

# A Village on the Move

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## CRESTWOOD ADVISER

### Crestwood Looks Ahead to 2023 Infrastructure Projects

It’s a busy year ahead for Crestwood, but the benefits for our community will be tangible for all of our residents and businesses. Take a look at what’s on the horizon:

**Midlothian Turnpike Sidewalks** — This project encompasses the installation of two miles of 6-foot sidewalk on both sides of Midlothian Turnpike, from Pulaski Road west to Central Avenue. This project is grant funded 90 percent by the federal government and Cook County. Construction is slated to start in April of this year.

**Cicero Avenue Streetlights and Streetscaping** — The \$5-million-dollar project to improve the street lighting and pedestrian lighting, along with streetscape and sidewalk improvements, is scheduled to be completed by IDOT in spring 2023. The project was secured by nearly \$7.2 million in federal and state grants for the Village.

**135th Street Flood Mitigation Project** — This project continues from last year with a large trunk storm sewer being installed along 135th Street and a basin constructed at the Central Avenue & 135th Street Forest Preserve property to collect excessive overland flooding from inundating the Crestwood Gardens neighborhood. This \$9.5 million project by the MWRD is expected to be completed by fall 2023.

**Crestwood Gardens Storm Sewer & Street Improvement Project** — In collaboration with the MWRD project, the Village plans to improve the collection of street drainage in this neighborhood by installing larger storm sewers and then reconstructing all the streets. Expected start date: May 2023.

**135th Street Roadway Project** — This project, estimated to cost \$14 million, is still in the planning stage and being reviewed by IDOT. Funded by federal and county grant dollars, it will include installation of storm sewers, resurfacing 135th Street, installation of a bi-directional turn lane, new sidewalks, and a multipurpose path from Kostner Avenue west to Central Avenue. The expected construction date is in 2026.

**Natalie Creek Trail** — This regional bicycle route and path will connect the Tinley Creek Trail in the Cook County Forest Preserves in Oak Forest with the Cal-Sag Trail in Crestwood. The project is entering the engineering design phase and will be paid for with Illinois and federal grants.

**Playfield Area Infrastructure & Rehabilitation Project** — This major project to replace and rehabilitate our water and sewers in the oldest part of Crestwood resumes in 2024. Area 3 in the northwest part of the Village will see water main replacements and street resurfacing to extend the lifespan of

these critical assets for decades. This project is funded by a very low interest loan from the IEPA.

**Commercial Developments/Strengthening Our Tax Base:**

**River Crossings** — The Village continues to aggressively market for commercial development the MWRD-owned land along the Cal-Sag Channel, both east and west of Cicero Avenue.

**Midlothian Turnpike and Cicero Avenue** — The Village is working with developers to bring restaurants and businesses to this 5-acre parcel, formerly the site of Eldorado.

**Rivercrest Drive and Cicero Avenue** — The Village also is working with developers to bring restaurants and businesses to this 5-acre parcel formerly, where Seneca Petroleum used to be located.

**Cal-Sag and Cicero Avenue** — The Village is working with a developer to bring restaurants, hotels, baseball & softball, and other business to this 20-acre parcel.

**142 and Cicero Avenue** — Belle Tire should be open by early summer. The old Dilagraft’s Bar will be demo’d late summer, with a new strip mall to be built on the site.

### Surplus Refund Checks Available March 26th

We would like to thank everyone for their patience with the delays, but we are happy to announce that property tax surplus refund checks will be issued Sunday, March 26th, and will be available to pick up in person at the Fine Arts Fair held at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center. As we have previously indicated, while in years past, we have given back 100 percent of the Village of Crestwood portion of your tax bill, this year we have been able to give back an extra 20 percent — 120 percent of your Village of Crestwood property tax bill coming back to you!

We are glad to continue this long-standing Crestwood tradition, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fine Arts Fair March 26th!





CRESTWOOD ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS A

## FINE ARTS FAIR

FREE EVENT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**  
**DOORS OPEN @ 10 AM TIL 3PM**

**CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER**  
5331 W. 135<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CRESTWOOD

JOIN US AS WE HOST OUR FIFTH FINE ARTS FAIR! WE HOPE TO GATHER LOCAL ARTISTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR ARTISANSHIP AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROWSE, SHOP, AND CELEBRATE THE ARTS. ARTISTS WILL BE PROVIDED A TABLE FOR A \$30 PER TABLE IN OUR SPACIOUS RECREATION CENTER. MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ALONG WITH WINE AND CHEESE SAMPLINGS. MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING PERFORMERS FOR TIME SLOTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. COME SHARE YOUR TALENTS AND ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY THAT APPRECIATES CREATIVITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LINDA MADLENER AT [LMADLENER54@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LMADLENER54@GMAIL.COM) OR THERESA FLYNN AT [TFLYS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TFLYS@GMAIL.COM) OR CALL 708-371-4800 EXT 1007 OR 1008  
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## LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN

Dear Neighbors,

Do we dare hope that the dark days, the cold and snow of winter are behind us? Even if not, spring is fast approaching, and here at the Village, we're looking forward to warmer temperatures and more outdoor activity. League sports for our young people are getting underway — check with the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center and the Crestwood Crush for information on signing up your children to participate — and before long, season play will begin.

There's plenty of outdoor activity on the horizon from our Public Works Department, as well. We are always proud of the work they do. While we know it can be an inconvenience to have them working on our streets and in our neighborhoods, the improvements they make to our infrastructure make Crestwood a better and more desirable place to live. A full list of projects can be found on our front page this month, as we want to make everyone aware of what to expect and how you'll be affected, both in the short term and the long.

First Installment Cook County property taxes will be due April 3rd this year, instead of March 1st, the date we're accustomed to seeing them due. With Second Installment bills going out later last year, we're being given more time to make our property tax payments. Because of this, we may experience a delay in the issuing of our property tax surplus refunds later on this year, but we will try to keep that delay as short and as reasonable as we can possibly manage. We thank you in advance for your patience, and gently remind you that most communities do not offer surplus refunds to their residents and business owners at all — they're one

of the many perks of living in the great community we have in Crestwood.

Just a quick reminder that the location for early voting in Crestwood has changed. Early voting which will be held from Monday, March 20th through Monday, April 3rd, will now take place at the Crestwood Civic Center, 13820 S. Cicero Ave, instead of at the Biela Center. Should you have any questions about early voting, please feel free to call us at the Village Hall at (708) 371-4800. We are grateful to everyone at the Biela Center for having accommodated our village's early voting up to now, and we look forward to seeing you at the polls at the Civic Center going forward. It's your chance to make your voice heard — please come on out and take part in our democracy!

Lastly, as the weather warms up, many are going to want to get out to start picking up their yards and readying their properties for the warmer seasons to come. To that point, you can expect yard waste pickup to resume starting Monday, April 3rd. We at the Village would like to thank our residents who do such a great and thoughtful job of caring for their lawns and properties in general. Keeping our properties clean and desirable helps to maintain a higher quality of life here in Crestwood, and helps to preserve our property values. Let's keep it up and stay Crestwood proud!

Sincerely,

*Ken Klein*

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*Mayor, Village of Crestwood*

## Village Meeting Schedule

**Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm**

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | Mar. 2nd and Mar. 16th

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

**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave | Feb. 28th and Mar. 14th

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

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | Mar. 13th and Mar. 27th

## 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) 659-4800  
Hours:  
Mon.-Thu.: 5:30am-10:00pm Friday 5:30am-8:00pm  
Sat.-Sun.: 7:00am-5:00pm

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

Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Sunday: Closed  
  
**Worth Township** .....  
(708) 371-2900 (Residents north of 135th)  
  
**Bremen Township** .....  
(708) 333-1591 (Residents south of 135th)  
  
**Republic Services**.....  
Call Village Hall first to be advised at (708) 371-4800,  
before dailing Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.  
  
**IDOT**.....  
(847) 705-4222  
  
**Cook County Highway Dept.** .....  
(708) 448-8006 or (847) 705-4228



## Recycling Reminder

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

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

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

## Early Voting for Consolidated Election

The early voting period for the **April 4th, 2023**, general election will run seven days a week from Monday, March 20th, through Monday, April 3rd.

**Location:** Crestwood Civic Center, 13820 S. Cicero Ave.

**First Week – March 20th-26th**  
Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

**Second Week and Final Monday – March 27th-April 3rd**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-7:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Should you have any further questions, please contact the Village Hall at (708) 371-4800.

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## New Business: The FLOW Store

“Save Money, Save Lives.”

That's the tagline of this new business located here in Crestwood. The FLOW Store is a unique and thrifty boutique that offers quality clothing and accessories at an affordable price. The business is committed to helping women and children affected by domestic violence, donating 100 percent of its profits to The FLOW Foundation, a nonprofit organization and resource center for domestic violence awareness and prevention.

By providing quality second-hand women's clothing and accessories at an affordable price, The FLOW Store's goal is to create a sustainable and meaningful shopping experience for its customers, while also giving back to the community through its charitable initiative of supporting The FLOW Foundation's programs and services, and the women who require them. The hope is that the location eventually will be one of several to which the operation will expand.

At The FLOW Store, saving money and saving lives go hand in hand.

The FLOW Store  
13111 Rivercrest Dr., Crestwood

**Hours:**

Tues.-Fri.: 10:00am-4:00pm

Sat.: 11:00am-5:00pm

Sun.-Mon.: Closed

**OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING: FRIDAY, MARCH 31st**

THE **FLOW** STORE

*For Lives of Women*

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FINDS

Save Money, Save Lives!

**We Watch, We Call!**

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

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**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 Officer 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 then to have to take a report where you have been scammed out of thousands of dollars.**

### Deceptive Practice

01-20-2023: A resident reported that she wrote a check payable to Nicor Gas in the amount of \$121.00 and placed it in the outdoor mailbox of the Tinley Park Post Office. Upon checking her bank statement, it was discovered that the amount of the check was changed to \$3,400.00 and was cashed by an unknown person.

01-27-2023: A resident reported that he received an email from Chime Card Services in reference to an account that had been opened using his personal information without his consent.

01-27-2023: A resident reported that she wrote a check payable to Commonwealth Edison in the amount of \$33.00 and placed it in the outdoor mailbox of the Oak Forest Post Office. She later learned that the check had been changed to \$1,600.00 and cashed by an unknown person.

### Theft

01-02-2023: A victim reported that after locking his personal belongings in a locker at Planet Fitness, he returned and discovered that his credit cards had been taken. While reporting the incident to management, he received a text notification that his credit cards were being used at Target attempting to purchase \$640.00 worth of merchandise.

01-06-2023: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a vehicle parked in the 5300 block of Waterbury Way.

01-09-2023: Unknown suspects entered and ransacked a vehicle in the 140th block of Laramie, stealing personal items.

01-09-2023: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of 135th Street.

01-10-2023: Unknown suspects stole a package from a residence in the 140th block of Long Ave.

01-12-2023: Unknown suspects entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a wallet containing identification and credit cards. The credit cards were later used to make several purchases.

01-13-2023: A woman reported that while pumping gas at the Delta Sonic, unknown suspects entered her vehicle taking her cell phone and credit cards. As officers were viewing surveillance videos, the victim discovered three unauthorized transactions valued at more than \$4,500.00 had been processed from her accounts.

01-14-2023: Officers responded to the BP gas station in reference to a wallet being stolen from a vehicle while the victim was pumping gas. While responding, the officers were then advised that the victim's credit cards were being used across the street at Walgreens. Officers met the victim at Walgreens but the suspects had already fled the scene driving in a dark gray Lexus southbound on Cicero.

01-14-2023: A victim reported that while pumping gas at the Delta Sonic gas station, an unknown suspect entered the vehicle, stealing the victim's purse that contained several items, including an iPhone, an iPad and credit cards.

01-15-2023: A victim reported that while pumping gas at the Delta Sonic gas station, an unknown suspect entered the vehicle stealing the victim's purse.

01-17-2023: Unknown suspects broke the window and entered a vehicle that was parked in the Brazen Head parking lot, taking two handguns that were in the vehicle.

01-18-2023: A female reported that while pumping gas at the Delta Sonic gas station, unknown suspects entered her vehicle and stole the victim's purse containing a cell phone and several credit cards.

01-19-2023: A female reported that while pumping gas at the Delta Sonic gas station, unknown suspects entered her

vehicle and stole the victim's purse containing her cell phone and the key fob to the vehicle.

01-20-2023: A female reported that while pumping gas at the Delta Sonic gas station, she observed a male, black suspect reaching into her passenger side door and grabbing her purse. The victim attempted to stop the offender from leaving and grabbed on to the offender's vehicle but let go because she was afraid of being injured.

01-22-2023: Unknown offenders stole a vehicle from the 4800 block of 137th Street.

01-23-2023: A resident reported that unknown suspects stole two sets of TaylorMade golf clubs from his garage in the 131st block of Fairway Drive.

01-25-2023: Unknown suspects stole a black 2021 Kia Forte from the Menard's parking lot.

01-25-2023: Unknown suspects stole a gray 2021 Kia Forte from the Walmart parking lot.

01-26-2023: A female reported that while pumping gas at the Speedway gas station unknown suspects entered her vehicle and stole her small black purse.

01-31-2023: Unknown suspects smashed the glass in the front door of Taco Bell using a large brick.

## Retail Theft

01-27-2023: A male, black suspect was at the T-Mobile attempting to purchase two Apple iPhone 14 pros. As the store clerk gathered the merchandise, the suspect grabbed the merchandise and fled the store. Both phones had a total value of \$2,560.00

## Burglary

01-10-2023: At 4:42am officers responded to a burglary in progress at the Mobile gas station located in the 141st block of Pulaski. A witness was reporting three subjects breaking a window and climbing into the business. Officers arrived on the scene and was advised by the witness that the offenders had already fled in a gray vehicle. The offenders took numerous miscellaneous products from inside the store.



# Reminder: First Installment Cook County Property Taxes Due April 3rd

The due date for Tax Year 2022 First Installment property taxes this year is April 3rd. Nearly 1.8 million tax bills will arrive in mailboxes by early March. They currently are available online at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com).

Typically, First Installment property tax bills are due on March 1st. But state lawmakers extended the due date because Second Installment bills were late last year.

To make a payment or download a copy of your tax bill, visit [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com):

- Select the blue box labeled “Pay Online for Free”
- Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number
- There is no fee if you pay from your bank account
- Payments made at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) by or before 11:59pm on April 3rd will be recorded as on time

Partial payments are accepted. Late payments are charged 1.5 percent per month, as mandated under Illinois law.



# Yard Waste Pickup Resumes April 3rd

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 3rd, 2023, 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’ to Daylight Savings Time March 12th

Just a reminder that everyone will need to set their clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 12th, 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!



Wednesday  
March 22, 2023  
2:00pm

Catherine Thomson

**HERstory:  
Trailblazing  
Female  
Firsts**

Anita Kallen

Musical presentation on women who were first in recent and not so recent history to break barriers in their respective fields of endeavors

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# Preserving Our Heritage: John “Jay” Surufka

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 World War II veteran John “Jay” Surufka.

John Surufka celebrated his 100th birthday with a Mass and reception at St. George Catholic Church in Tinley Park on Jan. 8th, 2023. After 9:30am Mass, family and friends joined Jay for coffee and a light breakfast at the Parish Life Center. During the event, the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 presented him with a lifetime achievement award and offered a feature of his WWII experience.

John “Jay” Surufka was born Jan. 10th, 1923, in Phoenix, Ill. Phoenix is located near Harvey, and was established as an industrial planned city. By 1900, Phoenix boasted a population of 5,400, with industry employing 1,700, as Harvey’s housing development continued to grow.

By the time of the Great Depression, John was a teenaged boy who should have been attending Thornton High School. Instead, he was working a job as an apprentice assembly line man, providing a much-needed income for his family to pay bills and put food on the table at home. John was the fifth-oldest of 13 children in the Surufka household. Foreclosures, evictions, soup lines, garbage picking and outright begging took over the neighborhoods, but John was determined to see none of that happening.

When Japan struck America at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th, 1941, the United States formally entered WWII, and it would not be long before John committed himself to his country’s call to service.

On Feb. 12, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Ft. Custer, Mich., which was the activation point for his induction. There, he would be processed and equipped before being sent off to basic training. The fort also served as a prisoner-of-war camp to 5,000 German soldiers.

After Jay completed intense basic and advanced individual training, he initially was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 342nd Infantry Division. From there, he was next assigned to the 86th Infantry Division, also known as the Blackhawk Division, and shipped overseas on Feb. 19th, 1945, from Boston Harbor aboard the SS Kungsholm.

General Eisenhower was alarmed at the swift progress the Germans had made in January 1945, and ordered the 86th Infantry Division, allocated for service in the Pacific, to the European Theater for the final assault on Germany. The division arrived in France on March 4th, 1945, landing in La Havre, France, and moving on to Cologne, Germany.

The 86th Infantry Division fought for only 42 days in Europe. But during that brief time of combat action, they became widely respected for their speed, maneuverability and courage. The 86th claimed to be the first of all divisions

to cross the Danube River, and fought with distinction in mopping-up operations in the Ruhr Pocket.

The division moved deep into Germany and took over half a dozen towns, including Eichstätt, where they liberated a large number of Allied Prisoners of War. By April 26th, the division had moved to a position just outside of Ingolstadt, close to the Danube River.

Under persistent enemy artillery fire, the 86th Blackhawk Division drove through the city and onto the banks of the Danube, spearheading the advance of the 3rd Army on the river. It was there that Jay Surufka was wounded, suffering injuries to his right arm and right leg. On April 28th, he was sent to a hospital in Paris, France, for surgery and recovery. By the end of July 1945, Jay was reassigned to the 559th Field Artillery in Germany, soon to be reassigned once again to the Military Police in Yvetot, France.

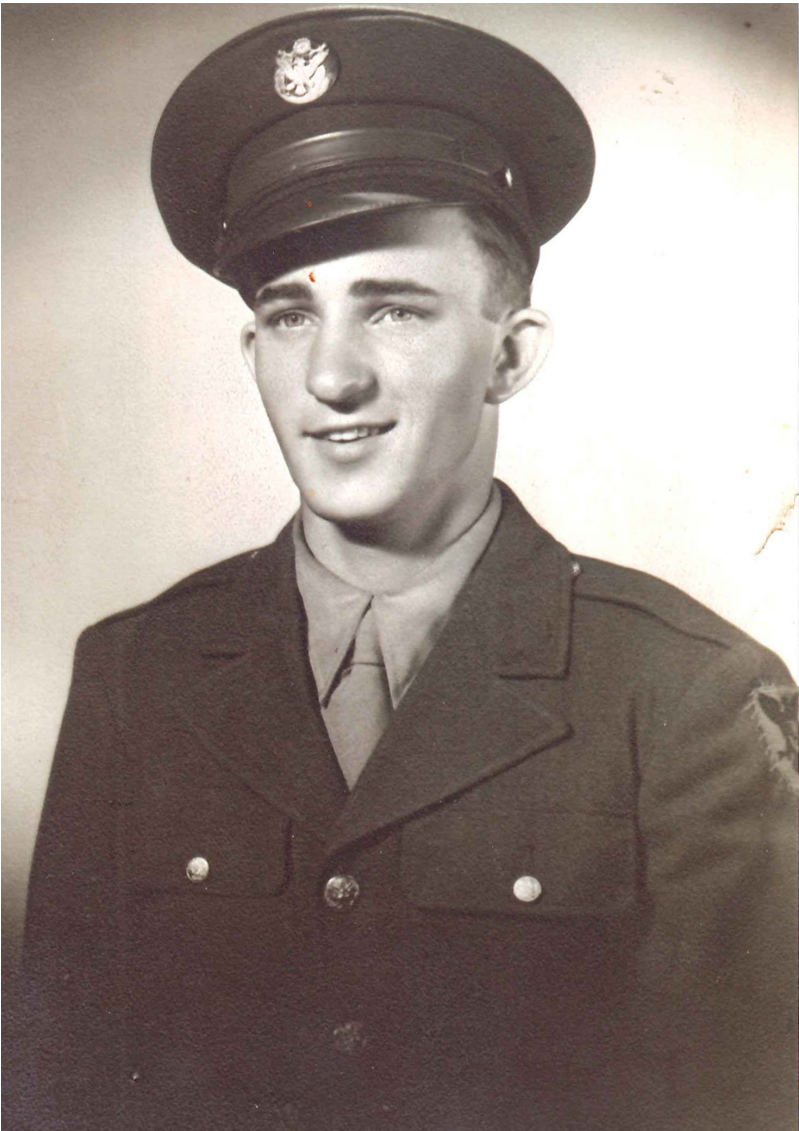
In October 1945, by chance and to his pleasant surprise, he met up with his brother Eddie, also an Army veteran who had landed in Utah Beach, France, fighting his way through Luxembourg, later crossing the Siegfried Line. Eddie was the recipient of 5 Bronze Campaign Stars. One can only imagine how heartfelt and emotional the meeting of these two brothers could have been.

On Feb. 19th, 1946, Jay began his journey home from La Havre, France, aboard the SS Hadawasaka Victory. Finally, on March 1st, he arrived stateside in New York.

P.F.C. John Surufka returned home and was honorably discharged from the Army March 6th, 1946, at Camp Grant. He was the recipient of the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, the Europe-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Battle Stars awarded for exemplary action in ground combat against the armed enemy, and a Purple Heart for wounds inflicted while serving with the 86th Blackhawk Infantry in Germany.

Shortly after his return from the war, Jay met the love of his life, Estelle. They married in April of 1948 and enjoyed 56 years of happiness together until Estelle’s passing in 2004. It was the little things done together that kept their relationship happy. Jay had promised his wife he would visit her every Sunday at Holy Cross Cemetery in Calumet City, and did so until 2022, when he was no longer able to drive.

He was a lifetime member of his local DAV, American Legion, VFW, Holy Name Society and Veterans Protective League. He resided in Har-



John “Jay” Surufka

vey until moving to Tinley Park 22 years ago. Jay worked at the Butternut Bakery in Chicago for 32 years until retiring in 1987, rising through the ranks of maintenance to project manager.

Known as an inveterate baker with a reputation for making delicious cakes, cookies and pies, Jay also worked in the parish garden — using his Army latrine shovel — made numerous donations, and always supported his parish in many ways.


Jay’s daughter Vicki gave most of the information and facts that developed this feature. She was a nurse for 48 years and was always there for her dad, setting up a 24-7 caregiver and sharing much of her time away from nursing with him. With love and affection, Vicki helped bring to life her father’s experiences of WWII.

I only knew John Surufka a short time, but attending his Mass and celebration at St. George along with researching his WWII experience drew me close to this fellow veteran.

*As I drafted this feature, I learned that John “Jay” Surufka passed away on Feb. 1st, 2023, in the comfort of his Tinley Park home, in the company of his loving family. It is my hope that this feature can be only a small part of a final tribute to this valorous WWII veteran. Hence, how cherished this initiative has grown.*

*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.*





## Babysitting Safety

**Having a babysitter** can give you peace of mind. It allows you to leave your child with someone you trust. Be sure your babysitter knows about fire safety. Be sure your babysitter knows what to do if there is a fire.

Show the babysitter your home escape plan and make sure the babysitter understands:

- two ways out of every room.
- where the outdoor meeting place is located.
- the fire department or emergency phone number.
- how to unlock all doors and windows.

If you allow your babysitter to cook, make sure the babysitter:

- keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the microwave oven.
- never leaves the room while cooking.
- keeps anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- keeps pets off surfaces and countertops.


If the smoke alarm sounds make sure your babysitter knows to:

- get out of the home quickly with your child to safety.
- use the second way out if smoke is in the way.
- get low and go under the smoke to the exit if an escape must be made through smoke.

Store matches and lighters out of your child's reach. Candles should not be used by your babysitter.

Make sure your babysitter keeps a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around space heaters.

**REMEMBER**  
Always leave the phone number where you can be reached. Cell phones make this easy. Be sure the babysitter knows the address of the home.




### Babysitter Training

Many places offer babysitter classes. These are online and in the classroom. Some schools and hospitals give training. Classes teach how to care for children. They also teach first aid. They teach CPR. What to do in an emergency is also taught.


Name of Organization Here

Contact Information Here




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## Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.




### Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

### FACTS

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



### "COOK WITH CAUTION"


- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

### If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

### If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



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Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

**SAFETY TIPS**

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

**SMOKE ALARMS**

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

**Pets and Wildfires**

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.



**FACT**

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



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**GET READY!**

**FLOODS**

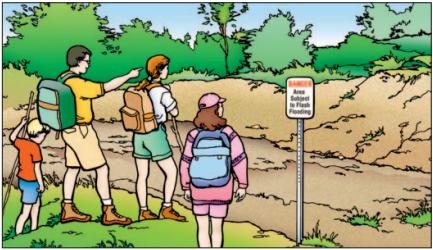
Floods can happen everywhere, making them one of the country's most common natural disasters. Flooding poses a greater threat in low-lying areas, near water, downstream from dams. Even the smallest streams, creek beds or drains can overflow and create flooding. During periods of heavy rain or extended periods of steady rains, be aware of the possibility of a flood. Flash floods develop quickly—anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours. Listen to local weather reports for flooding information.

**Before**

- Check to see if you have flood insurance coverage.
- Raise your furnace, water heater, or electrical panel if they are in areas of your home that may be flooded.
- Install "check valves" in sewer traps.
- Construct barriers, such as levees, berms, or flood walls, to stop floodwater from entering the building.
- Seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.
- During a flood or flash flood watch, be prepared to evacuate, including fill your car's gas tank; bring in outside furniture; move valuables to high points in your home; and unplug electrical appliances and move them to high points.
- During a flood warning, evacuate if you are so advised.
- During a flash flood warning, immediately seek higher ground.
- Keep your emergency supplies kit, including water, stored in an easily accessible, waterproof place.

**During**

- If time allows, call someone to let them know where you are going, and check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- Stay out of flood waters, if possible. Even water only several inches deep can be dangerous. If you have to walk through water, use a stick to check the firmness of the ground ahead of you. Avoid moving water.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. If your car becomes surrounded by rising water, get out quickly and move to higher ground.
- Stay away from downed power lines.



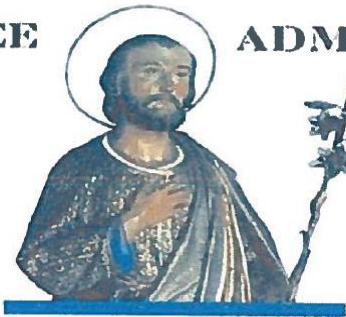
**After**

- Do not return home until local authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Do not or drink or cook with your tap water until local authorities say it is safe.
- Avoid floodwaters, which could be contaminated or electrically charged.
- Watch out for areas in which the floodwaters may have receded, leaving weakened roadways.
- Be extra careful when entering buildings that may have hidden structural damage.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet.
- Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits, and leaching systems as soon as possible. Damaged sewer systems are a serious health hazard.

For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at [www.nfpa.org/disaster](http://www.nfpa.org/disaster).  
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**Ready to Volunteer?**

Contact Gwen Rucker, Development Associate, at 708-730-6210 or [grucker@sertomacentre.org](mailto:grucker@sertomacentre.org).

**Attention Veterans**

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

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

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

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

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




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# March 2023

Biela Center Calendar of Events			4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood			
708-371-4800 Ext. 6000						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Come	make	new	friends!	😊	



### Biela Center March Lunch Menu

Lunches are \$5.00.

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

**Please check for the lunches you'd like to attend:**

- ☐ Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Aglio E Olio Spaghetti and Broccoli
- ☐ Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: Hawaiian Pork Chops
- ☐ Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Tuna Melt
- ☐ Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: Corned Beef & Cabbage **(\$10 THIS DAY ONLY)**
- ☐ Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: Spinach and Mushroom Rigatoni
- ☐ Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: Chicken and Rice Bake
- ☐ Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>: Pepper and Egg Sandwich
- ☐ Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Meatloaf
- ☐ Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Shrimp and Asparagus Pasta

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REMINDER: REFUND POLICY**  
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Attend Fitness Class on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday	Come play pool	Enjoy a lunch on a Tuesday or Friday	Attend our February craft hour
Put in a suggestion for an activity, lunch, or trip	Visit our computer lab	Bring a friend to an activity	Come Line Dance on Thursday
Watch a movie at the Biela	Come play Bingo	Attend Chair Yoga on Tuesday or Thursday	Get caught doing an act of kindness for someone while at the Biela
Come to a Friday Game Night	Go on a Biela trip	Check out (then return!) a book from our library	Come do a puzzle at the Biela



### Civil War Museum & Mars Cheese Castle

The Civil War Museum is like no other Civil War museum in the country. The Museum focuses on the Civil War from the perspective of the people of the seven states of the upper Middle West: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. These seven states sent over one million men to serve in the Union army while providing much of the food and raw materials necessary for the northern states to carry on the war. Through the use of personal stories and narratives, the Museum also explores how the Civil War impacted the people on the Western home front before, during, and after the war by connecting the prewar causes to the postwar effects.

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023  
**Depart:** 8:45am  
**Return:** 4:00pm  
**Cost:** \$60

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Museum admission.  
*Lunch will be on your own at Mars Cheese Castle.*

**Itinerary:** We will arrive at the museum at 10:30am. The guided tour is about 1 hour and 30 minutes long. We will depart the museum around noon. We will then head to Mars Cheese Castle where you will have lunch. *(Lunch is on your own.)* You will be able to shop before or after lunch — whichever you choose; we will depart Mars cheese approximately at 2:30pm.

**Effective immediately:** Full payment is due upon reservation.  
*We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment. Thank you for your understanding.*

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

As of June 9, 2021 there will be a fee of 2.95% when using a credit card.  
All other items being paid using a credit card, debit card or e-check will incur a 2.95% processing fee (minimum of \$1.95), assessed by Invoice Cloud, the Village of Crestwood's electronic payment processing vendor.





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The Four Winds Casino - Senior Day

Incentive for senior days are as follows: Earn 100 W♣ Points at Four Winds New Buffalo, and then visit a kiosk between 8am - 10pm Eastern to receive \$10 in Instant Credit/Free Slot Play.

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Depart: 9:30am

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60418

Return: 4:30 pm

Cost: \$35.00 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.

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

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Potawatomi Casino

Bingo is back!

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

Depart 9:00am

Return: 5:00pm

Cost: \$35.00

Includes: Transportation

**Effective immediately:** Full payment is due upon reservation.

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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 & Third Thursday** of every month, from 1:30pm-4:00pm.

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 ~

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\$2.00 a class

THE BIELA CENTER

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE

CRESTWOOD, IL 60418

708-371-4800 EXT: 6002



Super Seniors Days

Why wait in line at the DMV?

We are having two Super Senior days here this year. This program is for anyone who may need to get his or her driver's license renewed, state ID (if you are 65 and older you may obtain a free state ID), License plate sticker, Refresher course on the Rules of the Road.

1<sup>st</sup> Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Time: 10am- 2pm

Location: Biela Center 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

**What is Super Seniors?** Super Seniors is a convenient and voluntary program for driver's license renewal, which includes Rules of the Road classroom instruction, and a vision-screening exam. The Rules of the Road Review Course also includes a review of safe driving techniques and Illinois driving laws. You may also renew your License plates.

A Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Unit will be available for participants to renew their driver's licenses. An identification card can be obtained for \$20.00; however, if you are age 65 and older you may obtain a free, non-expiring State of Illinois photo ID card.

**FYI, Drivers age 75 and older are required to take a driving test to renew their driver's licenses; therefore they must visit a**

**Driver Services Facility.**

The Rules of the road course review

\*This class will begin at 10am on both dates listed above. Please register in advance\*.

You may come into the Biela center and grab a copy of the course workbook, or you may download a copy of the course workbook from the website below:

[www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/services\\_for\\_seniors/programs.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/services_for_seniors/programs.html)

To register for Rules of the Road Review Course

Please call Cindy or Ashley 708-371-4800 EXT: 6000

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Laura - Humana Representative

Wednesday March 15, 2023

St. Patrick/St Joseph Party -

Corned Beef Sandwich, chips & dessert \$10.00



Come relax with



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

With certified instructor, Joe Kamenske

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

\$2 per class

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Crestwood, IL 60418

If 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.

Local TOPS® Chapter Celebrates 46 Years

The members of TOPS [IL 1755], Crestwood, are marking 46 years together as a weight-loss support chapter. Weekly meetings are a key component of TOPS® support, and visitors to a TOPS chapter are welcome to attend their first meeting free of charge. Meetings are held at the Biela Center located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, on Tuesdays at 6:30pm for weigh in, with the meeting beginning at 7:00pm.

"Our chapter is thrilled to celebrate this milestone, and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries to come!" says Jeanie Sommers, chapter Leader. "We're going to continue committing ourselves to losing weight — together. Anyone who's looking for weight-loss support is welcome as a TOPS member."

Founded 75 years ago, TOPS Club Inc.® (Take Off Pounds SensiblySM) is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS offers an individual approach to weight loss and overall wellness, with thousands of chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Members learn about nutrition, portion control, meal planning, exercise and more at weekly meetings. Consistent group support, health education and recognition are all key components to successful weight management.

New TOPS members may choose one of three discounted packages. Annual renewal dues are \$37 in the U.S. and \$49 in Canada for current members.

For more information, or to find another local chapter, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call (800) 932-8677.

You are welcome to visit our Crestwood chapter to see what it's all about!



First visit is FREE!

Join us for affordable, effective  
weight-loss support!

Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike

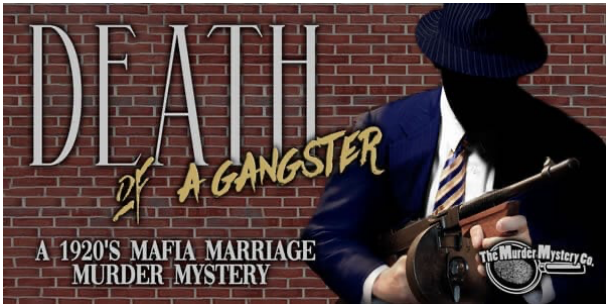
Crestwood, IL

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

For more information

Adrienne 708-228-1701

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



Jacob Henry Mansion - *Mystery at the Mansion*

Death of a Gangster: 1920s Mafia Marriage Murder

Lucky you! You've been invited to the Dunn Speakeasy for the wedding of the year! In this "married to the mob" event, you'll never know whom to trust. With the two families merging, someone is bound to lose power, which means someone else will lose their life! Get on the trolley and solve this case with your fellow detectives.

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Depart: 10:00am

Return: 3:00pm

Cost: \$90.00

Cost Includes: Transportation, Lunch, Murder Mystery

**Lunch:** Jake's Cordon Bleu boneless breast of chicken served open with ham, cheese, and béarnaise sauce. Complimented by wild rice and steamed broccoli. *\*Please let me know of any special dietary needs including vegetarian selection.\**

Effective immediately: Full payment is due upon reservation.

We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment.  
Thank you for your understanding.

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

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

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



Shipshewana Flea Market

Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Depart: 8:30am

Return: 6:00pm

Cost: \$35.00

Includes: Transportation

We will depart Shipshewana promptly @ 3:45pm their time,  
which is 2:45pm Chicago time.

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# What is the Biela Senior Center?

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

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

Some of the events that take place are Senior Club, fitness and yoga classes, day trips, Bingo, lunches, Knit Wits, line dancing and much more! Groups also meet to play pinochle, Mexican Train and Bunco. We have a pool table, a library where you can find a quiet place to read or do a puzzle, and a computer lab.

Call to make a lunch reservation, or stop by at any time for a tour of our building and see what we are all about. If you live in the Village of Crestwood and do not drive, call and schedule bus pick up with our Dial-A-Ride program. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001 or Ashley Ext. 6002. We look forward to meeting you!



"There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't yet met."  
William Butler Yeats



## GET UP AND GET OUT!

**Woodland Family Hikes: Maple Tapping**  
**Saturday, March 4th, 11:00am-12:00pm or 1:00-2:00pm**  
**The Morton Arboretum**  
**4100 IL-53, Lisle**

Discover the fascinating cultural and natural history of maple trees during a maple-tapping hike and tasting in the East Woods at The Morton Arboretum. The program is for all ages. Sign up at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org). Cost: \$17.

**St. Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Research Charity Event**  
**Saturday, March 4th, 11:00am**  
**Chicago Gaelic Park**  
**6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest**

Doors open at 11:00am for this annual benefit for St. Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Research, which traditionally involves the shaving of heads to raise money for child cancer research, and as a show of solidarity with the children. To register to have your head shaved as part of the effort, visit [www.StBaldricks.org/Events/GaelicPark](http://www.StBaldricks.org/Events/GaelicPark). For more information, call (708) 687-9323 or visit [www.chicagogaelpark.com](http://www.chicagogaelpark.com).

**Howl at the Moon at The Morton Arboretum**  
**Saturday, March 4th, 5:30-9:30pm**  
**The Morton Arboretum**  
**4100 IL-53, Lisle**

An ensemble from the popular piano bar Howl at the Moon will perform dance hits and party anthems during a high-energy live show at The Morton Arboretum. Tickets to this music and dancing event include seating at shared tables and one complimentary beverage. Additional food and beverages will be available for purchase. VIP tickets include a reserved table close to the dance floor. Tickets will be available soon on [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org). Cost: VIP ticket, \$43. General event ticket, \$28.

**South Side Irish Parade**  
**Sunday, March 12th, 12:00-3:00pm**  
**103rd St. & Western Ave., Chicago**

Dedicated to community and to celebrating Irish heritage, the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day parade is the largest community-based parade on St. Patrick's Day outside of Ireland. It will kick off at noon at 103rd and Western Ave., marching south to 115th and Western. The parade lasts approximately two hours. The South Side Irish Parade famously adheres to a zero-tolerance policy for any drunkenness or behavior that is not in line with its family values. For more information, visit [southsideirishparade.org](http://southsideirishparade.org).

**South Side Irish Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 12th, 1:00pm**  
**Chicago Gaelic Park**  
**6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest**

Celebrate Irish pride on the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day at Chicago Gaelic Park. Four stages of entertainment will keep up the festive atmosphere throughout the day, as food and drink will be available for purchase. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under. For more information or to make reservations, call (708) 687-9323 or visit [www.chicagogaelpark.com](http://www.chicagogaelpark.com).

**Conserving Biodiversity**  
**Friday, March 17th 10:00-11:30am**  
**The Morton Arboretum**  
**4100 IL-53, Lisle**

Join Tanisha Williams, Ph.D., founder of #BlackBotanistsWeek, as she shares her research on climate change's impacts on biodiversity, talks about her science career journey and discusses her efforts to create space for diversity in scientific fields during this program at The Morton Arboretum. Attend in person or online. Sign up at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org). Cost: \$23.

**Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon**  
**Friday, March 17th, 12:00pm**  
**Chicago Gaelic Park**  
**6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest**

Chicago Gaelic Park is the place to be on St. Patrick's Day. Their Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon starts at noon and promises to satiate your appetite for this traditional St. Patrick's Day meal. Grown-ups only at this event, so feel free to let your hair down. Tickets are \$35 in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call (708) 687-9323 or visit [www.chicagogaelpark.com](http://www.chicagogaelpark.com).

**Dog Admission Days**  
**Sunday, March 19th, 7:00am-Sunset**  
**The Morton Arboretum**  
**4100 IL-53, Lisle**

Dog Admission Days offer members and guests the opportunity to explore The Morton Arboretum with their canine family members. Dog-friendly days are held several times per year. The Arboretum welcomes trained service dogs daily. Timed-entry admission must be reserved in advance, including tickets for dogs, which are \$5 each. Tickets are not available at the gatehouse. For Dog Admission Day tickets and information, visit [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org). Cost: \$5 per dog.

**Spring Equinox Walk and Tale**  
**Monday, March 20th, 6:30pm**  
**Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center**  
**9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs**

Get out for a mix of the natural world with the imaginary. On this walk through the Nature Preserves, a librarian from LaGrange Park Library will accompany and recite a folktale during this walk. Registration is required. Call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897 or email [littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.gov) for more information or to register. Ages 7 and up. Cost: FREE.

**HERstory**  
**Wednesday, March 22nd, 2:00pm**  
**The Pointe at Kilpatrick**  
**14230 S. Kilpatrick Ave., Crestwood**

Catherine Thompson and Anita Kallen offer a musical presentation on women who were first in recent history — and not-so-recent history — to break barriers in their respective fields. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Angie Garbaczewski at The Pointe at Kilpatrick at (708) 301-8300.

**Teen Exploration Day: Fire Building 101**  
**Thursday, March 30th, 3:30pm**  
**Camp Sullivan**  
**14630 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest**

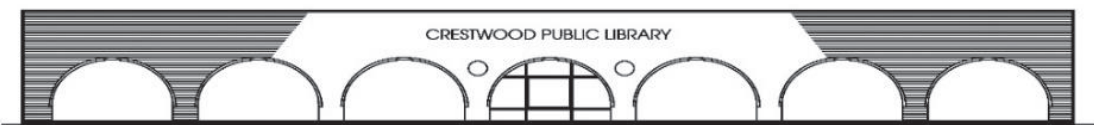
Young people can learn the numerous ways to build a fire for whatever suits their camping needs. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (708) 771-1573 or email [experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov). Cost: FREE.

**Breakfast with the Bunny**  
**Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8, 9:00am**  
**The Morton Arboretum**  
**4100 IL-53, Lisle**

Hop on over to The Morton Arboretum for a springtime breakfast buffet featuring a visit from the Easter Bunny and a scenic view of Meadow Lake. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos, and each child will receive a themed cookie. After breakfast, guests are invited to enjoy the Arboretum grounds and early spring blooms. **Breakfast with the Bunny tickets will be available March 7** at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org). Cost: \$50 for adults, \$38 for children (ages 3 to 12) and free for children ages 2 and younger.



# CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## March Crestwood Library Events for Adults



### Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!  
**In-Person Program | Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

### Stampin' Up Card Class

Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards!  
**\$5 per Person | Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

### Scrabble Club

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!  
**In-Person Program | Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### Drop-In Craft for Adults

Stop by the library any time between 6:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to create a cozy winter craft.  
**In-Person Program | Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm**

### Illinois Libraries Present “The Weird and Wonderful World with Mary Roach”

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author, Mary Roach! Roach will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live. Dubbed “America’s funniest science writer” by the Washington Post, Roach has explored topics from the curious lives of human cadavers, packing to visit space, the afterlife, the alimentary canal, and more. Roach claims to have no hobbies, but enjoys bird-watching, hiking, playing scrabble, and watching late-night Animal Planet.  
**Virtual Program | Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm**

### Medicare 101 Seminars

Join Bill Johnson, a local independent insurance agent, for more information about getting started with Medicare plans.  
**In-Person Program | Mondays, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

### ICASH: Find Your Unclaimed Property

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer’s office and the State of Illinois Comptroller’s office will be at the Crestwood Public Library on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm** to assist you in checking if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICASH program.



## March Crestwood Library Events for Families and Youth



### Family Game Night

Join us for a family game night at Crestwood Library. Whether your family prefers board games, card games, or anything in between, we’ve got something everyone will enjoy! Adult participation is suggested. Games vary from session to session. **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

### Family BINGO

**Family Bingo** returns on **Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 pm**. Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo. When a parent gets Bingo, the kids win the prize! **Registration Required. Limit of 8 families.**

### Take & Make Monday Crafts for Kids

Every Monday, a limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up for children to create at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance.

### LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12, come share your creativity and join us for a fun day of building with Legos! Your creation can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design. Lego Club will meet on **Tuesdays, March 14 & 28 at 4:00 pm**. **Registration is required.**

### Chess for Kids

Miss playing chess with your friends or would you like to learn how to play chess? If so, Mr. Pierre is back to host another session of Chess for Kids. **Program open to kids ages 6-16. Friday, March 17 at 3:30 pm. Registration is required. Limit of 10 children.**

### Craftweens

Tweens in grade 5-8 can come to the library to make a craft to take home during this one-hour class. Class will be on **Wednesday March 22 at 4:00 pm**. **Registration recommended.**

### LEGO Free Build Day

Kids of all ages can come put their creativity at work and build with LEGOs during this in-person program. **Saturday, March 25 from 11:00-1:00pm**. Families welcome. No registration required

### Preschool Story Time - Spring Session

Kids ages 1-5 (under 3 with an adult) can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. **Story Time will meet on Friday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:30 am** Space is limited. Registration is required. Mask wearing is optional.

### Messy Mondays for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Parents can bring their young ones (ages 1-4) to the library to create with all things messy during this 30-minute art class. Please wear clothes to get messy. **Class will meet twice this month on Mondays, March 6 & 20 at 10:30 am. Registration is required to attend.**

### Take Home Science Kits

Crestwood Library has hands-on science kits for kids to experiment at home. Adult supervision may be required. A limited number of take-home science kits will be available to pick up beginning **Thursday, March 9**.

### Read to the Dogs!

Therapy dog, Hershey and friends, are back at the library and ready to hear kids in grades K-5 read their favorite stories. Registration is required for a reading time. **Tuesday, March 21, from 5:00-6:30 pm**.

### Crafty Kids

Kids in grades 1-4 can come to the library to make a cute spring craft to take home on **Thursday, March 16th, at 4:00 pm**. Registration is required.

### Dungeons & Dragons Group

Our Dungeons & Dragon Club for grades 5-8 will meet on **Wednesdays, March 1 & 15 at 6:15 pm**, here in the library.



# Midwest Music Festival Honors Shepard Band Director

On a night when his students earned the highest scores possible, Shepard High School band director Chris Pitlik received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Midwest Music Festival.

Pitlik has led the Shepard band program for three decades. Pitlik has been bringing Shepard students to perform and compete at the festival, hosted by Lemont High School, for a quarter century.

“I am very humbled and thankful to have been selected,” Pitlik said. “It was made even more special as my wife Dana, my son, who came in from Drake University, and my daughter, who came in from Orlando, were able to be there to see me presented with this award.”

The Shepard Wind Symphony earned straight Division 1 ratings, the highest possible, from all three adjudicators.



Shepard High School band director Chris Pitlik recently was honored with the Midwest Music Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award last weekend. Pitlik appears with his wife, son, and daughter in this photo.



The Midwest Music Festival recently honored Shepard High School band director Chris Pitlik with its Lifetime Achievement Award.



The Wind Symphony from Shepard High School earned straight Division 1 ratings, the highest possible, from all three adjudicators at the Midwest Music Festival.



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**



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FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

\*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR  
CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS

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

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

NON-RESIDENTS AND  
AREA BUSINESSES

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

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

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

MARCH CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

Goodyear Wrangler 255/65R 17" tires + 17" Chevy wheels from 2018 Colorado; 23,000 miles. Asking \$600. Call (708) 389-8701.

HOME CARE ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

Kind, caring home care assistant available. Experienced, have car. Call Kathy at (708) 269-9056.

QUOTING FROM THE IRISH ...

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much." — Oscar Wilde

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." — William Butler Yeats

"Life is too short to read a bad book." — James Joyce

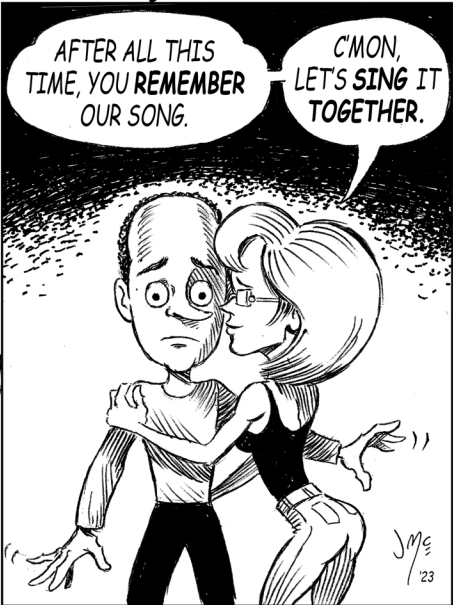
"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying." — Oscar Wilde

"Shut your eyes and see." — James Joyce



Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

94 South by Jim McGreal



SUDOKU

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

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Genetic code
- 4 Sneak
- 9 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 12 Plush
- 14 Artery
- 15 Actor Alda
- 16 Preposition
- 17 Leave now!
- 18 Drat!
- 19 Alternators
- 21 Humans
- 23 Part of a min.
- 24 Loose gown worn at mass
- 25 Fastener
- 28 Ball
- 31 Cow noises
- 34 Constellation
- 36 Goddess
- 38 Body of water
- 40 Globes

- 41 Having to do with the navy
- 43 Japanese dress
- 44 Pain unit
- 45 Central processing unit
- 46 New \_\_ (Big Apple dweller)
- 48 Approach
- 51 Pastor (abbr.)
- 53 Fibber
- 54 Mr.
- 56 Lyric poem
- 58 Plasm
- 61 Usurp
- 66 It's time \_\_ (2 wds.)
- 67 Many
- 69 Same cite as previous
- 70 \_\_ and span (very clean)
- 71 Urge on
- 72 Lack
- 73 Thief's hideout
- 74 Type of glue
- 75 Hear

DOWN

- 1 Beat
- 2 One of Columbus' ships
- 3 Acting (abbr.)
- 4 Position
- 5 Ornate
- 6 Goofs
- 7 Airport abbr.
- 8 South American plain
- 9 What birds' wings do
- 10 Socialism's Marx
- 11 Green Gables dweller
- 13 Honey abr.
- 15 Philippine dish with marinated chicken or pork
- 20 Sports channel
- 22 Tree
- 25 Blue \_\_, water bird
- 26 Wander
- 27 Sister for short
- 29 Variety show
- 30 Constrictor

- 32 Japanese city
- 33 Withered
- 34 Titan
- 35 Business abbr.
- 37 Cagy
- 39 Sky
- 42 Spr.. month
- 43 \_\_ Lanka
- 47 Tub spread
- 49 Association (abbr.)
- 50 Edge
- 52 Whirlpool
- 55 Synthetic fabric
- 57 Sarcastically
- 58 Posttraumatic stress disorder
- 59 Run easily
- 60 Against
- 61 Dog food brand
- 62 Cocktail drink
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- 64 Grade
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FEBRUARY

Sudoku Solution

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

Crossword Solution

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Hello Residents,

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff is gearing up for spring! Along with the activities and events 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! Feel free to reach out to us by calling us at (708) 659-4800 or email us at [crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov). Visit our Facebook (Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center) and Instagram @crestwood\_recreation pages to stay up to date on all activities and memberships we offer.

Swim lessons available to children ages 6 months to 14 years old here at the CRWC! Group lessons are taught by our trained instructors for beginners to advanced swimmers. Children will be guided by our instructors and given a floatation belt, if necessary, throughout the 5-week swim session. The next 5-week session of lessons will take place April 18th-May 20th. Parents may select their children’s day/time based on schedule availability. Classes take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Find our swim lesson flier online, on our Facebook page, on our Instagram, or in person here at the CRWC. Classes fill up quickly, so make sure to come in and secure your child’s spot on or soon after the Open Registration Day of Monday, March 20th!

Zumba is back here at the CRWC on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in our multipurpose room. Our 6-week session through March 30th, open to anyone 18 years or older, is taught by the enthusiastic Kristen Castillo. Drop-ins for a one-day class are always welcome! Punch passes also are available for six classes within a two-session period. Stop by the CRWC to sign up today.

Crush Developmental Baseball League has started practices beginning indoors at the CRWC and soon will be moving out to the fields. Open to children ages 6-14. Practices began in February and games will begin in May. The fee for our program is \$150 per child. Volunteer coaches are needed; however, fees will be waived/reduced for volunteers’ participants. Individual and team registrations are welcome. For team registration, information should be directed to [rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov). Games will be held at Playfield Park in Crestwood, and at other fields within a 30-minute radius. Medals will be awarded at the free end-of-season picnic July 15th. The season has begun, and games will start soon — come on in and sign up your child today!

Crestwood T-Ball League registration is now open for children ages 4-7. The \$85 registration includes a hat, team shirt and pictures. Practices will begin at 10:00am Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. (Indoor if needed.) Games on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Saturdays at 10:00am begin Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, at Walker Park (139th and Laramie) or here at the CRWC. Registration deadline is March 1st, so be sure to get your child registered ASAP!

Chair Yoga started at the Biela Center (4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood) in February. The Chair Yoga class is taught by certified instructor Joe Kamenske. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30am. Drop-ins are always welcome for only \$2 a class!

The CRWC will host its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, at 10:00am at Walker Park. Registration is now available at the CRWC at no cost. Be sure to secure your child’s spot before the event takes place.

The CRWC is hiring part-time swim instructors to help teach our children’s swim lessons on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Please email [crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov) for more information and an application.

Rocco Mossuto

CRESTWOOD RECREATION  
AND WELLNESS CENTER'S

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT 2023**


For ages 12 years and younger

The hunt will begin at 10 am  
at the Walker Park softball  
fields located at 13900  
Laramie in Crestwood.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH**

Please pre register for the event free of  
charge at the Crestwood Recreation  
and Wellness Center.





**Crestwood T-Ball League—2023**

Ages: 4-7 years old

Practices will begin at 10am Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 (indoor if needed)

Games will be played on Wednesday’s at 6pm & Saturday’s at 10am

Games will start on Wednesday, May 3th, 2023

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

<p><u>Registration deadline</u></p> <p>Tuesday, March 15th</p> <p>Registration Code: 350013—A</p>	<p><u>Season</u></p> <p>May 3th— June 28th</p> <p><b>No game on May 27th</b></p> <p>16 games</p>
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**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 2023, contact Rocco Mossuto


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**Thursdays: February 23rd—March 30th**

(6 week session)

**Location: CRWC Multi-Purpose Room**

Instructor: Kristen Castillo

**Times:**

**6:30— 7:30 PM**

(Code #213001-M)


Zumba, a type of dance fitness that has been around since the 1990s, is the backbone of the dance fitness craze— it incorporates a variety of Latin-inspired dance moves and music to promote a healthy heart, a healthy dose of aerobic activity, and a fun, exciting way to build and tone muscle, improve cardio, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Fees for the 6 Week Session:**

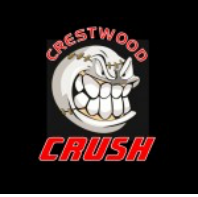
Residents- \$48 / Non-Residents- \$54

Punch Card- \$54 (allows 6 visits with-in two sessions)

One class Drop In - \$10



Register by visiting us at the CRWC.  
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**CRUSH DEVELOPMENTAL  
BASEBALL LEAGUE 2023**

**DIVISONS**

**Pinto**— Ages 6, 7, and 8 years old (Must be 8 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – JJ

**Mustang**— 9 and 10 years old (Must be 10 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – KK

**Bronco**— 11 and 12 years old (Must be 12 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – LL

**Pony**— 13 and 14 years old (Must be 14 years old or younger till July 15th 23) Code: 239002 – MM

*The age that your child will be till July 15, 2023 is the division that you register them for.*

**Fee: \$150**

- A birth certificate will be required for all players.
- Registration forms are available at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center during business hours.
- Season: Practices begin in February. Games: May through end of June, weather permitting. Followed by all-star and part time travel for an additional fee. In house for divisions of 4 plus teams, SWI for divisions less than 4 teams
- All games and practices: Playfield Park. Games hosted throughout the week. SWI games will be home and away with other villages.
- Pinto @6pm (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 1pm) Mustang @6pm (Monday Wednesday, Friday), Bronco (TBA), Pony (TBA)
- Individual and team registration welcome. (Contact for team information [rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov))
- We will host games and are willing to travel within 30 minutes.
- 3-4 contact days a week (practices and games).
- Medals will be awarded at the end of season at our free Picnic at Playfield Park July 15th all families welcome. Games, food, entertainment provided by the league.
- Each level will play: Pinto (16 games), Mustang (18 games), Bronco/Pony (20 games) plus playoffs.
- Starting in In February , the CRWC will host open practices free on Sundays to registered individuals.
- Volunteers, coaches and concession workers, are needed. Fees for the participant will be waived/reduced for volunteers. There will be a volunteer and coaches meeting on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> held at the Crestwood Recreation Center. The meeting will be followed by a coach’s clinic for all League head and assistant coaches.

Fee includes: Hat, Jersey, Game Balls, and Umpires

**For more information about the 2023 season, contact Rocco Mossuto at 708-659-4800 or [rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov)**

**Opening Day will be held at Playfield Park**