

THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move

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Frontier League Tryout Camp returns to the Chicago Southland for the first time in two decades

The Frontier League of Professional Baseball, a Partner League of Major League Baseball, has announced that the 32nd Annual Tryout Camp and Draft will take place on Tuesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 23, 2025. The event will be hosted at Ozinga Field, the home of the Windy City ThunderBolts, in Crestwood, Illinois.

Along with managers from all 18 Frontier League clubs, scouts and members from several MLB teams and other independent leagues will also be present. This year will be the first to include the Mississippi Mud Monsters and the Down East Bird Dawgs, who own the first two picks in the draft, respectively.

"The ThunderBolts are very excited to welcome great baseball talent from around the country and from all over the world, as well as the managers and representatives from the Frontier League to the Chicago Southland," said ThunderBolts' General Manager Mike VerSchave. "The tryout camp is a great event each year, featuring players who are sure to make an impact on Frontier League rosters and beyond and we're proud to be a part of it."

Tryout activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. on April 22 and will include fielding, throwing and baserunning drills for all position players; all position players will also participate in batting practice. Pitchers will throw bullpens in front of team and league evaluators and scouts. The field managers will then post which players are to be invited back for Wednesday's simulated intrasquad game. Following the games, there



will be a 30-minute break to allow each team to prepare for the draft.

"The Tryout Camp and Draft has proven to be a great opportunity for free agent players to showcase themselves to our managers immediately before our spring training opens," said Frontier League Commissioner Steve Tahsler. "Dozens of players have gone from the Tryout Camp to Frontier League rosters and then signed with MLB organizations, including four who have appeared in MLB games."

Any interested players can sign up for the 32nd Annual Tryout Camp and Draft using the following link: <https://frontierleaguetryouts.eventbrite.com/>.

Of the 44 players taken in the 2024 draft, 19 saw regular season action in the Frontier League and three more played in other MLB Partner Leagues. Derrick Edington, who was drafted in 2023 by the host Windy City ThunderBolts, was signed by the Tampa Bay Rays in May 2024 and was recently selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League.

The 2025 Frontier League Draft will be streamed live on social media. Further details will be released closer to the date of the draft.

FEATURED ARTIST FEBRUARY JUDY THOMPSON JAMRISKO

Judy Thompson Jamrisko, a resident of Homer Glen, believes she was born with an interest in all things relative to visual arts. Her early childhood memories were of drawing and painting. Of course, these experiences consisted of Disney characters, designing clothes for her paper dolls, and finger painting.

Judy continued to gravitate toward her interest in art as she grew up. Crafting at Off the Street Club while living in Chicago, then in high school in the suburbs. Even with these experiences, she had limited formal training.

Judy married after high school and soon had two children. Her art experiences consisted of volunteer activities at her children's school and working for community organizations. She developed her skills at home with a limited budget, often using informal kitchen gadgets in place of professional tools.

At the age of thirty, Judy entered college for the first time. She pursued her artistic interests by enrolling in art classes, but due to a busy family life and her academic pursuits, she put her passion on hold.

Judy served as a public school teacher, teaching kindergarten for 26 years. With retirement on the horizon, her greatest wish was to follow her dream of becoming a "real artist". Two years before retiring, she began taking classes with



Fred Holly, and for nearly 10 years worked with both Prisma colored pencils and acrylic paints.

She is currently working with local artist Carol Chirafis, studying multiple mediums highlighting watercolor, acrylics, and oil paint.

Since becoming a member of the Town & Country Art League, she has expanded her experiences as an artist by meeting other artists and exchanging knowledge and advice.

Judy has a great love of nature and considers herself primarily a landscape artist. She has been commissioned and has sold her works. She recalls the first time she sold one of her paintings and finally felt like a "real artist".

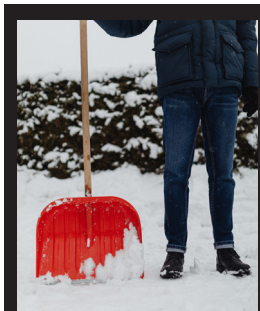
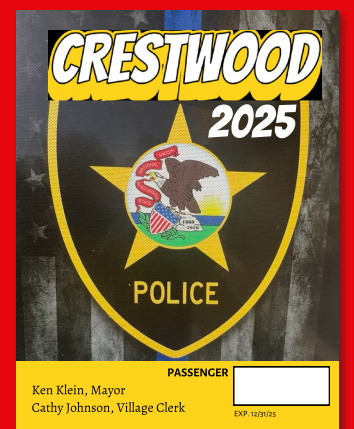
At age seventy-six, Judy advises all budding artists, to never stop following their passion and what gives them true joy.

DON'T FORGET your 2025 Vehicle Stickers!

If you house a car in Crestwood, you are required to have a Village of Crestwood sticker. Come in to the Village Hall, 13800 S. Cicero Ave., with your current Driver's License with a Crestwood address and you can purchase your sticker.

You will need to bring the car registration, if it is a new vehicle or if this is the first time you are buying a sticker.

After **FEBRUARY 28, 2025**, you still need a sticker but there will be a late fee applied.



Attention all Crestwood Businesses! (especially those on Cicero Ave)

Please be sure all sidewalks are clear of snow and ice so patrons, residents, neighbors can access entrances and safely commute to their destination.

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Tues.: 9am - 8pm

Police Department

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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
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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
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IDOT

(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

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

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
February 6 and February 20

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
February 4 and February 18

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
February 10 and February 24

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 February Residents and Businesses!

It's hard to believe it's already February 2025! The New Year is off to a fast start. January weather surely showed its face with the frigid cold and snow we saw all around the country. Hopefully February will be nicer to us. The New Year in Crestwood is looking brighter than ever! As you're driving around town some of you have noticed BoldAge PACE located at 5419 W. 135th St is getting closer to opening. We are very excited to welcome them and their great services they offer. BoldAge PACE is an innovative alternative for older adults who need a nursing-home level of healthcare but who want the independence to age at home and stay connected to their communities. Each participant gets a personalized care plan, developed by their integrated team of experts that truly supports their overall

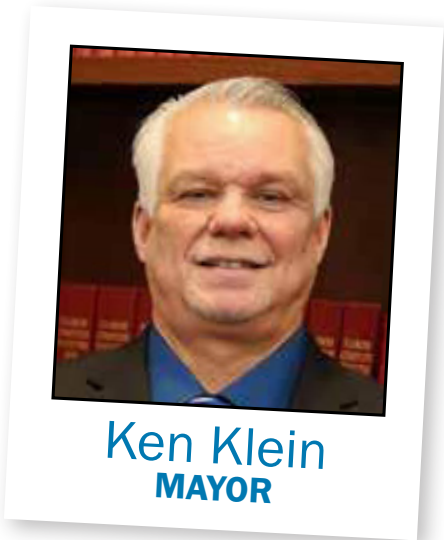
health and well-being. This is a great addition to the classes we offer for seniors at our Biela center and Recreation and Wellness Center. It always has and will continue to be a goal of the village to help the seniors to have a better chance to keep themselves fit, active and engaged on a daily basis.

Right across the street from BoldAge PACE is a great new townhouse subdivision called The Coves of Crestwood., which will have 25 units. These townhomes will provide an opportunity for young families to have starter homes or possibly it's time to down size a little. The location couldn't be any better right in the center of Crestwood. They are moving along quickly, and hopefully we will be able to see a finished product this spring. C.K. Construction is doing the best they

can to give you the most for your money. These units are bright and spacious for any kind of lifestyle.

If you notice driving down Cicero, we finally are seeing the new Street Lights being installed. This is very exciting because we've been working on this project for many years and to finally see these beautiful and ornate light poles shining on our sidewalks and streets is awesome. This new look brings more positive feelings to our new year. We continue to be a Village on the move!

Speaking of positive things happening we are working with 10 to 15 new businesses for the 2025 year. The range of these businesses are from a gas station, new used car dealerships, restaurants, and retail stores. I will keep you informed as more



of these businesses receive their Crestwood business license.

Please remember my door is always open to you and I look forward to a great February here in the Village.

Sincerely,
Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood

Crestwood Hometown Hero Banners

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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 \$125.00 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 May 31st
of each year.





We Watch, We Call!

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

Deceptive Practice

12-09-2024: A resident reported that she started receiving calls and text messages from a subject who identified himself as being with BMO Harris bank. The text messages included text messages to approve or deny fraudulent charges. After a few days of receiving these text messages, the subject called the victim and explained to her that they were investigating the bank tellers who were involved in scams and that they needed the victim’s assistance. The subject convinced the victim to provide her user name , password and card information. The subject then convinced her to mail her debit card to an address in Florida. The suspect advised that the card was needed to be used as evidence against the tellers and that a new card would be sent to her. The victim became suspicious when the new card was not sent. The victim then logged into her banking account and discovered that \$66,000.00 was missing from her checking account and \$70,000.00 from her savings account.

12-17-2024: A resident reported that she had been involved in an over the phone relationship with a man that she met on facebook who allegedly lived in London. The victim would talk to the subject several times day and over the past several months has sent multiple gift cards in the amount of \$60,000.00. The victim also sent \$40,000.00 in cash to through the postal service to an address in Nebraska. The subject was scheduled to arrive at Midway Airport on December 14th, however, when he didn’t arrive the victim realized she had been scammed.

12-28-2024: A resident reported that she received a bill from Verizon for an account in which she did not open. An unknown suspect opened the account using her information and was able to purchase an Apple I-phone.

12-28-2025: A resident reported that she received a notification

from the mobile app (Majority) that money had been withdrawn from her account. Upon checking her account, she discovered multiple unauthorized withdrawals for a total of 900.00.

Theft

12-05-2024: Two suspects who were patrons at AppleBees left without paying their \$120.00 bill. It was discovered that one of the suspects left his Apple iPhone on the table. The phone is currently at the police department waiting for the owner to claim it.

12-10-2024: Unknown suspects stole a red 2019 Freightliner semi truck from the 138th block of Kostner Ave.

12-18-2024: Unknown suspects stole a 2025 Dodge Caravan from the 5200 block of 129th street.

12-23-2024: Unknown suspects stole multiple Amazon packages from the vestibule of an apartment building in the 5400 block of 129th Place.

Retail Theft

12-06-2024: Target loss prevention reported that two female, black suspects entered the store and gathered \$410.00 worth of merchandise and then left the store fleeing in a silver Jeep. Both suspects have been identified from a retail theft from the Target store in Tinley Park.

12-17-2024: Kohls loss prevention reported that two male, Hispanics entered the store and proceeded to the Sephora section. One of the suspects grabbed 7 fragrance tester bottles valued at \$944.00 and then fled the store. One of the suspects has been identified from a prior arrest in Arlington Heights by their police department.

12-26-2024: Target loss prevention reported that two unknown suspects entered the store and selected \$331.00 worth of merchandise and then fled the store in a Chevy Sonic hatchback.

12-23-2024: Menard’s loss prevention reported two suspects entered the store and gathered \$558.00 worth of merchandise and then fled in a small white SUV. One of the suspects has been identified by the Dolton PD from a previous retail theft at their Menard’s.

12-26-2024: Target loss prevention reported that a suspect entered the store and gathered 1 bottle of champagne and 2 bottles of vodka valued at \$200.00 and then fled the store without making payment . The suspect has been identified by the Oak Lawn PD for another retail theft.

12-30-2024: Kohls loss prevention reported that three male, black suspects entered the store and gathered 5 fragrance gift sets valued at \$740.00 and then fled the store in a silver KIA Soul.

Criminal Damage to Property

12-03-2024: Unknown suspects shattered two windows and damaged the exterior walls of the Laundryland located in the 140th block of Cicero Ave.

12-15-2024: Officers responded to the 135th block of South End Lane for a suspicious person. Upon arrival it was discovered that an unknown suspect that was captured on a Ring video and that a large rock had been thrown through the windows of a vehicle. A short time later officers located a suspect in the 5400 block of 137th Place and he was taken into custody. The suspect was charged with criminal damage to property.

12-15-2024: Unknown suspects damaged the outdoor Christmas decorations at a residence in the 5200 block of 137th Place.

12-15-2024: Unknown suspects broke the rear windshield on a 2025 gray KIA in the 5700 block of Park Place.

12-15-2024: A resident reported that he was awakened by the

sound of pounding coming from the first floor of his residence. As the resident starting checking out the noise, he discovered an unknown male subject standing outside his glass door. The subject then walked away and was last seen on Long Ave. Upon inspecting the residence the resident discovered that his screen door was torn and that the outdoor light fixture was partially removed.

12-15-2024: A woman reported that an unknown suspect damaged her rental vehicle by using a landscaping brick from the front of the residence to strike the vehicle multiple times in the 136th block of Long.

12-16-2024: Unknown suspects used a brick to shatter a bedroom window to an apartment in the 5700 block of Park Place.

12-21-2024: Unknown suspects broke a front window of a residence with a landscaping brick in the 134th block of Central.

12-24-2024: Unknown suspects damaged the door and rear window on the rear of High Five Dispensary located in the 133rd block of Cicero.

12-30-2024: Unknown suspects broke the window on a 2009 Chevy Silverado in the 140th block of Kilpatrick.

Burglary/Vehicular Highjacking

12-02-2024: A victim reported that while he was parked in the 4700 block of Midlothian Turnpike he exited his vehicle, leaving it running and entered the business. Upon returning to the vehicle, he observed an unknown male black subject in the vehicle, who then displayed a silver firearm. The suspect fled in the vehicle eastbound on Midlothian Turnpike. The vehicle was later recovered in the 140th block of Western in Dixmoor.

12-04-2024: Four unknown subjects smashed the front glass door and entered the Boost Mobile, located in the 132nd block of Cicero. Several phones and miscellaneous merchandise were taken. The suspects then fled north bound on Cicero in a red SUV.

12-08-2024: Multiple suites in a building located in the 4700 block of Midlothian Turnpike were burglarized.



Leader Barbara Killelea, Weight Recorder Nancy Recorder, Treasurer Ruth Walsh

Crestwood TOPS IL. 1776 Donates Blankets to Ronald McDonald House

25 Members of Crestwood TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) weight loss group donated 69 handmade fleece blankets for children staying at Ronald McDonald house in Oak Lawn. The members made these blankets. The children are patients at Advocate Children's Hospital. We hope they will snuggle with these blankets and feel better.



Congratulations to head coach Felicia Marr, assistant Jeremy Jonjevic, and the Shepard varsity cheerleaders on the 1st place finish at the Lockport Invitational this Saturday!

2025 Section Leaders!

Ana Mulvihill
Music
Section Leader



Maaikie Niekerk
Music/Marching
Section Leader

Molly Sheahan
Marching
Section Leader



Congratulations to ABS Alum Ana Mulvihill on being named one of the clarinet section leaders for the 2025 Marching Illini. We are very proud of you! Keep up the great work!

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
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Carbon Monoxide Safety:
An Important Message from the
Crestwood Fire Department

Winter is here again, and with the arrival of cold weather comes the increased risk of carbon monoxide (CO) in the home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, colorless, odorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. This threat is heightened during winter with increased use of heaters and less ventilation in the home. CO is called the “silent killer” and exposure can result in illness and death. Keep yourself and your family safe this winter with these tips:

- Install a CO detector on every level of your home, including the basement, and place them in or near sleeping areas
- In a multi-unit building, install one in each unit and in the common/laundry area
- Test your CO alarms once a month
- Remove your vehicle from an attached garage while warming it up. Do not leave vehicles running in the garage, even if the door is open
- Clear snow from the vents for your dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace
- Make sure the flue is open when using a fireplace
- Never use an oven to heat your home, only use an oven while cooking food
- Do not use a generator indoors or in a garage. Only use them outside in a well-ventilated area
- Keep fuel-burning appliances clean, maintained and well-vented
- Be aware of CO poisoning symptoms, which include unexplained headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, weakness, sleepiness and confusion

If your CO alarm is activated, or you suspect symptoms of CO poisoning, move everyone to fresh air and call 911.



Shepard bowling team wins
IHSA Regional Championship

Congratulations to Coach Simeon Shama and the Boys Bowling team for winning the IHSA Regional Champions this past Saturday at Palos Lanes with a total pin fall of 6124! They will be advancing to Sectionals this Friday, Jan. 24, at Thunder Bowl.

Sophomore Liam McGrury was recognized for being the 2nd highest individual bowler with a total pin count of 1345 over six games for an average of 224.



Sophomore Liam McGrury, 2nd highest individual bowler



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Crestwood resident Jared Hall is a state football champion!

Chicago Christian High School, located in Palos Heights, won the IHSA 2A State Football Championship this year. Senior Jared Hall started on both sides of the ball, playing wide receiver and cornerback. The CCHS Knights defeated the heavily favored Maroa-Forsyth Trojans 47-0. CCHS broke a record for best defensive performance in IHSA history across all classes by limiting the Trojans to just 23 yards of offense. This was the first men's state championship in school history.



Chicago Christian High School – IHSA 2A State Football Champions – first time in school history! Congratulations to Crestwood resident, Jared Hall, and the whole team!

State-Wide Tornado Drill

As part of pre-season tornado preparedness, the National Weather Service, working in conjunction with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois State Police, will schedule a **State-Wide Tornado Drill for 10:00am, C.S.T., Tuesday, the 4th of March, 2025**. Since Tornado planning necessarily includes a drill or exercise to familiarize everyone with the operations of their Tornado Plan and to ensure its smooth operation, all those with an interest in Tornado preparedness are urged to take an active part in this drill. The State-Wide Tornado Drill provides an opportunity to test your Tornado Plan, to ensure that it is up-to-date and comprehensive.



- Crestwood has 3 Sirens to cover the village incase of a Tornado or winds above 75 mph.
- 1. 142nd & Kostner
 - 2. Midlothian turnpike & Long
 - 3. Highland & Playfield dr. (behind hale school)



MEET THE HILLTOPPERS FROM JOLIET (CATHOLIC): Front row, from left: Mgr. Pat Ryan, Al Mondrella, Pat Kane, Tec Connor, John Condon, Mike Nino, Erik Muehlbauer, Tim Tyrell, Ray Jungwirth, Mike Purviance, Dan Skolds, Dan Wilson, Pat Keenan, Mark Meszaros, Dave Matichak. Second row: Tom Facinelli, Tom Tyrell, Mike Pullara, Jamie Piazza, Joe Kamarasukas, John Piazza, Don Norek, Brian Larson, Greg Ruettiger, Mike Barbic, Tim Broderick, Tom Connor, Tom Boucher, Craig Jungles, Dean Morelli, Jim Robbin, Joe Fitzgerald. Third row: Trainer Nick Colletti, Jim Weinhold, Frank Cavallone, Tom Glavan, Erik Gould, Mike Petrick, Ron Nagel, Mark Wagner, Bob Chase, Tony Novak, Scott Kinsella, Marty McGuire, Mike Nolan, Mark Morel, Mike Pesvento, Asst. Coach Dale O'Connell. Fourth row: Head Coach Gordon Gillespie, Asst. Coach Mike Slovick, Tom Pondel, Dennis Gallagher, Steve Waznis, Ken Tucci, Tom Thayer, Pat Biatti, Mike Tucci, Kip Astron, Waver Armstrong, John Querio, Asst. Coach Tony Janc.

The record Jared's team broke was set in 1978 by Joliet Catholic Academy. JCA

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After many wonderful years of serving the community, we are announcing the sale of Kelly Lynn Floral Shop.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our loyal customers for their support throughout the years.

We plan to remain open for the next five to six months to continue providing service to our valued customers.

If you're interested in continuing the legacy of this beloved local business, please contact us at 708-371-7744. Serious inquiries only. We are also looking for a floral designer if and when this business is sold. Thank you for being a part of our floral journey!

Kelly Flynn
FLOWERS

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Crestwood, IL

#OurHearts

February is American Heart Month

28 Days Toward a Healthy Heart

Try one of these tips each day for a month, then keep up the momentum and make your favorites part of your regular routine.

#OurHearts
are healthier together

Day 1

Call a friend and join the #OurHearts movement.



Day 2

Make a heart-healthy snack.

Day 3

Schedule your annual physical. Discuss your heart health goals with your doctor.



Day 4

Sport red today for National Wear Red Day.

Day 5

Squat it out. Do 1 minute of squats..



Day 6

Make today a salt-free day. Use herbs for flavor instead of salt.



Day 7

Visit [Smokefree.gov](https://www.smokefree.gov) to take the first step to quitting smoking.



Day 8

Get your blood pressure checked.



Day 9

Walk an extra 15 minutes today.



Day 10

Aim for 30 minutes of physical activity today.



Day 11

Plan your menu for the week with heart-healthy recipes.



Day 12

Reduce stress using relaxation techniques.



Day 13

Give the elevator a day off and take the stairs.



Day 14

Protect your sweetheart's heart: Plan a heart-healthy date.

Day 15

Swap the sweets for a piece of fruit for dessert.



Day 16

Stress less. Practice mindful meditation for 10 minutes.

Day 17

Head to bed with enough time to get a full 7-8 hours of sleep.



Day 18

Add a stretch break to your calendar to increase your flexibility.



Day 19

Eat vegetarian for a day.



Day 20

Share a funny video or joke that makes you laugh.

Day 21

Dance for 15 minutes to your favorite music.



Day 22

Call a relative and ask about your family health history.



Day 23

March in place during commercial breaks to get your heart going.



Day 24

Get a tape measure and find out the size of your waist.



Day 25

Ask a family member or neighbor to join you for a walk.



Day 26

Fill half of your lunch and dinner plates with vegetables.



Day 27

See how many push-ups you can do in 1 minute.

Day 28

Pay it forward and tell a friend about [The Heart Truth](https://www.thehearttruth.org).



nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth



National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



Italian Restaurant

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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

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

William Butler Yeats

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

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

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



FEBRUARY FEATURE Potatoes

Come join the Biela Center’s Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH • 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.

January Cookbook Club: SOUP!

Warming up at the Biela Center with some delicious soup for the January Cookbook Club. MMMM...Good!



Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH • 12:15–3:30PM
Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH • 12:15–3:30PM
St. Valentine Day Lunch

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!

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708-371-4800 EXT: 6000



Chair Yoga

Good for your body, mind, and soul

Stress relief • Strength training • Flexibility benefit

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
9:30 – 10:30AM

\$2/class

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708-371-4800 EXT: 6000

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



SHED POUNDS,
GAIN FRIENDS

First visit is FREE!

Join us for affordable, effective
weight-loss support!

Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL

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

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



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS

TIME: 1PM TO 2PM

Location: Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL
Cost: \$20.00 for the month
Enter through the back door entrance

To reserve your spot please email: LDAllearntolinedance@gmail.com
Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome
All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

IMPORTANT BIELA POLICY INFORMATION

PAYMENT POLICY

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

NO REFUND POLICY

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

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

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

CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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



1 FREE
TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

ALL BIELA CENTER
FITNESS CLASSES



Grand Victoria Casino *NEW DATE!*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
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.

Bingo and Breakfast at the Biela Center

WEDNESDAYS: 9:30 – 10:45 AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$5

Join us for a fun morning with a continental breakfast while playing bingo. Prizes will be awarded for each game.



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, FEBRUARY 14TH
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.



Bunco...let's roll!

1st and 3rd 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

February 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, February 4 Marry Me Chicken
- ☐ Friday, February 7 Parmesan Honey Pork Roast
- ☐ Tuesday, February 11 Taco in a Bowl
- ☐ Friday, February 14 Ravioli and Meatballs
- ☐ Tuesday, February 18 Chicken Kiev
- ☐ Friday, February 21 Cheese Soup
- ☐ Tuesday, February 25 Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut
- ☐ Tuesday, February 28 Goulash

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

Name _____

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ADMIT ONE

First Time Visitors

Present this ticket for one FREE lunch (and stay for Bingo)

Biela Senior Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Not applicable for holiday lunches

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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!!

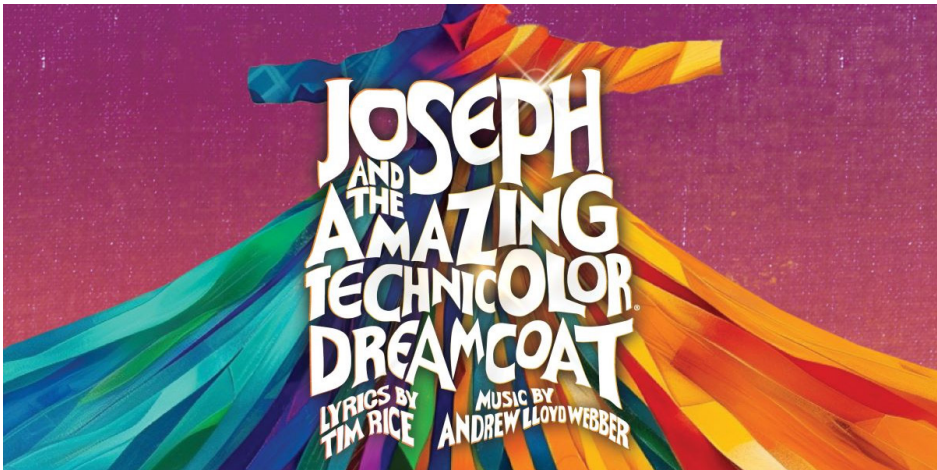
GIFT CERTIFICATE

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



MARRIOTT THEATRE PRESENTS:
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH
DEPART FROM BIELA CENTER: 9:45AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$125 • Cost includes transportation, lunch and performance

One of the most enduring shows of all time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a reimagining of the story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice’s beloved score is packed with pop and musical theatre classics, including “Any Dream Will Do,” “Close Every Door,” “There’s One More Angel in Heaven” and “Go, Go, Go Joseph.”

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

Civil War Museum & Mars Cheese Castle



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
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.

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

Volo Museum



THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH
DEPART BIELA CENTER: 9:00AM
RETURN APPROX: 4:00PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$65 • Includes: transportation and admission
Lunch will be on your own at Gram’s Central Station.

The world famous Volo Museum started as just a farm house in the 1800’s. It was then a second-hand store, that added a small collection of fix-and-flip Model T’s. The number of rare and special cars grew as quickly as the Grams brothers’ reputation. Over 60 years, and four generations of Grams later, millions of people have visited from all over the world to see one of the country’s largest collection of rotating modern and classic collector cars, an antique mall with 300 vendors, and over 60 acres of the largest collections of the rarest, most fascinating and bizarre mechanical marvels.

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.



Biela Center

Spring

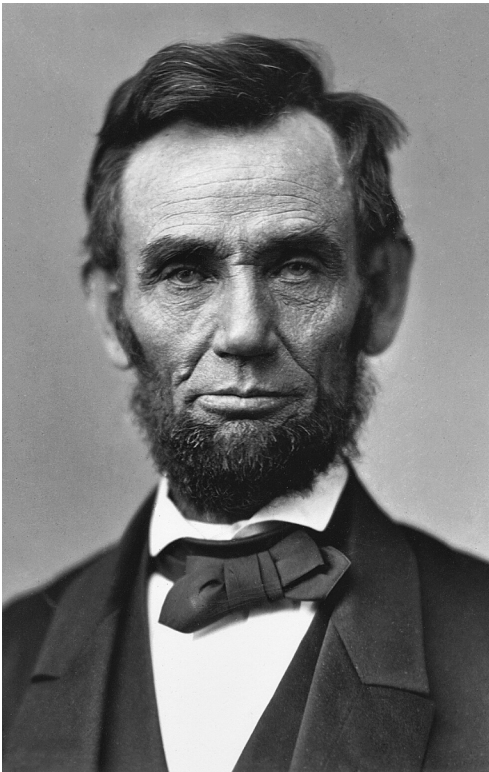
CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND

9 AM - 3 PM

4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL 60418

FREE ADMISSION



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY
February 12, 1809

Abraham Lincoln
was born in a log cabin on Sinking Spring Farm near Hodgenville, Kentucky. Lincoln went on to become the 16th President of the United States.

One of the most liked and admired Presidents in American history, he led the United States through the American Civil War.

Lincoln held office until 1865 when he was assassinated in Washington DC by John Wilkes Booth.

New Business in the Village
Help us welcome them to Crestwood!

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three12tattoo@gmail.com



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Keep snow and ice 5 feet away from fire hydrants.

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

5 feet

FEMA U.S. Fire Administration



Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

<p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	<p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	<p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
<p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	<p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	<p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
<p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>		<p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>

FEMA U.S. Fire Administration Fire is Everyone's Fight NFPA

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nfpa.org/winter.

CRESTWOOD CRUSH

SPRING BASEBALL

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED	FEE: \$200-EARLY REGISTRATION (NOV 1ST-JAN 1ST) \$225-LATE REGISTRATION (JAN 2ND-APRIL 1ST)	REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE CRWC
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★ **PINTO-AGES 6,7 & 8 YEARS OLD** ★
MUSTANG-9 & 10 YEARS OLD
BRONCO-11 & 12 YEARS OLD
PONY-13 & 14 YEARS OLD

SEASON: PRACTICES: BEGIN IN FEB GAMES: APRIL TBD-JUNE TBD	SCHEDULE: COACHES MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TO DISCUSS SCHEDULING PRACTICES / GAMES
LOCATION: PRACTICES & HOME GAMES WILL BE LOCATED AT PLAYFIELD PARK. *SWI GAMES WILL BE HOME & AWAY WITH OTHER VILLAGES*	OPENING DAY: AN OPENING DAY PARADE ON MAY 3RD WILL KICK OFF THE SEASON

For team registration or for more information about the 2025 Spring Baseball Season, contact Rocco at 708-659-4800 or at rmossuto@crestwood.illinois.gov

Easter Egg Hunt 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

THE HUNT WILL BEGIN AT 10AM, RAIN OR SHINE!

WALKER PARK
SOFTBALL FIELDS
13900 LARAMIE AVE.

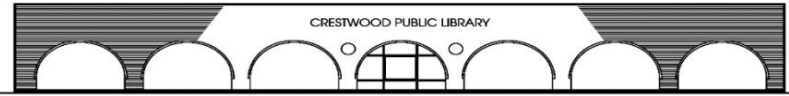
AGE GROUPS:
0-2 YEARS OLD
3-5 YEARS OLD
6-9 YEARS OLD
10-12 YEARS OLD

ADULTS: PLEASE STAND OUTSIDE OF THE FIELD DURING THE HUNT

ADULTS CAN HELP ON THE FIELD IN 0-2 AGE GROUP

PLEASE PRE REGISTER FOR THE FREE EVENT AT THE CRWC BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

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ADULTS

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Needles & Yarn
Monday, Feb 24th, 6:30 PM
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!

Adult Take & Make Craft
Available on Thursday, Feb 27th
Pick up a DIY craft from the library to make at home!

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Workshop
Monday, Feb 3rd, 5:30 PM
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.

Classroom Kitchen: Chocolate Lover's Workshop
Wednesday, Feb 12th, 6:30 PM
Program link available on website.
Join us for this live virtual demonstration with Kristyn Slick! This month, indulge in the rich, luxurious world of chocolate. Learn the techniques for tempering chocolate, making ganache, and crafting chocolate desserts that will enchant that special someone.

Stampin' Up Card Class
Monday, February 10th, 6:00 PM
Registration required. \$5 per person.
Stop by the library and learn how to make one-of-a-kind greeting and holiday cards with Stampin' Up Instructor Dee Tollaksen!



Illinois Libraries Present:

An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday, February 4th, 7:00 PM

Registration required with link on website.

Illinois Libraries Present James McBride, an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter. His landmark memoir, *The Color of Water*, was published in 1996 and is considered an American classic, read in schools and universities across the United States. Heather Marie-Montlilla of PBS Books will join McBride in conversation.

Illinois Libraries Present:

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

Wednesday, February 19th, 7:00 PM

Registration required with link on website.

National Humanities Medal winner and best-selling author of *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan joins us to share on her body of work and reflect on the wonder of slowing down and savoring the quiet moments.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime
Fridays, Feb 7th, 14th, 21th, & 28st, 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, Feb 13th, 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.

Heart Art
Wednesday, Feb 5th, 4:00 pM
Children ages 7 and up. *Registration required.*
Join us at the library to create heart themed art with paint and other materials. Paint and supplies will be provided.



Messy Mondays
Mondays, Feb 3rd & 17th, 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.



Cooking Adventures in a Mug
Wednesday, Feb 12th, 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 Snickerdoodle cake in a mug. Supplies will be provided.



LEGO Club
Tuesday, Feb 4th & 18th, 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, Feb 11th, 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.



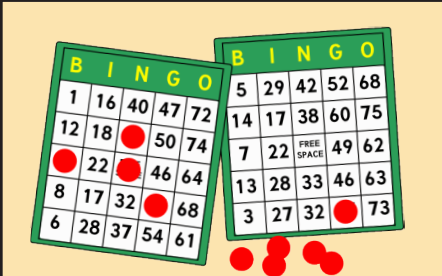
International Snack Club
Thursday, Feb 20th, 4:00 PM
Children ages 10 years and up. *Registration required.*
Do you like learning about different places and their foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different countries? Then join us for snacks, facts, and fun! Kids ages 10 years and up are invited to share traditional snacks from Spain this month.



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

Take
Home
Science
Kit

Take Home Science Kit
Available Thursday, Feb 6th
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, February 6th.



Family Bingo
Wednesday, February 26th 6:00 pm
Registration required. Space is limited.
Join us for a fun-filled hour of the classic BINGO 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.

Classified Advertising

ITEMS FOR SALE
8' brown sofa - \$50.00
High back swivel chair - \$40.00
Swimming Pool pump - \$20.00
Snow shovels - \$5.00 each
Contact Rich Wals – 708-371-2755

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??
Who always has a date on Valentine's Day?

JANUARY RIDDLE:
In what year did Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall in the same year?
It happens every year!



Sudoku

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

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Crossword

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January Puzzle Solutions

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ACROSS

1. Writing fluid

4. Item of footwear

8. Printer's mark, keep

12. Cracker biscuit

13. Expression used when accident happens

14. Father

15. Actor, __ Gibson

16. Of rheumatism

18. Towards the centre

20. Edit

21. Indian currency

23. Nip

24. Festival

25. Merry

29. Noah's vessel

30. Grandmothers
31. Mine

32. Supporter of the monarchy

34. Gone

35. Dent

36. Eagle's nest

37. Insist upon

40. Ulcerated chilblain

41. Great outbursts

43. Golf peg

46. Rhythmic swing

47. Christmas

48. Road surfacing

49. Dregs

50. Clarified butter

51. Land measure

DOWN

1. Doctrine

2. Not

3. Asian mink

4. Classifies

5. Laughing sound (2.2)

6. Open

7. Hungry, greedy

8. Card suit

9. Good-bye (2.2)

10. Heroic

11. Diplomacy

17. Measures out

19. Singer, __ "King" Cole

21. Distant

22. Fiddling Roman emperor

23. An explosion
25. Pulverising

26. Short musical drama

27. Short dress

28. Suffix, diminutive

30. Gleam

33. Changes to suit

34. Spider's structure

36. Church walkway

37. Small valley

38. A Great Lake

39. Stubborn animal

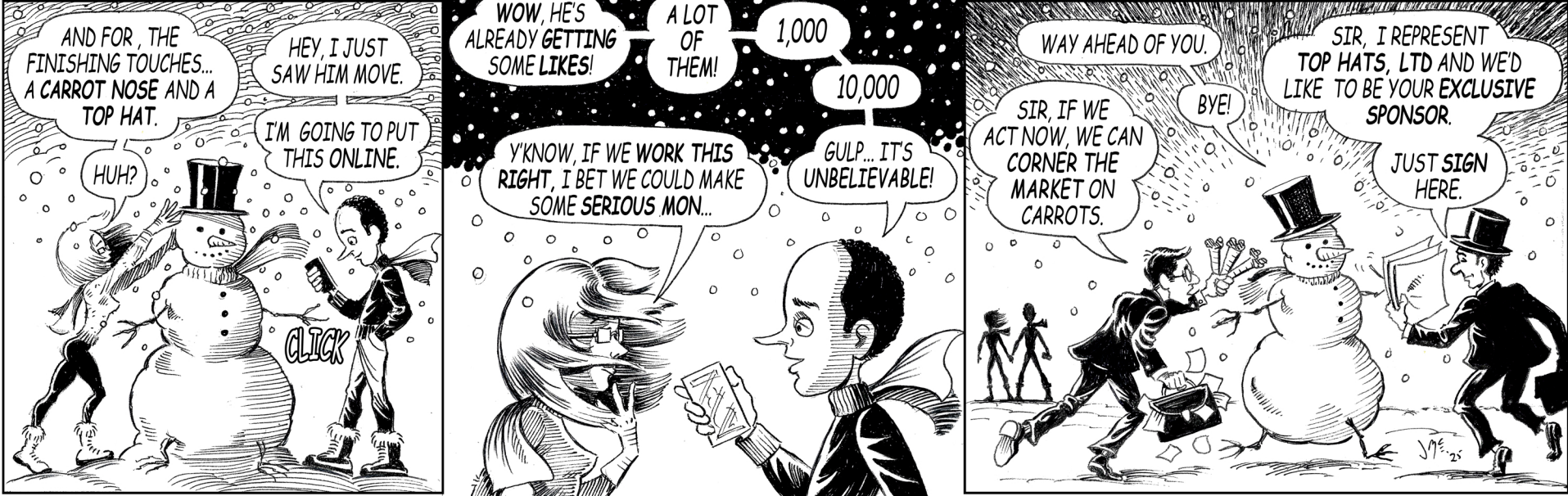
40. Leg joint

42. Exclamation of wonder

44. Otic organ

45. Before

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

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

Children



Swim Lessons
February 25th-April 5th (6 week session)
In person registration required
Swim lessons take place on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, or Saturday mornings. Swim lessons teach a variety of different stroke development, pool safety, and pool skills. Classes start for ages 6 months and end at ages 14. Open registration begins on February 10th, in person only at the CRWC.

Spring 2025 Crush Baseball
In person registration
Registration has opened for Spring Baseball 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.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt 2025
Saturday, April 19th • 10am Hunt Begins
Join us Saturday, April 19th at the Walker Park Softball Fields for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will begin at 10am, rain or shine. Fields will be divided by age groups, 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12. The Easter Bunny will be hopping around for pictures during the event! Please pre register for the free event at the CRWC by Wednesday, April 16th.

CRWC Summer Camp 2025
Monday-Thursday, June 16th-July 31st
8am-12pm / Ages 5-12
(No camp the week of June 30th-July 4th)
Summer camp 2025 is open for registration at the CRWC! Campers will participate in outdoor/indoor activities, arts & crafts, pool/ water days, and field trips! Weekly schedules will be sent out with activities going on during camp. You can register for the whole 6 week camp, or by the week!

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!



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SPRING SEASON
PINTO- AGES 6, 7 & 8 YEARS OLD
MUSTANG- AGES 9 & 10 YEARS OLD
BRONCO- AGES 11 & 12 YEARS OLD
PONY- AGES 13 & 14 YEARS OLD
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CRESTWOOD T-BALL
AGES 4-7
PRACTICES @ WALKER PARK
GAMES @ PLAYFIELD PARK
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CAMPERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR/INDOOR ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS, POOL/WATER DAYS, AND FIELD TRIPS
REGISTRATION
ENTIRE CAMP → \$500
PER WEEK → \$85
-WEAR GYM SHOES
-BRING WATER BOTTLE
-SNACK IS PROVIDED
-WE GO OUTSIDE A LOT!
-SCHEDULES WILL BE SENT OUT WEEKLY
AGES 5-12
8AM-12PM
Monday-Thursday (6 WEEKS)
June 16th-July 31st
NO CAMP THE WEEK OF JUNE 30TH-JULY 4TH

CRWC Easter Egg Hunt 2025
SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
AGE GROUPS:
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3-5 YEARS OLD
6-9 YEARS OLD
10-12 YEARS OLD
THE HUNT WILL BEGIN AT 10AM, RAIN OR SHINE!
WALKER PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS
13900 LARAMIE AVE.
ADULTS: PLEASE STAND OUTSIDE OF THE FIELD DURING THE HUNT
ADULTS CAN HELP ON THE FIELD IN 0-2 AGE GROUP
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