors will also lead the campers in several games taking place both at our rec center and parks in the area. Campers will get the opportunity to tie dye camp t-shirts, go swimming in our facilities swimming pool, and make new friends through a summer of fun activities together. Each day our counselors will lead the campers through different sports and fun games while encouraging creativity and problem solving skills through healthy competition.

**Ages 8—13**


**Mondays—Thursdays**

**June 13th—July 22nd**

**7:30am drop off—12:00pm pick up**

**Fee: \$450 for 6 weeks**

Registration takes place in person at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center. We are located at 5331 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60418. Check out our website for more information on our facility and other programs [crestwoodfitness.com](http://crestwoodfitness.com) or call with any other questions 708-371-4810.



**Crestwood Baseball 11u Home Run Bash**

**May 13-15th**

**Playfield Park in Crestwood, Illinois**

**12 Team Cap**

**Baseballs will be provided**

**\$375 per team**

- ♦ 46 ft Mound
- ♦ 60 ft Bases
- ♦ 3 Game Guarantee
- ♦ Medals for First and Second Place
- ♦ Concession Stand
- ♦ Lights and Professionally Kept Grass Infield


**Sign Up Information**

Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center

5331 W 135th Street, Crestwood, Illinois

Phone - 708-371-4810

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**Crestwood Baseball 13u Spring Championship**

**May 13-15th**

**Playfield Park in Crestwood, Illinois**

**8 Team Cap**

**Baseballs will be provided**

**\$375 per team**

- ♦ 56 ft Mound
- ♦ 80 ft Bases
- ♦ 3 Game Guarantee
- ♦ Medals for First and Second Place
- ♦ Concession Stand
- ♦ Lights and Professionally Kept Grass Infield

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