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## CRESTWOOD ADVISER

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Saturday, June 4, 2022

9am - 12pm

Crestwood Police Department

13840 Cicero

\$10 For First Box

\$5 Each Additional Box

(Standard record size storage box)

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing non-violent crimes in the United States. Nearly 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Proper destruction of personal and confidential documents is a critical step in ensuring that individuals do not become victims of identity theft.

Bring your old tax returns, business records, bank statements, cancelled checks, credit card statements, bills, receipts, and other documents containing personal information. All Shredding will be done onsite while you wait.

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### Shredding Event Fundraiser Returns to Police Department Saturday, June 4th

The date has been set for Saturday, June 4th, from 9:00am-12:00pm or until the trucks are filled to capacity, and will be at the Crestwood Police Department. There is no easier way to protect yourself from identity theft, while helping us raise money for Special Olympics Illinois at the same time.

All are welcome to bring their personal and business documents for shredding. This includes old tax returns, business records, bank statements, cancelled checks, credit card statements, bills, receipts, and any other documents. Unlike other shredding events, there is no limit on the amount of shredding you bring, and you do not have to be a Crestwood resident.

Identity theft is the nation’s fastest growing crime according to FBI statistics. Nearly 9 million Americans have their identity stolen each year. In fact, you or someone you know may have experienced some form of identity theft.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information — like your name, Social Security number or credit card number — without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges you didn’t make — or until you’re contacted by a debt collector.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS**

Shredding will be done for \$10 for the first box and \$5 for each additional box. All shredding is done onsite, and you can watch as your documents pass through the truck-mounted shredder provided by Beaver Shredding.

### Crestwood Cleanup Day May 21st

Crestwood has provided its residents with free weekly garbage pickup service since 1969, allowing for the pickup of all household items whatever the size, with the exception of building materials like lumber, drywall or paneling. But one day a year, we afford residents the opportunity to dispose of those unwanted building materials that might be cluttering up your property. **Saturday, May 21st, is Crestwood Cleanup Day**, when Crestwood residents will have the opportunity to clean out their garages of their unwanted, leftover building materials. **(Note: Concrete, asphalt, bricks or landscaping stone will NOT be accepted.)**

PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS CURBSIDE  
NO EARLIER THAN 6:00PM THE  
NIGHT BEFORE, AND NO LATER  
THAN 7:00AM DAY OF.



If you have E-waste items, shoes, paint, prescription drugs, you must bring those to the Crestwood Recreation Center Parking lot between 9:00am-1:00pm. There is a fee for TV disposal. (Unfortunately, there is a cost for us to dispose of them.)

We extend our thanks to the folks at Republic Service and our very own Public Works Department for taking on this enormous project each year. Just as they are helping to keep our Village tidy, we encourage all of you to take advantage of this day and participate!



Free bus service, courtesy of the Illinois Bus Company, will be available to the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk Sunday, May 8th.

### Beverly Breast Cancer Walk 2022 Is ON!

The Beverly Breast Cancer Walk is a wonderful way start your Mother’s Day, honoring those who have both lost, won and those who continue to wage the war on breast cancer. The walk goes through the Beverly neighborhood, its streets appropriately decorated for the occasion, and filled with music and entertainment. Amongst the sea of walkers, you experience the uplifting spirit of the cause, surrounded by friends and neighbors.

This year’s Beverly Breast Cancer Walk is on, and will take place, as usual, on Mother’s Day — Sunday, May 8th. The bus, graciously donated by Illinois Bus Company, will leave Village Hall at 7:20am to head to the walk site. Interested participants should call Village Hall to reserve a seat. To register yourself or a team for the walk, visit [bit.ly/3K4V3Q](https://bit.ly/3K4V3Q)



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Be sure to visit the Village website at:  
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## LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN

Dear Neighbors,

Life continues to move on here in Crestwood, with the warmer weather inviting us outside, and events finally returning to our Village that have been sorely missed during the pandemic.

Our Easter egg hunt at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center was a big success. It was great to see so many families enjoying their time as a community. Big thanks go out to CRWC Director Rocco Mussuto and his entire staff for putting together this wonderful event. Please be sure to check out the many great upcoming programs available through the CRWC on page 16.

Family fun continues here in the Village on May 14th, with our annual Community Day celebration at Ozinga Field. We encourage you to come out and see the new updates that have been made to the stadium, and to see our Windy City Thunderbolts take on the Quebec Capitales. Tickets for this event are FREE, and are available at Village Hall (13800 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood) and the CRWC (5331 W. 135th St., Crestwood).

The Village-Wide Garage Sale is back, as well! This month, May 13th-14th, and next month from July 15th-16, everyone looking to hold a garage or yard sale is welcome to come and pick up a free permit from us at Village Hall. Don't forget that your discards may be someone else's treasure!

The following weekend, May 21st, will be Crestwood Cleanup Day in the Village. Take advantage of this day — it's a great opportunity to clear out your home or garage of select building materials, paints and other refuse. Help keep your home and our Village looking tidy and clean.

June will see a fair amount of activity around the Village, as well. Not least, early in the month you will see crews out on 135th St. preparing for the storm water project. Traffic patterns will be affected, so please plan accordingly if you are

driving in that vicinity, and consider alternate routes.

Also early in June, the annual Shredding Event will return to the Crestwood Police Department. On the morning of Saturday, June 4th, we encourage residents and businesses to bring their confidential materials for supervised shredding provided by Beaver Shredding. For \$10 for the first box and \$5 for each subsequent box, you can dispose of your canceled checks, old tax returns and other sensitive documents. Further details on that event are also to be found inside this issue of the Crestwood Adviser.

I want to thank all of our Village residents, especially those who live in the Playfield area. As we continue with the Phase 2 Water Main Project, I realize there is frustration and inconvenience. I assure you that we are doing everything possible to make this project happen as quickly and as smoothly as possible. We realize the importance of communicating with residents during construction, and we want to keep our lines of communication open during this process. We truly appreciate your patience and know that, in the end, this project will add great value for our Village residents.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that our children will be getting out of school soon for the summer, which means that we all need to be on the lookout while driving, and to be extra cautious now that they will be out and about.

Thank you, everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at Crestwood Community Day!

Sincerely,

*Ken Klein*

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



## Village Meeting Schedule

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

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | May 5th and 19th

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

**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave | May 3rd, 17th and 31st

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

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | May 9th and 23rd

## Village of Crestwood Parking

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

## Important Numbers

**Village Hall** .....  
13800 S. Cicero Ave.  
Main: (708) 371-4800  
Fax: (708) 371-4849  
Hours:  
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Tues.: 9:00am-8:00pm

**Police Department** .....  
13840 S. Cicero Ave.  
Main: (708) 371-4800 x 5007  
Fax: (708) 371-8307  
Nonemergency (708) 385-5131 Emergency: 911

**Fire Department** .....  
13840 S. Cicero Ave.  
Main: (708) 371-4800 x4500  
Fax: (708) 385-2836

**Recreation & Wellness Facility** .....  
5331 w. 135th St.  
Main: (708) 659-4800  
Hours:  
Mon.-Thu.: 5:30am-10:00pm Friday 5:30am-8:00pm  
Sat.-Sun.: 7:00am-5:00pm

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

Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Sunday: Closed  
  
**Worth Township** .....  
(708) 371-2900 (Residents north of 135th)

**Bremen Township** .....  
(708) 333-1591 (Residents south of 135th)

**Republic Services**.....  
Call Village Hall first to be advised at (708) 371-4800,  
before dialing Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

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

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

## Republic Reminds Us to Remind You to Take Care When Recycling

On behalf of Republic Recycling, the Village would like to remind everyone once again to please be mindful of the materials you choose to recycle. Some might not be right for recycling, and if they're not, they may cause other recycled items to end up in the landfill. Food-laden refuse, for example, cannot be recycled — this means that pizza boxes with grease or cheese must go in the trash, not in the recycling bin. By taking care and properly rinsing your bottles and other recyclable materials prior to putting them in the bin, you help the Village to save money on additional costs that are sometimes leveled for compliance and processing.

Since the 1960s, the Village has carried the cost burden for garbage and recycling pickup, offering it as a perk in a way that no other surrounding community does. We humbly request your assistance with helping us to maintain the program at peak efficiency. As a reminder, here are the general guidelines offered by Republic Services on how to approach recycling in the community:

- 1. Know What to Throw.**  
Make sure that you're putting the correct materials in your recycling container — paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.

- 2. Empty. Clean. Dry™.**  
Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid. One dirty item can contaminate an entire truckload, so please make sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry before placing in your all-purpose recycling bin.
- 3. Don't Bag It.**  
Never bag or bundle your recyclables. Items should be placed in the container loose for easy separation down the line.

We ask you to please help to maintain this program at peak efficiency for everyone concerned, not least of all the Earth on which we all live. For more information on the community recycling program, visit [www.republicservices.com/residents](http://www.republicservices.com/residents).



## Be Safe When Cycling Our Streets

Spring is a great time to walk and bike! We would like to remind everyone to be safe while having fun. While motorists need to remain aware of cyclists, all riders (especially kids) need to remember to watch for motorists, wear their helmets and follow basic bike safety rules.

The “ABC Quick Check” is something kids can remember, and a good way to emphasize the importance of proper equipment.

- A** - Air. Check tires and make sure that they're properly inflated before you ride.  
**B** - Brakes. Check that all brakes (handlebar and pedal) are working.  
**C** - Chain. Check that the chain is clean, oiled and in place.

- Other safety tips include:**
- When meeting a motorist at a turn or stop sign, make eye contact with the driver before going ahead to be sure the driver sees you. Sometimes motorists get distracted, even though they shouldn't, so cyclists need to do all they can to make sure a driver sees you.
  - Stop at all stop signs to check for traffic.
  - Wear bright colored clothing to be more visible to motorists.
  - Wear closed-toed shoes, not flip flops.
  - If you do ride at night, have a headlight and rear reflector mounted on your bike. The headlight and reflector are not for the cyclist to see, but for the cyclist to be seen by motorists.
  - If you have to cross the street, walk your bike or ride slowly across streets in crosswalks.

## Avoid Damage to Neighborhood Underground Utilities

Please remember to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) at 811 before any digging projects. Most sewer, water, gas, electric and telecommunications services are buried underground. A simple call to 811 will allow JULIE to mark utility locations on your property within two working days. Respect the marks and dig with care to avoid personal injury and damage to underground utilities. Julie's services are free.



## Hot Dog! Crestwood Fire Dept. Cuts the Mustard

It was all in a day's work as members of the Crestwood Fire Department work to extinguish a dumpster fire at Portillo's shortly after 3pm on Tuesday, April 26.

# 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 Officer Tom Dawson or any other police officer will be able to assist you in determining if it is a scam. Our officers are here 24 hours a day, and would rather respond to assist you in preventing a scam than to have to take a report where you have been scammed out of thousands of dollars.

Deceptive Practice

03-16-2022: A resident reported that she received an email from Turbo Tax in reference to a newly established account in her name. It was determined that someone attempted to use the victim's identity to file a false tax return.

02-28-2022: A resident reported that she attempted to sell a Fitbit watch on Facebook Marketplace and was contacted by someone wanted to purchase the watch. During the transaction, the buyer sent an extra \$300 for the victim to upgrade her Zelle account and the victim could send the extra money back. The victim was later prompted to send an additional \$500 before realizing that

it was a scam.

3-31-2022: A resident reported that received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service about a tax return that had been filed using her identity.

Theft

03-07 2022: A resident reported that two Schwinn children's bicycles were stolen from his yard in the 4900 block of 138th Ct.

03-19-2022: Officers responded to Crash Champion, located in the 143rd block of Cicero, for a report of several subjects in the enclosed yard that were entering vehicle. The caller was able to give a description of a possibly suspect vehicle that was described as a Dodge pickup truck. Officers arrived on scene and attempted to stop the vehicle, which then fled. It was determined that six vehicles had been stolen from the lot during the incident.

03-21-2022: Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter off of a truck in the 138th block of Kenton.

03-21-2022: Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converters off of two vehicles that were parked in a sales lot in the 140th block of Cicero.

03-21-2022: Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter off of a vehicle in the 140th block Gail Lane.

03-22-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a van in the 4700 block of 135th Street.

03-22-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a rental truck in the 4700 block of 135th Street.

03-25-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a vehicle in the 141st block of Cicero.

03-28-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a truck in the 4600 block of 137th Street.

03-28-2022: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off of a vehicle in the 4600 block of 137th Street.

03-29-2022: Unknown suspects stole a 2014 Honda CRV that was left running in the 132nd block of East Playfield Drive.

03-29-2022: Unknown suspects stole catalytic converters off of two vehicles in the 135th Block of Kenton.

Criminal Damage to Property

03-11-2022: Unknown suspects broke the rear windshield on a vehicle in the 139th block of Char Lane.

Traffic Offenses

03-13-2022: A female was arrested after being involved in an accident in the 5000 block of Cal Sag Road and charged with driving with a suspended license and operation of a vehicle without insurance.

Aggravative Vehicular Hijacking

03-23-2022: As a resident was pumping gas into his vehicle at the Speedway gas station, located at 140th and Cicero, two male, Black subjects wearing ski masks approached the victim and demanded his money and the keys to his vehicle. One suspect displayed a handgun, took the victim's cash, and both subjects fled in his vehicle.



## When to Contact the Village for a Building Permit

Just a reminder that if you're planning any big home remodeling or repair projects for your home this spring, you'll want to determine whether or not a permit is required before you commence on any construction. Projects that require permits include:

- Remodels, additions and demolitions
- Changes in lot drainage or grading
- Installation of electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing services
- Changing heating, cooling or ventilation systems
- Re-shingling roofs, soffits & fascia
- Renewing siding
- Installing patios, sheds, fences, pools or hot tubs (A plot of survey is needed)
- Windows & doors

Work that **does not** require a permit includes:

- Painting
- Carpeting
- Trim work
- Changing/swapping light fixtures

Please visit us at Village Hall to obtain your building permit. We are located at 13800 S. Cicero Ave. As always, please feel free to contact us in person or by phone at (708) 371-4800 if you have any further questions. Char in our Building Department is always happy to help.

**NOTE: ALL CONTRACTORS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE VILLAGE.**

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# Nicor Gas Makes Additional \$1 Million Available Through Salvation Army’s Shield of Caring Program

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Nicor Gas is making an additional \$1 million available to The Salvation Army’s Shield of Caring program to help assist customers in need who may be struggling in the wake of rising energy prices and inflation that have been further strained by global conflicts.

In October 2021, Nicor Gas contributed \$5 million to the Salvation Army to help those still being impacted by the global health and financial crises. In the span of five months, the charitable organization has distributed \$1 million of those funds, supporting approximately 4,700 individuals and families in need.

“We know this is an extremely challenging time for our customers,” said Meena Beyers, vice president of Business & Community Development at Nicor Gas. “From natural gas to groceries and gasoline our customers are struggling with higher prices. Most of our employees are also customers which means that their natural gas costs have also more than doubled in the last year. As a regulated utility, our prices are determined by the market, which is why it is so important to us to continue this partnership with The Salvation Army so we can provide some relief to those in need right now.”

As a distributor, Nicor Gas does not profit from the purchase price of gas, but the cost is passed along to the customer without a markup. This cost of gas currently makes up about 75 percent of a residential customers’ bill. Other factors such as market influence, weather and usage also impact the changing costs.

Nicor Gas residential customers can apply online for a Shield of Caring grant at [www.shieldofcaring.com](http://www.shieldofcaring.com) or by calling their local Salvation Army corps community center. The Shield of Caring program builds onto Nicor Gas’ existing Sharing Program to offer bill payment assistance to eligible residential customers in need. The Sharing Program will continue to operate as it has since 1983, with one-time annual grants up to \$400 for income-eligible residential customers. To maximize the benefits, customers are first encouraged to apply for assistance from LIHEAP and the Sharing Program prior to applying for a Shield of Caring grant.

Nicor Gas also has a variety of programs to help customers pay their natural gas utility bills. If eligible, individuals can take advantage of more than one energy assistance program offered. To learn more about how to benefit from the energy assistance options available, visit [www.nicorgas.com/energyassistance](http://www.nicorgas.com/energyassistance).

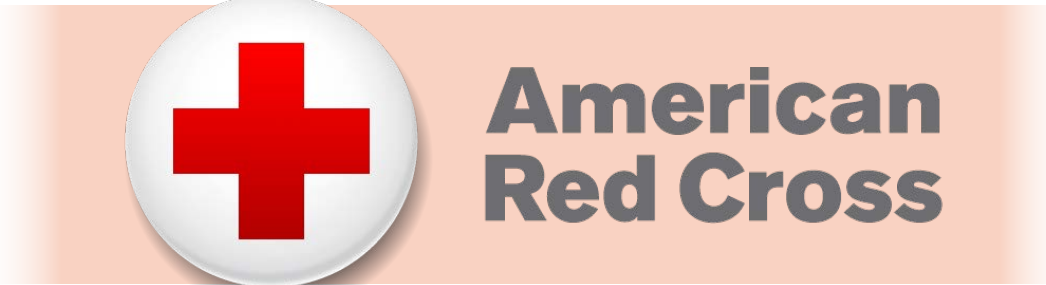


## Update Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Protection

The Crestwood Fire Department would like to remind residents to check and change all batteries in all of their smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency accessory kits to make sure that they’re in working condition. It is also highly encouraged, when replacing them after the manufacturer-recommended time period, to replace them all with the standard new detectors containing built-in 10-year batteries.

The Crestwood Fire Department asks you to please remember to update all of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, either with new batteries or replacing the units with detectors featuring built-in 10-year batteries.

# Giving Blood or Platelets a Simple Act With Powerful Impact



*Thanks to Suburban Propane, donors have the chance to win a travel trailer camper when they come to give blood now through May 19*

ILLINOIS — The American Red Cross, Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice and Suburban Propane have joined together to encourage communities to commit to a simple act with a powerful impact — giving blood or platelets for patients in need.

This spring, it’s critically important that the Red Cross maintains a readily available blood supply for those who rely on transfusions for treatment. Since donated blood has a limited shelf life, supplies must be constantly replenished to ensure a sufficient inventory of blood products. With no substitution for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for patients with sickle cell disease, car accident victims and parents experiencing difficult childbirths.

As a blood donor himself, Jerry Rice urges individuals to roll up a sleeve and take pride in the lifesaving impact they’re making. “Here’s your chance to make a difference,” said Rice. “You never know who you might be helping. It could be a friend or family member who needs blood — and that’s why it’s so important.”

As a thank-you, Suburban Propane is fueling a lifetime of road-tripping memories with a special opportunity for donors who answer the call to give power to patients. Those who come to give blood,

platelets or plasma through May 19th, 2022, will be automatically entered to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps eight. Plus, those who come to give will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, all courtesy of Suburban Propane.\*

“We are honored to join our longtime partners at the American Red Cross and football legend Jerry Rice to raise awareness about the need for blood this spring,” said Nandini Sankara, spokesperson, Suburban Propane. “This effort is a wonderful addition to our SuburbanCares initiative, aimed at giving back to our local communities throughout the nation, and we are delighted to sponsor the camper giveaway in hopes of motivating even more people to donate blood and give the gift of life.”

A simple act can lead to lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

\*Terms apply. Visit [rcblood.org/camper](http://rcblood.org/camper).

### Upcoming Area Red Cross Blood Drives:

**Blue Island**  
May 6th, 2022: 9:00am-2:00pm, Blue Island Park District, 12804 Highland Ave.

**Palos Heights**  
May 4th, 2022: 9:00am-2:00pm, Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, 7059 W 127th St.

# Overpayments Lead to Unclaimed Property Tax Refunds

If you are a homeowner or own property in Cook County, you are advised to check the website of the Cook County Treasury to see if there are unclaimed refunds waiting in your name. Since 2009, more than half a billion dollars in overpayments has been refunded or prevented by the Treasurer’s Office.

Because refund claims often are disputed among different payers, including mortgage companies, banks, buyers and sellers, the application requires proof that the refund applicant paid the taxes.

At [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com), you can search by address as well as by Property Index Number (PIN) and get an instant response for available refunds going back 20 years.

To see if you are entitled to a refund, go to the website:

- Select “Your Property Tax Overview”
- Search by address or by Property Index Number (PIN)
- Look for the results under “Are There Any Overpayments on Your PIN?”
- Complete the online application if you believe you are entitled to a refund

By Illinois law, the total annual payout of refunds that arose before 2009 is capped at \$2.5 million. The money available for refund has been distributed to Taxing Districts. If a refund is granted, the Treasurer’s Office recovers the money from the appropriate local government.

# Illinois Celebrates Record Investment in Youth Development Programs

**CHICAGO** — Celebrating the passage of a FY23 budget that prioritizes responsible spending, Gov. JB Pritzker recently joined students, lawmakers and advocates at Gately Park Indoor Track in Chicago to highlight programs designed to foster the success of young people throughout the state.

Under the state’s FY23 budget, new investments in youth programs will provide young people with opportunities to learn, work, and grow in a safe environment. These efforts include:

- Additional Early Childhood Education funding of \$54.4M to cover services for an additional estimated 7,131 children
- Funding for \$300M Strengthen and Grow Childcare grants while continuing investments in rate increases for childcare providers July 1st, 2022, and Dec. 1st, 2022
- An extra \$460M for K-12 schools and programs to provide quality classrooms, qualified and well-compensated educators, and the textbooks and supplies necessary for a good education
- \$122M increase in need-based Monetary Assistance Program scholarships for college

students to a total of \$600M to help over 155,000 students receive awards while also increasing the maximum grant award

- Increase of \$12M for the Regional Offices of Education to address truancy and chronic absenteeism issues coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$7M funding increase to support targeted summer youth services in the areas of Teen REACH, Community Youth Services and Youth Employment.
- Additional \$16M for Homeless Prevention and Homeless Youth services, in addition to continued authority to maintain rental assistance programming into FY23
- Additional \$8M investment in Redeploy Illinois to reduce juvenile incarcerations and prevent crime
- Increase of \$87 million to bolster the DCFS provider network
- Increase of \$15.5 million to hire an additional 360 DCFS staff
- New funding of \$25 million to rebuild residential capacity for vulnerable youth in care.

- Includes \$56M for new Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grants at IDNR to provide for parks for children to explore, the largest and most accessible round in the state’s history for distressed communities.
- Includes funding to fully implement the Pathways to Success Program for children with serious mental illnesses approximately \$150M. Pathways to Success is a program for Medicaid enrolled children under the age of 21 in Illinois who have complex behavioral health needs and require intensive services and support
- Expands the Earned Income Credit for working families from 18 percent of the federal credit to 20 percent, while expanding the number of households covered
- Provides families with a “Back to School” sales tax holiday on clothing and school supplies for a week this August

These programs serve as major components of a state budget that prioritizes building a financially strong and responsible state that can be passed down to the next generation of leaders.

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CRESTWOOD SOCCER CLUB

ONLINE REGISTRATION

[www.CrestwoodSoccerClub.com](http://www.CrestwoodSoccerClub.com)

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>

After April 15<sup>th</sup> late fees apply.

Any questions, visit [www.CrestwoodSoccerClub.com](http://www.CrestwoodSoccerClub.com)

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

10

percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day

A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than

3,000 gallons

per year

Did you know?

Minor water leaks account for nearly

1

trillion gallons

of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in nearly

A shower leaking at

10 Drips

per minute wastes more than

500

gallons per year

Repair

leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary

11

million homes

Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save

13,000

gallons of water savings for the average family

Homeowners can save


10 percent

on their water bills

look for

WaterSense

Meets EPA Criteria



[epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense)

## Flood Control Project in the Vicinity of 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue in Crestwood



Metropolitan Water  
Reclamation District  
of Greater Chicago



You are cordially invited  
to a groundbreaking ceremony  
for the 135<sup>th</sup> Street Flood Control  
Project in Crestwood

Tuesday, May 10, at 11 a.m.  
Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center  
5331 W. 135th Street - Crestwood  
R.S.V.P. 312.751.6626

The MWRD and partners at the Village of Crestwood and School District 130 will break ground on the Crestwood Flood Control Project that will provide flood relief for approximately 82 homes, businesses and structures in the vicinity of 135th Street and Central Avenue.

The MWRD will install a storm sewer, modify an existing detention basin, and improve water conveyance along the Crestwood Drainage Ditch to its outlet at the Cal-Sag Channel.

The groundbreaking culminates eight years of planning, engineering and analysis that involved public participation from more than 100 Crestwood residents.

## Preserving Our Heritage: The Scuderi Brothers

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

Bob Malito, a Crestwood resident of 55 years, was reading a recent Preserving Our Heritage feature in the *Crestwood Adviser* and reached out to declare that he had a great World War II story to tell.

Bob’s five uncles all fought in WWII. They were his mother’s brothers. His grandparents, Josephine and Vincent Scuderi, immigrated from Sicily to New Orleans. A majority of Italian immigrants in New Orleans were from Sicily, and by 1924, 300,000 Italian immigrants arrived and settled in the lower French Quarter, an area then known as “Little Palermo.”

Being landless peasants, having poor soil for crops, malnutrition and disease led them to a port of entry in New Orleans — a significant destination to travel to the interior of the United States, steamboating up the Mississippi River.

Vincent and Josephine traveled to Chicago, where Vincent found a good job working for the Illinois Central Railroad. They lived in the Grand Crossing-Chatham neighborhood at 79th and Greenwood. Bob scarcely remembers going to “Noodles”



Left: Kelly and Jack Scuderi. Center Left: Bill Scuderi. Center Right: Carmen Scuderi. Right: Nelson Scuderi

backdoor bar on 76th and Greenwood with his grandfather to play Rummy games. Since Vincent spoke, read and wrote Italian, he would read letters to friends from their families still in Sicily.

Vincent and Josephine were proud parents of four daughters and six sons. Five of their sons served overseas during WWII. (The sixth son also would have served, but he was engaged in defense work during the war.)

At the time of their service, Kelly, 25, was a navy radioman, seeing action on the Marshall Islands. Bill, at 35 the oldest of the brothers, was in the Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater. Carmen, 23 was in the Coast Guard, also fighting in the Pacific. Jack, 21, spent more than two years overseas in the Army, stationed in Iran. The fifth and youngest brother, Nelson, 19, also served in the Pacific with the Army.

The war in the Pacific slowly gained Allied dominance, moving from island to island,

eventually forcing Japan to an unconditional surrender in September 1945. During WWII, Iran allowed Soviet, British and American troops into the country to defend the oil-rich nation from possible German attack.

Although all five of the Scuderi brothers saw combat during WWII, they all returned home safely. Brother Kelly became an electrical engineer, Carmen an auto mechanic, Jack a router for a trucking company, Nelson a self-employed carpenter and steel mill worker, and Bill was last remembered living on the North Side of Chicago.

*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.*

Chicago South Elks Lodge #1596

4428 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Please JOIN US for our Annual

Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

and membership drive. Come see what we are about!

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Includes:

Pancakes

Sausage


Milk

Coffee

Juice

\$9 donation





Crestwood Community Days

14011 S. Kenton Ave., Crestwood

OZINGA STADIUM – WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS

When: Saturday, May 14, 2022

Time: 6:05 p.m.

Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Quebec Capitales

PICK UP FREE TICKETS @

Crestwood Village Hall – 13800 S. Cicero Ave.

Or

Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center – 5331 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St.



# Comptroller Susana Mendoza Cheers Another Credit Rating Upgrade; Announces \$400M Transfer to Rainy Day Fund

SPRINGFIELD — For the second time in less than a year, Moody’s Investors Services, one of the “Big Three” credit rating agencies in the United States, announced April 21 that it upgraded Illinois’ credit rating.

Moody’s cited the state’s use of tax revenue growth to rebuild its financial reserves (Rainy Day Fund) and the increase of pension contributions among reasons for the upgrade. Moody’s also noted the state’s shrinking accounts payable, which stands at \$2.7 billion today, a massive reduction compared to the \$16.7 bill backlog in 2017.

Proof of the state’s commitment to shoring up its Rainy Day Fund arrived as Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza transferred the first installment — \$400 million from the General Revenue Fund — into the Budget Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund). She is also sending \$300 million to the Pension Stabilization Fund. Under the budget passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor JB Pritzker, the state will commit \$1 billion to the Rainy Day Fund, as well as an additional \$500 million to the Pension Stabilization Fund, saving Illinois taxpayers \$1.8 billion — similar to homeowners making an extra payment to reduce the principal on a mortgage.

This is exactly the kind of responsible budgeting Comptroller Mendoza and the credit rating agencies have called for.

The news follows an upgrade from Moody’s on June 29, 2021, which was the first upgrade the state had earned in more than two decades. The next week, on July 8, S&P Global also upgraded the state’s credit rating.

This means the state has now earned three credit rating upgrades in less than a year, all while managing to come back from the 2015-2017 budget impasse and astutely maneuver the financial challenges wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the transfers into the Rainy Day and Pension Stabilization Funds, on April 21 Comptroller Mendoza also directed \$230 million to protect funds invested by families into the College Illinois! pre-paid college tuition program.

All told, within two days of the Governor signing the fiscal year 2023 budget, the Illinois Office of Comptroller already made significant movement by making \$1 billion of essential payments toward the recovery of Illinois’ finances into the Rainy Day, Pension Stabilization, College Illinois, and Group Health Insurance funds.

Attention Veterans


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

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


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

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

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



Disabled American Veterans



ELKS LODGE #1596 | 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood, Illinois.



Shea Fitzgerald, who plays Belle in the spring musical “Beauty and The Beast” at Shepard High School, performed at Arts Extravaganza.

# Hundreds Attend District 218 Arts Extravaganza

Hundreds gathered at Richards High School to watch jazz bands, drama productions, choirs and speech teams, to walk among massive student art exhibits, and to enjoy amazing food at the 12th annual Arts Extravaganza on April 8th.

The Friends of Community High School District 218 Education Foundation sponsored the event as fundraiser for college scholarships and teacher grants. The event serves as a huge stage to celebrate visual, culinary and performing arts.

Students from Eisenhower, Richards and Shepard high schools shared the spotlight.



Left Photo: Jazz Band, directed by Chris Pitlik, from Shepard High School performed brilliantly at Arts Extravaganza. Right Photo: Cast from the Contest Play titled “The Revolutionists,” directed by Emma Lizzio, from Shepard High School performed at Arts Extravaganza.



# Old Americans Month a Reminder to Look Out for Our Elderly

May is Older Americans Month, during which we celebrate the contributions and achievements of our seniors. In observation of this occasion, we like to encourage the younger generations to reach out to the elderly people in their lives and help to safeguard them against those who would prey upon their vulnerability. Anyone who reads the Blotter page in the *Crestwood Adviser* knows that there are plenty of people out there ready to take advantage of and victimize our elderly population.

What we here at the Village are asking you to do is to make sure those 65 and older in your life follow the Department of Homeland Security guidelines for keeping their guard up when they receive calls or online offers that are suspicious.

- **Beware of “free” gifts or prizes.** If something seems too good to be true, then it probably is.
- **Do NOT give out personal information over email or on the phone.** Most legitimate businesses or organizations will not ask for your personal information over email or while on the phone. Beware of any requests to update or confirm your personal information.
- **Protect yourself on social media.** It is important to add only people you know on social media; adding strangers could

expose you and your personal information to scammers. Likewise, do not post personal information (Social Security number, birth date, bank information, etc.) on social media.

### What About Identity Theft?

Particularly insidious is the threat of identity theft. Once someone’s identity has been stolen, it’s usually a massive struggle to get it back. Preventing identity theft is often about awareness — knowing how identity thieves steal or trick people into giving their personal information is your best defense against their deceptive practices.

- Never give anyone your Social Security number or other personal information (birth date, bank account numbers, etc.) to strangers who call, text or email, even if they seem legitimate. Do not write your SSN on checks, on non-credit applications or on other, non-tax-related forms.
- Do not carry your Social Security card in your wallet or purse, and never leave your wallet or purse unattended.
- Keep financial statements, medical records and tax information in a secure place in your home. Shred any documents you no longer need.
- Never post your date of birth, mother’s maiden



Older Americans Month is an ideal time in which to educate the seniors in your life to protect themselves against those who would prey upon them.

- name, first pet’s name or other such personal information on social media. This can be a resource for those seeking to thief someone’s identity.
- Employ your cell phone’s security features.
- Update your sharing and firewall settings if you’re on a public Wi-Fi network.
- Review your credit card and bank statements, comparing receipts against your accounts to ensure against unauthorized transactions.
- Review your credit reports once a year, and freeze your credit files to prevent someone from applying for and receiving approval for credit accounts or utility services in your name.

BIELA CENTER  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike - Crestwood, IL

CALENDAR: MAY 2022

For more Information  
708-371-4800 Ext: 6002

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY | Fitness from 11am-12pm      TUESDAY | Bingo at 1pm      FRIDAY | Bingo at 1:15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Int. Crochet (4-6:30 pm)	3 Bingo (12-3 pm) Beg. Crochet (4-6 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)	4 Art Class (10-12 pm) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Pinochle (12-4 pm) Senior Club (12:30-3:30 pm) TOPS (5-6:30 pm)	5 Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm) Bunco (2-4 pm) Zumba (6:15-8 pm)	6 Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Bingo (12:15-3:15 pm) Line Dance Party (6-10 pm)
9 Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Int. Crochet (4-6:30 pm)	10 Bingo (12-3 pm) Beg. Crochet (4-6 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)	11 Art Class (10-12 pm) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Pinochle (12-4 pm) TOPS (5-6:30 pm)	12 Garden Club (10-12 pm) Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm) Zumba (6:15-8 pm)	13 CHAIR FITNESS (11-12 PM) BINGO (12:15-3:15 PM) ART LEAGUE (7-10 PM)
16 Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Int. Crochet (4-6:30 pm)	17 Bingo (12-3 pm) Beg. Crochet (4-6 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)	18 Art Class (10-12 pm) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Pinochle(12-4 pm) Senior Club (12:30-3:30 pm) TOPS (5-6:30 pm)	19 Hard Rock Casino Card Club (12-3 pm) Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm) Zumba (6:15-8 pm)	20 CHAIR FITNESS (11-12 PM) BINGO (12:15-3:15 PM) LINE DANCE PARTY (6-10 PM)
23 Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Int. Crochet (4-6:30 pm)	24 Bingo (12-3 pm) Beg. Crochet (4-6 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)	25 Art Class (10-12 pm) Chair Fitness (11-12 pm) Pinochle (12-4 pm) TOPS (5-6:30 pm)	26 Garden Club (10-12 pm) Line Dance (1-2 pm) Mexican Train (1-3 pm) Zumba (6:15-8 pm)	27 CHAIR FITNESS (11-12 PM) BINGO (12:15-3:15 PM) GAME NIGHT (6-8 PM)
30 CLOSED Memorial Day	31 Bingo (12-3 pm) Beg. Crochet (4-6 pm) TOPS (6-7:30 pm)			



The Biela Center will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to all who have served. We are forever grateful.

Look What's Cooking!!!!

Tuesday, May 3rd:

Friday, May 6th:

Tuesday, May 10th:

Friday, May 13th:

Tuesday, May 17th:

Friday, May 20th:

Tuesday, May 24th:

Friday, May 27th:

Tuesday, May 31st:

Stuffed Peppers

Chicken Thigh w/ Green Olives

Beef Sandwich

Lasagna

Individual Pizza – Cheese, Sausage, and Pepperoni

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Pepper Steak

Taco Mac n' Cheese & ½ Quesadilla

Hamburger or Hotdog

Lunches are \$5.00. Extra Dessert, Pop and Water are \$1.00. Please pay before receiving your lunch. On Tuesdays we serve from 12:00-1:00 pm and Fridays from 12:15-1:15 pm. Bingo will be played following lunch. All lunches are served with a side and dessert. Reservations must be made one week in advance. For cancellation, call: 708-371-4800 Option #6.

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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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ADMIT ONE

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1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES

Medical Equipment



The Biela Center has some equipment for short-term use. Should you find yourself or a family member in need, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001 or Ashley ext. 6002 for availability.

Please Read...  
Important Policy Information

New Payment Policy - Effective Immediately

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

REMINDER REFUND POLICY

We would like to remind everyone about our  
No Refunds Policy.

If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place.

\*\*Unless there is a waiting list, in which case you will not need to find a replacement, and you will be issued a refund\*\*

No refunds will be given otherwise.

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

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

## SENIORS PUMP IT UP!

WITH CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR DIANA ESPARZA

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



**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS  
11:15 AM- 12:00 PM  
\$2.00 a class**

**NO FITNESS**

**Monday, May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day**

**THE BIELA CENTER  
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE  
CRESTWOOD, IL 60418  
708-371-4800 EXT: 6002**

## Crestwood Senior Club

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL

**Join the fun!**

**Doors OPEN  
at 12:15**

All are welcome to come **JOIN US** in an afternoon out to our Senior Club Meeting.

We meet two times a month on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of each month @ 12:15 – 3:30pm.

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

**MAY**

**Wednesday May 4, 2022**  
Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**  
Mother's Day Luncheon



Join Us!!



Do you like to play pinochle?

Join us at the Biela Center!

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

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



Did you know the Biela has a pool table? Gather your friends and drop in to play! Call for available times.



## TOWN & COUNTRY ART LEAGUE

**Our mission:**

- To promote the artistic interest and growth of our members
- To provide mutual improvement in the fine arts through demonstrations, workshops, and exhibits
- To contribute to the culture of the community

Meetings are held the **second Friday of each month**, September thru May (excluding January), 7-9:00 p.m. at **Andrew Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Tpk., Crestwood, IL, 60418**. Guests are welcome to attend.

Facebook: Town and Country Art League  
Email: [tcartleague@yahoo.com](mailto:tcartleague@yahoo.com)



**Where there is more than Cars .... Over 33 Unique Exhibits**

The Volo Auto Museum is situated on 35 beautifully groomed acres and is one of the most unique auto museums in Illinois, as well as the entire country. The heart of this family owned and operated museum is **Volo Auto Sales**, which has one of the most respected names in the industry. Wander the auto showrooms and marvel at the iconic classic and muscle cars, and even original cars from movies and TV.

But it's more than just cars. It's a place where the past comes to life. From a self-playing orchestra to a Disney gallery, the Volo Auto Museum's vast collection of pop culture and Americana artifacts offers visitors a stroll down memory lane, and the chance to make new memories.

Thousands of mechanical marvels are waiting to be explored — but that's not all that draws 250,000 visitors to the Volo Auto Museum every year. Stroll through the village and see an 1885 train caboose and a 1949 motorhome. Then enjoy lunch and a show at **Show Biz Pizza**.

**Come experience the Volo Auto Museum and have FUN with us!!**

**Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2022

**Time:** 9:30am-4:30pm (bus departs at 9:45am)

**Cost:** \$50.00 includes tickets to Museum and Coach Transportation  
**(Lunch will be on your own at their concession stand, or you may bring your lunch)**

**As of March 1, 2022 Full payment is due upon reservation.**

Call Ashley or Cindy with any questions 708-371-4800: Option #6

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



## Hard Rock Casino

**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2022

**Departure Time:** 10:00am

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Includes:** Transportation

**Payment is due:** Thursday, May 5, 2022

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

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



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

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



## 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:

[LDALearnToLineDance@gmail.com](mailto:LDALearnToLineDance@gmail.com)

Men, Women, Guests of **ALL AGES** are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.



## FRIDAY NIGHT LINE DANCE PARTY!

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

**Date:** Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> & May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30pm to 10:00pm

**Location:** Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

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

To reserve your spot please email:

[LDALearnToLineDance@gmail.com](mailto:LDALearnToLineDance@gmail.com)

Men, Women, Guests of **ALL AGES** are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

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



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

**Friday, May 27, 2022**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

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

Bring your favorite game or cards  
(or we'll have a few here to borrow)

Snacks will be provided



## Steel Magnolia

In a beauty parlor in northwestern Louisiana, life is anything but boring. Steel Magnolias follows six women over the course of three years as they face life's challenges together and find comfort in one another. Embracing both laughter and tears, this story celebrates the power of female friendship. The play received one Drama Desk Award nomination, and the popular film adaptation was nominated for an Academy Award and two Golden Globes.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022

**Lunch choices:** Choice of Grilled Chicken Kabob with Rice Pilaf

or

Grilled Vegetable Cavatappi with Pesto

**Depart:** 10:30am

**Return:** 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$90.00

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

**As of March 1, 2022 Full payment is due upon reservation.**

Call Ashley or Cindy with any questions: 708-371-4800 Option #6

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



## Blue Chip Casino or Lighthouse Outlet Mall

Back by popular demand!!

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

**Date:** Thursday, June 30, 2022

**Depart:** 9:30am

**Return:** 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Cost includes:** Transportation

**Please specify when registering if you are going to the casino or outlet mall.**

**Payment is due:** Thursday, June 16, 2022

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

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

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## CHICAGO CRIME TOUR

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

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

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

**Depart:** 8:30am

**Return:** 3:30pm

**Cost:** \$100

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

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

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

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

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



## Home of your Chicago White Sox

Grab your coolers with your favorite beverages, your Sox gear and let's head to the ball game!!!

**Join us for Elvis Night & Post-Game Fireworks**

**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022

**Departure:** 4:30pm

**Cost:** \$75.00

**Includes:** Tickets, Parking and Transportation.

**As of March 1, 2022, Full payment is due upon reservation.**

Call Ashley or Cindy with any questions 708-371-4800 Option #6

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

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

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



## Pride of Oregon- Luncheon Cruise

The pride of Oregon is an authentic Paddle Wheel Riverboat, 102 feet of real river charm. The boat docks at the historic Maxxson's Riverside Restaurant. Built in 1989 as a replica of the famous Rosie O'Shea paddle wheel, her festive exterior and graciously appointed interior provide a relaxing atmosphere for memory-making cruises. She has the capacity of 143 sightseeing passengers.

**Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2022

**Depart:** 8:00am

**Cost:** 85.00

**Cost includes:** Transportation, Lunch and Boat Ride.

**As of March 1, 2022 Full payment is due upon reservation.**

Call Ashley or Cindy with any questions: 708-371-4800 Option #6

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

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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.



GET UP AND GET OUT!

SPRING WINE TASTING

Saturday, May 7th, 12:00-4:00pm | The Morton Arboretum | 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle

Sip and savor more than 80 different wines in a scenic outdoor setting. Booths will be spread out along Meadow Lake, Frost Hill and the Conifer walking paths to allow for ample space to sample and to enjoy gorgeous views. Each ticket includes 25 1-ounce pours and a souvenir tasting glass. Food will be available for purchase and various art vendors will be scattered along the event trail. After sampling, stop by the Famous Liquors tent and pre-order your favorite wines. Order pick-up will be at Famous Liquors in Lombard or Forest Park at a later date. Also, 10 percent of all wine sales will be donated back to The Morton Arboretum. Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at mortonarb.org.

BAD HAND AT THE BRAZEN HEAD

Saturday, May 7th, 9:00pm

The Brazen Head | 13602 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood

Join Bad Hand at the Brazen Head for a night of rock, folk, Irish and bluegrass from artists Camp, Tom Petty, Mumford & Sons, and more. No cover!

CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, May 14th, 6:05pm | Ozinga Field | 14011 Kenton Ave.

Take your family out to a ballgame. Take them out to the crowd. Buy them some peanuts ... or a pizza slice, a soda or a beer — you get the drift! Ozinga Field and the Windy City Thunderbolts welcome Crestwood residents to enjoy our national pastime as our boys take on the Quebec Capitales — and it's FREE to Crestwood residents! Tickets will be available at both Village Hall (13800 S. Cicero Ave.) and the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (5331 W. 135th St.). The game starts at 6:05pm, and will be followed by postgame fireworks and a running of the bases for all of the youngsters in the crowd. Settle into simpler days with your Crestwood neighbors by showing support for the home team, your Crestwood Thunderbolts!

SERTOMA CENTRE'S BIG EVENT HEROES COOK-OFF

Saturday, May 14th, 5:00-9:00pm

115 Bourbon Street | 3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park

This family-focused event is a fun way of raising money and awareness for Sertoma Centre while celebrating the talents of local heroes. Individual or two-person teams of amateur chefs from area firehouses, police stations, hospitals or other emergency sites compete for top honors and the coveted Peoples Choice Award. Guests can expect favorites like BBQ ribs, pork tenderloin, chili or chicken from the culinary contestants. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children age 4-12, and free for those under 4, and are available at sertomacentre.org/store/big-event-heroes-cook-off

COLIN & ALISON AT THE BRAZEN HEAD

Saturday, May 14th, 9:00pm

The Brazen Head | 13602 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood

Come on out for an evening of classic rock, blues, soul and pop from this dynamic duo. No cover!

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOLHOUSE WALK

Sunday, May 15th, 10:00am

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

A leisurely 2-mile hike to the old schoolhouse site will delight all history buffs. Along the way, you'll travel from the present back to the past. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (708) 839-6897. Cost: FREE.

GAELIC PARK BOOK CLUB

Sunday, May 15th, 1:00-3:00pm

On the first Sunday of the month through most of the year, this group gathers to discuss great Irish writers. For this particular meeting, the discussion will center on Flann O'Brien's *The Poor Mouth*. Even if you haven't read the book, all are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Tina Butler at molanive@yahoo.com.

ACOUSTICALLY LIVE W/BRYANT & CO. AT THE BRAZEN HEAD

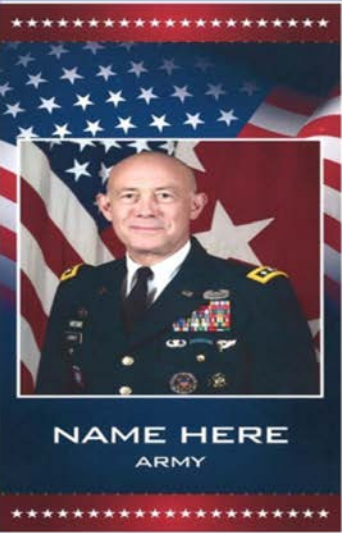
Saturday, May 21st, 9:00pm

The Brazen Head | 13602 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood

See Acoustically Live with Bryant & Co. as they acoustically adapt hits from classic rock to 2PAC. No cover!

HOMETOWN  
HERO BANNERS

"Honoring those who serve"



The Village of Crestwood is proud to offer this program to honor current or former residents of Crestwood who have served or are currently serving our country in a branch of the military.

Individuals to be recognized must be a current or former resident of Crestwood.

Individuals must have served in any of the following branches of service:

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard
- National Guard


The fee for participation is \$100 and will include the banner production and placement by the Village during the time period.

To order a banner simply fill out the application that is provided on the Village's website:

crestwood.illinois.gov

Return the completed form, photo of individual in uniform and fee to the Village Hall.

Applications will be accepted from December 1st through June 30th of each year.



HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Military: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Applicant to Veteran being honored: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would the applicant like the banner provided to them at the end of the two-year display period? YES NO

Photo Release Acknowledgement (If Applicable):

I hereby grant the Village of Crestwood permission to use the attached photo in their Hometown Heroes Banner Program with the understanding that this photo or likeness may be used for the Village's promotional use. I assume all responsibility for providing accurate, true, and correct information regarding the veteran being honored on the banner.

Signature Print Name Date

Office Use

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

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## May Adult Programs



### Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!  
**In Person Program | Monday, May 23<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

### Stampin' Up Card Class

Create your own one-of-a-kind themed greeting cards!  
**\$5 per Person | In Person Program | Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

### Adult Craft Kit

Stop by the front desk to pick up a take home craft for anyone ages 16 and older!  
**Available on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

### SCRABBLE CLUB

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!  
**In Person Program | Saturday, May 21, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### Classroom Kitchen: Springtime in Paris

Join us for a virtual cooking demonstration with our favorite cooking instructor, Kristyn Slick! This month, she'll show us how to make French inspired cuisine with recipes for sweet crepes and nicoise salad. This is a cook along program, so if you would like to cook with Kristyn, you'll want to prep ahead of time! Be sure to take a look at the list of ingredients and detailed recipes posted on our website in the Events calendar.

**Virtual Program | Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

### An Evening with Michelle Zauner

Michelle Zauner, the indie rock star of Japanese Breakfast fame, discusses her music career and her bestselling book *Crying in H Mart*. Her memoir about growing up Korean-American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity was a New York Times notable book of the year.

In conversation with Jessica Hopper, Chicago-based music critic, producer, and author. Join us on Zoom.

**Virtual Program | Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

### May 2022 Classroom Kitchen: Springtime in Paris

Spring in Paris, what could be better? Nicknamed the City of Love, Paris is arguably the most romantic city in the world! Channel your inner French chef as we make Sweet Crepes and traditional Nicoise Salad.

**Virtual Program | Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

## May Crestwood Library Events for Families and Youth

### Oceans of Possibilities begins June 3, 2022

Crestwood Library annual Summer Reading program "Oceans of Possibilities" makes a splash beginning Friday, June 3, 2022. Join us for our Summer Reading kickoff celebration with free snow cones for the first 100 kids registered.

**Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm.**  
**Summer Reading is open to ages 1-16.**

### Take & Make Monday Crafts for Kids

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

### LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12, come share your creativity and join us for a fun day of building with Legos! Your creation can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design. Lego Club meets twice a month.

**April Dates: Tuesdays, May 10 & 24 at 4:00 pm**

### Crafty Kids at Home!

Kids in grades K-3 can pick up a craft to make at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. A limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up from the Front Desk on **Thursday, May 19, 2022**. These kits may contain small parts and are not meant for children under 5.

### Take and Make for Tweens

Kids grades 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade can pick up a craft kit to make at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. A limited number of kits will be available for pick-up beginning **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**.



Join us for **Family Bingo** here in the library on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 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.**

### Preschool Story Time - Spring Session

Kids ages 1-5, under 3 with adult, can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. **Story Time meets on Fridays, at 10:30 am until May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Space is limited. Registration is required. Mask wearing protocols will be in place.

### 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 a month on Mondays at 10:30 am.**  
**May dates: May 9 & 23. Registration is required to attend.**



### Read to the Dogs!

Therapy dogs Hershey and Hazel are back at the library, and ready to hear kids grades K-4 read their favorite stories. Registration is required for a reading time. Social distancing while waiting  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022, from 5:00-6:00 pm.**

### 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, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.**  
**Registration is required. Limit of 10 children.**

### Take Home Science Kits

Crestwood Library will be offering hands-on science kits for kids to experiment at home. Adult supervision may be required. A limited number of take home science kits will be available to pick up beginning **Thursday, May 5, 2022.**

Following current CDC guidelines, face coverings are optional in the Crestwood Public Library open spaces.

# Protecting Your Lawn the Natural Way

As we push further into spring, and we get more involved in the upkeep of our lawns, pulling weeds and keeping the crabgrass at bay, remember that there are options other than harsh chemical lawn treatments that can be applied to our lawns to keep them looking their best while also keeping them non-toxic for children and pets. If you’re looking for a natural herbicide with which to keep your weeds under control, this recipe should do the trick:

- 1 gallon 20% vinegar (From grain alcohol, not petroleum — check your garden center, not the grocery store.)
- 1-½ cups Epsom salt
- 1/4 c. Dawn dish soap (original)

Use with care in a spray bottle for spot treatments — the mixture is non-selective and will kill any plants on which the solution is applied. One exception: When your lawn goes dormant for the winter, application of the vinegar herbicide will kill the weed seedlings without damaging your turf grass. For best results, spray full strength in during the hottest, sunniest time of day.

# Outdoor Warning Siren Activation

Spring is here and often brings with it dangerous weather, so our Emergency Management Agency (EMA) would like to make residents aware of the following contingencies on which the outdoor warning siren might be used, as well as how you might experience it.

### Activation Requirements:

- Any part of Crestwood that is within a TORNADO WARNING based on the warning polygon coordinates.
- Without a TORNADO WARNING, when reliable reports from trained weather spotters indicate a tornado, a funnel cloud, or extreme winds are occurring or imminent in the area (most of Crestwood EMA members are trained, and training is freely available)
- During a SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING only if destructive winds of 75 MPH or greater are observed by a trained spotter or indicated by the National Weather Service (NWS) warning statement.
- If a tornado siren is activated for significant wind threat (not due to a tornado), notification to social media is strongly recommended.
- If damage is observed within the city, report to the NWS ASAP via phone or NWS chat.

### Alerting:

- Only the ALERT (steady) sound is to be used, lasting for at least 3 minutes.
- Activate the siren as soon as the warning is issued by the NWS if the storm is nearby, otherwise if warning is for a storm a distance away, then activate the sirens about 15 minutes before the storm is expected to hit. This may be overridden to activate sooner under certain circumstances, due to holiday and other outdoor events that may be occurring, to give more advanced warning. Also, updates on social media before the Outdoor Warning Siren System Activation can be conducted and give a forewarning to the upcoming siren activation.
- If possible, keep the siren going as long as possible until the threat passes. If there is a “cool-down” time, re-activate after the cool-down period.
- An “all clear” will NOT be used.

# Proper Disposal of Old Paint

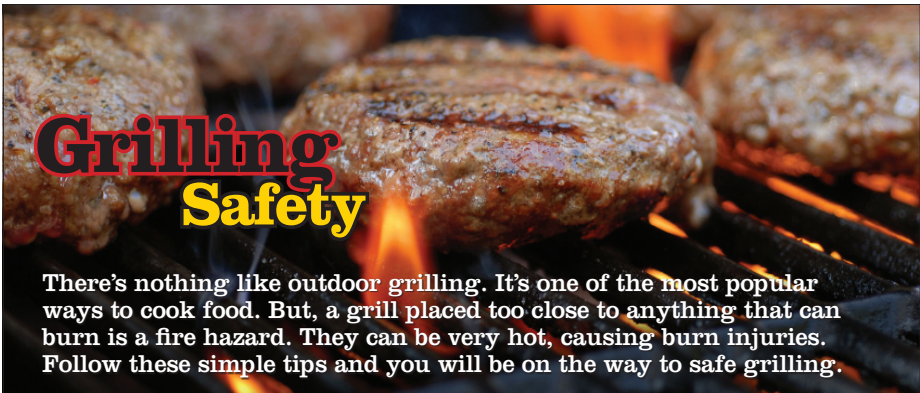
Painting is an inexpensive and easy way to brighten up a room, but you often end up with at least a partially unused can when you’re finished. Since leftover paint can be hazardous, as it contains materials that can leak into the ground, cause physical injury to sanitation workers, or contaminate septic tanks, you have to be careful how you dispose of it.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency encourages residents to safely dispose of old or unwanted latex paint on their own. Simply allow the empty paint can dry, then throw it away. To speed up the process of drying it up: Add kitty litter, shredded paper or sawdust to absorb the remaining paint in the can, or pour the paint into a bag.

Crestwood residents can take advantage of dropping off their old paint at the Crestwood Rec Center on Crestwood Cleanup Day, May 21st. Our Public Works Department will ensure to mix the proper hardening component with the paint for proper disposal.

### Safety Alert!

- When leaving paint out to dry, be sure to keep it in an area away from children, pets and open flames.
- It is not recommended to leave out numerous cans of oil-based paint to dry out because of a build-up of fumes.
- Never pour liquid paint into the trash or down drains.



There’s nothing like outdoor grilling. It’s one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

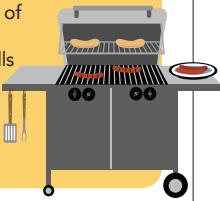
### PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

### FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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

### SAFETY TIPS

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

### SMOKE ALARMS

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

### Pets and Wildfires

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



### FACT

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

# Fun & Entertainment

\*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

**FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!**

**CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS**  
are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:  
  
**Garage Sales  
Lost and Found  
Large Appliances  
Automobiles  
Motorcycles  
Boats and Trailers**

**NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES**  
can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:  
  
**Garage Sales  
Appliance 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**

**APRIL CLASSIFIED**

**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.

**CAREGIVER AVAILABLE**  
Caregiver with 20 years experience available for daytime care. (No evenings/overnights.) All surrounding areas, Crestwood, Alsip, Palos, Orland, etc. References available as needed. Call (708) 299-0588.

**FOR SALE**  
Mobile home – '02 Patriot. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all appliances – \$5,000. Call (708) 489-5241.

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

**FOR SALE**  
Granite stone 14" pan w/glass cover – \$49. Call (708) 577-4956.

**OBITUARIES**

**Donnelly, Katherine M.** (nee McCaffery), of Crestwood passed away on Sunday, March 13th, 2022, at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Henry C. Donnelly. Devoted mother of Thomas J. (Jodi) Donnelly and Susan (Bill) Wagner. Cherished grandma of Erica (Kevin) Greenan, Thomas Donnelly, William (Emily) Wagner, and Kathleen (Matt) Pyznarski. Loving great-grandma of Tyler, Stephanie and Miles. Fond sister of Bernard McCaffery, and the late Bud McCaffery and Frank McCaffery. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Friday, March 18th at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, for a funeral Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, donations to ASPCA (www.asPCA.org) would be appreciated. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Drez, Violet M.** (nee Bansley), of Crestwood passed away on Tuesday, April 26th, 2022 at the age of 88 years. Beloved wife of Kenneth J. Devoted mother of Thomas A. (Carrie) Drez, Jacqueline Drez, Leslie Drez (John Cannizzo), Michelle Drez, and Michael Sr. (Carla) Drez. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas, Taylor, Jamie, Michael Jr., Natalie and Charlotte. Dear sister of the late Myrtle Bansley. Visitation was held Sunday, May 1st, 2022, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a funeral Mass taking place Monday, May 2nd, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. (708) For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Hughes, Renee Michelle** (nee Burgoine), of Crestwood, passed away on Sunday, April 10th, 2022, at the age of 59 years. Retired Cook County Deputy Sheriff. Loving daughter of the late Doreen Schubert. Devoted mother of Tabitha Birks and Terence Hughes II, (Cicero Fire Department). Dear stepmother of Jill (Robert) Hooten. Cherished grandmother of Ashley, Raelynn, Victoria and Michelle, and great grandmother of Syllas, Chloe, Jasper and Aaliya. Loving sister of Wendy Wrubel, Leslie Hughes, Roxanne (Rich) Payton, Richard (Lisa) Burgoine, and the late Frank Wrubel and Michael Wrubel. Renee was the best aunt, cousin, niece, and a friend of everyone. Visitation was held Thursday, April 14th, 2022. A uniformed personnel walk-through took place in the evening. A funeral service took place Friday, April 15th, 2022, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**O'Brien, Thomas William Jr.**, of Crestwood, passed away on Monday, April 18th, 2022, at the age of 59 years. Loving son of Sandra (nee Okon) and the late Thomas William Sr. (Crestwood F.D.). Beloved brother of Patrick Michael (Cindy, nee Kunkes), Joseph Alan (Tracey, nee Cowan), and Kathryn (Jerry) Lannom. Dear uncle of Justin (Monica), Hayley (Nathan) Becker, Josephine (Taylor) Broderick, Kaitlynn, Kayla and Destini, and great-uncle of Nadia, Evelyn, Lincoln and Anastasia. A Memorial Visitation was held Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment private. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Schulz, Kerrie A.** (Denton), passed away on Wednesday, April 6th, 2022, at the age of 51 years. Loving Momma of Joshua Schulz and Gino Consola. Beloved daughter of Mary Alice (Walker) Denton and David Franklin Denton. Cherished sister of Scott Denton, Bruce Denton and Todd Denton. Fond aunt of Katie, Kelly, David, Bruce, Ebba and Ryan. Dear "4-legged Grandma" of Fifi and Lola. Funeral services are private. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

**Wanatowicz, Sharon M.** (nee Battaglia), of Crestwood, passed away on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, at the age of 66 years. Beloved wife of Lee C. Wanatowicz. Loving mother of Katherine and Lee J. Wanatowicz. Cherished sister of James (Anita) Battaglia and Lisa (Dean) Smith. Dear aunt and cousin of many. Special 4-legged mom of Wilbur. Devoted and active member of Incarnation Religious Education and beloved substitute teacher in Districts 142 and 143. Visitation was held Wednesday, April 27th, 2022, the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a funeral Mass taking place Thursday, April 28th, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)

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- 37 Tax agency
- 38 Juicy
- 40 Who you give gifts to
- 42 Stag
- 43 Nimbus

- 44 Scrounge
- 47 Brief
- 48 Chief executive officer
- 51 Beat
- 52 Booted
- 54 Toothbrush brand
- 56 Father
- 57 Afloat
- 59 GS
- 60 Has knowledge
- 63 Governor
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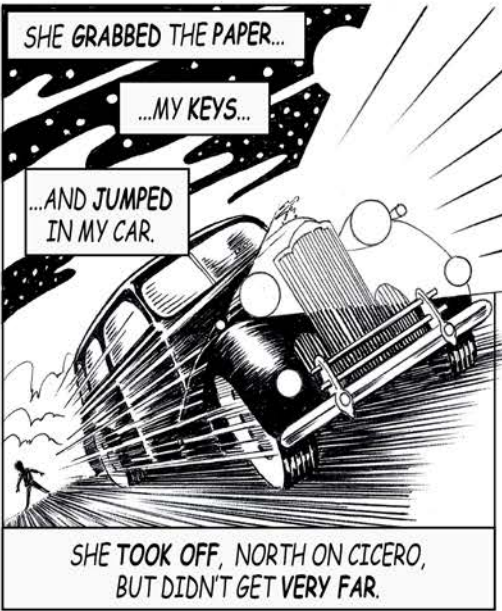
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- 3 Winter sport
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- 5 Tan color
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- 8 Restaurant
- 9 Skidded
- 10 Star
- 11 Compass point
- 12 Little bit
- 18 Greek stringed instrument
- 20 Japanese entertaining girl
- 22 Alcoholic
- 23 Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 24 Canoe propeller
- 25 Ship initials
- 27 Need
- 29 Roberto's yes
- 30 Sticky black substance
- 31 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 33 Medicine

- 35 Person, place or thing
- 39 Pros
- 41 Three
- 42 National capital
- 43 Helper
- 44 Food and drug administration (abbr.)
- 45 Bolus
- 46 Scrape
- 47 Green seedless plant
- 48 Key
- 49 Wing
- 50 Kimono sash
- 53 Large rope
- 55 Please respond
- 58 Ancient Greek marketplace
- 61 Au naturel
- 62 Aroma
- 64 Bode
- 65 Compass point
- 66 Term of affection
- 67 Underdone
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- 70 Tender loving care
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Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

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**CRWC**  
CRESTWOOD RECREATION  
& WELLNESS CENTER  
5331 W. 135th | Crestwood, IL 60418  
708-659-4800

Hello Residents,

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff are gearing up for the summer! Along with the activities listed here, please visit [www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com) to keep updated on what is happening in the building and community with the CRWC! As always, feel free to reach out to us by calling us at our new phone number, (708) 659-4800, or email us at [crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov).

Our newest 6-week session of swim lessons begins May 31st to July 16th. We will have a break week June 28th-July 4th for the holiday. Come into the CRWC on Monday, May 9th to secure your spot. Our lessons do fill up fairly quickly. If you happen to miss registration, don't worry — our swim lessons run continuously throughout the year. Every 6 weeks or so, we will have information for our new session. Feel free to call us at 708-659-4800 with any questions.

May 13th-15th, we will be hosting an 11U Home Run Bash and a 13U Spring Championship Tournament. Each age division tournament will have a three-game guarantee, and medals for 1st and 2nd Place. If your team is interested in participating, please visit the CRWC to register. If you have any questions, please call (708) 659-4800 or email [crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov)

Get ready for Summer Camp! From June 13th-July 22nd, the CRWC will be hosting a 6-week Summer Camp for kids between the ages of 8 and 13 years old. The camp will take place from Monday-Thursday from 7:30am-12:00pm. Our staff will plan daily activities for the campers to participate in tie-dye, outdoor sports, scavenger hunts and indoor games. Come on into the CRWC to register!

Zumba classes are held at the Biela center every Thursday night at 6:30. Feel free to drop by and try a class for \$10. If you enjoy the class, come pick up a punch pass or sign up for the next 6-week session here at the CRWC!

We'd like to extend our gratitude to all those who came to our annual Easter egg hunt. This year's event was a huge success, and we could not have done it without the support from our community and its members. We hope everyone had an amazing time and got some great pictures with our fuzzy bunny friend!

Rocco Mossuto



LEFT PHOTO: The Easter Bunny thanks all the kids who showed up to take part in this year's Easter egg hunt at the CRWC. MIDDLE PHOTO: After the big event, the Easter Bunny stuck around long enough to pose for a photo with CRWC staff. RIGHT PHOTO: The excitement could hardly be contained as Village children went on the CRWC's annual Easter egg hunt.

### CRWC Summer Camp 2022

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

**\*Campers are expected to bring a refillable water bottle**  
**\*Campers should be prepared to do activities both inside and outside, and should dress accordingly.**

**Ages 8—13**  
**Mondays—Thursdays**  
**June 13th—July 22nd**  
**7:30am drop off—12:00pm pick up**

Registration takes place in person at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center. We are located at 5331 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60418. Check out our website for more information on our facility and other programs [crestwoodfitness.com](http://crestwoodfitness.com) or call with any other questions: 708-659-4800.

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

### Youth Beginner Swim Lessons

Ages: 5 to 8 years old  
For children moving up from preschool lessons, or new to swim.

Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:
Tuesday	May 31—July 12	4:30—5:15 PM	
Tuesday	May 31—July 12	6:00—6:45 PM	
Thursday	Jun 2—July 14	5:00—5:45 PM	
Thursday	Jun 2—July 14	7:00—7:45 PM	
Saturday	Jun 4—July 16	10:00—10:45 AM	

Fee: \$66.00—Resident \$71.00—Non-Resident

### Youth Intermediate Swim Lessons

Ages: 7 to 14 years old  
Children 7 and 8 years old must have taken at least 2 sessions of the youth beginner class or have supervisor approval in order to register for youth intermediate.

Day:	Dates:	Time:	Code:
Tuesday	May 31—July 12	5:15—6:00 PM	
Tuesday	May 31—July 12	6:45—7:30 PM	
Thursday	Jun 2—July 14	5:45—6:30 PM	
Saturday	Jun 4—July 16	10:45—11:30 AM	
Saturday	Jun 4—July 16	12:00—12:45 PM	

Fee: \$66.00—Resident \$71.00—Non-Resident

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Parent/Child and Preschool lesson information on reverse side.

### Swim Lessons

Summer 2022  
May 31st—July 16th  
6 weeks  
(Break week 6/28-7/4)

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 Jun 2—July 14 6:30—7:00 PM  
Saturday Jun 4—July 16 9:30—10:00 AM

Fee: \$51.00—Resident \$56.00—Non-Resident

**Preschool Swim Lessons**  
Ages: 3 years old to 5 years old  
For children moving up from parent child or new to swim lessons.  
Day: Dates: Time: Code:  
Tuesday May 31—July 12 4:00—4:30 PM  
Thursday Jun 2—July 14 4:30—5:00 PM  
Thursday Jun 2—July 14 6:00—6:30 PM  
Thursday Jun 2—July 14 6:30—7:00 PM  
Saturday Jun 4—July 16 9:30—10:00 AM  
Saturday Jun 4—July 16 11:30—12:00 PM

Fee: \$61.00—Resident \$66.00—Non-Resident

**Summer 2022**  
5331 W. 135th Street  
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**Summer 2022**  
Open Swim lesson  
registration begins  
Monday, May 9th,  
in person only.

\* 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

### Zumba!

Thursdays: April 7th—May 12th, 2022  
(6 week session)  
Location: Biela Center—4545 Midlothian Turnpike  
Instructor: Kristen Castillo  
Times:  
6:30—7:30 PM  
(Code #213001-I)

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

**Fees for the 6 Week Session:**  
Residents- \$48 / Non-Residents- \$54  
Punch Card- \$54 (allows 6 visits within two sessions)

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708-659-4800 [www.crestwoodfitness.com](http://www.crestwoodfitness.com)

### Crestwood Baseball 11u Home Run Bash

May 13-15th  
Playfield Park in Crestwood, Illinois  
12 Team Cap  
Baseballs will be provided  
\$375 per team

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

**Sign Up Information**  
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5331 W 135th Street, Crestwood, Illinois  
Phone - 708-371-4810  
Email- [crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov](mailto:crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov)

### Crestwood Baseball 13u Spring Championship

May 13-15th  
Playfield Park in Crestwood, Illinois  
8 Team Cap  
Baseballs will be provided  
\$375 per team

• 56 ft Mound  
• 80 ft Bases  
• 3 Game Guarantee  
• Medals for First and Second Place  
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