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Applications for Property Tax Savings are now Available

Everything Homeowners Need to Know about Exemptions

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announces that property tax-saving exemptions applications for the 2023 tax year are now available online. Exemptions are savings that contribute to lowering a homeowner's property tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, which saves a property owner an average of \$950 dollars each year.

Here are some key things that homeowners should know when applying for exemptions.

The Homeowner, Senior, and Persons with Disabilities Exemptions are **automatically renewed**. Postcards will be mailed to households confirming that no action is needed.

Homeowners **must reapply** for the Veterans with Disabilities and

Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze (the "Senior Freeze") Exemptions. Seniors and veterans that need to reapply will be mailed application booklets.

New homeowners, first-time applicants, or those that need to reapply can now do so online at www.cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to apply online so there is a digital record of their application. This allows Assessor staff to easily locate the application, provide a status update, and notify the homeowner if missing documents are needed.

If homeowners are unsure of their existing exemptions, they can review the *Exemptions History & Status* section of the "Property Details" page for their home.

AVAILABLE HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS



Homeowner Exemption



Senior Freeze Exemption



Senior Exemption



Persons with Disabilities Exemption



Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

Please note:
Exemptions are reflected on the 2nd installment property tax bill.

Exemptions forms are available in Spanish, Polish, and simplified Chinese languages. Applications can be downloaded at www.cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions.

As a reminder, exemptions are only reflected on the second installment tax bill.

Homeowners can join virtual exemptions workshops on Facebook and YouTube at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, in English and on Thursday, March 14, in Spanish. For a list of upcoming in-person and virtual outreach events, visit www.cook-countyassessor.com/event-list.



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Mayor Ken Klein





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We are kicking off our Spring Baseball and T-Ball seasons with an opening day parade on Sunday, April 28th. The parade will begin on Highland Court Drive, continuing on East Playfield Drive, and ending at Playfield Park. Baseball games will follow at Playfield Park after the parade ends.

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Important Numbers

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Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: Closed

Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)

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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
April 4 and April 18

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
April 2 and April 16

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
April 8 and April 22

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,

Happy spring to all! I know for so many of us at this point of the year we are ready to be outside, visit with neighbors we haven't seen much of through the winter, bring out the patio furniture and get our gardens and lawn ready. Hopefully we will soon have some great weather to do all of those things and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine! As a reminder our Annual Crestwood cleanup day will be May 18, 2024. Be sure to take advantage of this day. It's a great resource to utilize some spring cleaning around our homes and yards.

I'm excited about the progress of some of the new businesses that are slated to open soon in our Village. Charleys Cheesesteak and Wings,

HiFive Dispensary, and BoldAge Pace senior center to name a few. Construction for these projects are well underway and due to open soon!

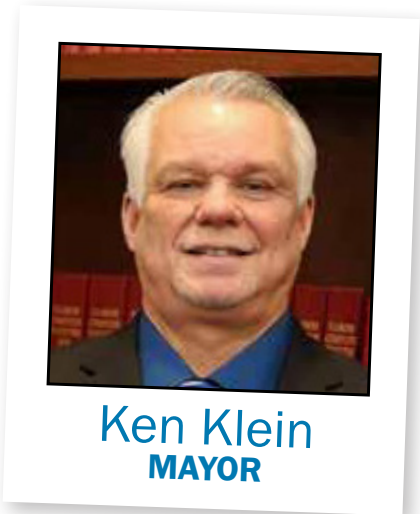
Coffee with the Mayor at the Biela Center in February was a great event. I very much enjoyed seeing the residents and answering questions they have. Stay tuned for a date in May for another event. I encourage you to come out see fellow residents and have a one on one conversation about local issues that matter to you!

Mark your calendars for April 28th. Our Crush Baseball and T-Ball program will be parading through our Playfield subdivision to Playfield Park. Let's line the streets and

support our local kids by showing support and cheering them on to a great season.

The Cook County Assessor's Office has informed us that the exemption application is now open. Be sure to visit their website to view homeowner property tax savings! Cookcountyassessor.com

Our very own Windy City ThunderBolts professional baseball team will kick off their season soon. The 2024 schedule has now been released. What a great line-up of games and events they have planned. We are so fortunate to have them here in our Village for all of our residents and family's to make fun summer plans. Be sure to get to a game this season! May



I hope each and every one of you has a great start to your spring! I encourage you to take part in many of the activities that are planned throughout April around the Village.

Sincerely,
Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

On Wednesday, March 6, the members of the CRWC pool had their 5th annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Many thanks to Amy Bandstra and Sue Vanderhyden for organizing the event, and many more thanks to everyone who participated, donated and watched.

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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

02-05-2024: A resident reported that they received an email from Experian advising that a new account was added to his credit file without this consent.

02-06-2024: A resident received a phone call from a collection agency in reference to an apartment application fee that had not been paid. It was determined that the victim has ongoing issues with identity theft and his social security issues being used for other applications.

02-12-2024: An elderly victim reported that he had gone to Chase bank to get a document notarized. While waiting in the waiting area of the bank he was approached by a black male subject, dressed in a fluorescent safety vest and a black mask covering his mouth. The subject approached the victim and asked if he was checked in for his appointment. The subject then asked the victim for his debit card and pin number so that he could be checked in. The subject walked away with the card, logged in to the ATM, did some type of unknown transaction and returned to the victim with his card. The victim later discovered that a withdrawal for \$1000.00 had been made from his account by the suspect.

02-13-2024: A resident reported that he was contacted by a collection agency and notified that two

accounts were opened utilizing his personal information.

02-21-2024: A resident reported that he received a letter from a credit association declining him for a credit card due to unverifiable information. He never applied for this credit card. The victim also received a call from Target advising he was declined from receiving a Target credit card, however, again, he never applied for this credit card. Lastly, the victim received an email from a John Deere dealership out of Wisconsin in reference to a tractor that he purchased for \$23,000.00 . However, the victim denied making the purchase.

Theft

02-15-2024: Unknown suspects broke into a red work van in the 135th Block of Lamon and stole numerous tools. .

02-15-2024: Unknown suspects stole a gray Dodge Journey from the parking lot of the AMC movie theater. A check of the surveillance video showed the vehicle being removed by an unknown tow truck.

02-19-2024: A resident reported that while her daughters were at Walker Park, two male, black juveniles stole both of the girls’ bicycles.

02-24-2024: A resident reported that she ordered several items from Land’s End that were delivered to

her apartment. However, unknown suspects opened the package and took the items before she could retrieve it.

Criminal Damage to Property

02-27-2024: A resident reported that unknown suspects cut the electrical wire to his outdoor mounted television and outdoor speakers that are mounted within his gazebo in the 136th block of Lawler.

02-29-2024: A resident reported that he ordered an air purifier filter that was delivered to his residence, however, before he could retrieve the item, unknown suspects opened the package and destroyed the filter.

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Shepard raises \$18K for Special Olympics through Polar Plunge

Shepard High School students and staff once again braved the chill, lined up, and raced to the two icy pools set up at the 50-yard line of the football stadium.

And they plunged, leaped out of the pools with shocked smiles, and laughed as they raced toward

friends and colleagues holding towels for them.

The team of Shepard students and staff members raised more than \$18,000 for Special Olympics of Illinois. In its eight years participating in this event Shepard students and staff have raised more than \$100,000.



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Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame grows by four

The Moraine Valley Foundation inducted its newest members into the Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame on March 5. This year's inductees are Suha Abunijmeh, '06; Kristen Amato, '08; Brian Kelly, '97; and Jason Knade, '08.

The 2024 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner was Jason Knade, a successful filmmaker who has worked on hundreds of films, music videos, commercials and documentaries. He is the creative director of Behold and a self-employed director and cinematographer.

Knade has filmed famous people and dignitaries, including the Pope, a sitting president, actors, athletes, congressmen and business leaders. He has created content for Nike, Canon, The Joffrey Ballet, Amtrak, Zelle and countless others. He has received two Emmys, won multiple film festival awards and was twice named the Best Filmmaker in Chicago by "The Chicago Reader."

He also served as an adjunct instructor at Moraine Valley, where he incorporated his real-world experience into his courses.

As this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award winner, Knade will be the college's nominee for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association statewide contest.

Suha Abunijmeh has worked at Amazon since 2019 and currently is an operations manager at the Monee facility.

Abunijmeh has worked in corporate, nonprofit and higher education sectors. She served as an English language learner specialist at Moraine Valley before holding positions

in the DIY Restaurant Group, Jerusalem International YMCA and AMIDEAST, an American nonprofit engaged in international education.

She's currently a board member of the Amazon Affinity Group, Arabs at Amazon serving as the North America Chapter Director and as a sustainability ambassador at Amazon. She has received multiple recognitions at Amazon, such as the Amazon DEI Leader recognition and the Leader Raising the Bar Amazon Robotics 2023 recognition.

Kristen Amato is a detective with the Naperville Police Department, where she has served on the force since 2021.

Amato served in the military before becoming a correctional officer at the Federal Bureau of Prisons for two years. She later served on the Bellwood Police Department as a field training officer and detective, before moving to the Naperville Police Department. During her career, she has been a lead homicide investigator, sexual assault investigator, narcotics investigator and evidence technician.

She has received commendations from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Naperville Police Department and the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists.

The final inductee was Brian Kelly, who volunteers at Children's Nebraska Hospital in Omaha, where he has clocked more than 2,000 volunteer hours since 2017.

After leaving Moraine Valley, he was on President Bill Clinton's advance staff as a White House intern and later handled media logistics for



Moraine Valley Community College's Alumni Hall of Fame's newest inductees include (left to right) Kristen Amato, Brian Kelly, Jason Knade and Suha Abunijmeh.

the Gore-Lieberman campaign. He then worked as a researcher for NBC News in New York.

In 2001, Kelly was involved in a serious car accident and was not expected to survive due to his injuries. After emerging from a coma, he had to relearn everything because he suffered a traumatic brain injury.

After years of therapy, he made incredible progress and has given thousands of volunteer hours to two hospitals in Nebraska, where he resides, and is an advocate for traumatic brain injury awareness.

The induction ceremony was held at the Moraine Business and Con-

ference Center on the college's main campus in Palos Hills. There were over 130 people in attendance, as inductees invited family members and friends to attend. In addition, many college faculty and staff members joined them to celebrate the achievement of these honored alumni.

"We were thrilled to welcome these new inductees and honor their professional and personal achievements," said Patti Mehallick, director of Alumni and Annual Programs for the Moraine Valley Foundation. "They join a distinguished group of individuals in our Alumni Hall of Fame, all of whom are leading productive and successful lives."

High School Welding Skills Competition held at Moraine Valley

Several high schools were represented at Moraine Valley Community College's annual High School Welding Skills Competition on Feb. 9.

Teams of students from Argo, Evergreen Park, Joliet West and Stagg high schools participated in the competition in the Moraine Valley welding classrooms and labs. Moraine Valley hosts this yearly event to test students' skills and introduce them to the facilities at the college.

Students took a written exam on welding terms and practical applications and had to perform a specific weld they would do in the real world. Their hands-on work was judged on visual appearance and workmanship by Dave Viar, Moraine Valley instructor and program coordinator of welding, along with

other experts in the field. Some of Viar's students also helped with the event.

In addition to individual results at different skill levels, first place overall went to Evergreen Park High School, second place to Argo High School and third place to Joliet West High School. First and second place winners won scholarships.

"This competition is good exposure for our Welding Program and for the high school students. I talked to them about the opportunities in this field and the unions. We have the best welding program probably in the state, and many of our faculty are heavily involved in the American Welding Society," Viar said.

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



High school students compete at Moraine Valley Community College's annual High School Welding Skills Competition.

Moraine Valley Athletics Hall of Fame grows by two athletes and a coach

Two former athletes and one retired coach were the latest group inducted into the Moraine Valley Community College Athletics Hall of Fame on Feb. 17. The sixth class of inductees includes a 16-year cross country coach and a volleyball and basketball player.

Mark Horstmeyer was hired at the college as the director of College and Community Relations in 1999. Shortly after, then-Athletics director Bill Finn asked if he could restart the cross country program even though Horstmeyer was a runner but hadn't coached. He led the Moraine Valley cross country program from 2000 until his retirement in spring 2016.

He coached the men's and women's programs to years of success, producing individuals and/or teams that competed at the national championship every season of his tenure. He mentored countless runners, several of whom became assistant coaches for him and one who became his successor of the programs – Dimitri Dimizas. Horstmeyer earned five Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year honors for the women's program and one for the men. He also earned four NJCAA Region 4 Coach of the Year awards for the women and one for the men.

Among his additional accomplishments between both programs, Horstmeyer helped the teams earn six Skyway Conference championships, five Region 4 championships, eight team berths to the national championship and 15 Academic All-American teams. He guided individual runners to success as well, seeing five Skyway Runners of the Year, three Region 4 runners-up, 38 All-Conference runners, 47 All-Region runners, 51 Academic All-Americans and one All-American.

Kara Kentner played on the Moraine Valley volleyball team in fall 2012 and 2013. In her freshman year, she collected 401 kills, ranking in the top five in the nation. She helped her team go undefeated, grabbing Skyway Conference and NJCAA Region 4 championships. She competed with her team at the national tournament, where they finished in 13th place. Kentner was named NJCAA Division

II and Skyway Player of the Week thanks to triple-doubles in three Cyclones wins, averaging 3.54 kills, 3.00 digs and 5.18 assists per set. She was ranked as high as fifth nationally for her hitting percentage (.407). After that season, she was named to the All-Region and All-Conference first teams, named Skyway Player of the Year and received a nod to the NJCAA All-America Division II first team.

Her sophomore year, Kentner notched her 1,000th kill assist and helped her team go undefeated in conference and earn back-to-back conference and region championships. The team finished eighth at nationals where she was named to the NJCAA Championship All-Tournament Team for her 63 kills, 78 assists and 41 digs. After the season, Kentner was ranked No. 1 in the nation for her .440 hitting percentage. She added to her accolades by being named to the 2013 American Volleyball Coaches Association Two Year College All-America second team, NJCAA All-America Division II first team for the second time, All-Region team, All-Conference first team, Conference Player of the Year and was NJCAA Player of the Week.

Sharnita Lloyd was on Moraine Valley's women's basketball team between 2008 and 2010. She helped both her teams earn Skyway Conference championships. After her first year, Lloyd was named to the NJCAA All-Region 4 and All-Conference first teams as well as All-Region Championship Tournament team. In summer 2009, Lloyd and another teammate were chosen to compete in the women's inaugural junior college Top 120 national tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which included the best athletes from across the country.

In her sophomore year, Lloyd was named to the All-Region 4 and All-Conference first teams, All-Region Championship Tournament team, Region 4 Player of the Year, Conference Player of the Year and NJCAA Division II All-America first team. At the end of her tenure, Lloyd was the third leading scorer in the program's history with a season record of 526 points. She averaged 18.1 points per game, had the second best three-



Moraine Valley Community College inducts three individuals into its Athletics Hall of Fame, including (from left) Kara Kentner, Mark Horstmeyer and Sharnita Lloyd.

point field goal percentage both seasons (47%), had 32 points in her highest scoring game, led with the most consecutive free throws in a game (12) and was part of the team that allowed the least points in one game (18).

"We are so fortunate to have an impressive number of skilled student-athletes, coaches and staff over the years. They could have gone anywhere, but many recognized and valued the successful Athletics program at Moraine

Valley. They've shared their talents and contributed to that success," said General McArthur III, Athletics director. "It was heartwarming to hear the stories of this induction class. I learned about their character, diversity, heart and soft skills that people don't realize are gained from being a coach and/or student-athlete such as commitment, punctuality, priority, life balance, teamwork and accountability. These are all things that provide a solid foundation for life."

Moraine Valley offers new course to explore gaming industry careers

Moraine Valley Community College is starting a new noncredit course aimed to help anyone interested in exploring gaming industry careers.

As the Chicagoland gaming industry continues to flourish, Moraine Valley can help people prepare for a career in sports wagering, casinos, and video and slot machine establishments. The new introductory course – Illinois Gaming Industry Careers – provides an overview of various gaming career fields and how to secure a job. Participants will learn:

- History of Illinois gaming and how it evolved
- Professional growth potential
- Work eligibility and employment statistics
- Key skills for a successful career
- How to apply for an Illinois Gaming Board License

Many businesses are looking for positions in multiple fields,

including gaming operations, customer service, maintenance, facilities, security, hospitality, culinary, accounting and more. This course will equip students with the fundamentals and knowledge needed to better understand the industry and associated career opportunities.

UPCOMING COURSES:

Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m. to noon
Thursday, March 28, 6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m. to noon

This course is \$49 and requires registration (course code: MP5-180), which 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.

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Celebrating 80 Years of Blessings!

Come join the Incarnation St. Terrence parish community on Saturday, April 6, 2024, to celebrate Fr. Ron Mass' 80th birthday.

Fr. Mass spent most of his priesthood serving parishes in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. He retired as Pastor Emeritus from Incarnation in Crestwood after 16 faithful years, dedicated to his parishioners and Incarnation School.

On April 6, he will preside at the 4 pm Mass at Incarnation Church, followed by a fellowship in the Bernardin Center (gym).

If you know Fr. Mass, you know he would love to see everyone there – including you!

What is the Biela Senior Center?



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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!



APRIL FEATURE cookies

Come join the Biela Center's Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH • 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 PM – 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 | April 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Pinochle 12 pm-4 pm Card Club 12:00 pm | 2 Chair Yoga 9:30 -10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm | 3 Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Pinochle 12-4 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm | 4 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 1-4 pm | 5 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm | 6 |
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Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD • 12:15–3:30PM
Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH • 12:15–3:30PM
Pot Luck Lunch –
Bring favorite dish or store bought item

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
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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



Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER AT 11:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$105.00

Cost includes transportation, dinner, gratuity and performance (vegetarian selection, if needed, MUST be made with reservation)

Full payment is due upon reservation.

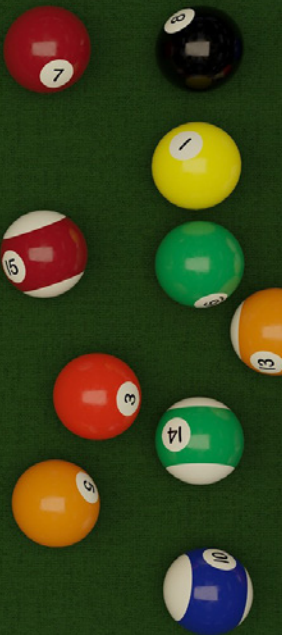
Your experience will begin when you enter our 11th-Century, European style castle. Prior to the show, you can admire authentic weaponry and visit our gift shops. When you enter the arena, you will be seated in one of six sections that corresponds to the Knight of the Realm you will be cheering for. During the tournament, you'll enjoy a four-course feast, be treated to a spectacular display of equestrian skills, and witness our knights jousting and competing in games of skill on horseback. The tournament culminates with incredible sword fights and the crowning of one of the Knights of the Realm as champion!

Please call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 with any questions.

Play Pool or Visit our Library

BOTH ROOMS ARE OPEN
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM – 4:00PM

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.



Medical Equipment on Loan!

The Biela Center has some equipment for short term use. Should you find yourself, or a family member, in need, please call Cindy or Shannon at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 for availability.



APRIL 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:

- ☐ Tuesday, April 2nd Bowtie Pasta with Sausage and Peppers
- ☐ Friday, April 5th Open Face Turkey, Stuffing, and Cranberry Sandwich
- ☐ Tuesday, April 9th Smoked Sausage with Sweet Potatoes
- ☐ Friday, April 12th Minestrone Soup
- ☐ Tuesday, April 16th Ground Beef Stroganoff
- ☐ Friday, April 19th Garlic Ranch Pork Chops & Potatoes
- ☐ Tuesday, April 23rd Baked Potato Bar
- ☐ Friday, April 26th Chicken Pot Pie Casserole
- ☐ Tuesday, April 30th Sloppy Joe

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

Name _____



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



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 _____

Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

Edna Wakeham, a long time Crestwood resident passed away on February 14, 2024 at the age of 97.

Crestwood residents may remember her for the beautiful property surrounded by fruit trees and hundreds of various species of flowers. In fact, she was the recipient of the Crestwood Beautification Award more than once. The landscaping was the result of her many hours of planting, pruning and weeding. In addition to her flowers, Edna avidly grew many vegetables which she shared with her neighbors and friends. In her yard, she had a decorative Koi pond which brought her many hours of enjoyment by watching and feeding her fish.

Besides gardening, Edna’s other hobbies were crocheting blankets that she gave to family and friends, crafting floral arrangements, collecting antiques and working on her family ancestry. Many people remember Edna’s skill at breeding and raising her beloved Shelties.

Always community minded, Edna volunteered for the Crestwood Biela Senior Center and was the recipient of the Cook County Sheriff Medal of Honor award in 1995. She also enjoyed helping with various elections in the Village.

Edna was preceded in death by her beloved husband Richard William “Bill” Wakeham and her precious son Robert (Robbie) Wakeham. She was the loving mother of Michael (Nancy) Richard (Karen) Karen (Bernard) Ronald and Cheryl. Edna was grandmother to Michelle, Michael, George, Katie, Christopher, Kristie, Carrie, and Scott. She leaves many great grandchildren.

As per her wishes, there will be a private memorial service.



2024 Live Music & Firework Nights Announced



This summer features five nights of great live music including tributes, cover bands and a visit from legendary organist Nancy Faust.

Of course don't forget about ThunderBolts baseball and our famous fireworks show closing out each night!

All group tickets are on sale now; Individual game tickets go on sale on Friday, April 12th

BEATLES NIGHT with Postgame Fireworks
Saturday, June 8th at 6:05 pm vs. Schaumburg

Beatles Night with Postgame Fireworks is one of our most popular nights of the year! The day starts with pregame entertainment by "Kaleidoscope Eyes" (4:15 - 5:30 pm). We will have Beatles' themed activities and music all-game long as well. After the game stick around for our world famous fireworks show!

JIMMY BUFFETT NIGHT with Postgame Fireworks
Saturday, June 29th at 6:05 pm vs. Evansville

Jimmy Buffett Night is back with postgame fireworks! Cheeseburger & margarita specials! First 500 fans will receive a Hawaiian Lei! Jimmy Buffett music is played all game long as well as live pregame entertainment from "Todd Donnelly Music" (4:15 - 5:30 pm).

COUNTRY NIGHT WITH A MECHANICAL BULL
and Postgame Fireworks

Saturday, July 27th at 6:05 pm vs. Joliet

Country Night is back with Postgame Fireworks presented by Lakeshore Beverage! Before the game we will have live pregame entertainment featuring the "Strawdawg Band" (4:15 - 5:30 pm). During the game fans can enjoy hearing their favorite country hits all night as well as riding a Mechanical Bull on the concourse (4:30 - 8:30 pm). Stick around after the game for our famous fireworks show!

NANCY FAUST ON THE ORGAN, Postgame Fireworks and
SCOUT/CAMP OUT NIGHT

Saturday, August 10th at 6:05 pm vs. Washington

A legend returns to Crestwood. Former White Sox organist Nancy Faust will be on the organ all game long. Make sure you come by and say hello on the concourse behind home plate! After the game enjoy our famous fireworks show and kids run the bases. However the night does not end there as it includes a sleep over with our popular Camp Out Night! All ticketed fans are invited to sleep under the stars in their stake-less tents. Play on the field! Enjoy a late night movie on our videoboard! Popcorn and drinks will be available. In the morning a free light breakfast will be served to campers.

ELVIS NIGHT with Postgame Fireworks presented by Beggars Pizza
Saturday, August 17th at 6:05 pm vs. Gateway

Our popular Elvis Night is back where tunes from "The King of Rock and Roll" will be heard all night. Pregame entertainment goes from 4:15 - 5:30 pm when the must see John "Elvis" Lyons takes the field for your viewing pleasure. The night will continue with Elvis music and activities during the game before we close with our famous fireworks show!

Finally do not forget that all kids can run the bases after every home game!

Come Join
in the fun!



Crestwood Community Days

Friday, May 24, 2024 • 6:35 p.m.

Ozinga Stadium

Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Joliet Slammers
14011 S. Kenton Ave., Crestwood

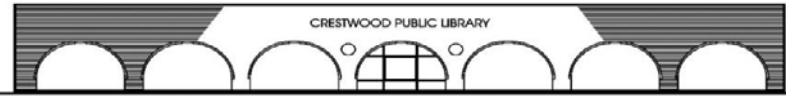
PICK-UP
FREE
TICKETS @



Crestwood Village Hall
13800 S. Cicero Ave. OR

Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th St.

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY



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

ADULTS

Illinois Library Trivia Night
Monday, April 8th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program
Registration required.
Join award-winning author Mel-anie Holmes, who published 100 Things To Do in Illinois Before You Die in 2023, as she reveals great travel tips from her new book in the form of everyone's favorite pastime – trivia! Come alone or form a team! *Space is limited.*

Town & Country Art League Art Display
Stop by the library during the month of April to check out the newest pieces of art by local artists of the Town & Country Art League, a respected fine arts group that has been a part of the Chi-cagoland area for over 5 decades!

Kanopy Streaming Service Now Available
To get started, visit [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com) and select the “Add Library Card” button to set up your account.

Stampin’ Up Card Class
Monday, April 15th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program
\$5 per person
Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greet-ing cards!

Needles & Yarn Knitting Club
Monday, April 22nd, 6:30 pm
In-Person Program
Bring your knitting, crochet-ing, or sewing projects to the library!

Scrabble Club
Saturday, April 20th, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
In-Person Program
Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!

Take & Make Adult Craft
Available Thursday, April 25th
Stop by the library and pick up a DIY craft kit.



National Library Week April 8th-12th, 2024
Come celebrate National Library Week with us! Stop in for give-a-ways, special events and much more!
Solar Eclipse Glasses
Residents can stop in the library to pick up free solar eclipse glasses while supplies last. *Limit of 2 pairs per person.*

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.

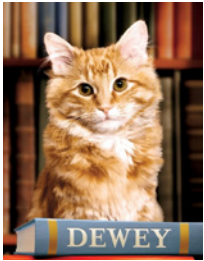
Virtual Classroom Kitchen: Springtime in Italy
Wednesday, Apr. 17th, 6:30 pm
Virtual Program
Cook up some recipe ideas that capture the essence of Italian spring cuisine. Be sure to join us for this live virtual demonstra-tion with guest cooking instruc-tor Kristyn Slick!

Save the Date!
Illinois Libraries Present: The Many Lives of Kal Penn
Tuesday, May 7th, 7:00 pm
Virtual Program

Medicare Basics
Thursday, April 4th, 6:00 pm
In-Person Program
Please join Bill Johnson - a local independent insurance agent with over 25 years of ex-perience in the Medicare and health insurance industry - for a free informational seminar at the library.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Scavenger Hunt
April 1st- 27th
Kids of all ages
Dewey the Library Cat brought her kit-tens to the library and they ran off and hid. Kids of all ages come help Dewey find her kittens! Find all five kittens to win a small prize! See the front desk for more details!



It’s a Bluey Party!
Wed., April 10th at 6:00 pm
Kids of all ages.
Please register each child attending.
Celebrate ev-eryone’s favorite Heeler family with games and activities inspired by the hit show.



Toddler Storytime
Friday, April 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th at 10:30 am
Space is limited. 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
Wed., April 17th, 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!

Preschool STEAM
Thursday, April 4th & 18th, 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.

Messy Mondays
Monday, April 8th & 22nd, 10:30 am
Children ages 2-4 with an adult
Parents can bring their budding artist to the library to create with all things messy during this 30-minute art class. Please dress to get messy.

Kids Craft
Monday, April 22nd, 4:00 pm
Kids ages 7 and up can come to this in-person craft class to make a cute spring craft to display at home! Please register.



Read to the Dogs!
Tuesday, April 16th, 5:00 pm
Therapy dogs, Humphrey, Cashe,l and Hazel are back to listen to kids in grades K- 5 read their favorite books aloud! Call to register for a 15-minute time slot.

International Snack Club
Thursday, April 25th, 4:00 pm
Registration required.
Do you like learn-ing about different places and their foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different coun-tries? Then join us for snacks, facts, and fun! Kids ages 10 and up are invited to journey to Ukraine this month.



LEGO Club
Tues., April 9th & 23rd 4:00 pm
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!

Family Bingo
Wednesday, April 24th 6:00 pm
Please register. Limit of 7 families.
Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo!



Chess for Kids
Friday, April 19th, 3:30 pm
Kids ages 6 - 16, have you want-ed to learn to play chess or need some new opponents to play? If so, Mr. Pierre is back to host an-other session of Chess for Kids.

Take Home Science Kit
Available Thursday, April 4th
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, April 4th, while sup-plies last.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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

Riddle

I am weightless but put me in a bucket and I will make it lighter. What am I?

MARCH RIDDLE:
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?
A coffin.



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.

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Crossword

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March Puzzle Solutions

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ACROSS

1. Golf peg

4. Upswept hairdo

8. Skagen

12. Vase

13. - Connery

14. Unwrap

15. Yellow, crystalline fungicide

17. Bill

18. Spoken

19. Light beams

21. Progressive emaciation

23. African river

24. Unattractive

25. Sirenians

29. Hive insect
30. Cavalry sword

31. Chart

32. Any muscle that adducts

34. Bindi-eye prickle

35. Point of hook

36. Paralyze

37. The sexual instinct

40. Woe is me

41. Ireland

42. Pronounce as a nasal sound

46. Hit hard

47. Monetary unit of Angola

48. Marsh

49. Wee

50. Lamb

51. Affirmative response

DOWN

1. Tuxedo

2. An age

3. Made noble

4. Vedic deity

5. Skin

6. Level of karate proficiency

7. Brief joke

8. Set that is a part of a larger set

9. Leg joint

10. 6th month of the Jewish calendar

11. Chinese cooking implements

16. Three (Cards)

20. Having wings

21. Wind instrument
22. Old

23. Wealthy person

25. Characteristic of a matron

26. Make into an emulsion

27. Hearing organs

28. Agile

30. Great quantity

33. State of existing

34. False god

36. Unadorned

37. For fear that

38. Hawaiian honeycreeper

39. Grain husk

40. At sea

43. Reverential fear

44. Letter Z

45. Abstract being

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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!

Children

Summer Camp 2024
June 10th - July 25th
(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!



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.

CRWC SUMMER CAMP 2024

REGISTRATION
ENTIRE CAMP → \$500
PER WEEK → \$85

Campers will participate in outdoor/indoor activities, arts & crafts, pool/water days, and attend a thunderbolts game

****AGES 5-12****
8AM-12PM

Monday-Thursday (6 WEEKS)
June 10th-July 25th
NO CAMP THE WEEK OF JULY 1ST-4TH

Zumba with Kristen Castillo
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm - 8pm
March 12th - April 18th (6 week session)
CRWC Multi-purpose room

PRICING: *(not included in membership)*
Just Tuesday OR Thursday (6 total):
Residents - \$48 / Non-Residents - \$54

Tuesday & Thursday Classes (12 total):
Residents - \$96 / Non-Residents - \$108

Drop-in:
\$10 a class

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



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 | Core and Abs 9:15 - 10:30 am |
| Pump It Up 10 - 11 am | | Pump It Up 10 - 11 am | | Pump It Up 10 - 11 am | <div>NOTE: Core and Abs does not meet every Saturday - call on Saturday mornings to confirm that class is running.</div> <div>These Group Exercise and Water Fitness classes require the All Inclusive Membership.</div> <div>Group Exercise and Water Fitness are for ages 16+.</div> <div>WATER FITNESS WORKOUTS</div> |
| 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 | |



Yoga with Sarah Cutrara
Mondays, 6pm-7pm
February 26th - April 8th
(no class on March 25th)

PRICING: *(not included in membership)*
6-Week Session: \$55
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!*