

THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move

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State of the Township from the desk of Supervisor Patricia Joan Murphy

Greetings from the desk of Supervisor Patricia Joan Murphy. I can hardly believe nearly four years have passed since I took my Oath of Office as Worth Township Supervisor. At times, it has felt like no time has passed at all and other times it feels like I have been there forever. I am very proud of this administration and what we have accomplished in just a few years. One of the things I am most proud of is how we came together offering our constituents a coalition ticket, so our residents know that we are HERE TO SERVE them and not us. We work together, listen to each other, collaborate, and generate solutions to move things forward. I think this is why we have accomplished so much in our first term.

Our current administration took office with the township still feeling the aftereffects of COVID. As soon as we were sworn in, we hit the road running to bring back services that suffered or were lost due to COVID, making much needed improvements to many programs, and updating facilities and antiquated systems. We haven't looked back. There is no way to list everything this administration has accomplished these past few years, but the following are a few examples:

General Assistance

- Searched for and received a donation of walk-in cooler allowing the addition of dairy products and fresh produce for our food pantry clients
- Expanded and updated the food pantry twice
- Due to need, we are currently working on an even larger space for the food pantry

Senior Transportation (lost due to COVID)

Brought back Senior Transportation, now bigger, better, and more efficient. This program services seniors aged 55+, and adults with disabilities aged 18+ that live within the boundaries of Worth Township.

In partnership with PACE, started with one 7 passenger ADA compliant van, have grown program to three vans and a car. Please call 708-972-7075 for more details and register to ride. Happy travels!

Senior Services

We love our seniors. We have expanded Senior services by adding more trips and programs, too many to mention here. Please call 708-972-7854.

Veterans Department

Added Veterans Department where Veterans can get information and help on all veteran services. Veterans can attend one or both of our annual events including our Veterans dinner and Salute to Our Armed Forces event both events attract over 100 Veterans and gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation and honor these men and women for their service to our great nation.

Recreation Department

We built a park for all residents to enjoy. The park includes walking path, benches, a Little Tykes playground, covered picnic tables with lights, pavilions, natural plantings, Garden beds including raised beds, and a retention pond with a water feature.

Efficiency

In November, our residents voted to abolish the Worth Township Road District. Beginning in May, the Road District will be run as a department within the township. This was a bi-partisan measure that reduces recidivism, allows for shared resources, and improves oversight, efficiency and transparency.

We are always looking to improve our services and doing everything we can with the limited resources we have. Your Worth Township board is a frugal bunch. We squeeze every penny for all its worth. We are incredibly lucky to have great partnerships with our legislators who have been instrumental in securing

FEATURED ARTIST MARCH YVONNE CLIFFORD

Yvonne Clifford, a resident of Orland Park, conveyed that since she was a small child she felt she was given the gift and artistic ability to draw. When she was very young and her grandmother saw her drawing on the wall behind the curtains, her grandmother urged her mother to give her some paper and pencils to draw. From that time on, Clifford said she was able to draw almost anything. During the Christmas season, she once drew the entire nativity scene on the blackboard with colored chalks. She won numerous art awards in grammar school.

Clifford attributes her high school teachers for encouraging her to experiment with many different mediums. All four years in high school, she enrolled in art and received all A's. She later enrolled in many evening art classes, including at the local park district. She continued to draw, paint, sculpt, and create stained glass projects, but her real passion is oil painting. She stated, "Not having any professional training. I feel very fortunate that I was given a God-given talent to paint."

After working and raising a child, Clifford was able to continue her painting at Moraine Valley Community College with local artist, instructor, and Crestwood resident, John Howard, who helped her to develop her artistic creativity. Currently, she is taking classes at the Vogt Visual Arts Center in Tinley Park with local artist and Town and Country Art League (TCAL) President, Carol Chirafisi, who she attributes to her growth in oil painting. Clifford has completed over 30 dog



portraits—with Chirafisi's guidance. She noted that joining TCAL in 2017 provided her with an opportunity to meet many wonderful artists and appreciate different works of art. She emphasized that she has been very fortunate along the way to have some great, inspirational teachers who have given her the incentive to continue to paint.

Clifford's love for horses has motivated her to create many horse drawings and paintings, which she still owns. The oil painting displayed in this article is of her daughter's horse, Roudy, which she painted for her daughter. Clifford shared that she has always loved horses since she was a child. She began riding on trails as a teenager. And for the past 25 years, Clifford has served as a volunteer—caring for and grooming horses. She has cared for her rescue horse named Jackie O for the past 11 years. Clifford stated that her true passion is her love of horses and all animals.

grants to help us achieve all we were able to accomplish. We are forever grateful to Senator Bill Cunningham and former state Representatives: Kelly Burke, Mary Flowers, and Fran Hurley and current State Representatives Bob Rita, Mary Gill, Rick Ryan, Micheal Crawford, and Lisa Davis. On the county level, we are incredibly grateful to the Cook County Board for approving our requests for Block Grants, which have helped us make some much-needed upgrades. And to The Metropolitan Water and Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, we are always grateful for their input, help, and our park's rain barrels. We

are working on current and future projects with these great partners, we will keep you posted.

Looking toward the future, I see great things ahead as we are already working on many new projects and services. I would like to give a special shoutout and thank our incredible staff at the Township. There are always so many things happening all at once, this staff is incredible. We look forward to serving you these next four years and are excited to continue our progress. We will keep you informed and invite you to explore all our services by visiting us at www.worhtownship.com

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Police Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave.
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Emergency: 911

Fire Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave.
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5331 W. 135th St.
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Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm

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Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)

(708) 371-2900

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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
March 6 and March 20

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

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

Dear Residents of Crestwood

As your Mayor, I am honored to share with you the many services and dedicated teams that work tirelessly to make Crestwood a safe, welcoming, and thriving community.

Police Department

Our Police Department has undergone some changes with the retirement of Chief Dave Weigand, who honorably served in law enforcement for over 50 years. We extend our deepest gratitude for his service. Moving forward, newly appointed Chief Sisk is prepared to meet the evolving needs of our community and ensure improved service to residents and businesses. Despite being a small-town department, our officers handle over 1,200 calls per month, requiring countless reports and man-hours.

The department continues to offer outstanding programs such as:

- **National Night Out**, strengthening police-community relations.
- **Park Patrols**, maintaining a strong presence to keep our public spaces safe.
- **Halloween Safety Initiatives**, ensuring a fun and secure experience for families.
- **House Watch Program**, providing peace of mind for residents who are out of town.
- **Nightly Business Checks**, enhancing security for our local businesses.

For more information, please check out our Police App, which provides updates and resources for the community.

Fire Department

Our Fire Department has seen significant growth, transitioning from an all-volunteer unit to a part-time department and now taking further steps to ensure the safety of our village. Led by Chief Jon Newton, the department is advancing in the right direction to better serve our businesses and residents. We have implemented contract labor to staff our ambulances with full-time personnel, addressing

the increasing demand for emergency services. With over 3,500 calls per year, most of which are ambulance-related, our team is committed to providing the highest level of care.

Under Chief Newton's leadership, we have:

- Established a rigorous vehicle maintenance program to keep our equipment in top shape.
- Purchased two new fire engines and are planning to update our ambulance fleet.
- Responded heroically to a recent condo fire, not only extinguishing the flames but also organizing a community drive to support displaced residents with clothing and essentials.

Our Fire Department is more than just an emergency response unit—they are a caring and dedicated part of our village.

Public Works

Since taking office, I have been continually impressed by the dedication of our Public Works employees. These individuals work tirelessly in all types of weather conditions, responding to water main breaks, clearing fallen trees, and ensuring our roadways remain safe. After the devastating tornado of 2024, our Public Works team removed over 200 loads of debris, demonstrating their commitment to restoring and maintaining our village. Additionally, they are second to none in snow removal, ensuring safe travel during winter storms.

Village Hall

Our Village Hall staff are the backbone of daily operations, working diligently five days a week to assist residents with a variety of needs. From handling customer service and managing water issues to processing permits, finance, and village stickers, their hard work often goes unnoticed but is essential to keeping Crestwood running smoothly.

Community Services

Beyond these critical departments, our village offers numerous services that enrich the lives of our residents, including:

- **Senior Center & Rec Center** – Providing activities and programs to keep our seniors engaged and active.
- **EMA- Emergency Management Agency** – Dedicated individuals that prepare, protect against, respond to and recover from natural and manmade incidents.
- **Bus Service** – Ensuring accessible transportation for those in need.
- **Free Garbage Pickup** – A valuable service offered to all homeowners.
- **Recreation Programs** – A variety of activities designed for children and families, managed by the dedicated staff at our Biella Center and Rec Center.

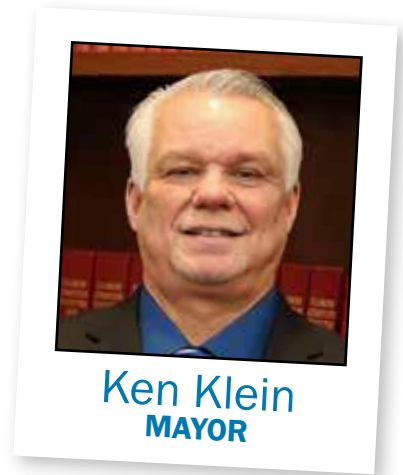
Crestwood is a village on the move, constantly striving to improve services and enhance the quality of life for our residents. I encourage you to stay informed by checking out our village paper, which is a great resource for updates on past and upcoming events.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me. My door is always open as we continue working together to make Crestwood the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Ken Klein

Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood



A colorful poster for the CRWC Easter Egg Hunt 2025. The background is pink with yellow and white bunting at the top. The CRWC logo is in the top left. The main text reads 'Easter Egg Hunt 2025' in large, red, stylized letters. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH'. There are several circular callouts: one with age groups (0-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12 years old), one stating 'THE HUNT WILL BEGIN AT 10AM, RAIN OR SHINE!', one with the location 'WALKER PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS 13900 LARAMIE AVE.', and one with instructions for adults to stand outside the field. A photo shows a table of Easter eggs. At the bottom, it says 'PLEASE PRE REGISTER FOR THE FREE EVENT AT THE CRWC BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH'.



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

01-04-2025: A resident reported that she received a bill from Verizon wireless and learned that unknown suspects had opened an account using her personal information without authorization.

01-19-2025: A resident reported that while she was online using her computer, she began receiving multiple pop up messages and alarms on the screen. One of the messages that popped up, displayed the Microsoft logo and said that her bank account was hacked and provided a phone number for her to call. The victim called the phone number and spoke to a subject who claimed to be with a fraud protection unit. The victim was given a second phone number to call to speak with a supervisor. The victim contacted the alleged supervisor who explained to the victim that her bank account had been hacked but they could assist her. The victim was instructed to withdraw all of her funds from her bank account and enter it into a crypto currency machine and transfer it to a supplied account number. The victim withdrew \$7800.00

from her bank and was provided a location of Palos Tobacco Beer, Wine and Liquor, located at 13430 Ridgeland in Palos Heights where she deposited the currency. The victim realized this was a scam after speaking with her daughter.

01-23-2025: A resident reported while scrolling Facebook Marketplace, he found a listing for a free Playstation gaming system. The seller posted that her son had recently passed away and she was giving away the Playstation as long as the receiver can pay for the shipping. The victim contacted the seller and was advised that the shipping would cost \$37.00. The victim made a Zelle payment to the suspect and approximately 30 minutes later the seller advised she never received the payment. The victim again used Zelle to send another \$37.00 payment. When the victim became suspicious and asked for a refund he was blocked by the profile page.

01-26-2025: A resident reported that she received notification via text from what she thought was Chase bank in reference to several fraudulent transactions on her account. The victim denied

the charges and was informed that a new debit card would need to be delivered. A new card was sent however, it was delivered to an unknown address in Chicago. The debit card was then used for several transactions at a gas station in the 2600 block of West Van Buren. An additional withdrawal was made from an unknown Chase bank location for \$3800.00.

01-27-2025: A resident reported that she received a Verizon wireless bill and later learned that unknown suspects used her personal information to open an account.

Theft

01-02-2025: A resident reported that unknown suspects stole a 1955 black Buick Sedan that was in the process of being restored from the 140th block of Lamon.

01-08-2025: A victim reported that while his unlocked vehicle was in the parking lot of the Crestwood Recreation Center, unknown suspects stole his wallet from the vehicle. The victim was notified via text that his credit card was used for

\$3000.00 worth of transactions at multiple Walgreens stores.

01-13-2025: Unknown suspects stole a black 2008 Cadillac Escalade from the 139th block of James Drive.

01-29-2025: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle in the 5200 block of James Lane and stole two stereo speakers valued at \$550.00.

Retail Theft

01-18-2025: Target loss prevention reported that two male black subjects stole multiple items including an air mattress and two projectors valued at \$399.00 and fled the store.

01-20-2025: Kohls loss prevention reported that a male black subject stole multiple items of merchandise valued at \$830.00 and fled the scene in a white Dodge minivan.

Criminal Damage to Property

01-23-2025: A victim reported that while at the Crestwood Recreation Center, unknown suspects broke the window on her 2015 Ford Escape.

Burglary

01-02-2025: Unknown suspects broke the window and entered Pepe's restaurant. Several cash registers were damaged as well as forced entry into the Managers office. At this time an unknown amount of currency was taken in the burglary.

Crestwood Police Department sends Supervisor to Illinois State Police Academy

Statewide manpower shortages are no secret in Law Enforcement and affect all agencies including the Illinois State Police Academy. The Crestwood Police Department sent a new candidate to the academy in September of 2024 and the State Police Academy requested that we send one of our Supervising officers along with them to assist in managing the upcoming Recruit class 04. Commander Chris Spencer was selected and he graciously relocated to Springfield for the next 18 weeks. Commander Spencer

assisted the State Police Troopers with managing and instructing recruit class 04. During the 18 weeks, recruits receive their basic training to become Law Enforcement officers in the State of Illinois. Commander Spencer used his 24 years of experience in managing and teaching police officers to help the recruits learn what it takes to graduate and become safe and effective Police Officers.

After the class was completed in January, the State Police Academy Commander pre-

sented Commander Spencer with a Certificate of Recognition for his service as a Recruit Supervisor and recognized him for his assistance in the successful completion of the 640-Hour Basic Training Course #04. Please congratulate Commander Spencer for a job well done with helping secure the careers of several new Police Officers for the State of Illinois.



From The Desk of Chief Sisk

2025 is already proving to be a productive year for the Crestwood Police Department with quite a few changes and improvements in the works.

A revamp of the organizational structure has begun with the goal of increasing the efficiency of the police department, while placing a renewed emphasis technology and training. Tying in with this restructuring was the recent addition of Jack Touhy as the department's new Division Chief. Jack has over 40 years of experience in law enforcement which will be instrumental in



Chief Kevin Sisk swearing in Division Chief John Touhy

moving the department forward with his expertise in grant work, records and policy management. Jack is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command Program, the FBI National Academy, and holds a Masters of Public Administration from Governors State University.

In addition, the Crestwood Police and Fire Commission is set to hold a promotional exam for the rank of sergeant, which will serve as the first official promotional test ever conducted for the Crestwood Police Department. Police and Fire Commission testing is designed to ensure that promotions are awarded based on merit, qualifications, and the ability to perform the duties of the higher rank.

Since beginning the transition from part time to fulltime in 2020, the Crestwood Police Department has grown to its current staffing level of 21 full-time police officers and investigators, complimented by 11 part time

officers who supplement police operations.

Several opportunities for new technology and community engagement have also been put into motion to include; Live 911, a Virtual Treatment Response Team, and our New Occupant with Autism program.



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Live911

When an emergency strikes, **seconds count and can make a difference.** This new technology offered from the Cook County 911 Dispatch Center allows officers to hear the 911 calls while they are occurring, as well as providing a GPS location of the caller.

Prior to the implementation of Live911, when a caller dialed 911 a call taker would gather the information from the caller, enter the information into a CAD system, then broadcast the information to officers as soon as the radio band was clear for use.

With Live911, the communication between 911 operator and the caller is broadcasted through the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) in the officer's squad car. This allows for an immediate response by officers to the GPS location of the caller while continuing to hear the information being provided by the caller, meaning from your very first cry for help, we can have officers responding to your emergency. In addition, the ability of our officers to hear firsthand descriptions and other key pieces of information will provide situational awareness like never before, and allow officers to develop a response plan before arriving on scene.

Whether it be an officer responding with our newly acquired AEDs for someone having a heart attack; our Narcan equipped officers responding to a person not breathing because of an opioid overdose; a call for domestic violence or any other calls of a serious nature, our officers will be listening and responding within seconds.

Treatment Response Team (TRT)

Crestwood officers have now have access to the Cook County Sheriff's Office Co-Responder Virtual Assistance Program. This program provides officers

direct access to a clinician when encountering individuals with mental health concerns. Whether it be for crisis intervention and stabilization, mental health emergencies, substance use screening, or assistance in domestic violence, these clinicians are available 24 hours a day. Our officers are able to initiate a Zoom call connecting the mental health professional with the individual in need, while on scene. The mental health professionals then maintain contact with the individual after completion of the initial call, providing additional support and ensuring they have access to any necessary resources.

Both the Live911 and the TRT have been made available to the Crestwood Police Department as part of the partnership formed with the Cook County 911 Emergency Center last year, while saving the village approximately \$300,000.00 a year for dispatch services.

Occupant with Autism

Occupant with Autism is a program to alert first responders that a residence or a vehicle may be occupied by an individual with autism. This program provides decals to residents that can be placed near the front door of the residence or the rear window of a vehicle indicating to first responders that an occupant may have autism. Residents not wanting to display a decal can also have their address flagged in the 911 database that would alert first responders to the presence of an individual with autism. Recognizing autism in individuals, especially during interactions with police officers, is critical for ensuring effective and sensitive communications. Anyone with friends or family members that could benefit from this program can find more information on the Village website, or at the Police Department during business hours.

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!

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✉ E-MAIL aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov



Tornado Drill Information for Crestwood Residents

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 insure 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 insure that it is up-to-date and comprehensive. The Village of Crestwood Outdoor Warning Siren System WILL BE ACTIVATED. If this were a real tornado, what would you do to protect yourself and those of who you are responsible?

Crestwood Emergency Management Agency personnel goes out to our schools and rest homes in Crestwood to observe each

facilities' drill. Crestwood EMA has been an active partner in keeping the children and adults safe during severe weather.

During the Month of February, letters are sent out to the schools and rest homes in the village, alerting them about the statewide drill on March 4th. Our staff then begins scheduling these facilities for our members to come out and observe their drills; we do this so that it fits their schedules.

When an EMA member arrives at their building, we check in at the main office, forms are filled out for how many staff and students were in attendance that day. Then the school/facility sounds their alarm, EMA members walk up and down halls observing their procedure. I must say we do enjoy seeing the little smiling faces in the schools as we are walking the halls. We also bring color books for the kids to enjoy and help them understand the importance of being safe. At the end of the drill, EMA members meet back in the main office, any forms the school/facility

needs us to sign are done now, our forms if we see anything that could be improved is mentioned on our forms, we sign them and they make a copy for the school/facility. We ask if there are any changes in emergency plans or additions to their structures and request copies of the updated plans.



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Citizens at Risk program is Occupants with Autism



This free and voluntary database managed by the department is designed to provide peace of mind to our residents. It serves as a valuable tool for enhancing interactions involving individuals with autism, among other situations, and the men and women of the Crestwood Police Department. The decals will serve as a visible notification not only to police but to all first responders.

The Village of Crestwood is committed to prioritizing the safety and well-being of all residents. In line with this commitment, the Crestwood Police Department has introduced the Citizens at Risk program, also known as Occupants with Autism, to provide crucial information to emergency responders during response calls.

Please go to our website: <https://crestwood.illinois.gov> and fill out the linked form to participate. You will scroll down and on the bottom right, "At Risk Residents" is the form you will fill out. Once completed, please stop by the station to pick up your stickers. If you have any questions about this program, please email crestwoodpolicedept@gmail.com



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Mayor Klein's Super Bowl Party Success

Thanks to all that came to Mayor Klein's Super Bowl party at the Biela Center. Thanks to the Biela Center staff that made this all possible. Fun was had by all!



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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!



MARCH FEATURE Bread

Biela Center Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.



We would like to **celebrate Bernadine (Bernie) Biela-Alfano** with her last official punch-in as she embarks on her well deserved retirement. We are grateful for Bernie’s contribution to making the Biela a welcoming place for other’s these past 20 years. We wish Bernie the best and know that it isn’t goodbye, as we know she will still be joining in our many activities.

Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Color & Conversation 10-11 am Pinochle 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Scrabble 12-2 pm	4 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	5 Bingo & Breakfast 9:30-10:45 Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm TOPS 5-6:30 pm	6 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am KnitWits 10 am-12 pm Mexican Train 11:30-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	7 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	8
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Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH • 12:15-3:30PM
Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH • 12:15-3:30PM
St Patrick/St Joseph Party
Corn Beef Sandwiches

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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!

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**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS
& FRIDAYS**

11:15AM – 12:00PM

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:30 – 10:30AM

\$2/class

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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.

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

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.

CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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.

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

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FITNESS CLASSES**

BIELA SENIOR CENTER



Shen Yun

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH

DEPART FROM BIELA CENTER: 11AM, RETURN: APPROX 5PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$120 • Includes: transportation and performance

Lunch will be on your own at the Tinley Park Golden Corral

Shen means divine. **Yun** is personal bearing, or inner charm. Together, the name **Shen Yun** means beauty of divine beings dancing. Through breathtaking dance and music, Shen Yun's artists tell of a time when divine beings walked upon the earth, leaving behind a culture that inspired generations. Ancient Chinese wisdom, infused with Buddhist and Taoist spirituality and values, gave birth to everything from medical innovations to opera, dance, architecture, and even martial arts. Each performance consists of about 20 pieces, quickly moving from one legend, region, or dynasty to the next. *Call the Biela Center at 708-371-6000 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!

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Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, MARCH 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

MARCH 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, March 4 Fettuccine Alfredo
- Friday, March 7 Tuna Melt
- Tuesday, March 11 Corned Beef & Cabbage
(\$10 TODAY ONLY – DUE FRIDAY, FEB. 28th)
- Friday, March 14 Tortellini Vegetable Soup
- Tuesday, March 18 Chicken Leg & Stuffing
- Friday, March 21 Teriyaki Shrimp Stir Fry
- Tuesday, March 25 Salisbury Steak
- Tuesday, March 28 Pepper & Egg Sandwich

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

Name _____

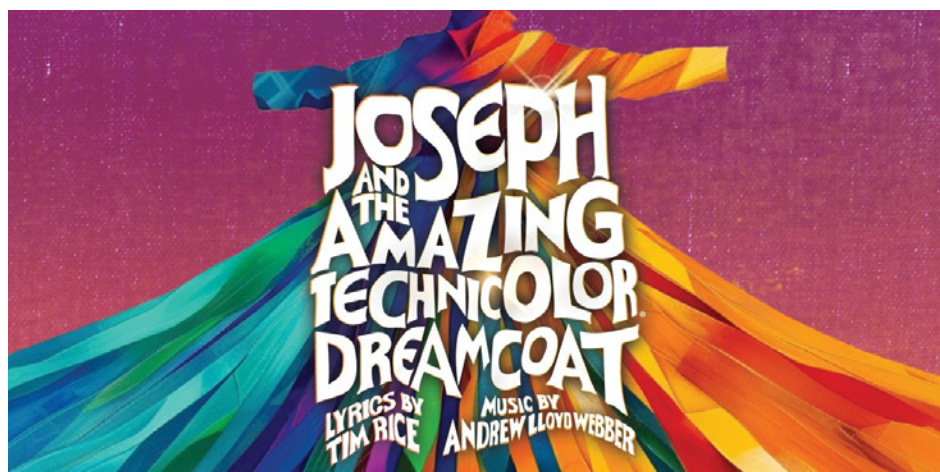


Looking for a gift idea for a relative or neighbor? Try a Biela Lunch Certificate!

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



BIELA SENIOR CENTER



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.



Four Winds Casino

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

DEPART FROM BIELA CENTER: 9:30AM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$40 • Includes transportation, \$15 instant slot credit, \$10 food credit

Earn 100W Points at Four Winds New Buffalo, then visit a kiosk between 8am-10pm Eastern to receive \$10 in Instant Credit/Free Slot Play

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

Please fill out the following and return it upon registering:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current W-Club Card #: _____



BREAD TAG RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle Bread Tags at the Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

Civil War Museum & Mars Cheese Castle *NEW DATE!*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

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.



Biela Center

Spring

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND

9 AM - 3 PM

4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL 60418

FREE ADMISSION



COMMUNITY NEWS

OBITUARIES

Faith is the daughter of Crestwood Auxiliary Officer Conor McHale and his wife Jessica. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the entire family.

Faith Marie McHale, F.M.M.

“Faith Moves Mountains.” Passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at the age of 4 years. Loving daughter of Jessica Bethany Kaliski and Conor James McHale. Cherished sister of Charlotte James McHale, Logan Michael McHale, and Aislynn Lee McHale. Beloved granddaughter of Michael Kaliski (Mary Krylowicz), Dawn Kaliski (Tom Lentz), and Patricia McHale. Dear niece of Sarah Kaliski-Roll, Nicole Kaliski-Martinez, Amanda Kaliski-Alvarez, and Jamie Smith.



Memorial Visitation was Thursday, February 6, 2025. Funeral Friday, February 7, 2025 at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be appreciated. For more info: (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

William P. Kirby, 89,

formerly of Crestwood, passed away on Jan. 13, 2025 in Wausau, WI. He was born in Chicago, IL on December 24, 1935, to Ernest and Lorraine (nee Lubinski). Bill lived in Chicago and Crestwood until he retired permanently to Three Lakes, WI in 1999.



While living and raising his family in Crestwood, Bill was involved and coached Crestwood Colts football and Little League teams. He was a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local #73, the former Mt. Langhan Rod & Gun Club in St. Anne, IL, the Braidwood Recreation Club in Braidwood, IL and the Incarnation Parish Men’s Club in Palos Heights. While living in WI, he was involved in the Three Lakes Lions Club and Fishing Has No Boundaries (Eagle River, WI). Bill enjoyed a lifetime of fishing and hunting. Though he retired to the Wisconsin Northwoods, Bill’s passion for the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs never wavered.

Bill is survived by his four children, Bill Jr. (Debbie), Sue (Paul Lazar), Jeff (Lori) and Colleen Dorner (Phil) and stepdaughters Gail (the late Todd) Rudie and Terry Dembraski, his 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and sister Mary Rose (Glen Swenson) along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his two wives Judy (nee Antelek) and June (nee Gerner) and four brothers Ernest, Raymond, Ronald and Michael.

Bill will be remembered by many for his storytelling, quick wit and booming voice. Some claim you can still hear him cheering, “Let’s Go, Blue” when near Playfield Park where the Colts played their football games. He was probably wearing his Colts’ jacket, blue jeans, white belt and white dress shoes.

A celebration of Bill’s life will be held on Saturday, May 3rd in Three Lakes, WI and Saturday, June 14th in Crestwood. The family would appreciate memorials in Bill’s name to the Three Lakes Lions Club or the Eagle River (WI) Fishing Has No Boundaries chapter.

CRESTWOOD SOCCER CLUB

(708) 396-Ball (2255)

REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 1, 2025.

Registration is ON-LINE!

Go to “crestwoodsoccerclub.com.”

Registration after April 15, 2025, will be considered late and additional fees apply. Your child should be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 to start in our program.



CRESTWOODSOCCERCLUB.COM



SPRING FORWARD

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

Hoarding and Fire: Reducing the Risk



Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm’s way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ✓ When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person’s language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ✓ Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- ✓ Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- ✓ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

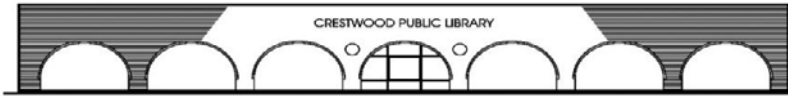


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CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ADULTS

Paper Shredding Day

Sat, March 29th
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM



Bring your excess paper to the library for our free shredding event! Limit 3 bankers boxes per person.

Stampin' Up Card Class

Monday, March 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!

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) Utility Bill Clinic

Monday, March 31st
Registration for time slots required. Clinic begins at 5:30 PM. Citizens Utility Board is hosting a free event to advise residents on reducing electric, gas, and both landline and cell phone bills. Each participant will speak one-on-one with a CUB counselor to review their bills.

Scrabble Club

Saturday, March 15th
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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

Create Your Own Bookmark!

Thurs, March 20th, 6:00 PM

Registration required. Limited space available. Join us at the library for a fun DIY bookmark-making event! Let your creativity shine as you design your very own personalized bookmark to take home.

Book Club Discussion

Thursday, March 27th, 6:00 PM

Join us for an engaging mystery thriller book club discussion at the library! We'll dive into *What Lies in the Woods* by Kate Alice Marshall, exploring its twists and mysteries together.



Medicare Basics

Wed, March 19th, 6:00 PM

Please join Bill Johnson - a local independent insurance agent with over 25 years of experience in the Medicare and health insurance industry - for a free informational seminar regarding the basics of Medicare.

Needles & Yarn

Monday, March 24, 6:30 PM

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

Adult Take & Make Craft Kit

Available on Thurs, March 27th

Pick up a DIY craft from the library to make at home!

Illinois Libraries Present: Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00 PM

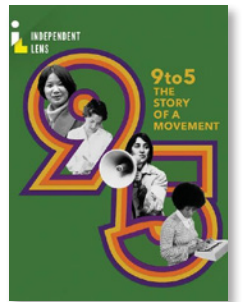
Reg. required with available link on website. Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam. She'll be joined in conversation by Renae Kerrigan, Curator of Science and Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum.



Illinois Libraries Present: 9to5: The Story of Movement Documentary

Available Friday, March 21st - Sunday, March 23rd

Reg. required with available link on website. Watch the award winning documentary from the comfort of your home! The documentary highlights the creation of the 9to5 movement, established to fight for workplace equity and against wage discrepancy and was the basis for the feature film, 9 to 5, starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton and Lily Tomlin.



YOUTH & FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime

Fridays, March 7th, 14th & 21st, & 28th, 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.



Cooking Adventures

Thursday, March 20th, 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 pizza themed recipes. Supplies will be provided.

International Snack Club

Thurs, March 27th, 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 Turkey this month.



Messy Mondays

Mondays, March 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, March 4th & 25th,
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!

Tues, March 18th, 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.



Family Bingo

Wed, March 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Bunny Visit and Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 5th,
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Children ages 1-12. Registration required. Families join us for our annual Easter Bunny visit and egg hunt here at the library. Kids ages 1-12 can register for our egg hunt and visit the Easter Bunny. Additional activities will be available.



FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Classified Advertising

ITEMS FOR SALE

Gold's Gym Adjustable Incline Bench - \$35.00
Steve (708) 705-6343

Firewood Bundles - 3 for \$10.00
Steve (708) 705-6343

1970 Buick Rally 14 Inch Rims (Set of Four) - \$100.00
Steve (708) 705-6343

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

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.

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Crossword

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February Puzzle Solutions

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ACROSS

- Perform
- Boss on a shield
- Adversary
- Indigence
- Card game
- Patella
- Eskimo dwelling
- Hastened
- Zodiac sign
- Sightless
- Distant
- Bind
- First woman
- Exclamation of pleasure
- That woman
- New Guinea seaport
- Humorous person
- Ogles
- Offer
- Contented cat's sound
- Between
- Conspicuous
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Loose-fitting hooded gown
- Craftsmen
- Undergo lysis
- Part of the verb "to be"

DOWN

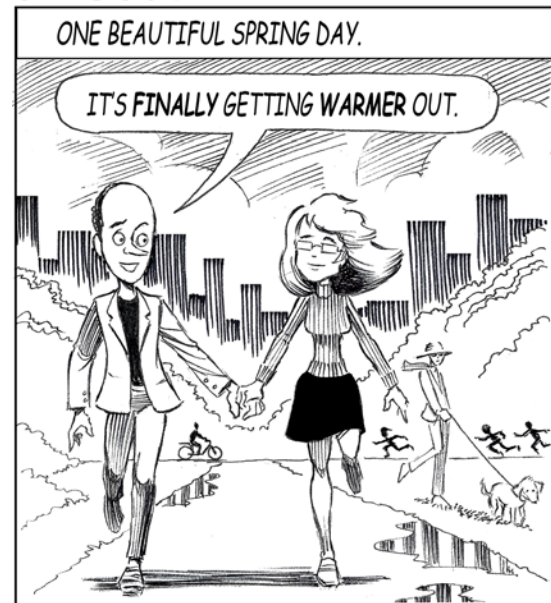
- Immerse in water
- Portent
- Analgesic
- A single unit
- Operations (colloq)
- Prefix meaning not
- More prying
- Dwelling place for bees
- Energy
- Willow
- Former measure of length
- Also
- Decorated cake
- Depart
- Statute
- Plant or shrub
- Thick mist
- By means of that
- Bundle of money
- Stories in installments
- Coils
- Soothe
- To exist
- Paralyze
- An infusion
- Superlative suffix
- Monetary unit of Japan
- U.S. space agency
- Those
- Poke
- Providing

Riddle? What has one head, one foot and four legs?

FEBRUARY RIDDLE: Who always has a date on Valentine's Day?

ANSWER: A calendar

94 South



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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

April 14th-May 24th

(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 March 31st, 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.

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.

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!

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!

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
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 rmosuto@crestwood.illinois.gov

SUMMER CAMP 2025

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