

# THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

*A Village on the Move*

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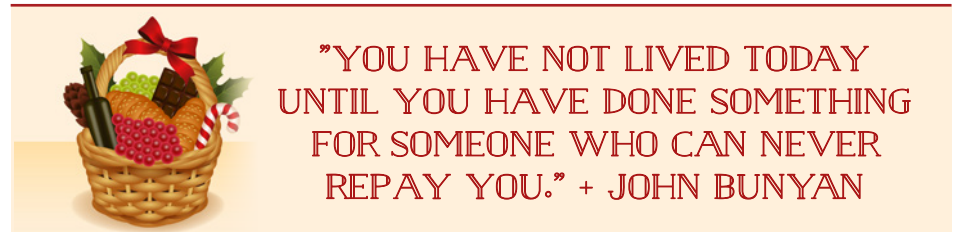
## Community Christmas Baskets Huge Success!

We wanted to extend a BIG THANKYOU to all that made this years' Christmas food drive a big success. With the help of many donors we were able to help 21 families enjoy a delicious Holiday meal along with filling up a cabinet or two with non-perishables goods. Several businesses including Seneca Petroleum Company, Tasca Ford, County Packaging Inc. Walmart and Aldi Foods generously donated as well as many others who gave cash donations. All your donations were greatly appreciated and it helped in covering the costs of the turkeys and all the fresh groceries. There were many people in the Village that gave a generous amount of non-perishables products that made the needy baskets plentiful. As a community you should be proud at your efforts. We will continue to strive each year to



Mayor Klein along with Public Works staff Jimmy, Rich and Cephas delivering Christmas Baskets to Residents.

help as many families as possible. The Mayor and Public Works passed out the Christmas baskets and received a lot of joyful tears, blessings and hugs which makes it all worthwhile to see their hearts filled with love this blessed season.



"YOU HAVE NOT LIVED TODAY UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN NEVER REPAY YOU." + JOHN BUNYAN



Mayor Klein along with Public Works staff Frank and Cephas delivering Christmas Baskets to Residents.

### Vehicle Stickers on Sale Now!



If you have not received your renewal by now, please come in anyway and purchase your vehicle sticker for 2025.

If you had a vehicle sticker last year, just bring your driver's license with you.

If you are a **new resident** or have a **new vehicle**, please come in with your *driver's license and your vehicle registration*.

The cost for a 2025 vehicle sticker is \$10.00 for a passenger car, \$15.00 for a B-C Truck plate, \$20.00 for D-F truck plate, \$30.00 for all other classification of Truck plates, \$10.00 for Recreational vehicles, \$5.00 for motorcycles.

Senior's pay \$5.00 for any class of vehicle.

A dog license is \$3.00.

The last day to purchase 2025 vehicle stickers at the regular rate is 2/28/25, after that there will be a late fee applied.



Come Join the Mayor for a SUPER time!!  
**Senior SUPER BOWL Party**

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Includes: food, beverages, and great company

Held at the Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. | FREE ADMISSION  
Spaces are limited.

To reserve your spot, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800  
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## CRESTWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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## Village Meeting Schedule

**Village Board Meetings** - 7:00pm  
**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave  
January 9 and January 23

**Committee of the Whole** - 7:00pm  
**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave  
January 7 and January 21

**Planning Commission – Zoning Board** - 8:00pm  
**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave  
January 13 and January 27

## Important Numbers

### Village Hall

13800 S. Cicero Ave.  
(708) 371-4800 | Fax: (708) 371-4849  
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9am - 4pm  
Tues.: 9am - 8pm

### 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.  
708-465-1300 | Fax: (708) 385-2836

### Recreation & Wellness Facility

5331 W. 135th St.  
(708) 659-4800  
Mon.-Thu.: 5am - 10pm, Friday 5am - 8pm  
Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm

### Library

4955 135th St.  
(708) 371-4090  
Mon.-Thu.: 9am - 8pm, Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: Closed

### Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)

(708) 371-2900

### Bremen Township (Residents south of 135th)

(708) 333-1591

### Republic Services

Call Village Hall first at (708) 371-4800, before Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

### IDOT

(847) 705-4222

### Cook County Highway Dept.

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

## Village of Crestwood Parking

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

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Happy New Year, Crestwood!

As we welcome in a brand-new year, I find great joy in extending my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. The New Year brings with it a sense of renewal, hope and the promise of exciting possibilities. It's hard to believe a year has gone by already. I have been honored to serve as your Mayor this year. As we reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year, it is evident that the strength and support of our Village is truly remarkable.

We have experienced several disasters such as the hail storms in June, a tornado in July and recently the devastating fire in a condo complex. Through it all, it has brought out the very best in our community and residents. From neighbors and friends that helped each other out to residents who offered food, clothing and even

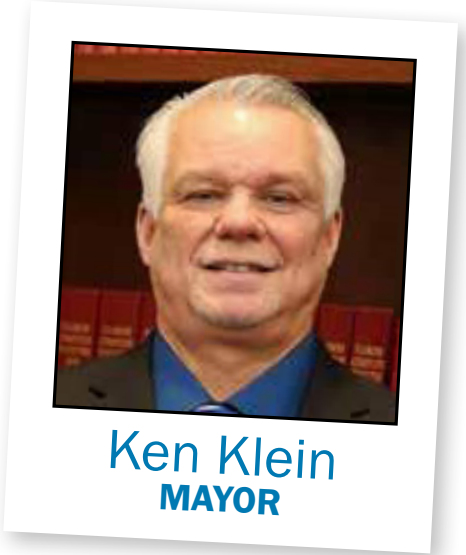
housing, donations and fundraisers truly are making our community even stronger.

Crestwood has had great progress with infrastructure repairs throughout the village this past year, from flood project completion, water mains and sewer replacements, sidewalks and street upgrades that have been completed. Also several projects started that will be completed in the new year, such as Cicero Ave Street lights replacement that will include new led lights, traffic light and control replacements, Cicero intersection medians also upgraded.

We take great pride in our commercial and retail businesses here in our community. Crestwood welcomed over 30 new businesses in 2024. Business such as Le Stella, Charlie's Cheesesteaks, Belle Tire, Sweet Retreat, Hi Five Dispensary, Three 12

Tattoos, Buffalo Wild Wings just to name a few call Crestwood home. In the coming year, let us continue to build upon the foundation of unity and cooperation. Several new business that are about to open that have developed properties that were vacant for many years. Such as Bold Age Pace (White Hen) and Pure Paradise Salons (Ace hardware). Several developers are ready to start this New Year on places like the old Eldorado lot, the old state police building on Cicero Ave. and the old Seneca properties.

May the New Year bring you and your loved ones an abundance of joy, prosperity, and good health. Let us cherish the moments of happiness, learn from the trials, and celebrate the victories – both big and small. In the spirit of community, let us lend a helping hand to those in



Ken Klein MAYOR

need, and may our shared accomplishments be a source of inspiration for generations to come.

As we embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, I am confident that our collective efforts will contribute to the continued prosperity and well-being of our great Village. Expecting 2025 to be even better as we work to Make Crestwood a Village on the Move.

Sincerely, Ken Klein Mayor, Village of Crestwood

Advertisement for InTheGame Hollywood Park featuring images of VR gaming, food (pizza and wings), and children with prizes. Includes the InTheGame logo and contact information: 5051 Cal Sag Road, Crestwood (708) 389-7275 | InTheGameHollywoodPark.com. A coupon for 10 FREE CHICAGO'S BEST WINGS is also featured, valid until 1/31/2025.

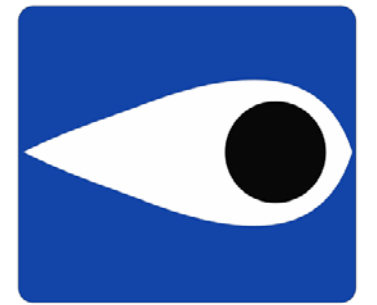
MINI BOWLING • BUMPER CARS • GREAT FOOD NEXT LEVEL BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND MORE!



# 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).

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

### Deceptive Practice

11-04-2024: A resident reported that while checking his bank accounts, he discovered an unauthorized check in the amount \$712.00 had been cashed from his account.

11-20-2024: A resident reported that while reviewing his current credit score, he discovered that an unauthorized line of credit with Wells Fargo had been established without his permission. He later learned that over \$5500.00 had been charged to the account.

11-26-2024: A resident reported that she received notification that a claim for unemployment benefits with Illinois Department of Employment had been filed without her permission.

### Theft

11-11-2024: Unknown suspects stole four tires off of multiple work trucks that were parked in the 4700 block of Cal Sag Road.

11-13-2024: Unknown suspects broke the sun roof on a vehicle and took a wallet that contained several credit cards and \$1500.00 in the 4800 block of 143rd Street.

11-14-2024: A woman reported that while shopping at Aldi Foods, she discovered that an unknown suspect had stolen her wallet from her purse while she was shopping.

11-20-2024: Unknown suspects stole a 2024 Infinity Q50 from the 142nd block of Cicero.

11-21-2024: A woman reported that while working out at Planet Fitness, an unknown suspect stole her Herno down puffer coat that was left in an unsecured locker. The value of the coat is \$600.00.

### Retail Theft

11-01-2024: Kohls lost prevention reported that an unknown male suspect entered the store and started collecting items that were loaded into shopping bags. The suspect then left the store and fled on a bicycle with over \$600.00 worth of merchandise.

11-03-2024: Officers responded to Kohls for a retail theft in progress. As officers were responding they were given a description of the offending vehicle that was eastbound on Cal Sag Road. Officers arrived in the area and located the vehicle as it was turning south on Cicero and conducted a traffic stop. Two subjects were taken into custody and issued citations for retail theft. Total value of merchandise taken was \$526.00.

11-06-2024: Kohls lost prevention reported that two male Hispanic subjects entered the store and went directly to a table containing Nike apparel. The subjects then took several hoodies, fleece pants, t-shirts and quarter zip fleeces valued at over \$2200.00. The subjects then fled in a gray Honda.

11-12-2024: An unknown suspect entered the T-Mobile store and removed a black Apple watch Ultra 2 from its security lanyard and fled the store. The watch was valued at \$799.00.

11-25-2024: Kohls lost prevention reported that a suspect, who had been previously identified by the Lincolnwood Police Department, entered the store and took twenty pair of Nike leggings off the rack placing them in a shopping bag. The subject then fled the store. The items were valued at \$1200.00.

11-29-2024: As an officer was sitting in the parking lot of Walmart, he was approached by

Lost Prevention in reference to a suspect that had just walked out with a shopping cart full of stolen merchandise. Officers located the suspect and learned that 43 items had been taken valued at \$769.00. The suspect was issued a citation.

### Criminal Damage to Property

11-03-2024: Unknown suspects damaged the rear door of a business in the 131st block of Rivercrest Drive.

11-06-2024: Unknown suspects slashed several tires on a truck in the parking lot of Portillos.

11-10-2024: Unknown suspects threw a brick through the window of a residence in the 132nd block of Forestview Lane.

11-10-2024: Unknown suspects broke the window on a vehicle in the 129th block of West Playfield Drive.

11-12-2024: Unknown suspects damaged multiple mailboxes in the 4600 block of 136th Street.

### Burglary

11-18-2024: Officers responded to Walgreens in reference to a burglary in progress. As officers arrived, the offending vehicle, which was a white Dodge Durango was fleeing the scene. It was later learned through the video surveillance that the suspects used the vehicle to back through the entrance of the store and then used a chain to attempt to remove the ATM from the store, however, they were unsuccessful.

**CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## SENIOR WELL BEING CHECK PROGRAM

The Crestwood Police Department would like to introduce our **Senior Community Well Being Check Program**. Detective Arthur Ronan is in charge of the program and is the contact person. The program entails Detective Arthur Ronan contacting our seniors approximately 1 time a month to check on their wellbeing and answer any questions they have. Any person who would like to participate must be 60 years old and above and be a resident of Crestwood.

- ✔ **Checking on our seniors 1 time per month**
- ✔ **Answering seniors' questions**
- ✔ **Personally contacted by Detective Arthur Ronan, Crestwood Police Department**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

- ☎ **CALL**  
708-371-4800 ext 5003
- ✉ **E-MAIL**  
aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov



# 2024 Village of Crestwood Employee Awards

Through reliable and efficient municipal services, the Village of Crestwood is committed to achieving excellence in the quality of life for all who live, work, visit, and conduct business in Crestwood. We strive toward fiscal responsibility and seek to promote controlled growth and responsive development policies and practices in an environment of respect.

The Village of Crestwood appreciates the diligent efforts of its employees to achieve the Crestwood Vision. The Village expects our employees to conduct business according to the highest ethical standards of conduct. Employees are expected to devote their best efforts to the interests of the Village. We are very proud and honored to all the staff that helps this Village run.

On behalf of the Mayor and Village Board we give countless praises and gratitude to our First responders at our Fire and Police Departments, our friendly and inviting staff that welcomes our seniors at our Biela center, the incredible staff at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center, to the Public Works Department that work so hard at maintaining our streets and infrastructure, parks and more. The EMA staff are always prepared and ready for any event. Last but not least of course to the Center of the Village, our hub, the Village Hall and Finance Staff. Without all of these hard working dedicated people, our community couldn't operate as efficiently as it does.

Choosing employees for these awards is always hard. We are blessed with so many tremendous individuals who dedicate countless hours to our Village! Congratulations to this year's winners! At the Village Christmas party this year we honored just a few of those individuals.



**QUALITY EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
**KELSEY KOLECKI**  
Office Coordinator,  
Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center

Consistently deliver high-quality work demonstrating attention to detail, accuracy and a commitment to excellence in their tasks and projects.



**SPOTLIGHT AWARD**  
**Timothy Stoffregen**  
Secretary, Emergency Management Agency

Consistently shine in your role, demonstrating exceptional performance, Dedication, and a positive attitude that inspires others.



**CUSTOMER EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
**Sandi Moosmann**  
Clerk, Police Department

Exceptional service and contribution to customer satisfaction.



**DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
**Jonathan Newton**  
Fire Department Chief

Exceptional contributions, budgeting ability and impact on personnel. Jon has been with the department for 25 years and has served in various roles but in his current position as Fire chief he has gone above and beyond with everything he has done including two new fire apparatus, rewriting all the procedures of the department, getting our department in compliance with various agencies. The hours spent are countless and he cannot be thanked enough for all his hard work.



**50 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**George Hardwick**  
Fire Department



**20 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**Dave Alexander**  
Police Department



**TEAM PLAYER AWARD**  
**Robert Graffeo**  
Streets & Bridge Assistant Foreman, Public Works

Invaluable support and assistance to their colleagues and residents



**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**  
**Jose Iturbe**  
Public Works Foreman

The Highest honor bestowed upon an employee for exceptional contributions and impact throughout the year. Jose Iturbe - Public Works Foreman the Best of the Best. With over 24 years of employment with the Village he is on call 24/7 and always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job! Jose is one of the hardest working men around. He takes great pride in his work and we are very lucky to have him here in the Village of Crestwood.



**25 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**Mary Ferguson "Fergie"**  
Police Department



**15 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**Doreen Kalck**  
Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center



**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**Opaletta Oslakovich**  
Police Department

## NOT PICTURED:

**EFFICIENCY EXPERT AWARD**  
**Michelle Sears-Beneventi**  
Human Resources/Financial Clerk/Website

Consistently find ways to streamline processes, optimize workflows, and increase productivity, resulting in significant time or cost savings

**BEST ATTENDANCE AWARD**  
**Marie Grossman**  
Full Time Assistant, Andrew Biela Center  
Commitment to attendance and punctuality

**TEAM PLAYER AWARD**  
**Lisa Holt**  
Administrative Assistant, Fire Department  
Invaluable support and assistance to their colleagues and residents

# CHRISTMAS Market RECAP



Thanks for coming out to a great Christmas Market!



# Let's Work Together and Make Snowfall a Non-Issue

We know snow is going to come soon then later, so make sure your vehicles are not parked on the street after a one inch snow fall. Please do not blow or plow snow on our streets or neighbors yards.

The Police Department would like to emphasis the fact that you need to contain snow on your own property and not relocate it on village streets. This applies to all residential, commercial and industrial buildings. As a matter of fact, Crestwood village code not only prohibits this, but can assess a fine if you are cited for this violation. Judging by the telephone calls that we receive each year pushing and blowing snow on a recently cleaned street erases the work done by our public works department and is inconsiderate to your neighbors. Crestwood has over 26 miles of streets to plow and the workers cannot keep coming back because of some careless individuals. Consider this a second warning to those that don't comply and receive a ticket from our police department. Winter weather can be most difficult and we don't need to compound the problem.

The Village would also like to inform you of the protocol that the village takes in a snow event. Our Village Services Director sends out our Pub-

lic Work plows in two groups but there are different conditions that call for diverse plans of attack. He is in constant contact with the police department through a storm alert on street safety. He also keeps the Mayor informed of the plans to best handle the storm and clean up after the storm has ended. A plow only or plow plus salt event is predicated by accumulation, driver safety and information from the weather service board. Salting in heavy accumulation or extreme cold temperatures with icing DOES NOT benefit our roadways. It most effective at temperatures above 20 F. In fact, salt is wasted on these types of events and has the potential to cause green kill. Trees up to 150 feet from a highway can be damaged--sometimes a salty mist from tires can harm trees a mile away. Salt splashes beyond streets, killing grass and gardens. Also, bare ground erodes quickly and erodes much needed nutrients from soil. Job performance is no longer measured by how much salt is applied per shift. Snow melts faster when salt is applied in narrow strips or as brine. Prudence in salt usage will be part of future salt planning; the EPA and IEPA are looking into the damage caused by over

salting our roadways which include ground and surface water.

Our equipment is sent out during an event and primary areas are the main thoroughfares and intersections. Side streets are the last to be completed. The plow trucks concentrate on heavier traffic flow streets because of the potential of more accidents. We clear pathways on the less traffic streets until we can do a full clean up. The main street such as 135th, Midlothian Turnpike,

Central Ave, Cicero Ave and Pulaski Ave are the domain of the State and County, though we assist when needed.

Let's work together to make a tough situation go away faster. Again, we ask for your patience in attending to the village streets. Safety is our main concern throughout the village during inclement weather. The Village as a whole would like to thank you for all your help to make this a safe winter in Crestwood.

# Crestwood community helps with devastating condo fire

As many of you have heard, Crestwood experienced a devastating fire earlier this month in a 12 unit condominium building. Fortunately, due to the efforts of the fire department, police department and all involved, everyone was able to make it out of the building and there was no loss of human life. However, the building was severely damaged and was deemed uninhabitable and too dangerous to enter, leaving the residents with nothing but the clothing on their back.

The outpouring of support from the community was immediate,

with people setting up go fund me accounts for residents, as well as offering donations and asking the village how they could help. Soon, donations of clothing, personal, and household items began to pour in, along with generous donations of gift cards to help with expenses.

With such a devastating loss right before the holidays, it was amazing to see the community come together to help each other.

Thank you to each and every one of you who made a contribution.

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# 2025 Thunderbolts Schedule Released!

The ThunderBolts will start the year on the road for the first time in seven years as the Frontier League released their 2025 schedule. While that road start lasts just one quick game, next summer's slate includes unusually long periods both at and away from Ozinga Field. The 96-game schedule will open up in Schaumburg on Thursday, May 8th against the Boomers followed by the home opener at Ozinga Field the next night on Friday, May 9th against the Washington Wild Things.

New next summer are the Down East Bird Dawgs and Mississippi Mud Monsters joining the Frontier League in 2025 as expansion teams playing out of Kinston, North Carolina and Pearl, Mississippi respectively. The addition of the two clubs grows the league's lineup to 18 teams and necessitates a major change to the league's division set-up. Two conferences and four unbalanced divisions will set the

stage for an exciting summer. The ThunderBolts will be in the Midwest Conference's five team West Division playing each opponent 12 times (6 home / 6 road) for a total of 48 games. Those divisional foes include the Gateway Grizzlies, Joliet Slammers, Schaumburg Boomers and expansion Mississippi. The ThunderBolts will play the other division in the Midwest Conference (Central) 9 times for 36 games. The remaining 12 games will be against four teams from the Atlantic Conference (6 home / 6 road), welcoming the Sussex County Miners and three-time defending champion Quebec Capitales to Ozinga Field in 2025. The road trip out East will be against the New Jersey Jackals and New England Knockouts, marking the first time the Bolts don't cross the border since 2022.

Also changing in 2025 is the playoff format as the two new clubs allow for the league to add two more

spots for a total of eight. Each conference's two division winners will qualify as well as the next two conference teams with the best record as wild card teams regardless of division. The Division Series will be a best of three while both the Conference Championship Series and Frontier League Championship Series will be best of five. The full conference/division set-up is below...

As usual, the month of May is very home heavy with 11 of the first 13 games played in Crestwood. July of 2025 is cut almost down the middle with both a very long road trip and homestand all in one month. The first half of July will tie a club record (2017) with 13 straight road games making stops in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Mississippi before finishing in Joliet after the all-star break. The 3,156 mile trip will set club record for distance traveled. Immediately following this trip will be an 11 game homestand that will take up the second half of the month. The July 19-31 stay at Ozinga Field will be the longest homestand since the Bolts played 15 straight in 2013.

Standard gametimes for the 2025 season will not change as we keep the 6:35 pm starts Tuesday through Friday, 6:05 pm Saturday and 1:05 pm on Sundays. Also not chang-



ing is the nine 10:35 am morning weekday games between School & Splash Days. A notable quirk is the scheduled day/night split doubleheader vs. Quebec on Friday, May 16th. The Bolts and Capitales will play a 10:35 am School Day and 6:35 pm fireworks night all on one date!

The ThunderBolts are pleased to announce that our famous post-game fireworks will return each Friday and Saturday night next summer! The rest of our weekly promotional schedule, giveaways and special theme nights will be announced at a later time.

Group pricing will be announced in a few weeks and reservations for our Executive Suites, all-you-can-eat Picnics, and our popular #WinCity Party Patio will go on-sale Monday, December 9th. Individual game tickets go on-sale Friday, April 11th at 10 am. We look forward to seeing you at Ozinga Field in 2025!

## 2025 Thunderbolts

Home Date

Home Date with Fireworks

Home Morning Game

2025 Official Schedule

### MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				8 @SCH	9 WSH 6:35PM	10 WSH 6:05PM
11 WSH 1:05PM	12	13 SCH 10:35A	14 @SCH	15 SCH 10:35A	16 *16* 6:35PM	17 QC 6:05PM
18	19	20 LE 6:35PM	21 LE 10:35A	22 LE 10:35A	23 @JOL	24 @JOL
25 @JOL	26	27 SC 6:35PM	28 SC 10:35A	29 SC 6:35PM	30 @LE	31 @LE

FRIDAY, MAY 16 School Day at 10:35 AM and Night Game at 6:35 PM

### JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 @LE	2	3 GWY 6:35PM	4 GWY 6:35PM	5 GWY 6:35PM	6 SCH 6:35PM	7 SCH 6:05PM
8	9	10 @FLO	11 @FLO	12 @FLO	13 @EVN	14 @EVN
15 @EVN	16	17 MIS 6:35PM	18 MIS 6:35PM	19 MIS 6:35PM	20 SCH 6:35PM	21 SCH 6:05PM
22 @SCH	23	24 @FLO	25 @FLO	26 @FLO	27 JOL 6:35PM	28 JOL 6:05PM
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**Midwest Conference**

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

Evansville Otters - EVN  
Florence Y'allis - FLO  
Lake Erie Crushers - LE  
Washington Wild Things - WSH

**WEST DIVISION**

Gateway Grizzlies - GWY  
Joliet Slammers - JOL  
Mississippi Mud Monsters - MIS  
Schaumburg Boomers - SCH  
Windy City ThunderBolts - WC

**Atlantic Conference**

**EAST DIVISION**

Down East Bird Dawgs - DE  
New Jersey Jackals - NJ  
New York Boulders - NY  
Sussex County Miners - SC

**NORTH DIVISION**

New England Knockouts - NE  
Ottawa Titans - OTT  
Québec Capitales - QUE  
Tri-City ValleyCats - TC  
Trois-Rivières Aigles - 3R

**FRONTIER LEAGUE**  
PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

**PROFESSIONAL PARTNER LEAGUE**

Windy City ThunderBolts Professional Baseball  
 Ozinga Field, 14011 South Kenton Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois 60418  
 Phone: 708.489.2255 / Fax: 708.489.2999 / Online at [www.wctthunderbolts.com](http://www.wctthunderbolts.com)

## Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

**“CANDLE WITH CARE”**

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimetres) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

**IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...**

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

**Candles and Kids**

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak month for home candle fires.
- ! More than **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- ! **Three of every five** candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
 The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



## BIELA SENIOR CENTER

# What is the Biela Senior Center?

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD, IL • 708-371-4800

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

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

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

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

our building and see what we are all about.

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



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

William Butler Yeats



**JANUARY FEATURE  
Soup**

## Come join the Biela Center’s Cookbook Club

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND • 12:30 – 2:00 PM**

BIELA SENIOR CENTER

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

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

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



## Bunco...let's roll!

**First and third Thursday of every month, 1PM – 4PM**

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



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

# Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## BIELA SENIOR CENTER



### Crestwood Senior Club

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST • 12:15-3:30PM**  
NO MEETING – HAPPY NEW YEAR

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2025 • 12:15-3:30PM**  
Regular Meeting

BIELA SENIOR CENTER  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

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




### Seniors Pump it Up!

with Certified Instructor,  
Diana Esparza

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS  
& FRIDAYS**

**11:15AM – 12:00PM**

\$2/class

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

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



### Chair Yoga

**Good for your body, mind, and soul**

Stress relief • Strength training • Flexibility benefit


**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

**9:30 – 10:30AM**

\$2/class

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

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

### SHED POUNDS, GAIN FRIENDS

First visit is FREE!

**Join us for affordable, effective  
weight-loss support!**

**Biela Center**  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood, IL

**Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm**  
**For more information**  
Adrienne 708-2281701

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



### Boot Scootin' Boogie!

**THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS**

**TIME: 1PM TO 2PM**

Location: Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL

Cost: \$20.00 for the month

*Enter through the back door entrance*

*To reserve your spot please email: [LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com](mailto:LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com)*

Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome

All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

### IMPORTANT BIELA POLICY INFORMATION

#### PAYMENT POLICY

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

#### NO REFUND POLICY

If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place. \*\*Unless there is a waiting list you will not need to find a replacement, and you will be issued a refund\*\*  
*No refunds will be given otherwise.*

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

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

#### CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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



# 1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

**ALL BIELA CENTER  
FITNESS CLASSES**

## BIELA SENIOR CENTER



### Grand Victoria Casino \*NEW DATE!\*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:00 AM**  
**RETURN: APPROX. 3:30PM**  
**4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD**  
 Cost: \$40.00

Includes: coach bus; \$10 free slot play for guests 50+  
 Guests 50 years and up will receive a \$10 FREE slot play. Every guest must register by Friday, February 14th and provide their own current email address in order to receive their play card.  
 Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 Ex. 6000 with any questions.

### Color and Conversation

**MONDAYS • 10 – 11AM**

Do you remember the joy of grabbing a box of crayons and filling the pages of a coloring book as a child? Well guess what? Coloring isn't just for kids anymore! Come escape from everyday life, release your inner child, and lower your stress level. *All supplies will be provided!*



### Scrabble at Biela!

**MONDAYS • 12:00 - 2:00PM**

Have fun while improving your memory, spelling and vocabulary!

BIELA SENIOR CENTER  
 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood



### Game Night at Biela!

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00PM – 8:00PM**



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

**Some of the Biela Center's Fitness Class enjoying a little time off to celebrate the holiday season.**



# JANUARY

## Biela Center Lunch Menu

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

**While we know there are emergencies, should you not cancel prior to the date and/or do not attend 3 or more dates for the month, this will result in you having to pay in advance for future lunches.**

**Please check the lunches you would like to attend:**

- Tuesday, January 7** Chicken and Dumplings
- Friday, January 10** Ham Fettuccine Bake
- Tuesday, January 14** Vegetable Beef Soup
- Friday, January 17** Sausage Hashbrown Breakfast
- Tuesday, January 21** Chili and Hot Dog
- Friday, January 24** Beef Sandwich
- Tuesday, January 28** Individual Cheese Pizza

**We are closed December 23rd-January 3rd.**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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

### Looking for a gift idea for a relative or neighbor? Try a Biela Lunch Certificate!

It doesn't need to be just for Christmas - Stop by the Biela and purchase a lunch certificate!!

## GIFT CERTIFICATE

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

TO: SPECIAL PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUED BY: BIELA STAFF MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## BIELA SENIOR CENTER

### BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>  
DEPART FROM BIELA CENTER:  
10:30AM  
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE,  
CRESTWOOD

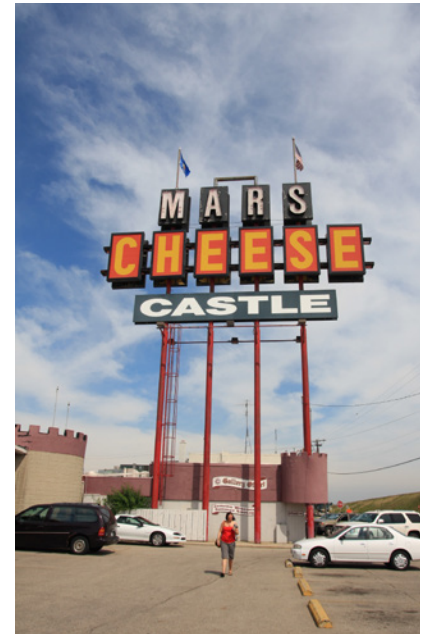
Cost: \$125  
Cost includes transportation,  
lunch and performance

Join us at Drury Lane as we witness the captivating story of Carole King's meteoric rise to stardom, from humble beginnings to her undeniable status as one of the most celebrated voices in popular music. With melodies such as "I Feel the Earth Move" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," this production weaves an emotional tapestry rich with nostalgia. *Beautiful* isn't just a musical, it's an immersive celebration of resilience, creativity, and the authentic spirit of a music legend.

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



### THE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM UPPER MIDDLE WEST EXPERIENCE



### Civil War Museum & Mars Cheese Castle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
DEPART FROM BIELA CENTER: 9:00AM  
RETURN APPROXIMATELY: 4:15PM  
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$65  
Includes: transportation, museum admission  
Lunch will be on your own at the Mars Cheese Castle.

The accredited Civil War Museum opened in 2008 on Kenosha Wisconsin's scenic lakefront campus. 57,000 Sq Ft covers American Civil War history like no other, offering the enthusiast a chance to learn about the contributions of the Upper Middle West. Already acclaimed for their permanent exhibit featuring life-scale, interactive exhibits, and audio and video technology. Introduced in 2013, the award-winning 360 degree film "Seeing the Elephant" is a 10 minute long glimpse into the life of a mid-western soldier, from recruitment, to training, through battle and finally returning home. You will also be able to see the Veterans Gallery commemorating soldiers from each war fought by the U.S.

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



### Come Join the Mayor for a SUPER time!! Senior SUPER BOWL Party

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Includes: food, beverages, and great company

Held at the Biela Center  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. | FREE ADMISSION  
Spaces are limited.

To reserve your spot, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800  
ext. 6001 to register by Wednesday, February 5th.



### BREAD TAG RECYCLING PROGRAM

#### Recycle Bread Tags at the Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL



#### Bread tags for wheelchairs

We've partnered with SCARCE for this recycling project. SCARCE works with Danielle Cares for Chairs to recycle bread tags. Funds raised through recycling bread tags provide mobility equipment for those in need.

Learn more on [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org).





# HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST 2024 WINNERS

### 1st PLACE

The Bafia family  
4945 w 135th Place

### 2nd PLACE

The Coleman Family  
5212 w 137th Place

### 3rd PLACE

The Ward Family  
5335 Arbor Lane

The Holiday Spirit was throughout our Village this year. Many residents took the time to help Crestwood become a festive community filled with Holiday décor. So many incredible use of lights, great inflatables, very creative, classic looks and overall just awesome. We want to thank you all that participated. Thank you to all the businesses that also decorated for all patrons to enjoy. Every year our Holiday Spirit seems to get bigger and better. Thanks to ALL let's keep it up!

Special Recognition to In the Game Hollywood Park for their awesome holiday display inside and out!



All winners will be recognized at the January Board meeting.



## OBITUARY

**Calvin Adair**, age 83, of Crestwood, IL, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2024. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, on October 2, 1941, Calvin spent his life building a home filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Calvin was a devoted husband to his wife Carol for an extraordinary 62 years. Together, they raised a family and shared adventures traveling to destinations like Jamaica and Key West. Calvin was the proud father of the late Steve Adair (Tami) and Joann, and the beloved grandfather of Colleen and Tom, with whom he shared countless happy moments, including cheering on his favorite team, the Chicago White Sox, at summer games. Calvin spent much of his career working at H.P. Smith and School District 130 as a bus driver, roles in which his kind-hearted and jovial nature made a lasting impression on many. Calvin was known for his quick wit, warm personality, and ability to connect with everyone he met. He cherished his time with his dog Marley, who now welcomes him in heaven. Memorial Day parties at Cal & Carol's were legendary, bringing together friends, neighbors, and family to celebrate and enjoy life. Calvin also found joy in sharing jokes and moments on Facebook, keeping his friends and family laughing even from afar.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol, daughter Joann, grandchildren Colleen and Tom, sister Patricia (Gary) Kulhan, brothers Phil (Beverly) Adair and Bruce Adair, and brother-in-law Jim Hyzny. Calvin is also remembered fondly by many nieces, nephews, and their children. He was predeceased by his son Steve Adair (Tami). Calvin's life was a testament to the importance of family, community, and laughter. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Visitation was Thursday, December 19, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. until 12 noon at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Cedar Park Cemetery, 12540 S. Halsted Street, Calumet Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you raise a toast with an Old Style in his memory.

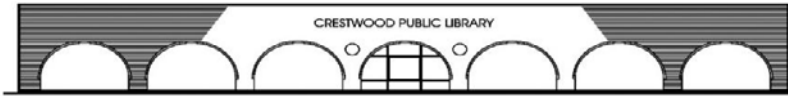


## In the Game Hollywood Park



## CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

**CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**



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

# ADULTS

## AI: ChatGPT and Beyond Monday, Jan 6th, 6:00 PM

In-Person Program.

Registration encouraged. ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence technology are taking the world by storm. Learn more about AI with Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People, who will explore the most talked about image generation and large language models, and offer a glimpse of the future implications of AI on the workplace and society.

## Classroom Kitchen: Vegan Comfort Food

Wednesday, Jan 15th, 6:30 PM

Virtual Program. Program link available on website. Join us for this live virtual demonstration with Kristyn Slick! Warm up your winter with hearty and delicious vegan comfort foods. This class will explore comforting and satisfying alternatives, creating rich flavors without any animal products.



## May We Remember- A Jewish-American Writer's Rendering of the Holocaust

Monday, Jan 20th, 6:00 PM

In-Person Program.

Registration encouraged.

"It is said that poetry could no longer be written after the Holocaust. A modest attempt to put into words that which is unspeakable, the Shoah." Please join writer, Howard Weiner, in a reading honoring Holocaust Remembrance Day. He will be performing a series of fictional works based on scholarly research.

## Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Monday, Jan 27th, 6:30 PM

In-Person Program

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!



## Adult Take and Make Craft Kit

Available Thursday, Jan 30

While supplies last.

## COMING IN FEBRUARY: Valentine's Day Cooking Decorating Workshop

Monday, Feb 3rd, 5:30 PM

In-Person Program. Registration required.

Join Culinary Arts Instructor Violet of Violet Velvet Cooking Classes for a fun decorating workshop! She will guide you and give you tips on how to decorate Valentine's shaped sugar cookies.



The library will be closed December 31 & January 1 for the New Year holiday. Please place book returns in the book drop on the west side of the building.



## Scrabble Club

Saturday, January 18th, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

In-Person Program

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks!

## Illinois Libraries Present: Chicago Pizza with Steve Dolinsky

Thursday, January 9th, 7:00 PM

Virtual Program. Registration required.

Join Steve Dolinsky to dish on *The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City*, his comprehensive guide to the styles, locales, and people that make the Windy City a prime destination for slices and pies.



# YOUTH & FAMILIES



## Are You "Yeti" to Read? Winter Reading Program

January 2nd - February 1st

Children ages 1-12 years. Beginning January 2nd, come to the library to register and pick up a reading log. Complete your log by February 1st to receive a fun prize!

## Toddler Storytime

Fridays, Jan 10th, 17th & 24th, & 31st 10:30 AM

Registration required.

Space is limited.

Children ages 1-4 years, with an adult, can come hear stories and songs, and make a craft during this 30-minute program.

## Toddler STEAM

Thursday, Jan 16th, 10:30 AM

Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required.

Join us this month for a fun science or math activity to learn basic math and science concepts.

## Cooking Adventures

Wednesday, Jan 8th, 4:00 PM

Children ages 9 years and up.

Registration required.

Kids will learn to make simple recipes that they can make on their own during this in-person class.

This month we will be making Chinese pumpkin pancakes.

Supplies will be provided.

## Messy Mondays

Mondays, Jan 6th & 20th, 10:30 AM

Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required.

Parents can bring their budding artists to the library to create or play with messy things during this 30-minute art class. Please dress to get messy.



## Perler Bead Snowflakes

Wednesday Jan 22nd, 4:00 PM

Children ages 7 and up.

Registration required.

Join us at the library to create some beautiful snowflakes out of perler beads. Patterns and supplies will be provided.

## LEGO Club

Tuesday, Jan 7th & 21st, 4:00 PM

Children ages 6-12 years.

Registration required.

Come share your imagination and join us for a fun day with LEGOs! You can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design!



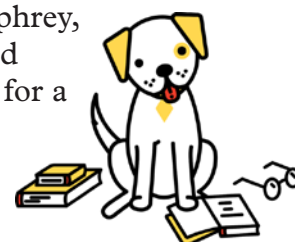
## Read to the Dogs!

Tuesday, Jan 14th, 5:00 PM

Children in grades K-5.

Registration required.

Kids can practice their reading skills by reading to therapy dogs, Humphrey, Hamish, and Hazel. Call for a 15-minute time slot.



## International Snack Club

Thursday, Jan 23rd, 4:00 PM

Children ages 10 years and up.

Registration required.

Do you like learning about different places and their foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different countries? Then join us for snacks, facts, and fun! Kids ages 10 years and up are invited to share traditional snacks from Belgium this month.



## Family Bingo

Wednesday, January 29th, 6:00 PM

Registration required.

Join us for a fun-filled hour of the classic B I N G O with a twist. Families come to try your luck for a chance to win a prize. Enjoy an evening of good fun and great prizes. Space is limited. Please Register

## Take Home Science Kit

Available Thursday, Jan 9th

Come to the library to pick up a hands-on science kit for kids ages 6 years and up to experiment at home. This month kids will learn building skills making a Yeti Igloo. A limited number of kits will be available to pick up beginning Thursday, January 9th.

## Classified Advertising

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

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

## Riddle??

### In what year did Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall in the same year?

**DECEMBER RIDDLE:**  
How do kids always know when Santa Claus is around?

They sense his presents.



## Sudoku

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

	1			5	7			
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4	8	3				7		9
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## Crossword

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## December Puzzle Solutions

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

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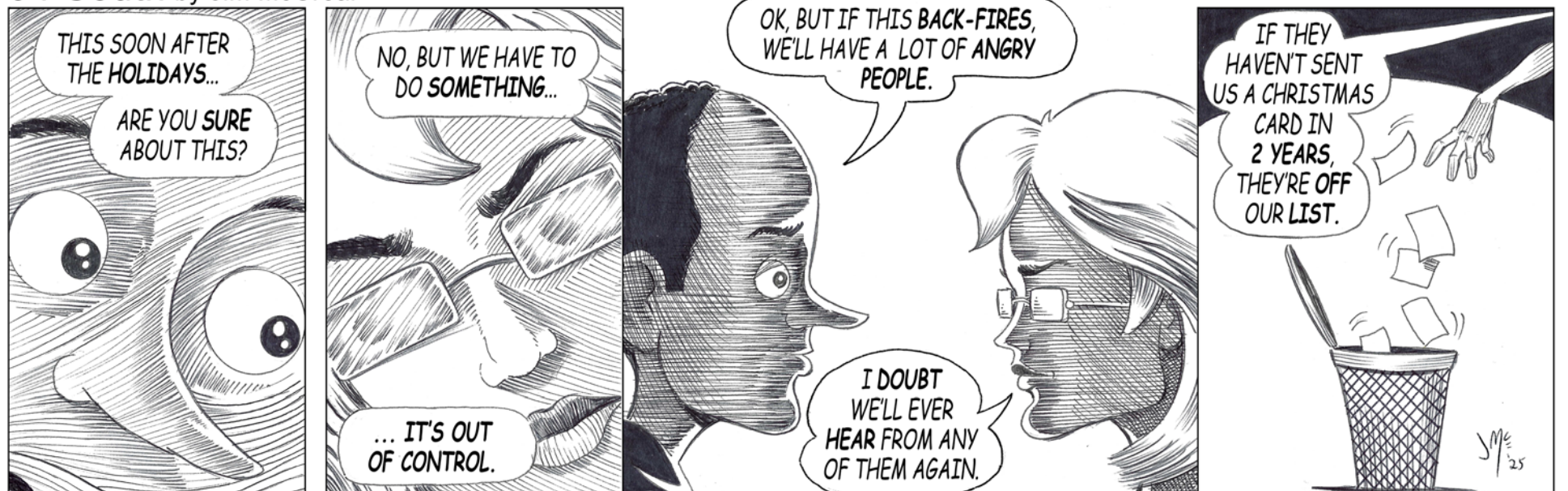
### ACROSS

1. Neuter singular pronoun
3. - Chi. Slow moving partial art form
6. Pig enclosure
9. In the direction of
11. Awards of honor
13. Roman general
15. Very poor person
16. Irrational
17. Egyptian serpent
18. Cavils
20. Mature
21. Prison room
23. Optic organ
24. Always
25. Pedal
27. Greet
28. Flax ball
29. The (German)
30. Introduction
33. Leafage
37. Marine mammal
38. Forefront
39. Periods of history
40. Superlative suffix
41. Made of oats
43. Antiquity
44. Upward
46. Leg band worn to keep up stocking
48. Hyrax
49. Greek goddess of wisdom
50. Not off
51. Commercials
52. Card game
53. Similar to

### DOWN

1. Force of collision
2. A problem or puzzle
3. Faucet
4. Smart -, show-off
5. Native of modern Israel
6. Suffix, view
7. Labels
8. Affirmative response
9. Aim
10. Commands
12. Twofold
14. Debonair
19. Cereal
22. Coat collar part
24. Weird
26. Benedictine monk's title
27. Actor, - Gibson
29. Irish County
30. Spurious
31. Rebridge
32. Vows
33. Obese
34. Mountain ridge
35. Principal ore of lead
36. Apocrypha book
38. Valleys
41. Fetid
42. Western pact
45. Mount -, Northwest Queensland mining town
47. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

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### CRWC Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 5 am - 10 pm  
Friday 5 am - 8 pm  
Sat. and Sun. 7 am - 5 pm

NOTE: Pool closes 1 hour before we close during the week and always at 3pm on the weekend!

### Holiday Hours

Tuesday, Dec. 31 5 am - 3 pm  
Wed., Jan. 1 CLOSED

## Children

### Swim Lessons

**January 7th - February 15th** (6 week session)

Open registration begins on December 16th, in person only at the CRWC.

Swim lessons take place on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, or Saturday mornings.

Swim lessons teach a variety of different stroke development, pool safety, and pool skills. Classes start for ages 6 months and end at ages 14.

### CRWC Family Swim

**Saturdays, 10am - 12pm**

**Nov 30th • Dec 28th • Jan 4th**

Regsiter on the day of each Family Swim and each swimmer will be \$5.

Looking for some family fun during the chilly months of Winter? Try out family swim in the CRWC's indoor pool on select dates. 16 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Pool supervisors will be present during the duration of family swim, but adults must also be present. Sign ups happen the day of each Family Swim and each swimmer will be \$5.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET THANK YOU!

A successful Holiday weekend at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center! Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday, December 13th for our ELF movie and on Saturday, December 14th for our Christmas Market with Santa.

Thank you to all our vendors who came to sell their products. Thank you to Beggars Pizza and Iversen's Bakery for pizza and cookies. Thank you to Mayor Ken Klein for passing out Christmas presents 🎄👶

See our photo recap of the Christmas Market on Page 6!

### ELF MOVIE NIGHT!



**CRWC FAMILY SWIM**

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SATURDAY, DEC 28TH 10AM-12PM

SATURDAY, JAN 4TH 10AM-12PM

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PAY THE DAY OF: \$5 PER SWIMMER

POOL SUPERVISORS ON DUTY

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### TREE TRIMMING AT THE CRWC

### Tree Trimming

Thank you to the local businesses/organizations who decorated a Christmas Tree for our annual tree trimming in front of the CRWC. Trees were decorated and lit up throughout the holiday season. The following businesses/organizations who participated this year include: Village of Crestwood, Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center, Biela Center, All Day Comfort, Park Lawn Services, FlowRight Plumbing, Blackwood Outdoors, Old National Bank, Target, Swim Learn Play, Crestwood Soccer Club, Crestwood Crush Baseball, Crestwood Public Library, Nathan Hale Middle School Art & Unity Clubs, Nathan Hale Middle School Student Council, Delta Sonic, Crestwood Fastpitch, and Nathan Hale ICP Program.

**CRESTWOOD T-BALL**

AGES 4-7

PRACTICES @ WALKER PARK  
GAMES @ PLAYFIELD PARK

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE INCLUDING DATES & TIMES

### Crestwood Spring T-Ball 2025

In person registration  
Registration has opened for Crestwood Spring T-Ball 2025. The fee for T-Ball is \$85 which includes a team shirt, hat, and pictures. There will need to be volunteer coaches for all teams. Games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturday with practices also occurring during the week. A pre-season meeting will take place with volunteer coaches to go over scheduling and rules. An opening day parade will kick off the season on May 3rd. Sign up in person only at the CRWC.

### Spring 2025 Crush Baseball

In person registration  
Registration has opened for Spring Baseball 2025. Take advantage of our early registration rates for \$200 from November 1st 2024 through January 1st 2025. The price will increase for registration on January 2nd 2025. Age groups include: Pinto: 6,7 & 8 year olds, Mustang: 9 & 10 year olds, Bronco: 11 & 12 year olds, and Pony: 13 & 14 year olds. Practices will begin indoors in February for registered athletes. A volunteer coaches meeting will take place to discuss practice & game scheduling. An opening day parade will kick off the season on May 3rd.



## Workout Classes

(not included in membership)

### Zumba with Kristen Castillo

**Tuesday & Thursdays, 7pm - 8pm**

Zumba incorporates a variety of Latin inspired dance moves and music to promote a healthy heart, a dose of aerobic activity, and a fun way to build and tone muscle, improve cardio, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

### Guided Yoga with Sarah Cutrara

**Mondays, 7pm - 8pm**

This weekly slow flow yoga class is a well-rounded practice that will help reduce stress by calming the mind and body, increase flexibility, and restore balance. All levels are welcome!

