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Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
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November 6 and November 20

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

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

To Our Residents and Business Owners,

As we move deeper into the fall season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and pride in our wonderful community. The recent **Trunk or Treat** event at the **Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center** was an incredible success — a perfect example of what makes Crestwood such a special place to live and work.

A huge thank you goes out to Rocco, Kelsey and the entire Recreation Center staff for their dedication and creativity in organizing this event. Families from Crestwood and neighboring towns came together for a night filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit. The children’s joy was matched only by the excitement of seeing so many amazing decorations and costumes, not to mention the ever-popular Haunted Trailers, which were a huge hit this year. Special recognition goes to Frank

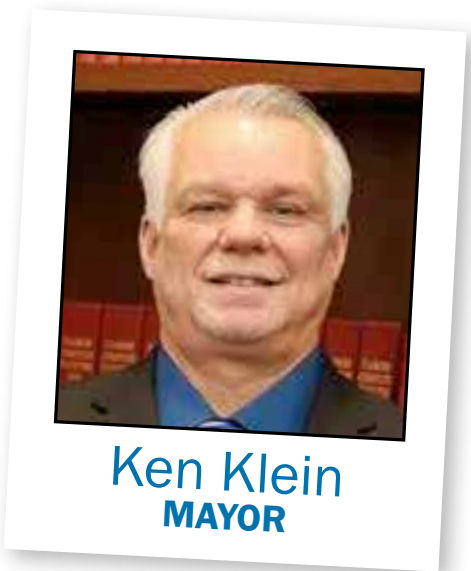
Tieri and the entire Public Works crew, who truly outdid themselves in making this year’s spooky setup extra memorable. I would also like to thank the **Crestwood Police Department, Fire Department, EMA, and Public Works** for their continued support and presence at community events like this. Their efforts help create a safe, family-friendly environment where our children can celebrate and enjoy themselves in a secure setting.

I am also pleased to **welcome several new businesses** to our growing community: **Eiffel Waffle Ice Cream Polar, Total Wireless, Stelle Corp., and Shears to Char located at Pure Paradise.** Each new addition strengthens our local economy and enhances the services available to residents. We’re also looking forward to welcoming **Skechers, Crave Cookies,** and

Lindy’s Gas Station, all of which are working hard to open their doors before the holiday season.

Lastly, I’d like to address an issue that affects the appearance and pride of our village — **littering.** It has become far too common to see trash discarded carelessly along our streets and public spaces. This not only detracts from the beauty of Crestwood but also disrespects the effort we all put in to keep our community clean and welcoming. The Village will be enforcing stricter measures, with fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for littering violations. **Let’s all** do our part to maintain the charm and cleanliness that make Crestwood a place we’re proud to call home.

Thank you once again for your cooperation, kindness, and continued commitment to our com-



munity. Together, we make Crestwood stronger, cleaner, and more vibrant every day.

With warm regards,
Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood

The Village has received a lot of inquiries about our **TAX REBATE SURPLUS PROGRAM.** Until we get notification from the County Assessor’s Office when tax bills will be due, we are unable to give any details or application availability. Things residents can do while waiting – please be sure to have a 2025 Crestwood Vehicle sticker, paid up to date water bill as well as have a State Issued ID that bears the Crestwood Property address that’s on the application. Having these things completed will ensure a smooth process when applications become available.

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We Watch, We Call!

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

Deceptive Practice

09-12-2025: A resident reported that she received notification that unknown individuals used her identity to attempt to open two separate banks accounts, one with BMO Bank and the other with U.S. Bank.

09-22-2025: A resident reported that he received several text messages that were threatening in nature, where the sender demanded money be transferred or that the victim's family members would be harmed. The victim was able to Zelle \$1,000 and then went to Western Union to send additional funds. As he attempted to complete the electronic transfer, Western Union refused to complete the transfer, advising that the name he was attempting to send the money, had already been flagged as a scam.

Retail Theft

09-01-2025: A juvenile was arrested after attempting to steal \$23.85 worth of alcohol from Walmart.

09-09-2025: Menards Loss Prevention reported that a male white suspect, accompanied by what appeared to be a juvenile female entered the store and took possession of a Night Owl Wireless Security Camera kit, valued at \$369.99 and then left the store without making payment. The suspect was last seen leaving in a white Ford Fusion.

09-09-2025: Menards Loss Prevention reported that an unknown male suspect took two 20 pack of Duracell AA batteries, valued at \$35.00 and fled the store on a skateboard.

09-12-2025: Officers responded to Menards in reference to a retail theft in progress. As officers pulled up to the front of the store, an employee advised that the suspect has just fled in a silver Dodge Charger that was now east bound on Cal-Sag Road. Officers located the vehicle and were able to conduct a traffic stop. During the investigation, it was learned that the driver had no knowledge of the theft that had just been committed and the passenger was positively identified as the offender. The offender had entered Menards and gathered two boxes of purified water, removing the actual contents and then put six spools of wire in the box. The offender then re-sealed the box and

proceeded to the checkout. The suspect paid the price for the boxes of water and not the \$714.00 that the wire was valued at.

The suspect was also wanted from the same type of retail theft that occurred at Menards on August 20th. The offender was arrested and the Cook County States Attorney Felony Review was contacted. The offender was charged with felony retail theft for both incidents.

09-21-2025: Target Loss Prevention reported that a female and male suspect, concealed several items, including (9) containers of Enfamil baby formula, valued at \$304.00 and fled the store in a gold colored vehicle.

09-22-2025: Kohls Loss Prevention reported that two female black suspects, entered the store and began gathering merchandise into two mesh bags. As the suspects were leaving the store, loss prevention agents attempted to stop the suspects, however they continued to leave and entered a Ford Explorer with \$601.98 worth of merchandise and fled the scene.

Theft

09-13-2025: Unknown suspects took two dirt bikes (Yamaha P80 and Yamaha P50) and a child sized 4-wheeler from a shed in the 132nd block of West Playfield Drive.

09-15-2025: Unknown suspects stole a set of car keys from within an unlocked locker in Planet Fitness. The victim's vehicle appeared to have been entered but nothing was taken.

09-20-2025: Unknown suspects stole a 2018 white Bentley from the 131st block of Cicero.

09-22-2025: Unknown suspects stole a wallet from within an unlocked locker in Planet Fitness.

09-23-2025: Unknown suspects entered the secured yard in the 142nd block of Pulaski, where they entered 4 different semi-trucks and removed the computer modulator system from each vehicle.

09-24-2025: Unknown suspects stole a packaged that had been delivered to a building in the 5200 block of James Lane.

09-27-2025: Unknown suspects took a black Nine Bot Scooter from

a shed in the 5300 block of Park Lane.

09-28-2025: Unknown suspect broke the window on a Kia Sportage that was parked in the parking lot of Planet Fitness. The suspects removed a Coach backpack purse that contained ID and several credit cards. The suspect then used the Chase credit card to make purchases at Walmart.

09-29-2025: Unknown suspects stole a wallet and I-Phone from a

vehicle that was parked in the parking lot of Planet Fitness.

Criminal Damage

09-09-2025: An unknown suspect broke into a 2019 Hyundai that was parked in the Hollywood Park parking lot. The suspect damaged the vehicle's steering column, but was unable to start the car. The suspect was observed on surveillance video and appears to be a tall thin male black that was riding on an electrical scooter.

09-27-2025: Unknown suspects broke the window on a 2019 Hyundai that was parked in the 134th block of Cicero.

09-27-2025: Unknown suspects broke into a 2016 Kia Soul in the 136th block of Lemon. The suspects damaged the vehicle's steering column but were unable to start the car.

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Shepard Student Documentary ‘Beyond Silence’ Nominated for National Emmy

Two recent graduates of Alan B. Shepard High School have been nominated for a National Student Production Award (NSPA) by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS), which is the same organization that hands out the Emmy awards to professional broadcasters.

Alumni Malaak Hamad and Paulina Karkoszka, both of whom graduated in May 2025, were nominated for their documentary “Beyond Silence” in the Feature News Report category. The film, which highlights the deaf and hard of hearing program at Shepard High School, is one of only 14 entries from the entire Chicago/Midwest region to earn a national nomination.

The nomination follows the film’s win last May of a Chicagoland/Midwest NATAS Crystal Pillar award, which qualified it for the national competition.

“From winning the Chicagoland Crystal Pillar to now being nominated for a National Student Production Award, the journey of ‘Beyond Silence’ is truly remarkable,” said

Shepard Principal Dr. Tim Baker. “This documentary, which brought the vital work of our deaf and hard of hearing program at Shepard into the spotlight, is a shining example of how exceptional student journalism can make a profound impact. This once-in-a-lifetime Emmy nomination underscores the caliber of our media students and the excellence of the education they receive in our district. We couldn’t be more proud of them and the profound story they shared.”

“Seeing ‘Beyond Silence’ not only win the Crystal Pillar but now earn a NSPA nomination is the ultimate testament to our students’ skill and dedication, as well as the power of their storytelling,” said Jodi Jasmin Pelini, the digital media teacher at Shepard. “This is an honor they’ve worked so hard for, and it truly places our students and our program on a national stage.”

Back in January 2025, Hamad and Karkoszka teamed up to create the documentary. As a member of the deaf and hard of hearing community herself, Hamad was driven to explore how Shepard’s specialized program provides a supportive

and inclusive environment for students like her. The film “Beyond Silence” uses firsthand accounts and behind-the-scenes footage to highlight the incredible resources, innovative teaching methods, and strong sense of community that make the program a standout experience. The resulting documentary has had a profound impact by putting the spotlight on these students.

“The story clearly resonates with audiences far beyond the school walls,” said Digital Media teacher Jodi Jasmin Pelini. “By shining a spotlight on our deaf and hard of hearing program, ‘Beyond Silence’ has not only increased awareness but has also inspired so many people to be more understanding and inclusive of different special needs.”

The National Student Production Awards are designed to honor outstanding television production by high school students.

Recipients of the 2025 National Student Production Awards will be announced on Nov. 21 via a live web stream produced by NATAS.



Alan B. Shepard High School students Paulina Karkoszka (left) and Malaak Hamad (right) accept a Community High School District 218 Board of Education Commendation in May 2025 for their award-winning documentary, “Beyond Silence.”

To view the national award-nominated documentary “Beyond Silence,” please visit YouTube: <https://youtu.be/D757KCJL7E?si=jF2ya-zLHTt-lXYjr>



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Shepard French Teacher Kelly Karstrand Named Illinois Foreign Language Teacher of the Year

Shepard High School French Teacher Kelly Karstrand has been named the 2025 Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ICTFL).

Karstrand was celebrated for her creativity, passion, and dedication to world language education during an awards ceremony on Oct. 9 at the Northern Illinois University Naperville Campus.

The ICTFL Awards Committee said Karstrand stood out for her commitment to being a lifelong learner and her significant contributions to the profession. In its award notification, the committee said, “Equally impressive was the impact [Karstrand has] had on novice teachers. [Her] mentorship and encouragement serve as a model for how to strengthen and sustain the future of our profession.”

Karstrand’s career, which spans nearly three decades, is marked by a commitment to making students global citizens. A recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Fellowship, she

has worked with her colleagues on district-wide curriculum overhauls focused on authentic cultural materials, helped establish the Seal of Biliteracy program to recognize students’ language skills, and presented at national conferences on global education.

“The entire Shepard community is absolutely thrilled to celebrate Mrs. Karstrand being named ‘Teacher of the Year’ by the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,” said Shepard Principal Dr. Tim Baker. “Her passion for foreign language education is infectious, and her dedication to our students is unparalleled. This is a tremendous honor, and we are incredibly fortunate to have a teacher of her caliber in our foreign language program.”

Accepting the award, Karstrand emphasized her core belief in the power of language education. “I am deeply honored by this recognition,” she said. “My singular goal has always been to pass that spark on to my students. I firmly believe that learning a new language and developing cultural

competence is not a luxury, but a necessity for every single learner. We are not just teaching subjects; we are building bridges to the future.”

As the ICTFL Teacher of the Year, Karstrand will represent Illinois at the Central States Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in March. She will compete against educators from 13 other central states to become the nominee of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).



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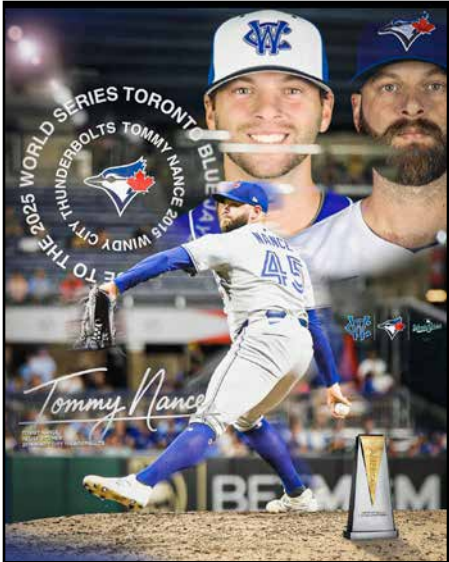
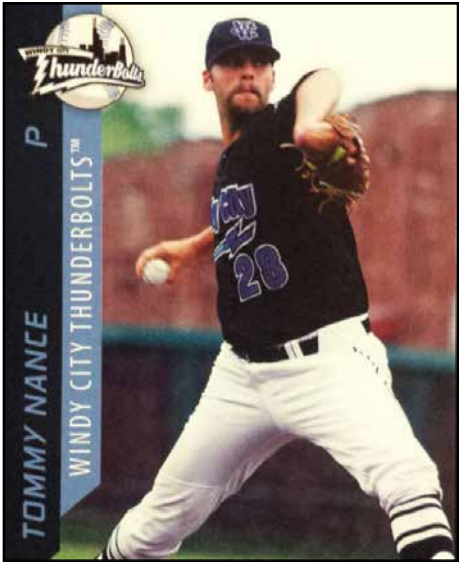
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FEATURED ARTIST NOVEMBER BONNIE STRATON

Bonnie Straton is a resident of Tinley Park. She has been a member of Town and Country Art League (TCAL), which meets at the Biela Center in Crestwood, for over ten years, including serving as a TCAL board member. A creative, she is a retired educator and former counselor.

Straton's art journey began in elementary school. She described how she and her friend used to walk along train tracks to collect broken glass to make art using Elmer's glue. Now, however, she shops at the local art supply store to purchase shattered glass and resin. Another early interest was making puppets and marionettes in the basement; later, Straton would go on to develop and direct the puppet team at church.

Music, too, has always been woven throughout Straton's life—with piano lessons, high school band and, now, learning to play the ukulele. Art was put on the shelf as college, work, and raising children took priority.

One day, Straton's doctor said, "I don't care what you do, but do something for stress management." This prompted her to pursue art with the local park district. Her instructor, Fred Holly, encouraged her with Prismacolor colored pencils, then acrylic paint.

Once COVID happened, in-person instruction halted, and YouTube videos were instrumental in Straton's pursuit of developing art. This enabled her to expand her skills into other mediums such as mixed-media, watercolor, and gouache. She found on-line learning void of the in-person network required for group energy. TCAL, on the other hand, provided networking and instruction with various mediums and the ability for members to exhibit their artwork at local libraries. She points out that each TCAL presenter provides



a glimpse into their style, answers questions, and gives helpful hints that can be applied to any medium.

Personally, Straton considers plein air a "no go," but finds visiting and enjoying forest preserves and botanical gardens inspires beauty. And that Morton Arboretum, Governor State University, and Cheekwood (TN) gave her additional inspiration to art of a different nature. She found further inspiration when, in 2021, a civic organization designed and built "Zenyatta Mondatta" for Tinley Park's "Benches on the Avenue" program in her hometown.

The performing arts have been a part of Straton's creative journey. This includes assisting backstage, performing, directing, and even working as an extra in various TV episodes. Currently, she spends time playing with her grandchildren with their art. Some families have game night, her family has paint night, where she encourages her husband to take up the brush. "Life is a wonderful creative journey," according to Straton.

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OBITUARIES

Josie Knoska, formerly of Crestwood, longtime employee of Country House Restaurant, passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at the age of 74. Beloved wife of the late John W. Knoska. Loving mother of Nataliya (Igor) Zhogol. Cherished grandmother of Vladislav Zhogol, Ela, and Daniel. Dear sister of Fred, Edward, and the late Vanda. Fond aunt of Gena (Olga), Andrea, Alisa, Irina, and Alena. Dearest longtime friend of Margaret.

Visitation was Monday, October 6, 2025 at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, followed by Mass at Incarnation Catholic Church. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery.

James F. Fowler, U.S. Army Veteran, of Crestwood passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at the age of 79. Beloved husband of JoAnn “Jody,” nee Creel, for 51 years. Loving father of Robert Fowler, Dena Fowler and Eric “E” (Stephanie) Fowler. Cherished grandfather of Mason, Kaleb, Taya Fowler. Dear uncle and cousin.

Visitation was Wednesday, October 8, 2025 with Military Honors. Funeral was Thursday, October 9th at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, followed by Mass at St. Veronica Catholic Church, Flossmoor. Cremation Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) would be appreciated.

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

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

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

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

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



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

William Butler Yeats

Cookbook Club



Because of the holidays, Cookbook Club will resume on January 28, 2026. PLAN ON JOINING US!

Pinochle at Biela!

MONDAYS • 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Do you like to play pinochle? Join us at the Biela Center for Mixed Men/Women Pinochle

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike,
Crestwood





Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 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.

Pool, Library and Air Hockey Table!

BOTH ROOMS OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Did you know the Biela has a pool table and air hockey game? Gather your friends and drop in to play!

Come read a book or do a puzzle in the comfort of the Biela’s library. You may also borrow a book to take home.



Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | NOVEMBER 2025

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Crestwood Senior Club

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH • 12:15–3:30PM
Pot Luck Lunch - Bring favorite dish or store bought item.
Also last day to bring gifts for children in Oncology -
Treasure Chest

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

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL
708-371-4800 ext. 6000

*If you have any questions, please call
Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000*





SHED POUNDS, GAIN FRIENDS

First visit is FREE!

Join us for affordable, effective
weight-loss support!

Biela Center	Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm
4545 Midlothian Turnpike	For more information
Crestwood, IL	Adrienne 708-2281701

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



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS
TIME: 12:30 PM TO 2PM
Location: Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL
Cost: \$5 per class
Enter through the back door entrance

Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome
Please enter through the back entrance.

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.

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**



Garfield Park Conservatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:00AM
RETURN APPROX. 3:00PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$55
Includes: transportation and admission
Lunch will be on your own at Ricobene's
Full payment is due upon reservation.

Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory is one of the largest and most stunning botanical conservatories in the nation. Often referred to as "landscape art under glass," the Conservatory showcases thousands of plant species from around the world throughout eight indoor display gardens. Year-round, visitors can enjoy the lush flora and tropical temperatures indoors.

Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ex. 6000 with any questions.



On Your Feet

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$130
Cost includes transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance (vegetarian selection, if needed, MUST be made with reservation)
Full payment is due upon reservation by January 21st.
Choose from the following for your lunch entrée:
_____ Roasted Salmon _____ Three 2 oz. Petite Filets

The rhythm is gonna get you! Filled with the exhilarating music of the Miami Sound Machine, this celebration of Gloria Estafan's greatest hits will have you dancing in the aisles.

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

Scrabble at Biela!

MONDAYS • 12:00 - 2:00PM
BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE

Have fun while improving your memory, spelling and vocabulary!



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. 6000

NOVEMBER

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 ext. 6000

If you want your lunch to go, please mark it on the menu sheet ahead of time. If the lunch has already been plated, there will be a \$1 charge for a to-go container.

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, November 4 Teriyaki Shrimp Stir Fry
- ☐ Friday, November 7 Chili Hot Dog
- ☐ Tuesday, November 11 **CLOSED**
- ☐ Friday, November 14 Thanksgiving Lunch
\$10 TODAY ONLY – DUE BY NOV 3rd
- ☐ Tuesday, November 18 Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole
- ☐ Friday, November 21 Ham Casserole with Broccoli and Rice
- ☐ Tuesday, November 25 Crack Chicken Mac & Cheese
- ☐ Friday, November 28 **CLOSED**

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)

ADMIT ONE

Biela Senior Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
Not applicable for holiday lunches

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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



DRURY LANE PRESENTS ...
Sister Act, the Musical

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$125

Includes: transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance.
Full payment is due upon reservation by Oct. 22nd.

Based on the hit 1992 film, this divine, feel-good musical comedy will have you rejoicing! Come celebrate the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music.

Choose from the following for your lunch entrée:
_____ Roasted Salmon _____ Three 2 oz. Petite Filets

Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ex. 6000 with any questions.



PARAMOUNT PRESENTS ...
White Christmas, the Musical

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:30AM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
Cost: \$115

Includes: transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance.
Full payment is due upon reservation by Oct. 22nd.

Pageantry and spectacle come to life in this iconic holiday production. WWII is over, former GIs Bob and Phil have become a highly popular song and dance team who meet an equally talented up and coming sisters act. The men travel to a quaint ski resort in Vermont to watch sisters Betty and Judy perform. But once there, they realize the mountain resort is owned by their former General, who is about to lose it all. Plans begin to help save the beloved General and his business, which culminates in a show filled with epic dance numbers, spectacular costumes and a finale rendition of “White Christmas” that will make you a believer. Don’t miss this two-time Tony Award nominee.

Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ex. 6000 with any questions.



Biela Center Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please consider buying an extra item or two when you are out shopping!

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THE:

Andrew Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Should you be a **Crestwood** family in need, please call the Biela Center to reserve a basket no later than November 12th. Limit one per household. Baskets are limited. Baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 17th.

Cindy or Shannon: 708-371-4800 ext. 6000

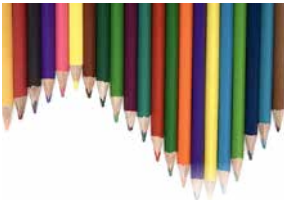
Bingo and Breakfast at the Biela Center



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!*

Mobile DMV



Mobile DMV
ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
10:00AM 12:00PM
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 2:15PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Representatives of the Secretary of State’s office will be on hand to assist with renewing or correcting driver’s licenses, converting existing standard driver’s licenses into REAL ID driver’s licenses, obtaining renewed or first time Standard or REAL state IDs, issuing free state IDs for seniors aged 65 or older, and purchasing license plate stickers.

Attendees can also register to be an organ donor/tissue donor and register to vote while applying for a driver’s license or identification card.

Please call 708-371-4800 Ext. 6000 with any questions and/or to register. A list of acceptable documents for the issuance of first time ID’s and REAL ID’s can be found at www.ilsos.gov Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 with any questions.



Luminaria of Midlothian

Luminaria of Midlothian has raised more than \$750,000 to aid and assist the needy through our local food pantries. More than 8,000 individuals seek assistance from the St. Stephen Lutheran Church Food Pantry, and the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry of St. Augustine Catholic Parish in Midlothian each year! These individuals come from Midlothian, Crestwood, Posen, Robbins, and beyond. They provide assistance regardless of where they reside, or what faith one might be.

The money is raised through our candle kit sales that are displayed in front of homes and businesses on Christmas Eve each year. Approximately 8,000 candles are sold each year. Each kit contains 10 candles, 10 bags, and sand (base & weight), and cost \$10 each. We also sell prebuilt kits at a cost of 6 for \$10, that just requires the candle to be lit.

Luminaria receives cash donations from local businesses and individuals who wish to assist, but are unable to use the candle kits. We also receive donations

from community leaders, organizations, the Midlothian’s Mayoral Charity Golf Classic, Bremen’s NHS, and other charitable foundations.

However, each year, there are more and more individuals seeking assistance. This year, between the two churches, the number could reach 10,000 people. Luminaria is reaching out to all community leaders and business owners and individuals to please consider purchasing candle kits or donating this holiday season.

This money is badly needed so individuals can obtain vouchers to purchase fresh produce, meat, and dairy products. These items are perishable and would be impossible for the two pantries to keep properly stored.

Help us care for our families in need, as well as inform your neighbors where to go if they need assistance. Luminaria can be reached through St. Augustine Catholic Church, or St. Stephen Lutheran Church located in Midlothian.



Someone You Should Know

John Hauser

Being part of a community can make a big difference in people’s lives. Community helps people feel more connected with where they live and can make a big difference in the outcome of those people’s lives and people around them. This gentleman above is one of those people.

Some of you might recognize seeing John around our Village. Some of you might know him as “Howie”.

John has been a resident of Crestwood for over 24 years. During those 24 years he has always made it a priority to help keep his community tidy!

It all started almost 25 years ago before John and his family moved to Crestwood. He was outside his home and watched a gentleman that was changing a tire on his car. When the gentleman was done he just left the old tire there on the road and drove away. John was applaud at the carelessness and lack of respect for his community. Ever since, John made a decision to do his part to help Crestwood keep clean on his daily walks. You may see John by Nathan Hale School or even by Walker Park. Up and down the Village streets he goes. He does his best to get around the Neighborhood. John is still working full time as well but finds and makes the time do participate in this act of



kindness because its important. Be sure to give a hello, honk, thumbs up or a simple Thank You if you see him.

Being part of a community can make a big difference in people’s lives. It not only makes you feel good you are helping a greater cause. Every community needs people like John to make it a great place to live.

Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in a community. Holding the door open for someone, offering a smile or a friendly greeting, or simply saying thank you to those who serve the community can go a long way in creating a sense of unity and positivity.

In conclusion, don’t underestimate the power of small actions when it comes to making a difference in your Village. Every little bit helps, and together, we can create a better and more vibrant Crestwood for everyone to enjoy.

If you, your family or organization are interested in setting up a cleanup day here in Crestwood please contact Village Hall to arrange. 708 371-4800

Safety Tips for Deep Frying a Turkey



1. **Prep the Turkey Properly:** Ensure the turkey is completely thawed and dry before frying to minimize moisture.

2. **Fry Outdoors:** Always deep fry your turkey outside, away from structures, trees, or flammable materials.

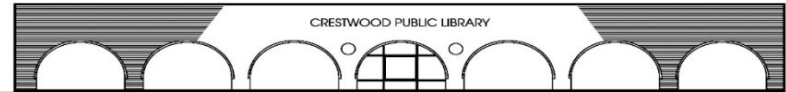
3. **Monitor Oil Temperature:** Use a thermometer to keep an eye on oil temperature and avoid overheating.

4. **Use Appropriate Equipment:** Invest in a high-quality fryer with a sturdy construction designed specifically for deep frying.

5. **Have a Fire Extinguisher Nearby:** Keep a fire extinguisher rated for grease fires within reach in case of emergencies.

6. **Be Mindful of the Frying Process:** Never leave the fryer unattended, and keep children and pets away from the cooking area.

CRESTWOOD
PUBLIC LIBRARY



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

ADULTS

Tech Help Tuesdays
Tuesdays in Nov, 1 - 2 PM
Registration required for appointments. Stop by the library for assistance with basic tech questions like downloading apps or using your device. Please note, we are unable to help with malfunctioning equipment.



Medicare Basics 101
Wednesday, Nov 12th, 6 PM
Registration required. Please join local independent insurance agent Bill Johnson for a free informational seminar regarding the basics of Medicare.

Stampin' Up Card Class
Monday, Nov 10th, 6 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!

Chef Susan Maddox: Large Group Cuisine Prepping Without the Hassle
Monday, Nov 17th, 5:30 PM
Registration required. Join us as special guest chef, Susan Maddox, returns to the library just in time for the holidays. She'll share some tips and tricks to help you prepare for those large family meals - without the hassle!

Medicare Patrol BINGO
Tuesday, Nov 18th, 1 PM
Registration required. Learn about Medicare fraud and how to protect yourself from it. Presented with AgeOptions.

The library will be **closed on Thursday, November 27, 2025, for Thanksgiving**. The book drop will be open for returns. Happy Thanksgiving!



Winter Wear Collection
The library has partnered with Crestwood Kiwanis in order to collect winter wear items to give to local families in need. All sizes of children's coats, hats, gloves or mittens, and winter boots are needed. Donations can be brought to the library through the end of November.

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

Adult Take & Make Craft Kit
Available on Friday, Nov 28th
Pick up a DIY craft from the library to make at home!

Illinois Libraries Present: **Kenji López-Alt**
A Journey Through Food and Science
Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 PM
Registration link available on our website.
Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration.



YOUTH & FAMILIES

Toddler Time
Fridays, November 7th, 14th, & 21st, 10:30 AM
Registration required. Space is limited. Children ages 1-3 years, with an adult, can come hear stories and songs, and make a simple craft during this 30 minute program.

Preschool Storytime
Fridays, November 7th, 14th, & 21st, 12:00 PM
Registration required. Space is limited. Children ages 3-5 years, can come hear stories, move to music, and make a craft during this 45-minute program all on their own!



LEGO Club
Thursday, November 6th, 4:00 PM
Children ages 6-12 years. Registration required. Come share your imagination and join us for a fun afternoon with LEGOs! You can be inspired by our monthly theme or your own design.

Take Home Science Kit
Available Thursday, Nov 6th
Come to the library to pick up a hands-on science kit for kids ages 6 years and up to experiment at home. A limited number of kits will be available to pick up from the front desk.

Messy Mondays
Mondays, November 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.

Board Games & Brownies
Tuesday, Nov 4th, 5:30 PM
All Ages. No registration needed. Drop-in program. Join us for an evening of board games and snack on some yummy brownies. Families are welcome!

Kids Art Studio
Monday, November 10th, 3:30 PM
Children ages 6 and up. Registration required. Join us each month as we create a different art project. This month we will make a harvest wreath. All supplies will be provided.

Read to the Dogs
Tuesday, Nov 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.

Toddler STEAM
Thursday, November 13th, 10:30 AM
Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required. Join us this month for a fun science activity to learn basic math and science concepts.



Dia De Los Muertos/ Day of the Dead Celebration
Saturday, Nov 1st, 1:00pm
Kids ages 6 and up. Registration Required. Celebrate the Day of the Dead by hearing some traditional stories, making a tissue paper sugar skull and having some Mexican snacks.

Family Bingo
Tuesday, Nov 25th, 6:00 PM
Registration required. Space is limited. Join us for a fun-filled hour of the classic BINGO with a twist, when an adult wins, the child wins the prize! Families, come and enjoy an evening of good fun and great prizes.

Happy Harvest Time
Wednesday, Nov 19th, 5 PM
Children ages 3-5 years. Registration required. Come Join Ms. Jamie to hear some autumn stories, and join in some festive autumn activities.

International Snack Club
Thursday, Nov 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? This month we'll explore snacks from Scandinavia!



Monday Take & Make Craft Kit
Available every Monday while supplies last. Pick up a youth craft kit from the library to make at home! Craft kits are suitable for ages 3 years and up.

Classified Advertising

FOR SALE
3 Burner Weber Grill
(Missing the tray)
In working condition
\$75.00
Call Ivan at (708) 388-8845

FOR SALE
CHINA BY MIKASA
SET FOR 12
WHITE ROSE PATTERN
ORIG. \$300.00
ASKING \$90.00
Call BETTY at (708) 388-5788

- Rich 708-371-2755**
(Call for more Info)
- Snowmobile Gear
 - Corvette Tote Bag
 - Corvette Monopoly Game
 - Pocket Knives
 - Punch Bowl
 - Liquor decanters
 - Hi-Back Swivel Chair
 - New Pawley Island Hammock
 - Aluminum Patio Chairs & Recliner
 - Folding Patio Chairs
 - Oak Wood Chair w/cushions
 - Dish Set & Stem glassware
 - Ceiling Fan
 - Wolman Wood Cleaner
 - Wood Extension Ladder
 - Fisher Speakers
 - Christmas & Seasonal Wreaths
 - Dish Washer
 - Ford Windstar Seat
 - Craftsman Commercial Wheel Barrel
 - Wood Cabinet
 - TV Stands
 - Vinyl Containers
 - Coleman Battery Lantern
 - Fiber Barrel
 - Milton Bradley Simon/Jarts RN Tips
 - 4 Lamps / Shades
 - 4 Extinguishers
 - 2 Laminated Tops 5'
 - Military Clothing
 - Cabinet Hardware
 - Assorted Car Magazines
 - Racking Plywood 5/8"
 - Bath Scale
 - Landline Telephones
 - Vases
 - Candle Holders
 - Shop Coats

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.

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

Crossword

1	2		3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10
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44				45					46		47	
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ACROSS

1. Depart

3. Dandy

6. Took a seat

9. The ratio between circumference and diameter

11. Illuminate

13. Containing iridium

15. Skullcap

16. Species

17. Metal rod

18. Railed public transport

20. Spoil

21. Engrave with acid

23. Greek letter

24. Positions

25. Find new accommodation for

27. Republic in N. Africa
28. Operations (colloq)

29. Dry (wine)

30. Submachine guns

33. Large drinking vessels

37. Marries

38. Fish part

39. Olivo

40. Work unit

41. Indian soldier

43. Avail of

44. Become more intense

46. Secretly attacked

48. Swirled

49. Agree (to)

50. Therefore

51.Printer's measures

52. Firmament

53. Prefix meaning without

DOWN

1. Speak foolishly

2. Salt of oleic acid

3. Amusement

4. Exclude

5. Wife of a peer

6. 18th letter of the Greek alphabet

7. Greek god of war

8. Metal can

9. Robbery at sea

10. Greek island in the Aegean Sea

12. Coniferous tree

14. Disband troops

19. Dined

22. Louts
24. Brushes with tongue

26. Raises

27. Meadow

29. Spanish women

30. Types of turnip

31. Shipworm

32.Bordered

33. Beep horn

34. Musical study piece

35. Mignonette

36. European country

38. Wards off

41. Appear

42. Have a chat

45. Pastry item

47. Gelid

October Puzzle Solutions

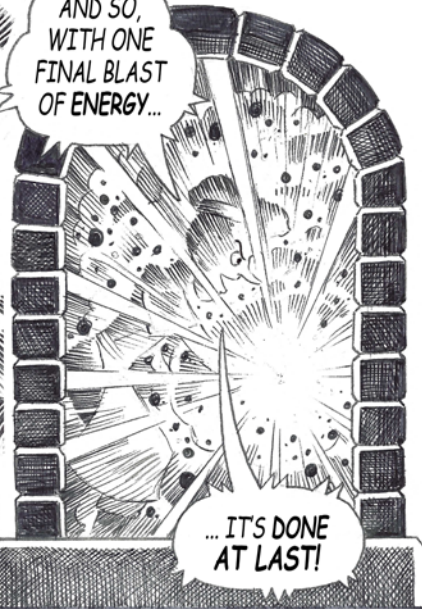
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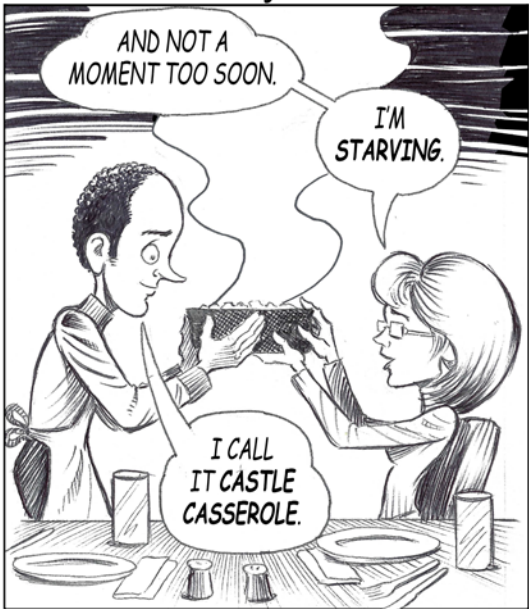
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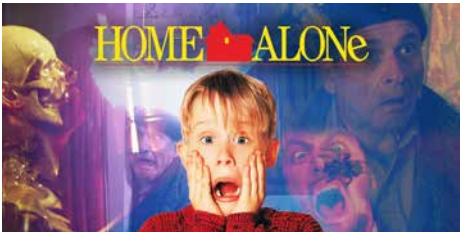


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CRWC Hours
Mon.-Thurs. 5 am - 10 pm
Friday 5 am - 8 pm
Sat. and Sun. 7 am - 5 pm

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

Upcoming Events



Christmas Movie Night
Friday, December 12th

Get in the holiday spirit by purchasing tickets to our HOME ALONE movie night on Friday, December 12th! Adults must accompany children for the entire movie. A purchase of a ticket will include a slice of pizza, popcorn, a cookie, and a water bottle. Please bring blankets & chairs to sit on. Tickets are ONLY sold in person at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center.

Christmas Market with Santa
Saturday, December 13th

Our annual Christmas Market with Santa will be on Saturday, December 13th from 11am-2pm! Use the market to holiday shop from our vendors, take pictures with Santa, and participate in holiday activities. *If you are interested in being a vendor, please email Kelsey at kkolecki@crestwood.illinois.gov.*

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Trunk or Treat 2025

The 2025 CRWC Trunk or Treat was a success! We want to give a big thank you for all the participating trunks and sponsors who made this event possible! We had great weather and a great time seeing so many awesome costumes. Thanks to everyone who came out for the event!



Youth Activities

Youth Basketball League

The CRWC is hosting a Youth Basketball League this winter! Games and practices will be at the CRWC! Games will be played on Saturday mornings and practices will be throughout the week / weekend, based on volunteer coaches schedules. This league is for ages 5-12 yrs old and will be split up by age level. Practices will begin the first week of November, so get signed up at the CRWC!

Youth Swim Lessons

The next youth swim lesson runs from November 11th-December 20th- OFF the week of Thanksgiving. This is a 5 week session due to the upcoming holidays. Sign ups take place in person and are open to everyone on Monday, November 3rd.

Spring Youth Baseball 2026

Registration opens on Wednesday, November 12th 2025 for the 2026 Spring Baseball Season. There are divisions from 6yrs old-14 yrs old. There will be home games played at Playfield Park in Crestwood and away games played 15 min of Crestwood. To kick off the season, there will be an opening day parade around Crestwood. A coaches / parent meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 12th at the CRWC

Spring T-Ball

T-Ball registration opens on Wednesday, November 12th 2025 for Spring 2026. Practices will begin indoors at the end of January for all registered athletes. Games will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays and volunteer coaches are needed for every team!

CRESTWOOD SPRING T-BALL
AGES 4-7
GAMES ON WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
REGISTRATION BEGINS NOV 12TH
INDOOR PRACTICES BEGIN END OF JAN

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 & Jessica Garces

Mondays, Oct 20th - Nov 10th

7- 8pm (Sarah)

Mondays Nov 17 & 24

Pop up Classes (\$10 a class)

Wednesdays, Oct 22nd - Nov 26th

7pm-8pm (Jessica)

You can purchase a package or drop into classes for \$10

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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MONDAY, NOV 24TH
7PM-8PM