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A Personal Commitment to Water Safety

When Dave Benjamin discusses water safety with students, he knows too well the risks of drowning. An avid surfer, Benjamin nearly lost his life in Lake Michigan a couple of years ago.

Knocked from his surfboard into the rough icy waters, Benjamin kept fighting waves that continually pushed him down. With his board snapped in half, he needed to remember the techniques that save someone from drowning.

Since the incident Benjamin has devoted himself to educating students about the risks of drowning. He and GLSRP co-founder Bob Pratt visit schools and summer camps throughout the region to teach.

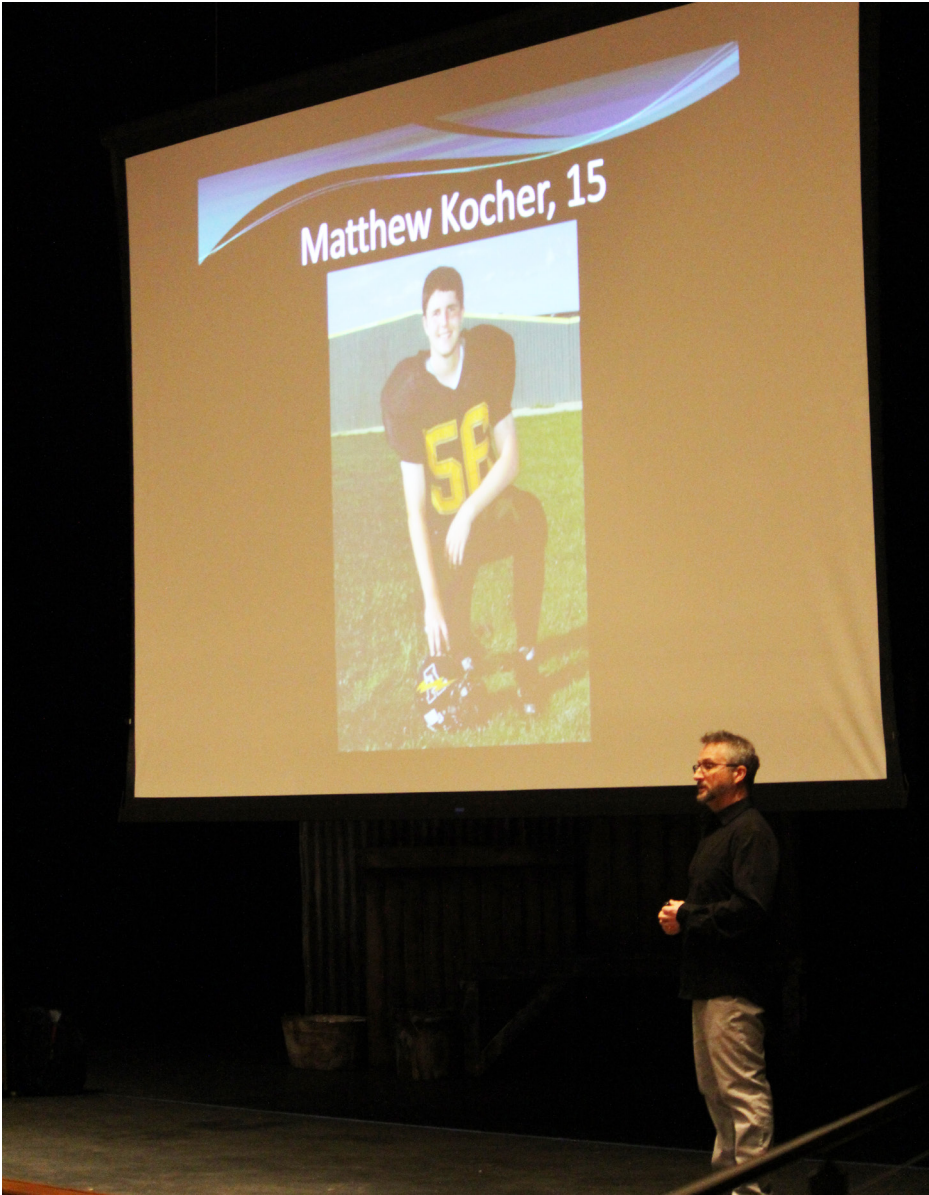
Statistics support their mission: More American students drown annually than from school shootings, fires and earthquakes combined — schools routinely prepare for such incidents, but generally do not teach water safety.

This week he brought the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project to Richards, Shepard and Eisenhower high schools, and Delta and Summit learning centers.

For District 218 the presentation remains especially poignant. Richards counselor John Kocher’s son, Matt, then a sophomore at Andrew High School, drowned in Lake Michigan.

While it’s always a good time to learn how to recognize the dangerous currents, how to recognize someone at risk of drowning, and how to rescue and resuscitate them, it’s especially opportune now: Summer approaches, and Lake Michigan remains the most dangerous of the Great Lakes.

In fact, nearly twice as many people drowned last year in Lake Michigan as any other.



Dave Benjamin of the Great Lakes Surf and Rescue Project addresses students at Richards High School as a picture of Matt Kocher appears on the theater screen. Matt, the son of retired Richards counselor John Kocher, drowned in Lake Michigan in 2013.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Easter to all of you. Spring is here, and as we start seeing the first flowers bloom, we know that it's that time of year when we want to start sprucing things up after the cold, grey days of winter, mild though they were this year. I know I'll be seeing many of you getting to work on your yards as you so often do in April. Taking pride in your home and landscaping shows fellow residents and guests to our Village what a great place Crestwood is to live. And, of course, curb appeal also adds value to your home and that of your neighbors. So let's find the time to get outside soon and help our Village look its best.

I hope many families were able to attend the great Easter Egg hunt event hosted by our amazing staff over at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun annual event, and to the CRWC staff for making it happen.

Our annual Art Fair was a tremendous success. It was a great pleasure to see many faces of residents and business owners. Thank you to all the talented and creative vendors that attended this event. Thanks also to all of the Village staff, the Trustees and the Art Council who made this event a success. Rebate checks were passed out to all those who attended. For those unable to attend, we have mailed them to your homes, so expect them soon.

With the resuming of the 135th St. sewer

project, I want to state clearly that I'm aware of and understand the frustration with the inconvenience and traffic delays it may cause in the Village. I humbly ask you to continue to be patient with the crews working on this project and to be mindful of their safety, and to even take alternate routes when possible. As irritating as construction can be, please know that the end result will add great value to our Village.

We are working with the Cook County Mobile Vaccination Unit to schedule time in April to have them set up their mobile unit at our Biela Center. This service will provide vaccines at no charge to residents and employees who are interested in receiving various vaccines. Please see page 5 for more information.

I look forward to seeing all of you out and about in our Village!

Sincerely,

Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center 13820 S. Cicero Ave Apr. 6th and 20th
Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall 13800 S. Cicero Ave Apr. 4th and 18th
Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm
Crestwood Civic Center 13820 S. Cicero Ave Apr. 10th and 24th

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

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Fax: (708) 371-4849
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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.....

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before dailing Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

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(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

(708) 448-8006 or (847) 705-4228



Recycling Reminder

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

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

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

Reminder: Yard Waste Pickup Resumes April 3rd


As we nervously put away our shovels and snow blowers for the season, we start thinking about getting our yards cleaned up and eventually planting our beautiful gardens. Starting April 3rd, you can once again start bringing your yard waste out to the curb. Please remember to have your yard waste properly bagged or in a designated can with a yard waste sticker on it. Yard waste labels can be picked up at Village Hall, at 13800 S. Cicero Ave.

From all of us here at the Village, we appreciate the effort our residents put in to keep our Village beautiful.

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Moraine Valley Offering Summer Youth Classes

Moraine Valley Community College is hosting a range of new summer courses for youths to learn, create and explore. Classes include academic skills, language arts, STEM and the creative arts for students in elementary, middle and high school.

Academic courses focus on an array of skill sets that will prepare students for their next grade level. Classes are led by enthusiastic teaching faculty who value hands-on instruction, educational activities and having fun while learning.

Students can discover their creativity through a variety of classes, including Recording Engineering Basics, Anime Drawing, Cartooning and Drawing, Become a Fashion Designer, World Art for Teens, and more.

They can work on skills through Algebra, How to Solve Word Problems, and Argumentative Essays. In STEM classes, they can explore through Robotics, Stop-Motion Movie Making, Minecraft or Roblox.

View the schedule at morainevalley.edu/explorers. Registration opens March 31 and can be done online at morainevalley.edu/register, by calling (708) 974-2110 or at the Registration Office in Building S on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills.

For more information on noncredit classes, contact Corporate, Community and Continuing Education at (708) 974-5735 or communityeducation@morainevalley.edu.

Crestwood Police Department Warns of Sextortion Scams

The Crestwood Police Department wants the community to be aware of a recent crime trend in the area.

“Sextortion” is the practice of extorting money or sexual favors from someone by threatening to reveal evidence of their sexual activity.

Victims have responded on social media to people with random numbers and unknown user profiles, who subsequently solicit the victim to send nude images of themselves.

Once offenders obtain the images, the offender extorts the victim for money. The offender threatens the victim with distributing their images if payment is not received.

The Crestwood Police warns the community not to share private images of themselves with strangers, and to call the Police Department if they need further assistance.

We Watch, We Call!

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

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

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

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

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

Deceptive Practice

02-03-2023: A resident reported that after receiving a text message from a source that identified as PayPal, she was advised that she had an outstanding balance and that her account was compromised, and that she should call the number that was provided. Upon calling the number, she spoke with a representative who convinced her to make two separate withdrawals from her bank account. She was instructed to go to the Shell Gas Station and deposit the \$6,500.00 into the BitCoin machine and create an account. After the deposit was made, she was to contact the caller and provide the deposit information. Upon speaking with family members, she learned that she was the victim of a scam.

02-11-2023: A resident reported that she received an email from Bank of America in reference to a new account being opened in her name. The victim advised that she had not opened any new accounts, and that this was unauthorized use of her information.

02-15-2023: A resident reported that she received a letter from Tomo Mortgage Company advising that someone had submitted a mortgage application using her identity.

02-20-2023: A resident reported that she responded to an email on her computer and called a number to what she thought was Microsoft. She was then convinced to go

purchase approximately \$5,000.00 worth of gift cards from local retail establishments and to contact the caller with the information.

02-21-2023: A resident reported that after downloading TubiTV, an Amazon login appeared on her TV that she was unable to clear. She then called the number on the screen and spoke with an individual claiming to be an Amazon specialist. She was then instructed to access her personal laptop and the caller sent an external link that she accepted. The link allowed her personal laptop to be shared on the screen. She was then instructed to access her banking account due to unauthorized purchases to Amazon. The victim became suspicious and discovered two unauthorized transactions for \$100.00 each at which time she contacted her bank institution and had her accounts frozen.

02-22-2023: A resident reported that upon checking her banking accounts, she discovered several unauthorized transactions valued at over \$600.00.

02-27-2023: A resident reported that he had engaged in a relationship with a woman named “Natalie” whom he met online via Instagram. Within the last two weeks, he had sent gift cards to the woman via a messaging application called Signal. The victim was also persuaded to send fully nude images of himself to “Natalie” on this application. When the victim refused to send any additional money, “Natalie” started threatening to disperse his photos to friends, family and the public if he didn’t pay her \$1,000.00 in gift cards.

Theft

02-02-2023: A Hyundai Elantra was stolen from the 140th Block of Laramie and recovered in Homewood.

02-02-2023: A man reported that while working out at XSport Fitness, an unknown suspect stole his wallet from his locker.

02-03-2023: Unknown suspects stole six catalytic converters off of school buses in the 4200 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

02-06-2023: A 2016 Buick Encore was stolen from the 140th Block of Willow Lane.

02-15-2023: Unknown suspects broke into multiple work vehicles in the 139th block of Kildare and stole multiple items.

02-15-2023: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle in the 140th Block of Leonard Drive and stole multiple items.

02-17-2023: Unknown suspects damaged two vehicles and stole their tires in the 4700 block of 135th Street.

02-18-2023: A black 2021 Dodge Charger was stolen from the 4000 block of 142nd Street.

02-23-2023: A black 2021 Kia Forte was stolen from the 3900 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

02-24-2023: A black 2021 Kia Forte was stolen from the Walmart parking lot.

Criminal Damage to Property

02-13-2023: Unknown suspects damaged and entered a secured mailbox in the 136th block of Kenton. It is unknown if any mail was taken.

02-13-2023: Unknown suspects damaged and entered a secured mailbox in the 4600 block of 138th Street. It is unknown if any mail was taken.

02-13-2023: Unknown suspects driving a white, newer model Nissan damaged and entered a secured mailbox in the 136th block of Kenton. It is unknown if any mail was taken.

02-20-2023: Unknown suspects damaged and entered a secured mailbox in the 4700 block of 136 Street. No mail was taken.

02-27-2023: Unknown suspects damaged and entered a secured mailbox in the 136th block of Kenton. It is unknown if any mail was taken.

Armed Robbery

02-11-2023: Officers responded to the Citgo gas station at 138th and Pulaski in reference to an armed robbery that occurred in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers learned that the victims were sitting in their vehicle at the gas pumps when a Black male wearing a hoodie and black mask displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's money. The victims complied and the suspect then fled northbound across Midlothian Turnpike.

District 130 Celebrates Teamwork, Leprechauns and More



We had a great turnout at the Nathan Hale Primary School Curriculum Night on Feb. 28th, 2023. Families were able to register for a library card for National Library Lovers' Month.



Instructional coach Eileen McLaughlin taught lessons this week in the library at Nathan Hale Primary School. Leprechauns were found at various important buildings in Crestwood, as students learned about the community. Leprechauns have been spotted all across town including at the library, Village Hall, Crestwood Recreation Center, school cafeteria, and the Crestwood Fire Department.



On Friday, Feb. 10th, 2023, the Nathan Hale Middle School ICP classroom visited the Field Museum. On the way to and from the museum, they followed the GPS on the bus and observed various landmarks, maps, and transportation modes. The students had a great time practicing concepts from their current unit, "What makes this place special." At the museum, they visited exhibits about slavery and change throughout time from their previous unit, "We need change."



Ms. Vitkauskas's third grade class at Nathan Hale Primary School participated in a team building activity to solve a problem solve how to save their worm who capsized in his boat without his life jacket, using only a paperclip!


Kiwanis Club Seeks Food Donations at Library

The Kiwanis Club of Crestwood & Oak Forest is partnering with the food pantry at Blue Cap to hold its spring food drive this month, and is asking everyone to give whatever non-perishable food items they can. Donors are asked to bring whatever items they can spare to drop-off points at the Crestwood Public Library, 4955 135th St., Crestwood, and the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood.

We at the Village thank you in advance for your generosity and selflessness!



The Kiwanis Club of Crestwood & Oak Forest has partnered with the food pantry at Blue Cap in Blue Island. Here, member Brendan presents the food pantry a generous donation.





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WALK-INS / REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Preserving Our Heritage: Harold Robert McClory

By Ken McClory

As part of the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 Preserving Our Heritage initiative. My journey, starting in 2010 and spanning more than 40 World War II-related features, will continue. This month, we look at the stories and revelations of the valor and sacrifice of Harold Robert McClory, the father of the author of this feature.

Harold was born Sept. 28th, 1921, to Clement and Rose McClory, at 3009 S. Homan Ave., in Chicago. He was the oldest son of eight children, and by 1935, the couple had moved to 1905 S. Crawford (now Pulaski) Ave. — the seventh move for the family in 13 years.

At the tender and impressionable age of 15, Harold, along with his family, would experience some unfortunate hardship. He and his seven brothers and sisters became orphaned in 1937. His youngest sister, Rosemary, was adopted by family. The other two sisters and four brothers were placed in St. Joseph’s Home of the Friendless in Chicago. Oldest son Harold, now 16, was placed in a juvenile detention center until the age of 18, at which point he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a voluntary government work relief program that was a major part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal started in 1933.

With the CCC, Harold traveled to Wisconsin — where he would acquire the nickname “Mac” that would stick with him the rest of his life — but by the end of 1942, WWII had reduced the corps to 200,000 men in about 900 camps. With the war raging, Congress recommended the CCC be terminated on July 1st, 1942.

On Feb. 23rd, 1943, Mac was inducted into the U.S. Army, attending basic and advanced individual training at Camp Wallace in Texas. There, he was assigned to the 50th Field Artillery Battalion. He departed New York City and was shipped to North Africa in July that year. It was there that the 505th became part of Gen. Mark Clark’s 5th Army.

After North Africa was secured, the 5th Army served as the main U.S. component of “Operation Avalanche,” the amphibious assault at Salerno, Italy, in September 1943.

In the spring of 1944, the 5th Army broke through the German defense and continued the March to Rome. Senior command had decided the 5th Army would trap the retreating German forces. However, Gen. Clark diverted to Rome, and on June 4th, 1944, Clark’s army became the first Allied military force to liberate a fascist-controlled capital. It will never be known if Clark’s refusal to obey orders allowed the Germans to escape and re-establish a line north of Rome.

On June 6, 1944 — “D-Day” — Allied troops invaded Normandy, France. For nearly two years, Mac, with the rest of the 5th Army, had fought a war of attrition during the Italian campaign against an unwavering and skillful German Army, becoming one of the war’s most costly and wearing campaigns. The campaign tied down enemy forces, drawing reserves from

France, aiding in the success of the D-Day invasion.

With the other Allied soldiers, Mac pushed through Northern Italy into France when German forces in Italy capitulated on May 2nd, 1945, two days after the collapse of Berlin.

There was no “soft underbelly,” as Winston Churchill had suggested, but instead a “tough old gut,” as Gen. Clark had referred to it. American casualties at Anzio alone totaled approximately 59,000. Combat was difficult in terrain crossed by rivers and mountains well-suited for defensive tactics, and Italy’s bitter cold winters and hot and rainy summers made battle exhausting. The supply of food and ammunition was slow, and wounded men had to be carried several miles to receive medical aid.

An overwhelming number of German divisions were held down during the Italian campaign, leaving only 33 divisions in Northern France to repel the D-Day invasion. The Allied forces in Italy fought gallantly, with more than 300,000 U.S. and British troops ending up killed, wounded or missing. German casualties totaled approximately 430,000.

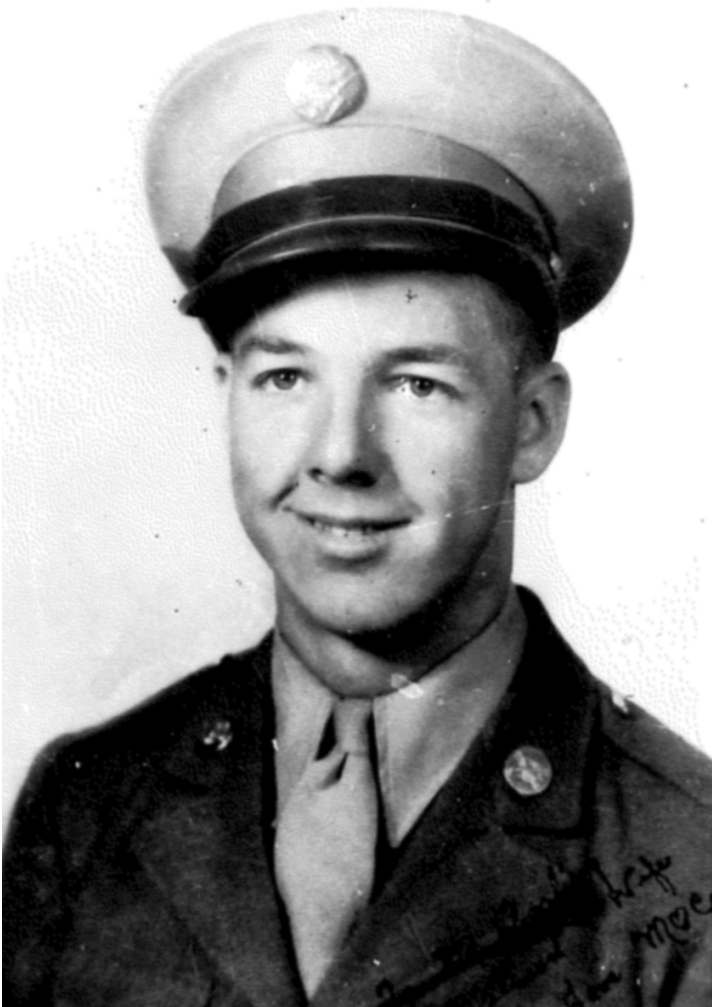
The grim and horrific struggles of war had been a punch in the gut for Mac McClory. He and the 5th Army concluded their duty pushing through France to Berlin, and V-E Day, where he finished his service as a prisoner of war guard in Germany.

Mac returned stateside Nov. 25th, 1945, after two and a half years of combat and was honorably discharged Dec. 1st, 1945, at Camp Grant, Ill.

PFC Harold “Mac” McClory was awarded three Bronze Battle Stars for exemplary conduct during ground combat while participating in the Naples-Foggia, Rome and Arno campaigns. One Bronze Star, awarded for heroic achievement during ground combat action with the 505th Field Artillery Battalion, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal – Germany, the WWII Victory Medal and four Overseas Service Bars.

Prior to overseas duty, Mac had married his sweetheart, Adeline Kmak. Arriving home at 3859 S. Spaulding Ave., he was greeted by his newborn daughter, Donna. Adeline and Mac moved into their new apartment at 3218 W. 38th St., raising their children Donna, Annette, Kenneth and Colleen. They then moved to 3730 S. Kedzie Ave., raising four more children including Timothy, Marlene, Angela and Mary-Del.

Mac landed a job at F.W. Woolworth Distribution Center and worked there for the next 30 years. To his credit, he never missed a day of work. Friday was always a lean day, as the family lived from paycheck to paycheck. Mac



Harold “Mac” McClory

would cash his check on Friday afternoon, arrive home and hand his paystub, along with the exact amount of cash, into Adeline’s hands. Mac would get an allowance, which included bus fare, lunch money for work, and a few bucks for Friday beer money. He always saved his bus/lunch money for extra Friday-Saturday beers by walking two miles to and from work every day.

During the Christmas holiday season, Mac worked part-time at the post office downtown, about 26 hours a week. Adeline and Mac would also borrow money from Household Finance Corporation on Archer and Kedzie, providing a merry Christmas for their eight children.

Mac spent his spare time playing 16-inch softball with the American Legion, F.W. Woolworth and sometimes as a “ringer” at Kelly Park, McKinley Park, Gage Park, Chicago Ave., Grant Park and 47th and Damen Ave. He took great pride in winning the 1960 state championship with the Archbishop Weber Knights of Columbus.

As a housewife responsible for raising eight children, Adeline had little time for mixing socially, but did enjoy her cherished time spent with her lifelong friends Do-Do and Viola. Both Adeline and Mac revolved their family life around Adeline’s parents, Busia and Dziadzia Kmak and their strong Polish traditions.

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.

District 218 Educators Rising Students Attend State Conference

For students considering careers as teachers, the Educators Rising state conference at Illinois State University recently offered an amazing menu of opportunities.

Faculty sponsors Erin Quinlan (Shepard), Darcey Reczkiewicz (Richards) and Jen Serpe (Eisenhower) brought 25 of their students to the conference at Illinois State University. Educators Rising offers a variety of activities for high school students interested in careers as teachers.

Students listened to a keynote address by Kim Radosits, the Illinois Teacher of the Year for 2022. They also attended instructional sessions led by a variety of educators from around the state.

In advance of the conference students wrote and illustrated books and entered them in the Children’s Literature K-3 category.

Shepard students Jessica Byrdak and Gordon Strooboscher took 2nd Place to advance to the national finals. Their book, *The Space Between*,

explores the stages of grief on a galactic journey.

Students also competed in the “EdRising moment” category, a spoken word event illustrating the point in time that made them realize teaching would be their future career.

Students from Shepard who attended include Salma Bali, Jessica Byrdak, Lysa Carerro, Brianna DiFoggio, Josie Hansen, Vincent Jackson, Madi Muthart, Kaylie Pegues, Kylie Puchalski, Kassie Shepherd and Gordy Strooboscher.

Students from Eisenhower who attended include Nevaeh Lewis, Alexandra Trejo and Katlynn Rydberg.

Students from Richards who attended include Eileen Mora, Emily Styrzula, Erin Baker, Maya Sheehan, Mia Coglianese, Savannah Vahl, Mollie Warren, Morgan Keating, Reya Graham, Juliana Khoury and Bridget Walsh.



Faculty sponsors Erin Quinlan, Darcey Reczkiewicz and Jen Serpe brought 25 students from Eisenhower, Richards and Shepard high schools to the Educators Rising state conference at Illinois State University.



Shepard students Jessica Byrdak and Gordon Strooboscher took 2nd Place in the Children’s Literature K-3 category with a book about friendship and the universe at the Educator Rising state conference. They now advance to the national finals.

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Operation Snowball Returns to District 218

COVID took away many experiences from District 218 students, including the beloved Operation Snowball retreat. Focused on boosting self-esteem, leadership development, goal setting and healthy life choices, Snowball recently returned with a mini retreat.

“The initial goal was to help give our students an abbreviated version of our full retreat in hopes that we can continue to build next year, but I learned that after the last few years, these kids really just needed to relax, get silly, step out of their comfort zone and have fun,” said counselor Ali Foley, who helped develop the curriculum.

Snowball featured team-building experiences, activities that inspired reflection on life goals, group discussions exploring a range of topics, and guest speakers like Dean of Students Curry Gallagher.

“Students were assigned to small groups where they got

to participate in ice breakers and team building activities,” teacher Melissa Krenkel said. “Students listened to a presentation from Mr. Gallagher about his experiences in college and not letting things that have happened in the past stop them from achieving their goals.”

“I feel the participants greatly benefited from our mini retreat,” added teacher Jasmine Brown, who serves as Snowball director at Shepard High School. “We challenged them to develop a higher level of thinking while working on oral communication, self-management, and leadership skills. This retreat helped promote a positive student-faculty interaction which we hope increases participants retention, self-esteem, and responsibility.”

Students felt Snowball offered new and thought-provoking experiences.

“I liked the mini retreat,”

Jasmine Vasquez said. “I was able to get to know other people and get a little bit out of my comfort zone. My favorite part of the retreat was the trust game we played. It was fun and it made others connect. It was an awesome experience overall.”

“What I liked is that we split into groups to get to know different people,” Melissa Marquez added. “I also liked how it was a positive environment where, if the teachers saw something that wasn’t positive, they would correct the student’s behavior instead of just watching.”

Faculty advisors saved perhaps the best activity for last.

“The retreat finished up with a final small group session writing positive notes to their group mates,” Krenkel said. “The students are excited to bring the Snowball retreat experience back next year!”



Team and trust building exercises at the District 218 Operation Snowball mini retreat included students leading blindfolded peers on a walk.



Students participating in the Operation Snowball mini retreat participated in group discussions.



Former Shepard High School athletic director Curry Gallagher (right) discussed his college experience at Operation Snowball. Today Gallagher works at Eisenhower High School as a dean.

Veterinarians Celebrate Healthy Pet Month

SPRINGFIELD — Every pet owner wants to make sure their beloved companion animal is healthy and receives appropriate and humane healthcare essential to long life. The connections people have with their pets are vital links to unconditional love, support and overall wellbeing.

April is Healthy Pet Month, and the member veterinarians and certified veterinarian technicians of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) want to remind pet owners of the importance of preventative and annual health care for any companion pet or food animal.

“Veterinarians are the vital connection between a pet owner and their beloved companion animal,” says Devon Hague, DVM, ISVMA President, Clinical Associate Professor, Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Service Head, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, University of Illinois.

“A veterinarian dedicates themselves to use scientific knowledge and skills to promote public health and to protect the health and welfare of animals,” Dr. Hague says. “Veterinarians passionately and professionally advocate for the health of animals and their caretakers and recognize the unique bonds we have with our favorite pets.”

Debbie Lakamp, ISVMA Executive Director agrees, saying veterinarians have taken an oath to help maintain people’s animals in the best possible health.

“The human-animal bond is an incredible connection between man and animal,” she says. “With pets, a loving relationship can ease anxiety, improve cardiovascular effects of stress, increase neurochemicals associated with relaxation and bonding, improve immune system functioning and can help alleviate depression, loneliness and low morale in humans. All animals in any veterinarian’s care receive the best in humane animal health care, and their

human caretakers reap the benefits of a happy and healthy animal.”

Healthy Pet Month also brings awareness that veterinarians play a major role in helping animal producers maintain the health of herds and flocks. Veterinarians practice in all of Illinois’ 102 counties and are scientifically trained experts in animal health and welfare, disease, food safety, environmental conservation and public health.

The ISVMA is a professional association representing more than 2,000 member veterinarians, veterinary and technician students and Certified Veterinary Technicians from around the state to promote and protect veterinary practices. ISVMA leaders and members study a multitude of cutting-edge medical and business practices, as well as pertinent legislation to determine their impact on pets, animals and their human caretakers.

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.



<div>Happy Easter</div> <div>April 2023</div>						
Biela Center Calendar of Events 708-371-4800 Ext. 6000			4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Mixed Pinochle 12-4 pm	4 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	5 Art Class 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Men's Pinochle 12-4 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	6 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Knit Wits 10-12 pm Line Dance 1-2 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	7 CLOSED Good Friday	8
9 Happy Easter!!	10 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Mixed Pinochle 12-4 pm	11 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	12 Rules of the Road 10 am Art Class 10-12 pm Men's Pinochle 12-4 pm	13 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 a Knit Wits 10-12 pm Line Dance 1-2 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm	14 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm Game Night 6-8 pm Art League 7-10 pm	15
16	17 Craft Hour 10-11 am Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Mixed Pinochle 12-4 pm	18 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	19 Art Class 10-12 pm Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Men's Pinochle 12-4 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm	20 Civil War/Mars Cheese Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Knit Wits 10-12 pm Card Club 12-3 pm Line Dance 1-2 pm Mexican Train 1-3 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	21 Chair Fitness 11-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	22 Happy Earth Day
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30 Scrapbooking 9 am-4 pm	Come	make	new	friends!		



Biela Center April 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:

- ☐ Tuesday, April 4th: Ham (**\$8 TODAY ONLY – PAY AHEAD**)
- ☐ Friday, April 7th: **CLOSED** – Good Friday
- ☐ Tuesday, April 11th: Cheesy Pizza Tortellini
- ☐ Friday, April 14th: Baked Chicken Breast with Asparagus Ravioli
- ☐ Tuesday, April 18th: Egg Salad Sandwich
- ☐ Friday, April 21st: Pepper Steak
- ☐ Tuesday, April 25th: Apple Cinnamon French Toast & Denver Omelet
- ☐ Friday, April 28th: Chili Dog Casserole

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

Name: _____

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ADMIT ONE

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

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

REMINDER: REFUND POLICY
We would like to remind everyone about our No Refunds Policy.
If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place.
****Unless there is a waiting list, in which case you will not need to find a replacement, and you will be issued a refund****

No refunds will be given otherwise.

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

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

1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

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April Craft Hour



DATE: Monday, April 17, 2023
TIME: 10am-11am
Cost: FREE

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, 2023, we will be making our own bird feeder, pictured below.

Supplies will be provided.

If you are interested, please register with Cindy or Ashley: 708-371-4800 Ext. 6000





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

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Boot Scootin’ Boogie!

We offer Line Dancing lessons on Thursdays!!

Time: 1pm to 2pm

Location: Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL

Cost: \$20.00 for the month

***Enter through the back door entrance

To reserve your spot please email:

LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com

Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

Do you like to play pinochle?

Join us at the Biela Center!

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Men/Women Pinochle – Mondays 12:00-4:00 pm

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

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



The 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: 4:30pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Cost Includes: \$15.00 Instant Slot Credit, Up to \$10 Food credit that can be used towards 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.

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

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



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

Friday, April 10, 2023
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Bring your favorite game or cards
(or borrow the ones we have here)

Snacks will be provided



Play Pool or Visit our Library



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



Come read a book or do a puzzle in the comfort of the Biela’s library. You may also borrow a book to take home.

Both rooms are open Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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No Class on Wednesday April 12

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\$2.00 a class

THE BIELA CENTER

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE

CRESTWOOD, IL 60418

708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

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

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

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

Please Contact Ashley with any questions @
~ 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002 ~

Biela Center: 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

Let's Roll!

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

Crestwood Senior Club

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

Join the fun!

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 12:15

APRIL

Wednesday, April 5th, 2023

Easter Hat Contest

1st Prize-\$50.00

2nd Prize-\$25.00

3rd Prize \$20.00.

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

Dental Care Speaker - Illumident

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With certified instructor, Joe Kamenske

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

\$2 per class

The Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike

Crestwood, IL 60418

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.

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.

1st Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

2nd 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

To register for Rules of the Road Review Course

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

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.

Effective immediately: Full payment is due upon reservation.

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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

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, 7:00pm meeting begins.

"Our chapter is thrilled to celebrate this milestone, and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries to come! 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," says Jeanie Sommers, chapter Leader.

Founded 75 years ago, TOPS Club Inc.® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®) 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 or call (800) 932-8677. You are welcome to visit our Crestwood chapter to see what it's all about!

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Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike


Crestwood, IL

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

For more information

Adrienne 708-228-1701

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Drury Lane
Presents... "Grease"

Meet Rydell High's senior class of 1959, the hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping "Pink Ladies." Relive those "Summer Nights" with Danny and Sandy as they rediscover their summer fling romance. Inspired by the look and sound of music legends Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley, Grease became the soundtrack of a generation and one of the world's most popular musicals.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023
Depart: 10:30am
Return: 4:30pm
Cost: \$120.00

Cost includes: Transportation, Lunch and Performance.

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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

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Starved Rock- Land and Water Cruise



Tour begins with lunch in the main dining room, followed by a narrated trolley tour. Learn about Starved Rock's history and legends of the area. The trolley takes passengers to the Eagle 1 to see the east end of Starved Rock State Park by water. Restrooms are available throughout the tour, and minimal walking is involved. Both the trolley and boat are wheelchair-accessible.

Date: June 21, 2023
Depart: 9:00am
Return: 4:30pm
Cost: \$95.00

Cost Includes: Transportation, Lunch, Trolley tour & Boat Ride.

Limited space available, reserve your spot today.

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

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GET UP AND GET OUT!

Chicago Gaelic Park's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st, 11:00am-2:00pm

Chicago Gaelic Park
6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest

Children and grandchildren of Gaelic Park Members are admitted free to this Easter-weekend celebration at Chicago Gaelic Park. Bring your own basket and let the little ones enjoy the egg hunt, along with an array of activities including movies, coloring, a bouncy castle and jellybean count. Food will be available for purchase, in addition. Admission is \$5 per child, though \$20 max per family. For more information, call (708) 687-9323 or visit

www.chicagogaelpark.com.

Housewares Super Sale Hosted by Sertoma Centre

Saturday, April 1st & Sunday, April 2nd, 9:00am-5:00pm

Sertoma Centre
4100 W. 127th St., Alsip

Sertoma Centre's annual Housewares Super Sale boasts new houseware and décor items donated to Sertoma Centre by vendors from the 2023 Inspired Home Show at McCormick Place. All items are brand-new and 50- to 90-percent off, with all proceeds going to benefit the programs at Sertoma Centre. For more information, visit bit.ly/3JFa25C.

Take Back the Night Rally and Walk

Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00-7:00pm

Moraine Valley Community College, Building M and Outdoor Gateway
9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills

Take Back the Night is the oldest worldwide movement to stand against sexual violence. The rally will begin with a welcome presentation. Moraine Valley student Lydia Garcia, of Justice, will give a presentation, and a survivor of sexual assault will speak, as well. The walk will commence at 6:30pm. Participants are encouraged to make and carry rally signs to help raise awareness. There also will be a resource fair with local organizations including Pillars Community Health, Metropolitan Family Services, Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse, and numerous Moraine Valley departments will be on hand.

Nocturnal Nature Exploration for Girl Scouts!

Friday, April 14th, 7:00-9:00pm

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Explore the grounds at night. Open to Girl Scout Junior Troops. Registration required. For more information or to register, call (708) 839-6897 or email littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyiil.gov. Cost: FREE.

Nature Artists' Guild Spring Art Exhibit

Saturday, April 15th & Sunday, April 16th, 10:00am-4:00pm

The Morton Arboretum

4100 IL-53, Lisle

Enjoy nature-themed art at the juried Nature Artists' Guild Spring Art Exhibit at The Morton Arboretum. Many pieces by the local artists can be purchased at the exhibit. For more information, visit mortonarborb.org. Free with admission.

JigJam at Chicago Gaelic Park

Friday, April 21st, Doors: 7:30pm; Showtime 8:00-10:00pm

Chicago Gaelic Park
6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest

Described as "the best Irish group so far in bluegrass," JigJam consists of all multi-instrumentalists who interchange between banjos, guitars, fiddles, mandolins and double bass onstage, as these sharp-dressed men deliver an energetic, foot-stomping live performance. Tickets: \$25.00. For more information, call (708) 687-9323 or visit www.chicagogaelpark.com.

Grow Your Own Mushrooms

Saturday, April 22nd, 1:00-4:00pm

The Morton Arboretum
4100 IL-53, Lisle

Learn about the importance of fungi in woodland ecosystems and how to grow mushrooms at home in this hands-on workshop at The Morton Arboretum. Sign up at mortonarborb.org. Cost: \$60.

Powering Your Home With Solar Energy

Monday, April 24th, 7:00-8:30pm

The Morton Arboretum
4100 IL-53, Lisle

Hear from an Illinois Solar Energy Association ambassador about ways to run a home on solar energy in this discussion at The Morton Arboretum. The Arboretum's sustainability director will also share information about the upcoming switch to solar energy at the Arboretum. Sign up at mortonarborb.org. Cost: \$17.

Meet Nature Cat

Wednesday, April 26th, 10:00am

The Morton Arboretum
4100 IL-53, Lisle

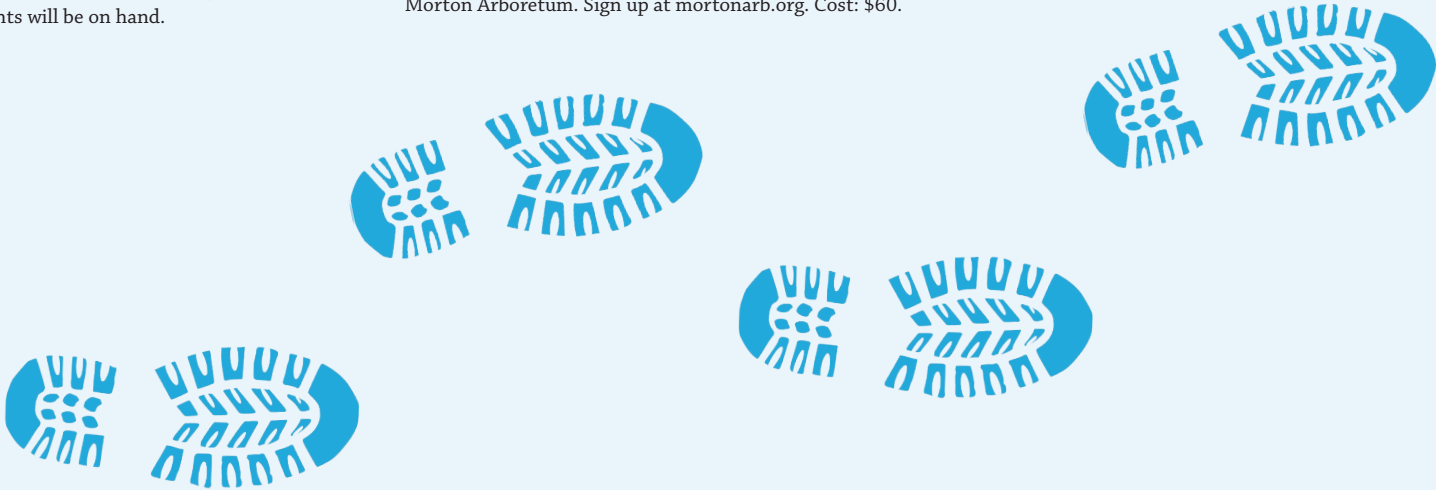
Have fun in nature with PBS Kids' Nature Cat during an Arbor Day celebration with activities and prizes in The Morton Arboretum Children's Garden. For more information, visit mortonarborb.org. Free with admission.

Arbor Day Plant Sale

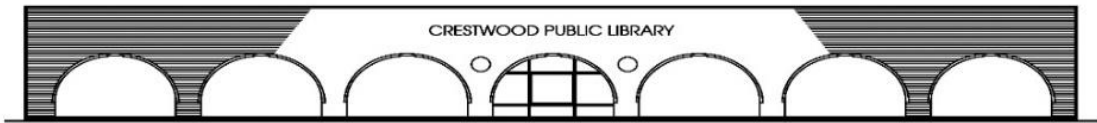
Thursday, April 27th-Saturday, April 29th, 9:00am-4:00pm

The Morton Arboretum
4100 IL-53, Lisle

The annual Arbor Day Plant Sale at The Morton Arboretum is one of the largest plant sales for a public garden in the U.S. It will have over 32,000 carefully chosen plants, including trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, hostas, native plants, perennials and ornamental grasses. Expert Plant Geniuses will be available throughout the sale to answer questions and suggest plants. Tickets will be available to the public April 15th at mortonarborb.org. The Arbor Day Plant Sale is supported by International Paper and Boxed Water is Better. Early Thursday morning access: \$42. (Includes general admission.) Regular access Thursday afternoon through Saturday: \$27 (Includes general admission.)



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Celebrate National Library Week April 23-29 See our website for a list of events this week!!!

April Crestwood Library Events for Adults



Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!
In-Person Program | Monday, April 24th, 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, April 10th, 6:00 pm

Drop-In Craft for Adults

Stop by the library any time between 6:00-7:00 pm on
Thursday, April 20th to paint a watering can planter
In-Person | Thursday, April 20th, 6:00-7:00 pm

Scrabble Club

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!
In-Person Program | Saturday, April 15th, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Town & Country Art League Display

Members of the Town & Country Art League will host an art display of original
work during the month of April in the library.

Illinois Libraries Present: Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption

Actor, author, and restaurateur Danny Trejo will discuss how he developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle drug addictions, from acting to producing, and now on to restaurant ventures, Trejo's name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond, but it is his continuous role as a devoted father of three and an intervention counselor that bring him the most satisfaction. **Virtual Program | Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00 pm**

Illinois Libraries Present: Secrets of a Puzzlemaster – A Conversation with William Shortz

Will Shortz, the editor of *The New York Times* crossword puzzle, and the world's only academically accredited puzzle master, discusses crossword puzzles. The author/editor of more than 500 puzzle books, Shortz is also the puzzle master for *NPR's* Weekend Edition Sunday and the founder and director of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, held annually for more than 40 years. Through his championing of puzzles Will has earned admiring fans from all over the world. **Virtual Program | Tuesday, April 25th, 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, April 10th and 17th, 6:00 pm

Paper Shredding Event at the Library!

Beaver Shredding Inc. will be in the library parking lot
to shred all your unwanted papers.
In-Person Program | Saturday, April 29th, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

April Crestwood Library Events for Families and Youth

Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny

Kids ages 1-12 come join our annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny!
There will be Easter Egg Hunts at 12:30 & 1:00. The Easter Bunny will be here
from 12:30 to 2:00 pm to take pictures. Join us inside the building for more
Easter fun! Bring a basket to collect eggs. **Saturday, April 8 12:30- 2:00 pm.**
Space is limited. Registration required.

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. **Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

Family BINGO

Family Bingo returns on **Wednesday, April 26, 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 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 **Tuesday, April 11 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, April 21 at 3:30 pm. Registration is
required. Limit of 10 children.**

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, April 29 from 11:00-1:00 pm.**
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, April 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 am** Space is limited.
Registration is recommended. Mask wearing is optional.

Family Story Time

Family's can join us for this 30 minute nighttime story time to hear stories,
songs and make a simple craft to take home. All ages welcome!
Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 pm.

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,
April 10 & 24 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, April 6.**

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, April 25, from 5:00-6:30 pm.**

Earth Day Craft

Kids in ages 7 and up can celebrate Earth Day with this Earth friendly craft!
This in-person class will meet on **Thursday, April 20, at 4:00 pm.**
Registration is required.

Shepard Students Selected for All-SSC Honors Band

Mostly through the traditional Polar Plunge, this year Shepard High School broke its record for fundraising for Special Olympics.

More students and staff — including nearly all administrators, band director Chris Pitlik, and choir director Roland Hatcher — participated than ever.

This year also featured a new fundraising vehicle: a pie-in-the-face contest. Many Shepard staff members volunteered, while the three who received the most donations got the pastry at the Respect Week assembly.

The assembly featured a basketball game for Special Olympics athletes. The Shepard student body cheered raucously for each made basket, and groaned with each miss.

The assembly also featured a tug-of-war contest among all four academic classes, and closed with the pie-in-the-face presentation.

Respect Week features a variety of activities designed to inspire people to treat everyone, especially those with special needs, with kindness and dignity.



Shepard High School teacher Joe Lerner relishes the pie-in-the-face he's about to receive. Lerner and other staff members volunteered to get hit with pastry to raise money for Special Olympics.



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:

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*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

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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:

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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

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FOR SALE

Accordion in very good condition. Comes with stand and sheet music. \$450.00. Located in Crestwood. Call 708-389-4489.

WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

Now hiring able-bodied movers. Copher Movers & Storage Inc. Inquire at (708) 423-1890.

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE

Office & warehouse space available near 137th & Cicero, Crestwood. All face brick bldg., new roof, new office A/C & furnaces. Incl. warehouse area w/18-ft. ceiling. Warehouse – 4,350-6,000 sq. ft., recessed dock w/overhead door, offices, kitchen, 2 bathrooms. For more info call Jolar Ent. at (708) 301-8545

FOR SALE:

3-burner, full-size, Weber grill – \$125. Boy's 26" high end bike. \$60. Call Ivan at (708) 388-8845.

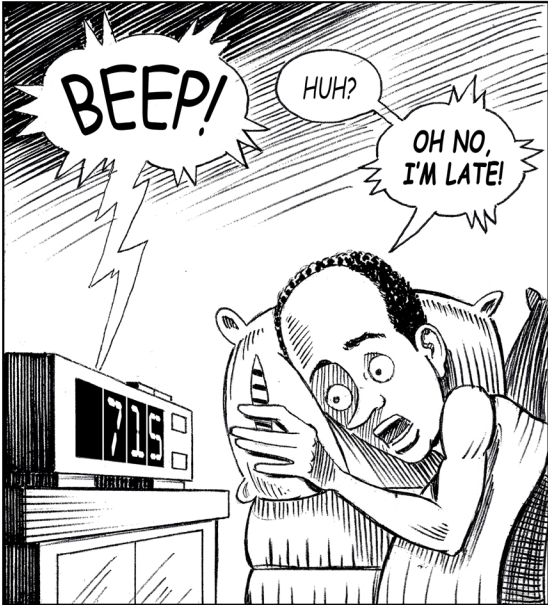
OBITUARIES

Spencer, Charles T. Sr., Retired Sgt. Midlothian Police Department and U.S. Army Veteran, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 19th, 2023, at the age of 75 years. Beloved husband of Sandra, nee Wrobel. Loving father of Charles Jr. (Samantha) and Christopher Sr. (Crestwood P.D.). Cherished grandfather of Christopher Jr., Sofia, Anthony, and the late Dominic. Dear brother of Margo Nelson and Marsha Jacobucci. Fond son of the late Rosemary and Charles Sr. II. A Memorial Visitation was held March 18th, 2023, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more info, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Stein, Frederick Keith, passed away suddenly at his Crestwood residence on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, at the age of 61 years. A dear father, son, and brother, Fred was employed as a union carpenter for many years. Funeral services were private. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more info, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

94 South by Jim McGreal



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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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- Mucus
- Ban
- Flying saucer
- Den
- Austin novel
- Stand (2 wds.)
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- Hour
- Utilization
- Incline
- Roman garments
- Moral principles

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- Religious ceremony

- Former USSR's secret police
- Asian rice topping (2 wds)
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- Western state
- Apple type
- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
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Hello Residents.

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff is preparing for the 2023 spring season! Along with the activities and events listed below, please visit www.crestwoodfitness.com to stay updated on what is happening at the CRWC! Please feel free to us by call us at 708-659-4800 or email 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!

Crush Developmental Baseball League has started indoor practices at the CRWC. Baseball signups are still available at the CRWC for children ages 6 through 14. Games will take place from May through the end of June (weather permitting). The fee for baseball is \$150 and will get your child a jersey and hat. In-person registration will take place at the CRWC.

Crestwood T-Ball League registration is still open for children ages 4 through 7. The registration fee of \$85 includes a hat, team shirt and pictures. Practices began on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, (indoor if needed). Games will begin in May, Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Chair Yoga is available at the Biela Center! Chair yoga is taught by certified instructor Joe Kamenske on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am until 10:30am for \$2. The class is located at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood.

Open pickleball is at the CRWC every Wednesday night from 7:00-10:00pm. Drop ins for non-members are \$5 at the door!

The CRWC hosts its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am at Walker Park. Registration may be done at the CRWC at no cost. Be sure to register your children before the event takes place.

Summer Camp registrations are now open! Camp will take place from June 12th-July 20th (Monday-Thursday) from 8:00am-12:00pm. The cost is \$450 for the 6-week camp. If you cannot make the full 6 weeks, we are accepting registrations for the week for \$75 and daily registrations for \$20. Campers will play sports and games, make arts and crafts, and participate in outside activities. Sign-ups are now open at the CRWC!

The 14-inch Women's Softball Summer 2023 League is looking for teams to participate in their season. Games will take place on Monday nights at 6:30pm at Walker Park. Games will begin Monday, May 1st. (With May 29th and July 3rd OFF.) Full team registration is required and everyone must be 21 or older to play. The registration for softball is \$550 per team and is taking place at the CRWC. The deadline to register a team will be April 21st, 2023. Looking for a part time job that works around your school hours?

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

Rocco Mossuto

A vibrant pink and purple poster for a pickleball event. At the top, a row of seven icons is displayed: a paddle, a ball, a player, a ball, a paddle, a player, and a ball. Below this, the word "PICKLEBALL" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath, the text "Every Wednesday 7pm -10pm" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A horizontal line separates this from the text "\$5 for Non-Members" at the bottom. The bottom of the poster features another row of the same seven icons. The background is decorated with abstract shapes and patterns, including a large white circle on the left and a large white circle on the right.

Swim Lessons

Winter 2023

January 10th—February 18th
(6 weeks)

Our **group** swim lessons teach the children basic swimming skills along with semi advanced stroke development and personal safety in the water, while encouraging speed and fun through games. Skills range from beginner to advanced and children will be grouped together on the first day according to their swim ability.

Parent Child Water Bonding*

Ages: 6 months to 3 years old

Both parent and child must be in the water.

Day:	Date:	Time:	Code:
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	6:30—7:00 PM	131001—W
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	9:30—10:00 AM	131001—X

Fee: \$55.00—Resident \$56.00—Non-Resident



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Preschool Swim Lessons

Ages: 3 years old to 5 years old

For children moving up from parent child or new to swim lessons. This class will focus on building confidence in the water.

Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	4:00—4:30 PM	231001—GG
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	4:30—5:00 PM	231001—HH
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	6:00—6:30 PM	231001—II
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	6:30—7:00 PM	231001—JJ
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	9:30—10:00 AM	231001—KK
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	11:30—12:00 PM	231001—LL

Fee: \$56.00—Resident \$61.00—Non-Resident

Winter 2023

Open Swim lesson

Registration begins Monday, December 5th

- * Illinois State Health Code requires all children who are not potty trained to wear tight fitting rubber or plastic pants over their swim diaper, under their swimsuit.
- Please do not eat 30 minutes or less prior to lesson, to avoid any upset stomachs or cramps while swimming.
- Swimmers may register for more than one day of classes.
- There are no refunds or make up lessons for missed classes.
- All swimmers need to bring a swimsuit and towel to every class. Goggles are encouraged.

Youth lesson
information on
Reverse Side

<u>Youth Beginner Swim Lessons</u>				
Ages: 5 to 8 years old				
For children moving up from preschool lessons, or new to swim. This class bring focus towards encouraging independence in the water.				
Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:	
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	4:30- 5:15 PM	231300—GG	
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	6:00- 6:45 PM	231300—HH	
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	5:00- 5:45 PM	231300—II	
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	7:00- 7:45 PM	231300—JJ	
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	10:00- 10:45 AM	231300—KK	
Fee: \$66.00—Resident		\$71.00—Non-Resident		

<u>Youth Intermediate Swim Lessons</u>				
Ages: 7 to 14 years old				
This is a faster paced swim lesson for children with some previous swim experience. Children will be encouraged to focus on advancing speed and endurance in the water.				
Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:	
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	5:15- 6:00 PM	231500—M	
Tuesday	Jan 10—Feb 14	6:45- 7:30 PM	231500—N	
Thursday	Jan 12—Feb 16	5:45- 6:30 PM	231500—O	
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	10:45- 11:30 AM	231500—P	
Saturday	Jan 14—Feb 18	12:00- 12:45 PM	231500—Q	
Fee: \$66.00—Resident		\$71.00—Non-Resident		

A light blue poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features several stylized illustrations: a carrot in the top left, a purple and white striped Easter egg in the top left, a white four-pointed star in the top left, a carrot in the middle left, a purple and white striped Easter egg in the middle left, a purple and white striped Easter egg in the bottom left, a white four-pointed star in the bottom left, and a yellow flower in the bottom left. The text is in purple and white. The title 'EASTER EGG HUNT 2023' is in large, bold, purple letters. Below it, 'For ages 12 years and younger' is in smaller, white letters. The event details are in purple: 'The hunt will begin at 10 am at the Walker Park softball fields located at 13900 Laramie in Crestwood.' The date 'SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH' is in bold, purple letters. The registration information is in white: 'Please pre register for the event free of charge at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center.' The logo for Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC) is in the bottom right corner.

**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.

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We're Hiring!

**Swim instructors wanted
for part time work.**

We're looking for some one who:

- works well with children
- Is available 2/3 days listed
- Has a swim background (encouraged, not required)
- Is available year round

Hours:

Tuesdays 3:45-7:30 pm
Thursdays 4:15-8 pm
Saturdays 9:15 am-1 pm


Where to Apply?

**Pick up an application at the Crestwood Village Hall
today! Located at 13800 S Cicero Ave**

**Crestwood, IL or email
crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov**

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Questions? Call us: 708-659-4800
Or email crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov



T-Ball

Crestwood T-Ball League—2023

Agers: 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 31st, 2023
Games will be played at Walker Park (139th and Laramie) or at the CRWC


<u>Registration deadline</u> Tuesday, March 15th Registration Code: 350013—A	<u>Season</u> May 31st— June 28th <u>No game on May 27th</u> 16 games
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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
rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov
Address: 5331 W. 135th St, Crestwood, IL
Phone: (708)-659-4800
Email: crwcports@crestwood.illinois.gov
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2023

Pinto- Ages 6, 7 & 8
Mustang- Ages 9 & 10
Bronco- Ages 11 & 12
Pony- Ages 13 & 14

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\$450

Registration
fee for whole
camp

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Can't do the
whole camp?
Pay \$75 for
the week or
\$20 a day!



June 12th-
July 20th

6-13 years old

Monday-
Thursday
8am-12pm

CAMPERS WILL PLAY SPORTS &
GAMES, MAKE ARTS & CRAFTS, AND
PARTICIPATE IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES






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Crestwood Recreation and Wellness

Women's Softball Summer League 2023



Registration Deadline : April 21st, 2023

Season begins Monday, May 1st, 2023



14- inch softball

12 game season

Games will be played at 6:30 pm on
Monday nights

LOCATION: Walker Park softball fields

*must be 21 or older to participate

*full team registration

Cost: \$550 per team

Due at time of registration

Registration will take place in person at the
Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center located
at 5331 W 135th St, Crestwood, IL. Feel free to
reach out to us with questions either by email at
crwccsports@crestwood.illinois.gov or give us a
call at 708-659-4800.

