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Disabled Illinois Veterans State-of-the-art facility coming to Crestwood

The board of Trustees in Crestwood, Illinois unanimously approved the donation of a parcel of land for the construction of a \$5 million veteran center in the village by the Disabled Illinois Veterans (DIV) at their monthly Trustee Meeting, Tuesday, February 13th. held at the Village Hall.

The estimated \$5 million project includes construction of a 30 thousand square foot building designed to be a state-of-the-art, energy efficient facility. The centers main floor and rooftop garden will be open to the public and will include a tearoom and coffee lounge as well as a bistro on its main floor. Informational displays and kiosks will provide visitors with information about Chicagoans who have served and currently serve in America's armed forces, as well as the value and necessity incumbent upon Americans to support the country's armed forces.

Most of the facility will be devoted to assisting veterans and the families of veterans to successfully reenter civilian society following their active duty and to assist them in accessing the full range of entitlements owed and benefits bestowed by grateful Americans, in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our nation.

The center will be staffed with professional counselors who will assist veterans in achieving a successful transition from military service with job placement assistance, educational tutoring for veterans seeking to continue schooling, trade apprenticeship support, and entrepreneurial education and support for veterans seeking to start or grow their own business.

In addition, the center will work with local courts and the states attorney's

office to provide counseling to veterans who have run afoul of the law. According to a study conducted by the US Department of Veteran Affairs, nearly half of all veterans arrested for crimes have been found to be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, clinical anxiety or depression disorders, or alcohol and/or narcotic addiction. Often, it has been found, veterans' addictions to alcohol and narcotics are brought about by self-medication for untreated and undiagnosed psychological conditions. Professional, and state certified counselors will be employed by the center to work with these individuals to assist them to overcome these maladies and return them to successful and productive paths within society.

Physical therapy will also be provided for injured and aging veterans at the facility, under the direction of certified therapists, taking place in the centers fully equipped physical therapy center, located in the lower level of the center.

An expansive meeting room on the facilities second floor, will be designed to offer meetings and events to all veteran groups within the area, as well as for planned informational gatherings where the public will be invited to view screenings of popular movies and documentaries about military events and join in discussion, following these screenings, with actual participants of the events they view.

John Fanning, the president of DIV and a decades long advocate for veterans' assistance conveyed his sincere gratitude to the people of Crestwood



FEATURED ARTIST MARCH JOYCE ANN GRAFFEO

Joyce Ann Graffeo began her artistic career as a Mother. Joyce would sit at the kitchen table every morning before her kids woke up and draw all kinds of pictures. Often she would draw pictures of her hand or different body parts or even a plant in the distance. As she got older, she took lessons from Nancy Karper and loved to watch Bob Ross on TV. Joyce then began a wonderful career in oil-based paints, which led to acrylic paints later. Landscape pieces she loved and eventually she mastered the art of faces.

When she moved to Minooka, she learned about water color painting and felt she would like give it a try. Joyce joined the Morris Watercolor Guild and learned a lot of great techniques. She loved this medium and mastered clowns, landscapes and foliage. Joyce won several ribbons at the Morris Corn Festivals. Over her career she's done thousands of art pieces, which she has sold or given away to family members and friends.



When Joyce became a grandmother and had her grandchildren over, she used to form art classes to share her passion and her artistic ability with them. Grandchildren loved to draw and paint with her and some of them still dabble with their drawings and paintings skills that their grandma passed on.

At the age of 84 she has put down her paintbrush due to health issues, but still loves to look at her pieces throughout her home. She said "one of her most memorable piece is the portrait she did of her husband."

for their recognition of the need to change the way veteran services are brought into our communities.

"What we are doing here in Crestwood has never been done before," he said. "We are filling in the holes that exist in successfully transitioning every man and woman who has served their country back into the civilian world."

Highlighting the emphasis on preparing veterans for leadership positions, Fanning said, "It is not enough that America's veterans find a place our society following their military lives, it is essential that they are enriched by the bounty they secured and created for America, through their service and sacrifice".

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The Village of Crestwood has been informed by IDOT of the closure of the 127th street Bridge.

The 127th bridge will be closed starting March 4, 2024 through December 2024. IDOT will re-strengthen the bridge. The closure will allow the crews to work from the topside and underneath on a barge.

Once again traffic will be restricted. Please keep this in mind and plan accordingly for an alternate route.

We also like to remind you all to keep in mind the local businesses in that area. Please make an extra effort to still visit all the businesses that will be affected during this closure. Local Businesses are important to us all and we want to be sure they all stay alive during this construction. Spread the word around the Village. Please follow detour routes.

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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
March 7 and March 21

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
March 5 and March 19

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
March 11 and March 25

Village of Crestwood Parking

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on any village street between 2:00am and 6:00am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigation. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

As Mayor of Crestwood, my goals for the months ahead continue to include focusing on the needs of our residents, businesses, keeping our Village at the forefront of economic and business development, building strong partnerships with our local businesses and supporting our departments that keep our neighborhoods safe, while enhancing our quality of life. As a community, we are strong when we work together! By working with one another, we can continue to make Crestwood a wonderful place to raise families and enjoy life!

The first couple months of the year have been very busy around Crestwood. We just completed our annual surplus rebate program. The board and I had the privilege of seeing a lot of familiar faces at our yearly Art Fair where we passed out rebate checks to qualifying residents. What a wonderful event for our community. This

event is a great opportunity for many of local artists to showcase their talents. If you weren't able to attend checks were mailed out.

By now most of you have experienced the numerous construction projects around the Village. Construction has its good and bad qualities. Everybody hates going through it but once it's finished and everything is improved people are usually very pleased. We have worked hard in village to maintain and improve streets and flooding. That being said, this summer is going to be a little painful on Cicero Ave. We have three construction projects going on this year. The first one is the traffic light improvements at Cal-Sag Road, 135th St. and Midlothian Turnpike. This project should finish up around November 2024.

The second project is the streetscape, which is improving all the

street lights on Cicero to LED, so there will be sidewalk work and apron work on both sides of Cicero.

The final construction project is the IDOT 127th St. Bridge Project, which will be closed down from March to December. While that project is going on people will be directed to use Rt. 83 to Cicero to get back to 127th St. you can definitely count on traffic issues during rush-hour times. A little hint Rivercrest Dr. can scoot you around some of the traffic issues on Cicero. Please drive safe.

We are very excited to work with John Fanning on the new Veterans Center that will be built here in our Village. You can read more about this in a separate article. We have the upmost respect for our Veterans and can't wait for the wonderful resources this place will provide.



2024 is off to a great start! I continue to be very optimistic about Crestwood's future and our long-term success. I pledge to continue my accessibility to our residents and businesses. Your ideas, input, and feedback are so very beneficial in understanding the concerns of our community. I have the best interest of Crestwood at heart and I hope you do as well.

Sincerely,
Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood



Crestwood's Fine Art Fair and Rebate program success

Crestwood's fine Art Fair and Rebate program went very well this year. Thanks to all that helped make this a great event. Thanks to all the Artists that participated, also the Sheriff's department with a drug drop off collection program table, MWRD Commissioner Flynn for the rain barrel raffle and information table, the Treasurer's office for table for ICASH program and information. Also, all the volunteers Village staff and Trustee Madlener that worked hard on this event. Programs like this help keep Crestwood a Village on The Move.



MWRD Commissioner Flynn raffling off a rain barrel and providing information.



Deputy Clerk Colleen Jagodzinski explaining our Home Town Hero's program



Entertainer Jerry Armstrong performing at the Art fair.



Artists and vendors participating in the art fair.



Village Trustees, Mayor and Village Clerk passed out rebate checks to residents.



We Watch, We Call!

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

Deceptive Practice/ SCAMS

01-02-2024: A resident reported that after sending a check in the mail to pay off a credit card account , he later discovered that the check had been changed and cashed by an unknown subject.

01-05-2024: A resident reported that he received a letter in the mail requesting additional personal information regarding the opening of a new Chase credit card, which he did not apply for.

01-08-2024: A victim reported that while making a transfer through the Zelle app, he discovered a pending withdrawal for \$5000.00 which he did not authorize. He later learned that the withdrawal occurred at the Old National Bank.

01-11-2024: A resident reported that he received an email in reference to a Verizon wireless account that was opened in his name without his authorization.

01-12-2024: A resident reported that she discovered that her facebook account and her instagram account had been hacked, her passwords had been changed, and an unknown suspect began making posts. The victim then discovered that all of her credit cards had been hacked and purchases were being made using 6 of her credit cards.

01-20-2024: An elderly resident reported that she received a phone

call in reference to a Walmart package being shipped to her residence and that there was a discrepancy in the payment. The victim was then redirected to what she was told was the fraud department where she was advised that a fraudulent transaction had taken place. During her conversation with the fraud department she was redirected to what she was told was the Federal Trade Commission where she was advised that numerous bank accounts had been opened in her name and were being used to make purchases. She was then transferred to what she was told was the Attorney General of Arkansas. During that conversation she was instructed to send two cashier checks in the amount of \$8000.00 each which would be deposited into a Dept of Treasury account. The victim went to Chase bank and requested the two cashier checks for \$8000.000 each that was sent to an address in Fayetteville Arkansas.

Theft

01-05-2024:A resident reported that unknown suspects stole a 26 inch yellow Cadet Snowblower and lawn mower from the shed in her back yard.

01-23-2024: Unknown suspects stole a red Toyota Corolla that had been left running in the parking lot of McDonalds.

01-24-2024: A woman reported that as she was pumping gas at the Delta Sonic an unknown suspect

entered the passenger side of her vehicle and took her purse. Her credit cards were then used a short time later at Walgreens. A review of the surveillance camera footage showed a black Maserati pull up next to the victims vehicle where the

suspect exited the vehicle and took the purse.

01-24-2024: A resident reported that she discovered that an unknown suspect had stolen her mail from within her mailbox.

01-24-2024: A resident reported that unknown suspects stole a package in the 5200 block of 136th Place.

Criminal Damage to Property

01-03-2024: Unknown suspects damaged two vehicles that were parked in the driveway of a residence in the 5700 block of 129th Street.

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.

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Former Big League Manager & Pitching Coach Larry Rothschild Hired as Pitching Consultant

Veteran Major League pitching Coach Larry Rothschild has been added to the Windy City ThunderBolts' staff for the 2024 season as a pitching consultant. Rothschild brings 47 years of professional baseball experience as a player, coach or manager to Crestwood. He has spent 35 years on Major League coaching staffs, including four as a big league manager.

"I'm super excited to have Larry joining us," said ThunderBolts manager Bobby Jenks. "His experience and knowledge of the game is a real asset to the players. I'm personally looking forward to learning from him to become a better manager, coach and mentor to the players."

Rothschild may be best known in Chicago as the pitching coach for the Chicago Cubs from 2002-2010. He was on the staff for the 2003 team that came within one win of the World Series and for the division winning teams of 2007 and 2008. He has also served as pitching coach for the Cincinnati Reds,

Florida Marlins, New York Yankees and San Diego Padres and has won two World Series rings – with the 1990 Reds and 1997 Marlins. During his tenure as Yankees pitching coach from 2011-2019, they led the American League in both wins and strikeouts.

In 1998, Rothschild was named the first manager of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, a post he maintained for the first three years of the franchise's existence. The Devil Rays improved their winning percentage in each year that he was there.

Scott Proefrock, the president of New England Baseball, LLC, was instrumental in bringing Rothschild to the Windy City. As part of his role in New England, Proefrock also provides executive oversight to the ThunderBolts. "I have worked with and competed against Larry, and I know the impact he has had on the pitchers he's worked with throughout his time in the game," Proefrock said. "His experience, knowledge and wisdom will be tremendous re-



sources for our players and staff. He will make us all better."

In his new role, Rothschild will consult with Jenks and the Windy City pitching staff during spring training and during extended periods of the regular season. The Bolts ranked eighth in the Frontier League in 2023 with a 4.85 team ERA.

"I'm looking forward to working with Bobby Jenks and the Thunderbolts," Rothschild said. "Even

in a limited role it will be fun to help pitchers improve. As an added bonus, I get to spend some time in my old neighborhood which provided many great memories."

Rothschild grew up on Chicago's South Side in the Beverly neighborhood, less than ten miles from Ozinga Field. After spending most of his high school years at Morgan Park Academy, he graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School. He played baseball collegiately at Florida State University.

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BPA students advance to state finals

More than 30 Business Professionals of America students from Shepard High School delivered stellar scores at the recent area competition. These students now advance to compete at the BPA state competition in Oak Brook on February 22.

Teachers Jennifer Spellman and Jodi Pelini serve as faculty sponsors for BPA.

FIRST PLACE

- Elizabeth Stepuszek
Economic Research Individual
- Martin Foertsch
Banking and Finance
- Jacob Cachor
Personal Finance Management
- Jacob Cachor
Advanced Office Systems and Procedures
- Kristopher Lombardi
Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications
- Benjamin Lopez
Advanced Spreadsheet Applications
- Benjamin Lopez
Database Applications
- Enzo Restivo
Computer Security
- Maja Natan
Server Administration Using Microsoft
- Maja Natan
Network Administration Using Cisco



More than 30 Business Professionals of America students from Shepard High School advanced to the BPA state finals.

- Carlos Castillo
C++ Programming
- Sophia Jimenez
Graphic Design Promotion
- Ahmad Hadad
Digital Media Production
- Daniella Ramirez Prado & Saidah Diab
Visual Design Team
- Eamon Gayduk
Extemporaneous Speech
- Carlos Castillo
Interview Skills
- Giulia Scarnavack
Human Resource Management

- Naila Stevenson
Prepared Speech
- Giulia Scarnavack
Management, Marketing & HR Concepts
- Sophia Jimenez
Medical Coding
- Jacob Madera
Health Administration Procedures

SECOND PLACE

- Eamon Gayduk
Basic Office Systems and Procedures
- Guadalupe Arreola
Business Law and Ethics



Shepard junior wins Tenor/Brass Solo Contest

Brandon Chrones, a junior at Shepard High School won the Tenor/Brass Solo Competition at the Crete-Monee Spectacular on Saturday, Feb. 3. Brandon, who also performs for the Shepard band, competes with the Shepard show choir, NOVA.

- Fiona Jacobson
Health Administration Procedures

THIRD PLACE

- Elizabeth Stepuszek
Business Law and Ethics

FOURTH PLACE

- Kristopher Lombardi
Intermediate Word Processing
- Naila Stevenson
Business Law and Ethics

Shepard cheerleaders sixth in state



The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School took sixth place in the Co-Ed Division, while earning the highest score in program history, at the Illinois High School Association state championships last weekend.

The varsity cheerleaders from Shepard High School took sixth place in the Co-Ed Division at the Illinois High School Association state championships last weekend. “This team finished sixth out of 57 (total) coed teams in the state of Illinois. They also achieved the highest score in history at the state

series. Truly incredible and talented kids,” said coach Felicia Marr. The team produced a season full of achievement. They won first place in the Co-Ed Division at both the Andrew and Lincoln-Way East invationals and took second place at the IHSA Sectional at Hinsdale South to qualify for the state finals.



Shepard salutes Coach Tony Chiuccariello

The Shepard High School community gathered earlier this month to salute Tony Chiuccariello, who’s coaching his final basketball season -- 33 years, 26 as head coach. Athletic Director Lindsey Nissen planned a wonderful event where former and current players, coaching colleagues, friends, family, and parents paid tribute to an educator who has served his community with integrity, dedication, and leadership. “As the athletic director at Shepard it has been my honor and privi-

lege to stand before you today to celebrate the remarkable career of Coach Chiuccariello,” Nissen said. “After 33 years of dedicated service to our athletic programs this will be Coach Chic’s final season. “He has inspired generations of athletes throughout his decades at Shepard. Every year I would look forward to the team’s progress under Coach Chic. This work ethic has cemented a place in Shepard history for him. He has been

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Moraine Valley’s Library wins inaugural Library Excellence in Access and Diversity Award

Moraine Valley Community College’s Dr. Sylvia Jenkins Library is one of only 56 academic libraries in the country to be named a recipient of the inaugural Library Excellence in Access and Diversity (LEAD) Award. The award was given by Insight Into Diversity magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education.

The LEAD Award honors academic libraries for providing programs and initiatives that encourage and support diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) on their campus.

“Receiving the inaugural LEAD Award means we are achieving the DEI goals our Library team set for ourselves in our strategic plan,” said Dr. Terra Jacobson, dean of Moraine Valley’s Learning Resource Center. “I am so proud of our entire team and their commitment to DEI work. It takes

everyone to make this possible. Our Library staff has intentionally embedded equity, diversity and inclusion throughout our work and has consciously chosen to look at our strategic priorities through this lens. We look forward to seeing exemplary practices other schools are implementing so we can learn and model our future work after them, as there is still more work to be done.”

Criteria for the award included how libraries assess DEI progress, improve access to resources in their physical and virtual environments, support underrepresented authors, assist their institution’s faculty in their diversity, equity and inclusion research, incorporate DEI efforts into recruiting and retaining of staff, and support diverse collections and events.

“We look at DEI holistically, so it’s part of everything we do. I hope



The Dr. Sylvia Jenkins Library hosts the Arab American and Muslim American Women’s Panel, one of many diverse events offered by Moraine Valley’s Library that have helped it win the inaugural LEAD Award.

that’s why we stood out,” said Tish Hayes, information literacy librarian. “It’s been a lot of work by a lot of people, and it makes me proud to work in a library where it’s important for us to do this work.”

The list of the LEAD Award recipients will be featured in the March 2024 issue of Insight Into Diversity magazine.

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a mentor, role model, and a guiding light for countless student athletes,” she added.

Chicarriello expressed his appreciation for all who attended.

“Thank you everyone. I appreciate all of you. I want to thank everyone for supporting our seniors tonight. It’s always about the kids. And I want to thank every single player who’s played for me. It has been an absolute privilege to try to shape lives through basketball,” he said.

“I am absolutely blessed to teach and coach at Shepard High School. I love this place, and I’m going to have a really hard time walking away,” he added.



Recognizing Coach Chiuccariello and his 33 years of coaching.

Moraine Valley hosts High School Automotive Skills Competition

Seven high schools were represented at Moraine Valley Community College’s ninth annual High School Automotive Skills Competition on Feb. 5.

Teams of students from Andrew, Argo, Oak Lawn, Reavis, Richards, Shepard and Stagg high schools participated in the competition in the Moraine Valley Automotive Technology classrooms and labs. Moraine Valley hosts this yearly event for students attending district schools to test their skills and see the facilities at the college.

Students were tested in four areas: written exam; identification of different size fasteners and measurements of automotive components with a micrometer; electrical measurements and reading a wiring diagram; and team on-car activity to check fuses, tires and other aspects of a vehicle.

“The competition activities have been developed over the years by me and Rob Faoro [Moraine Valley coordinator of Mopar CAP Program] to help prepare these students for the Skills U.S.A. Competition and showcase what our Automotive Technology



High school students compete at Moraine Valley Community College’s annual High School Automotive Skills Competition.

Program has to offer,” said Ira Siegel, Moraine Valley program coordinator and professor of Automotive Technology. “Participants get an opportunity to interact with our automotive faculty and manufacturer representatives from our partner organizations (Nissan/Infiniti and Stellantis – Mopar CAP), who help staff and judge the testing areas.”

Fifty-six high school students participated in the event. While

scores were tabulated, students talked with manufacturer representatives about opportunities in the industry. In addition to individual results, first place went to Stagg High School, second place to Argo High School and third place to Richards High School.

The event was co-sponsored by the Moraine Area Career System and the college.

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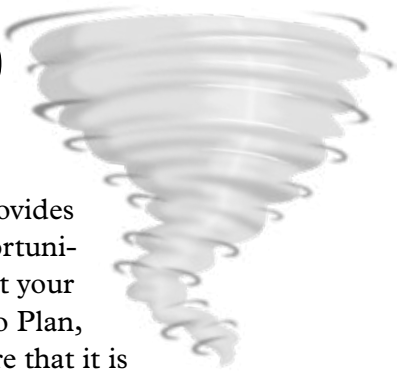
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State-Wide Tornado Drill on March 5th



We have now been advised, by the State of Illinois, of the following:

As part of pre-season tornado preparedness, the National Weather Service, working in conjunction with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois State Police, will schedule a State-Wide Tornado Drill for 10:00am, C.S.T., Tuesday, the 5th of March, 2024. Since Tornado planning necessarily includes a drill or exercise to familiarize everyone with the operations of their Tornado Plan and to ensure its smooth operation, all those with an interest in Tornado preparedness are urged to take an active part in this drill. The State-Wide Tornado

Drill provides an opportunity to test your Tornado Plan, to ensure that it is up-to-date and comprehensive.


The EMA department supervises tornado drills in 2 Nursing, 3 Rehabilitation Centers and 8 School during the month of March.

Crestwood has 3 Sirens to cover the village incase of a Tornado or winds above 75 mph.

- 142nd & Kostner
- Midlothian Turnpike & Long
- Highland & Playfield Dr. (behind Nathan Hale school)


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 1st 2024, 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.



CRESTWOOD SOCCER CLUB
(708) 396-Ball (2255)

REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 1, 2024.
Registration is ON-LINE! Go to "crestwoodsoccerclub.com."
Registration after April 15, 2024, will be considered late and additional fees apply. Your child should be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 to start in our program.



CRESTWOODSOCCERCLUB.COM

What is the Biela Senior Center?



4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD, IL

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

Some of the events that take place are Senior Club, fitness and yoga classes, day trips, Bingo, lunches, Knit Wits, line dance and

“There are no strangers here, only friends you haven’t yet met.”

William Butler Yeats

much more! Groups also meet to play pinochle, Mexican Train and Bunco. We have a pool table, a library where you can find a quiet place to read or do a puzzle, and a computer lab.

Call to make a lunch reservation, or stop by at any time for a tour of

our building and see what we are all about. If you live in the Village of Crestwood, and do not drive, call and schedule bus pick up with our Dial-A-Ride program. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001. We look forward to meeting you!



MARCH FEATURE chili

Come join the Biela Center’s Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH • 12:30 – 2:00 PM

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Bring a copy of your favorite recipe along with a prepared sample to share. We will discuss the recipes and compile them for the year to make into a cookbook. Your recipe may even be featured in a Biela lunch! Dishes will rotate monthly.

Please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001 to register.

Pinochle Players Wanted!

Do you like to play Pinochle? Our Wednesday group would love to meet you! Please join them at the Biela Center at 12:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon.
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
Call 708-371-4800, Ext. 6000 with any questions.



Bunco...let's roll!




First & Third Thursday of every month 1:00PM – 4PM

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

Join us at the Biela Center!
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
Please Contact Cindy with any questions @ 708-371-4800 EXT: 6001



Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	2
3	4 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Pinochle 12 pm-4 pm Card Club 12:00 pm	5 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12 pm-3 pm TOPS 6 pm-7:30 pm	6 Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Pinochle 12 pm-4 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	7 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Knit Wits 10 am-12 pm Mexican Train 12 pm-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1 pm-4 pm	8 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	9
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17	18 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Pinochle 12 pm-4 pm	19 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12 pm-3 pm TOPS 6 pm-7:30 pm	20 Ocean's Rat Pack Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Pinochle 12 pm-4 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	21 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 a Knit Wits 10 am-12 pm Mexican Train 12 pm-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1 pm-4pm	22 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	23
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31 	Come	make	new	friends!		

Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH • 12:15–3:30PM

Regular Meeting
Linda Signore- Skin Care Specialist

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST • 12:15–3:30PM

St Patrick/St Joseph Lunch
Corn Beef Sandwich, dessert

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

All are welcome to come JOIN US in an afternoon out to our Senior Club Meeting. We meet two times a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 12:15 – 3:30pm. We offer sweet rolls, coffee, split the pot, raffles, bingo, and on occasion have lunches to celebrate special events!! *Doors open at 12:15pm.*

Seniors Pump it Up!

with Certified Instructor, Diana Esparza

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

11:15AM – 12:00PM
\$2/class

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

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL
708-371-4800 EXT: 6000



Chair Yoga

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

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
9:30 – 10:30AM

\$2/class
BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL
708-371-4800 EXT: 6000

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





SHED POUNDS,
GAIN FRIENDS

First visit is FREE!

Join us for affordable, effective
weight-loss support!

Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike


Crestwood, IL

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

For more information

Adrienne 708-2281701

Real People. Real Weight-Loss.® www.tops.org



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS

TIME: 1PM TO 2PM

Location: Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL

Cost: \$20.00 for the month

Enter through the back door entrance

To reserve your spot please email: LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com

Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

IMPORTANT BIELA POLICY INFORMATION

PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment is due upon reservation. We will no longer be excepting reservations without full payment.

NO REFUND POLICY

If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place. **Unless there is a waiting list you will not need to find a replacement, and you will be issued a refund**

No refunds will be given otherwise.


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

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

CREDIT CARD POLICY

As of February 17, 2023 there will be a fee of 3.25% when using a credit card.

All other items being paid using a credit card, debit card or e-check will incur a 3.25% processing fee (minimum of \$1.95), assessed by Invoice Cloud, the Village of Crestwood's electronic payment processing vendor.



1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES

Biela Center

SPRING

CRAFT AND

VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, March 16th

9 AM - 3 PM

4545 Midlothian Turnpike

Crestwood, IL 60418

FREE ADMISSION

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First Time Visitors

Present this ticket for one FREE lunch

(and stay for Bingo)

Biela Senior Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Not applicable for holiday lunches

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Looking for a gift idea for a relative or neighbor?
Try a Biela Lunch Certificate!
It doesn't need to be just for Christmas -
Stop by the Biela and purchase a lunch certificate!!

GIFT CERTIFICATE

THIS GIFT CERTIFICATE IS GOOD FOR ONE FREE \$5.00 LUNCH AT THE BIELA CENTER.

TO: SPECIAL PERSON

FROM: YOUR NAME

ISSUED BY: BIELA STAFF MEMBER

MARCH

Biela Center Lunch Menu

Lunches are \$5.00. Tuesdays we serve from 12:00-1:00 pm and Friday's from 12:15-1:15 pm. All lunches are served with a side and dessert. Bingo will be played following lunch. **Reservations must be made one week in advance.** For cancellation call: 708-371-4800 Option #6

Please check the lunches you would like to attend:

<input type="radio"/> Friday, March 1st	Pepper and Egg Sandwich
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday, March 5th	Chicken Bites and Stuffing
<input type="radio"/> Friday, March 8th	Fish Sandwich
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday, March 12th	Corned Beef & Cabbage
<input type="radio"/> Friday, March 15th	Egg Salad Sandwich
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday, March 19th	Salisbury Steak
<input type="radio"/> Friday, March 22nd	Salmon Patties
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday, March 26th	Ham Dinner
(\$10 Today ONLY - PAY BY MARCH 19th)	
Friday, March 29th	CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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

Name _____



Titanic Exhibit and Holocaust Museum

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:00AM. RETURN: 5:30PM

Cost: \$75.00

Cost includes transportation and entrance into both events. Lunch will be on your own at Westfield Old Orchard Mall. Full payment is due upon reservation.

TITANIC EXHIBIT: The exhibition is an immersive and interactive experience that tells the tale of the design, creation, launch, maiden voyage, and tragedy of the largest and most luxurious ship in the world at the time. It features over 300 artifacts, life –size recreations, and VR experiences that provide a new perspective on the ship’s downfall. You can walk above a sea floor complete with sand and broken artifacts, see what discovery teams saw during their dives, and explore the galleries and boiler room. The exhibition also showcases hundreds of artifacts from the Titanic and her sister ships, including recovered items, authentic White Star Line objects, and even props and costumes from James Cameron’s famous 1997 feature film.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM: The second largest Holocaust museum in the United States is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust. The museum honors the memories of those who were lost and those who survived by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice, and indifference.

Any questions, please call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6000

BIELA SENIOR CENTER

Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
6:00PM – 8:00PM

Do you like to play board games? Come on over! Join us for a FREE night of fun! Come with a friend, or make one here. Bring your favorite game or cards (or borrow the ones we have here). Snacks will be provided



Super Seniors Rules of the Road

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
10AM – 2PM

BIELA CENTER AT 10:30AM
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

PLEASE CALL 708-371-4800 EXT. 6000 TO REGISTER FOR THE MOBILE UNIT AND/OR CLASSROOM

WHAT IS SUPER SENIORS? What is Super Seniors? Super Seniors is a convenient and voluntary program open to anyone 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.

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. If you are age 65 and older, you may obtain a free, non-expiring State of Illinois photo ID card. Drivers age 78 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 Review Course is designed to give drivers, especially senior citizens, the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver’s license. **This class will begin at 10 am.**

You may come to the Biela Center to pick up 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



Drury Lane Presents... GUYS AND DOLLS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER AT 10:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$125.00

Cost includes transportation, lunch and performance

Step into the dazzling lights of 1950s New York City with Guys and Dolls. This enduring tale of romance, risk, and unforgettable rhythm, follows the improbable love story of high-rolling gambler Sky Masterson and mission doll Sarah Brown, along with the comedic relationship of the ever-patient Miss Adelaide and craps game organizer Nathan Detroit. Guys and Dolls takes you into the golden age of Broadway with wit, charm, and plenty of heart with vibrant characters and unforgettable songs like “Luck Be a Lady” and “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat.”

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

Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Kentucky’s Florence Y’all



THURSDAY, MAY 16
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:00 A.M.
(GAME TIME 10:35 A.M.)
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$30.00

Full payment is due upon reservation.

Cost includes premier seating in an executive suite, in addition to an All-You-Can-Eat lunch which will be extended until the end of the fifth inning.

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

The Four Winds Casino

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH
DEPART: 9:30AM • RETURN: 4:30 PM
COST: \$40.00 PER PERSON



Full payment is due upon reservation.

Cost Includes: \$15.00 Instant Slot Credit, **Up to \$10.00 Food Credit, ** Up to \$10 Food credit can be used towards the following food outlets: The Buffet, Timbers Fast Food & Deli, Grab N Go, Kankakee Bar & Grill.

Get a discount at The Buffet every Thursday
10% off The Buffet for Red Card Guests
15% off The Buffet for Copper Card Guests
25% off The Buffet for Premier Card Guests

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

If you would like to attend, please fill this out and return to Cindy or Shannon.

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
City & State: _____
DOB: _____
Current W-Club Card: _____

 **BREAD TAG
RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Recycle Bread Tags at the Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL



Bread tags for wheelchairs
We’ve partnered with SCARCE for this recycling project. SCARCE works with Danielle Cares for Chairs to recycle bread tags. Funds raised through recycling bread tags provide mobility equipment for those in need.
Learn more on www.scarce.org.

OBITUARIES

Benjamin J. Czachura, age 98, of Blue Island passed away January 12, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Virginia (Myskin) Czachura; loving father of Susan (Billy) Bishop DeSanto, Barry (Leigh Burchyett) Czachura, Judith (Edward Smith) Czachura, and Janet Czachura; brother; uncle; and friend to many. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Honor Flight Chicago, or the Salvation Army. Memorial Visitation Thursday March 7, 2024, 4-8pm at Hickey Memorial Chapel 2429 W. 127th St Blue Island, IL 60406. Interment Private St Benedict Cemetery. For more information and online register please visit www.hickeyfuneral.com or call 708-388-1636.



Joan C. Dwyer, former longtime resident of Crestwood, passed away suddenly on Monday, February 19, 2024 at the age of 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Timothy R. Dwyer Sr. for 57 years. Loving mother of Carol (Tom) Ignatowicz, Jackie (Mike) Murphy, and the late Timothy R. Dwyer Jr. Cherished grandmother of Megan (Brooks) Clinton, Jason (Brittany) Ignatowicz, Katelyn (Paul) Kowalik, Bridget Murphy, and Maggie Murphy. Special great-grandmother of Easton, Canaan, Hayden, Emma, Dayton, and Olivia. Fond sister of Janeen (the late Ed) Duffy and Art Welch. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Wonderful daughter-like friend of Laurie Stranczek for many years. Fond sister in law of Frank (the late Mary Ann) Dwyer and the late Bill (the late Shirley) Dwyer.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, at 9:30 A.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity in Joan’s name would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more info: (708)824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Change your clock. Check your alarm.



When you change the clocks, check your smoke alarms. If they are 10 years old, replace them. Working smoke alarms save lives.

Daylight Savings: Spring Ahead & test your Smoke/CO Detectors

We trade an hour of sleep for more daylight at the end of the day this time of year – a fair trade for most of us! It is also the twice-annual reminder to check one of the most important safety devices in your home: Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

A working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector can save your life in the event of a fire or related occurrence: smoke inhalation and a CO leak can also be deadly. Never tamper with a detector – no annoying chirp is worth risking your life by ignoring or removing the detector. Place them outside of each sleeping area, on each level of your home. Place at least 10 feet from the stove to avoid a false alarm.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, modern devices vary – which can be confusing when you go to check the batteries or even expiration of your detectors. Here’s some information from the NFPA on the various types of detectors:

- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- When replacing a battery, follow manufacturer’s list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer’s instructions. Manufacturer’s instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.

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VOTE EARLY

EARLY VOTING FOR CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
Location: Crestwood Civic Center, 13820 S. Cicero Ave

FIRST WEEK: MARCH 4TH – 9TH
Monday - Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday (03/10): 10:00am-4:00pm

SECOND WEEK: FINAL MONDAY MARCH 11TH – MARCH 16TH
Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday (03/17): 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Final Monday (03/18): 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

A. A. Stagg High School Music Boosters
Presents
2024 Spring Craft Show

Saturday, March 16th 9am - 4pm
Sunday, March 17th 10am - 3pm

\$3.00 entry fee (Kids under 12 free)

For applications:
Visit www.aastaggmusicboosters.org
Call 708-974-7520 for more info

A. A. Stagg High School
8015 W 111th St
Palos Hills, IL 60465

Shamrocks, saint and shillelaghs

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, honors Ireland's patron saint who died on that day in 461. Icons of the Irish holiday and the history of St. Patrick:

Shamrock ■ Small, three-leafed herb appears on United Kingdom's coat of arms with English rose, Scottish thistle	Irish flag ■ Green stands for Catholics; orange for Protestants; white for wish for harmony	Leprechauns ■ Fairies who work day and night mending shoes of other fairies	Shillelagh (shi-lay'-lee) ■ Walking stick; word is Irish for stout oak club or cudgel; also name of a forest that once stood in County Wicklow
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Patrick: Saint and legend

387: Born in Britain to a Roman family; his father served as a magistrate; his original name was Maewyn	Early 400s: Taken to Ireland as a slave; after six years, he escaped to France where he studied for priesthood	432: Sent to Ireland as a Christian missionary by Pope Celestine I, who named him Patricius, which means noble in Latin; he introduced Roman alphabet, Latin literature; Christianized land	Familiar legend He drove the snakes from Ireland by beating a drum
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Source: "Shamrocks, Harps and Shillelaghs" by Edna Barth, "All About American Holidays," World Book

CRESTWOOD
PUBLIC LIBRARY



4955 W. 135th Street, Crestwood
P: 708-371-4090 F: 708-371-4127

ADULTS

Paper Shredding at the Library
Saturday, March 2nd
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
In-Person Program
Bring your excess paper to the library for our free shredding event! Limit 3 bankers boxes per person.



Take & Make Adult Craft
Available Thurs., March 28th
Stop by the library and pick up a DIY craft kit.



kanopy
Kanopy Streaming Service NOW AVAILABLE!
A new video streaming service with instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kid favorites is now available with your Crestwood Public Library card! To get started, visit [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com) and select the "Add Library Card" button to set up your account.



Virtual Classroom Kitchen: Baking with Tea
Wed., March 20th, 6:30 pm
Virtual Program
Tea, with its aromatic and flavorful properties, adds an exciting dimension to traditional baking, creating an unforgettable experience for your taste buds. Be sure to join us for this live virtual demonstration with guest cooking instructor Kristyn Slick!

Needles & Yarn Knitting Club
Monday, March 25th, 6:30 pm
In-Person Program
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!

Stampin' Up Card Class
Monday, March 4th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program / \$5/person
Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards!

Illinois Libraries Present: **Ruth E. Carter - Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design**
Wednesday, March 20th, 7:00 pm
Virtual Program
The Crestwood Public Library joins more than 200 Illinois libraries to host Ruth E. Carter, the only two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter is the first Black person to win for Best Costume Design, the first designer to win this award twice and the first Black woman to win multiple Oscars in any category. Carter's ability to develop an authentic story through costume and character made her one of the most sought-after and renowned costume designers today.

Save the Date! Illinois Libraries Present: **Dr. Temple Grandin - The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers**
Wednesday, April 3rd, 7:00 pm / Virtual Program
Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. She has written many books on those subjects, with a specific focus on visual thinking. Her book, Thinking in Pictures, upended the way the world understood autism and her latest, Visual Thinking, published more than twenty-five years later, was an instant New York Times bestseller.

Scrabble Club
Saturday, March 23rd
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
In-Person Program
Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!



Check out the new SWAN Libraries+ App!
The SWAN Libraries+ app lets you store your library card, manage your account, and find books, movies, and more from your phone or tablet. It is free and available to anyone with a library card for iOS and Android.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday, March 30th
1:00- 2:30 pm
Registration required.
Kids ages 1-12
come join us for an afternoon of Easter fun! Visit the Easter Bunny, go on an Easter Egg Hunt and more.



Toddler Storytime
Friday, March 22nd & 29th
10:30 am
Space is limited so please register. Children ages 1-4 with an adult, can come hear stories, songs and make a craft during this 30-minute program.

Pajama Time Storytime
Wednesday, March 6th & 20th
6:00 pm Children ages 3 to 8.
Please register.
Kids can join us for a fun 45-minute evening storytime with songs, stories, and a craft. Wear your pajamas! March 6th: St. Patrick's Day ; March 20th: Easter Bunny.

Preschool STEAM
Thursday, March 7th & 21st, 10:30 am
Children ages 2-4 with an adult
Please register.
Join us twice a month for a fun science or math activity to learn basic math and science concepts.

Kids Craft
Monday, March 25th, 4:00 pm
Kids ages 7 and up can come to this in-person craft class to make a foam Easter House to put on display for Easter.

Messy Mondays
Monday, March 4th & 25th, 10:30 am
Children ages 2-4 with an adult. Parents can bring their budding artists to the library to create messy things during this 30-minute art class. Please dress to get messy.



LEGO Club
Tuesday, March 5th & 26th, 4:00 pm
Please register.
Kids ages 6-12, come share your imagination and join us for a fun day with Legos! You can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design!



Read to the Dogs!
Tuesday, March 19th, 5:00 pm
Call to register for a 15-minute time slot.
Therapy dogs, Humphrey, Cashel and Hazel, are back to listen to kids in grades K- 5 read their favorite books aloud!

International Snack Club
Thurs., March 21st, 4:00 pm
Registration required.
Do you like learning about different places and their foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different countries? Then join us for snacks, facts, and fun! Kids ages 10 and up are invited to journey to France this month.



Family Bingo
Wed., March 27th, 6:00 pm
Please register. Limit of 7 families.
Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo!

Chess for Kids
Friday, March 22nd, 3:30 pm
Kids ages 6 - 16, have you wanted to learn to play chess or need some new opponents to play? If so, Mr. Pierre is back to host another session of Chess for Kids.

Take Home Science Kit
Available Thursday, March 7th
Come to the library to pick up a hands-on science kit for kids ages 5 and up to experiment at home. A limited number of kits will be available to pick up beginning Thursday, February 8th, while supplies last.

Monday Take and Make
Every Monday, a limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up for children to create at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance. No Kits Monday March 11th.

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

SANDY'S SLOTS

I am hiring Full and Part Time dependable gaming room attendants starting at \$14.00 per hour. No experience required and every age will be considered. Located in the Rivercrest Shopping Center. Call me at (708) 449-3939 to schedule an interview.

Free Advertising for Crestwood Residents! Limited to 20 words or less and include information related to the following items:
Garage Sales • Lost and Found
Large Appliances • Automobiles
Motorcycles • Boats and Trailers

Non-Residents and Area Businesses can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5 for twenty words under the following categories:
Garage Sales • Appliances and Electronics • Sales • Transportation (Cars, Boats, motorcycles) • Homes for Sale or Rent • Apartments for Sale or Rent • Employment Openings • Jobs Wanted

Sudoku

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

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

Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11
12							13				
14							15				
16				17		18			19		
20			21		22				23		
	24			25			26				
			27			28					
29	30	31				32			33	34	
35					36			37			38
39				40			41		42		
43			44				45		46		
47							48				
49							50				

Riddles??
Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?

FEBRUARY ANSWER:
David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle, and _____? David


DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
SATURDAY NIGHT OR SUNDAY MORNING WEEKEND OF MARCH 11

February Puzzle Solutions

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

M	A	I	N		J	A	B		O	W	L	S
O	R	C	A		A	L	E		H	E	A	L
T	E	E	M		I	S	L	A	M	I	Z	E
T	A	B			B	L	O	O	M		R	E
			O	N	U	S		V	E	E		
D	R	U	I	D		S	E	N	A	T	E	S
Y	A	N	G		A	I	D		R	O	T	E
E	N	D	E	A	R	S		P	L	A	C	E
				R	A	M		D	A	Y	S	
O	P	T		R	A	Z	O	R		T	O	M
P	R	E	C	E	D	E	S		L	I	V	E
A	E	R	O		A	R	E		O	N	E	R
L	Y	N	X		S	O	D		O	G	R	E

ACROSS

1. Gentle wind

7. Norwegian name of Norway

12. Large quantities

13. Relish

14. Lighted by twilight

15. Military catapult

16. It is

17. Monetary unit of Nigeria

19. America (Abbr)

20. Enough

22. An explosive

23. After deductions

24. Goblins

26. Cavity

27. - and don'ts

28. Strike

29. Metal fastener
32. Invasive tumor

35. Black

36. Base

37. Gardening tools

39. Actor, - Gibson

40. Sweet spongy yeast cake

42. Mineral spring

43. Semitic language

45. Redskin

47. Foest of pine trees

48. Posture

49. Cloyed

50. Towrope

DOWN

1. Fencing thrust

2. Sculling

3. US electronics inventor, Thomas -

4. Former measure of lenth

5. Maize protein

6. Manorial lands

7. Grandmother

8. Eggs

9. Bounders

10. Visitors

11. Publishing errors

13. Classify

18. - and outs, intricacies

21. Chief Anglo-Saxon god

23. Nick

25. Witty remark

26. Fish part
28. Resembling a hawk

29. Recharts

30. Spain and Portugal

31. Nimble

32. Corn ear

33. Red dyes

34. Step out of distance again

36. Lacelike

38. Wiser

40. Winged creature

41. Rectangular pier

44. Hive insect

46. Black bird

94 South

by Jim McGreal

Comic strip panels with characters and speech bubbles:

- Panel 1: Character 1: "TODAY'S MUSIC IS GOOD..." Character 2: "OK."
- Panel 2: Character 1: "...BUT THE OLDER THE SONG IS..." Character 2: "GO ON."
- Panel 3: Character 1: "...THE YOUNGER..." Character 2: "UH HUH."
- Panel 4: Character 1: "...IT MAKES ME FEEL!" Character 2: "YEAH YEAH YEAH!"

Background text includes: "FEARLESS", "I DID IT AGAIN!", "ROXANNE", "SHE LOVES YOU", "MR. PERFECTLY FINE", "SINGLE LADIES", "BORN IN THE USA", "PRETTY WOMAN", "TWIST AND SHOUT".



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CRWC Hours
Mon.-Thurs. 5 am - 10 pm
Friday 5 am - 8 pm
Sat. and Sun. 7 am - 5 pm
NOTE: Pool closes 1 hour before we close during the week and always at 3pm on the weekend!

We will be closed all day on Sunday, March 31st for Easter.

Children



Crush Spring Baseball 2024

In person registration required
All games will be located at Playfield Park. The game season will take place from May to the end of June, with games throughout the week. An opening day parade will kick off the season! The fee includes a jersey, hat, game balls, and umpire fees. Volunteer Coaches are needed to coach the teams. You must sign up at the CRWC by March 15th 2024 to get your spot.

Crestwood T-Ball 2024

Practices begin in April
In person registration required
Crestwood T-Ball sign ups for the 2024 Spring Season are still open! All games will be played at Playfield Park, this season. Volunteer coaches are needed to coach the teams. You must sign up at the CRWC by March 15th 2024 to get your spot.



Swim Lessons

April 16th through May 25th
6 week session
In person registration required
Swim lessons take place on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, or Saturday mornings. Swim lessons teach a variety of different stroke development, pool safety, and pool skills. Open registration is on April 1st, in person only at the CRWC.

Easter Egg Hunt 2024

March 30th, 2024
In person registration required
The CRWC is hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. The event will be at the Walker Park softball fields, in Crestwood. Registration is required and free for the event. Be sure to sign up in person by March 24th to ensure the Easter Bunny brings enough eggs for all the children. We ask that all children bring their own Easter Basket to collect their eggs with. There will be a check in table located at Walker Park on the day of the Easter Egg hunt to check in the participating children and help direct them to their age group!

Summer Camp 2024

June 10th 2024-July 25th 2024
(No camp the week of July 1st-4th)
In person registration required
Campers will participate in outdoor/ indoor activities, arts & crafts, pool/water days, and attend a Thunderbolts game. Camp will be for children 5-12 years of age and from 8am-12pm, Monday-Thursday. We encourage all campers to bring their own water bottle, since we will be doing many activities throughout the day. You can sign up for the whole camp, or by week. Sign ups will take place in person only at the CRWC!



Group Exercise and Water Fitness Schedule

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

Workout Classes

Zumba with Kristen Castillo

Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm
(not included in membership)
Zumba incorporates a variety of Latin inspired dance moves and music to promote a healthy heart, a dose of aerobic activity, and a fun way to build and tone muscle, improve cardio, and promote a healthy lifestyle.



Yoga with Sarah Cutrara

Mondays, 6pm-7pm
Drop in: \$10 a class
Call prior to class for space availability
This weekly slow flow yoga class is a well-rounded practice that will help reduce stress by calming the mind and body, increase flexibility, and restore balance. *All levels are welcome!*

