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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SURPLUS REFUND APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

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THINGS TO KNOW

1. Applications need to be picked up in person (THIS IS THE FIRST STEP)
2. To qualify you need to supply us with the following:
 - You must have lived in the home and be the owner as of 1/1/24.
 - You need to make a copy of your 2024, 2nd installment tax bill.
 - You need to bring in a proof of payment of your tax bill, either a copy of the Chase bank receipt or a copy of the cook county treasurer proof of payment at cookcountytreasurer.com.
 - You need a copy of the owners driver's license
 - You need a copy of the last paid water bill, unless in a condo.
 - You need to write the 2025 vehicle sticker numbers on the form.

The Deadline to file is January 30, 2026, with no exceptions.

Checks will be handed out on February 22, 2026 at the Art Fair.

The Village Hall Will be **CLOSED** December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1!

VEHICLE STICKERS

FOR 2026 WILL BE ON SALE THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER, 2025.



Vehicle sticker invoices went in the mail the last week of November, 2025. **Please be patient and wait for your invoice before you come in to get your new 2026 sticker.**

If you have a **new car that is not previously registered** please bring in the registration when applying for a new sticker.

If you are a **new resident or never had a vehicle sticker** please bring in your Crestwood driver's license and your car registrations.

ALL RESIDENTS that house a car in Crestwood are required to have a vehicle sticker on their car.

Annual Village Christmas Baskets

If you or your family is in need of some assistance at this time of the year, or if you know of someone in need who could use some extra food items, please call the Village at 708-371-4800 x2003.



If you are able to donate non-perishable food items for the Christmas baskets, please drop them by the Village from December 1 – 15th for delivery to the residents in need before Christmas!

The Village is **honored** to do this each year for our residents!

CRESTWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
December 4 and December 18

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
December 2 and December 16

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
December 8 and December 22

Important Numbers

Village Hall

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

Police Department

13830 S. Cicero Ave.
Main: (708) 371-4800 x 5007 | Fax: (708) 371-8307
Nonemergency: (708) 385-5131
Emergency: 911

Fire Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave.
708-465-1300 | Fax: (708) 385-2836

Recreation & Wellness Facility

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

Library

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

Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)

(708) 371-2900

Bremen Township (Residents south of 135th)

(708) 333-1591

Republic Services

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

IDOT

(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

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

Village of Crestwood Parking

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

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Crestwood Residents and Business Owners,

As we approach the holiday season, it's a time for reflection, gratitude, and togetherness. This special time of year reminds us of the importance of community and lending a hand to those in need. I want to thank you all for your generosity, compassion, and dedication to making Crestwood a wonderful place to live. I'm excited to highlight several opportunities for us to come together and make a meaningful impact this season.

Saturday, December 13th from 11 AM- 2 PM join me at our annual Christmas Market at CRWC. **Located at 5331 135th Street.** As always, this day will be filled with shopping, Pictures with Santa, arts and crafts, cookies, hot chocolate and so much more. You won't want to miss it!

This time of year also reminds us of the importance of giving. Each Christmas season, Crestwood comes together to support our neighbors who need a helping hand, and your generosity never fails to shine. We will once again be preparing **Christmas baskets** for families in the Village. If you are able to contribute, your donations would

be greatly appreciated. Please bring all items to the **Village Hall by December 15.**

Additionally, we are collecting **Christmas gifts for children who are less fortunate** this year. Your support can make a tremendous difference in brightening their holiday season. Gift donations may be dropped off at the **Village Hall by December 8.**

We are also excited to share some updates about new businesses in town. **Lindy's Gas Station** is on track to open in December, bringing added convenience to our community. We also welcome **The Collective**, in the RiverCrest shopping Center, a new high-end furniture store featuring a vendor market with up to 20 booths. They are working hard to open their doors as soon as possible—so keep an eye out for their grand opening. While you're out shopping locally for the Holidays be sure to stop in **Fat Tommy's Bar and Grill** for a bite to eat and a great refreshment! **Crave Cookies** and **Eiffel Waffle Creamery** will be the perfect choice for that sweet tooth. Trust me, I have firsthand tasted their

delicious choices. You will thank me for stopping! I encourage you all to visit these new establishments in our town as they count on us to help in their success.

We have noticed a change in the volume of littering happening in our Village. People just throwing stuff out the windows of cars, throwing trash on the ground while walking, this just makes Crestwood look bad and unkempt. We will be enforcing our littering ordinance. Please do your part and help Crestwood stay clean.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the **Cicero Avenue Celebration.** It was wonderful to see so many residents and businesses enjoying the day together. I truly enjoyed cooking hot dogs for all of you and watching our community come together in such a special way. This event would not have been possible without the tremendous support and teamwork of so many dedicated individuals. My sincere thanks go out to **Clerk Cathy Johnson**, our **Village Trustees**, **Don Pietrucha**, **Chick-fil-A**, **QQ China**, the **Elks Club**, **EMA**, our **Police** and **Fire Departments**,



Ken Klein
MAYOR

Public Works, and **Bill Graffeo**, all of whom helped make the celebration a great success.

As 2025 comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued support, kindness, and commitment to making Crestwood a wonderful place to live and work. I am grateful for this community every day.

From my family to yours, I wish you a joyful and safe holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, happiness, and cherished moments with loved ones.

With warm regards,

Ken Klein

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Mayor, Village of Crestwood

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CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

10-01-2025: A resident reported that she started an online relationship with a subject that she met on Facebook Dating and the relationship moved to WhatsApp. During the online conversations, the subject convinced the victim to send a cash advance of \$3000.00. The suspect later instructed the victim to open a Coinbase Account. The subject then wired \$19,000.00 to the victim and then later requested that she transfer the funds to a third party. The victim became suspicious of the activity when she was requested to take out a loan.

10-01-2025: A resident reported that he received a phone call from a subject claiming to be with Chase Fraud Protection. The subject confirmed the victim's personal demographics as well as his debit card number. The suspect explained that there was a suspicious transaction which took place in Florida for \$2000.00. When the victim denied the transaction, the suspect advised that he would close the victim's account and they could establish a new account. However, the suspect advised that a \$500.00 deposit would be needed to establish the new account. The suspect provided the victim with a number to which the victim sent via Zelle \$500.00. The victim became suspicious when he discovered the Zelle account was registered to a Myla Jeffcoat.

10-17-2025: A resident reported that two unauthorized transactions were deducted from her checking account to a company identified as Houzz Pro.

Retail Theft

10-12-2025: Target Loss Prevention reported that two black females entered the business and gathered 13 items into a shopping cart valued at \$319.90 and then left the store with the unpaid merchandise. The suspects then fled in a black compact SUV.

10-15-2025: Officers responded to the Target store in reference to a retail theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers found loss prevention detaining a female at the front doors. It was learned that the suspect had attempted to leave the store with \$557.00 worth of unpaid merchandise. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with retail theft.

10-17-2025: Officers responded to the Target store in reference to a retail theft in progress. Officers learned that a black male suspect had entered the store wearing a ski mask and took two Ninja Slushy Machines, valued at \$699. The suspect then fled the in a Honda Accord that had previously been reported stolen.

10-29-2025: Menards Loss Prevention reported that a white male, who was approximately 60 years old, entered the store and took a Combo Green Laser, valued at \$354.00 and then fled the store in a brown Ford Pick-Up Truck.

Theft

10-01-2025: Unknown suspects broke the window on a Nissan Sentra in the Planet Fitness Parking Lot and took a wallet and laptop computer.

10-16-2025: Unknown suspects broke the window on a Chevy Silverado in the Lane Bryant Parking Lot and took a Michael Kors purse containing credit cards and ID's.

10-19-2025: Unknown suspects stole a Harley Davidson Motorcycle from the parking lot in the 139th block of James Drive.

10-19-2025: Kohls Loss Prevention reported that two hispanic males entered the store and gathered \$1,872 worth of merchandise before fleeing the store in a silver, older model vehicle.

10-22-2025: Unknown suspects stole the license plate off a vehicle in the 139th block of James Drive.

10-22-2025: Unknown suspects stole a packaged that had been delivered to a building in the 5200 block of James Lane.

10-23-2025: Unknown suspects broke the window on a vehicle and stole approximately \$5000.00 worth of miscellaneous tools in the 5700 block of 128th Street.

10-28-2025: A residence reported while he was out of town for several weeks, unknown suspects entered his unlocked Toyota Corolla that was parked in the 136th block of Lamon and took \$1000 that was in the center console.

Criminal Damage

10-21-2025: An unknown suspect flattened the tires on multiple

vehicles in the 140th block of Kilpatrick.

Traffic Arrest

10-02-2025: A male driver was arrested at 135th and Laramie after being in a single vehicle rollover accident. The driver was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, operating an uninsured vehicle and driving under the influence of alcohol.

10-02-2025: A male driver was arrested in the 136th block of Cicero and issued citations for speeding and driving on a suspended license.

10-8-2025: A male driver was arrested at 135th street and Cicero avenue after being involved in an accident. The driver was issued citations for improper lane usage, operating an uninsured vehicle, and driving with no valid drivers license.

10-9-2025: A male driver was arrested in the 134th block of Cicero and issued citations for driving with a suspended registration and driving on a suspended drivers license.

Burglary

10-12-2025: A burglary to a business occurred in the 139th block of Kildare. An employee was sleeping overnight in the warehouse. He then discovered 2 black male suspects, carrying tools from within the business. The suspects were able to flee and left in a grey SUV and a black sedan. An inventory was done and it was discovered that the suspects had already taken tools valued at \$19,000.

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Crestwood Police Thwart Crimes in Rivercrest Shopping Mall

Due to the recent rise in thefts and burglaries from vehicles at the Rivercrest Shopping Mall, an undercover operation was initiated by the Crestwood Police Department. Officers were assigned in plain clothes and used covert vehicles to identify and apprehend suspects.

On Thursday, October 16, 2025, an officer involved in this operation observed a grey Lexus with three occupants. The vehicle exhibited unusual behavior, such as the driver parking in various spots around the parking lot and moving the vehicle frequently. A check of the license plate confirmed no record with the Secretary of State, raising additional suspicion.

As the surveillance continued, the front-seat passenger exited the Lexus and walked toward Snipes, a designer sportswear store located at 4859 Cal-Sag Road. Notably, the individual applied a mask to cover his face before entering the store. Meanwhile, a second occupant in the vehicle was seen folding down the seats to create more storage space. The driver then moved the vehicle closer to the store and left it as he entered the retail establishment.

With several police units on scene, the undercover officer was able to approach the Lexus and observe the VIN number through the front window. A check of the VIN through the Secretary of

State's database revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen from Tinley Park.

Armed with this information, officers entered the store to locate the suspects. A uniformed officer announced, "Does anyone drive a grey Lexus?" but received no response. They subsequently confronted the individual identified as the driver, who denied operating the vehicle. When officers attempted to take him into custody, he resisted. Following an active struggle, he was tased, handcuffed, and placed under arrest. A search revealed he was carrying a concealed 9 mm handgun.

Simultaneously, other officers were struggling to detain one of the other occupants, who also resisted arrest. After an intense confrontation, he was handcuffed and found to possess a .40 caliber handgun. The third suspect was arrested without incident.

The investigation continued for several hours, during which officers obtained search warrants to gather additional evidence from the stolen vehicle. Items recovered from the suspects and inside the vehicle included several stolen items, some linked to recent car burglaries at Rivercrest Mall.

The Cook County States Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and approved the following criminal charges:

Arrestee Shawn Gilmore:

- 2 Counts Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- Identity Theft
- Possession of Stolen Credit Cards
- Burglary
- Possession of Burglary Tools

Arrestee Demetrious Tucker (Driver):

- 2 Counts Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon

- Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle

Arrestee Thomas Brown:

- Criminal Trespass to Vehicle
- Failure to Surrender Revoked FOID Card

This successful operation highlights the dedication and effectiveness of the Crestwood Police Department in combating crime and ensuring the safety of our community.

From The Desk of Chief Sisk



As the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Christmas is a time for reflection, gratitude, and connection with loved ones. It's a season that reminds us of the importance of kindness and compassion.

In the spirit of this joyous occasion, let us come together to celebrate the values that bring us closer as a community. While we enjoy festivities and traditions, let us also remember to look out for one another, especially those in need.

I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of our officers and staff, who strive to keep our community safe each and every day. Together, we can continue to foster an environment of respect, support, and peace.

On behalf of the entire staff at the Crestwood Police Department, we want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas filled with happiness, health, and prosperity in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Chief Kevin Sisk



Incident Involving Possible Methamphetamine Exposure

On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, Crestwood Police and Fire personnel responded to a check the well-being call at 12749 S. Central Avenue, Apartment G, Crestwood, IL, 60418.

Upon arrival, first responders located the resident, later identified as John C. Fiacchino, unresponsive inside the apartment. First responders began administering aid and a short time later, four police officers and four firefighters began experiencing negative effects from fumes being released by an unknown substance cooking on the stove. A HAZMAT team was contacted and responded to conduct decontamination of all affected personnel and of the apartment building.

All eight first responders were transported to local hospitals where they were treated and later released. Fiacchino was also transported for medical treatment and later released.

Crestwood Detectives continued the investigation, to include sending numerous substances located in the apartment to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for analysis.

On November 18, 2025, Fiacchino was taken into custody at the Crestwood Police Department and in cooperation with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, he was charged with:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, a class 1 felony,
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Psilocybin (mushrooms), a class 3 felony,
- and Reckless Conduct

On today's date, Fiacchino was transported to Bridgeview Courthouse where he appeared for bond hearing. Nothing further.

Kevin Sisk, Chief of Police
Crestwood Police Department

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

! Almost one third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.

! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than one in every five of the fires.



Strong showing for Moraine Valley Speech Team in tournament

Eight Moraine Valley Community College students were among the top performers in an invitational tournament hosted by the Moraine Valley Speech and Debate Team in October.

- Javier Ramirez, of Alsip, took first place in Persuasive Speaking, second place in Improv and sixth place in Speech to Entertain. Ramirez also was named the top speaker at the tournament.
- Laura Galindo, of Burbank, earned first place in Speech to Entertain.
- Kandyce Swain, of Blue Island, took second place in Informative Speaking.
- Team captain Aaron Vinicio Lopez, of Bridgeview, earned second place in the open division of Persuasion and in Speech to Entertain.
- Andrew Banazack, of Bridgeview, placed fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking.
- Amin Tekroar, of Oak Lawn, took fifth place in the open division of Persuasion.
- Karolina Granda, of Palos Hills, earned a sixth-place award in Improv.

- Tuana Ozbir, of Palos Hills, earned a spot in the semi-finals for Impromptu Speaking.

Also participating in the tournament were Aya Mustafa, of Palos Heights, Ale Zepeda-Hernandez, of Summit, and Firdavs Dovudov, of Hickory Hills. "Although these new team members did not advance at this tournament, they are soon to be a real force in competition," said Krista Appelquist, Communications professor and director/co-coach of Forensics (Speech). She noted that open division is for university students in their third or fourth years of competition; however, if community college freshmen or sophomores score high enough, they can advance into that division.

Dovudov reflected on the experience, which was his first tournament, sharing, "It was extremely competitive, but at the same time, everyone was super supportive." Ozbir agreed adding, "It was apparent how much thought and planning it takes to have things go smoothly."

The tournament was organized and overseen by Appelquist, John Nash, Communications professor and co-coach of Forensics, and Da-

mian Samsonowicz, assistant coach and Communications instructor at Wright College. Samsonowicz was a member of the Speech and Debate Team at Moraine Valley while he was a student.

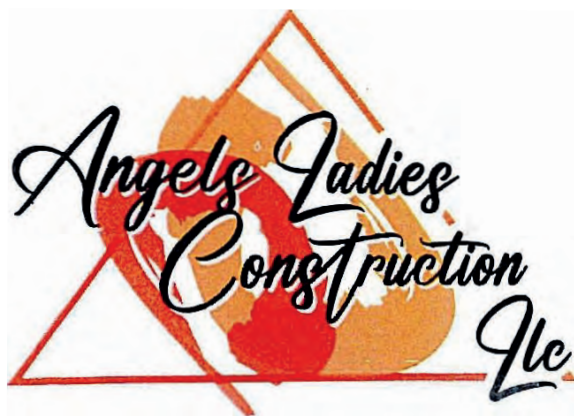
Lopez said, "Not only did Moraine Valley do well, but at the awards ceremony we got everyone—almost 100 people—to do the 'Cha-Cha Slide.' This was the start of an amazing year." Appelquist said that Lopez, team captain, is a fantastic competitor, sharing, "Aaron knows how to balance work and fun and bring the whole community together."

Appelquist shared that she was very proud of all involved with this competition. "The tournament was a very large and elaborate event. It would have been impossible without John Nash; he was like an air traffic controller running the scheduling and constant changes as they happened. And the students all pitched in to stock the food and decorate the rooms for Halloween," she said.

Twenty-one colleges from four states participated in the tournament.

Participating Illinois schools included Moraine Valley, Elgin Community College, Harper College, College of Lake County, Southeastern Illinois College, Joliet Junior College, University of Illinois-Chicago, Northwestern University, McHenry County College, DePaul University, Northern Illinois University, College of DuPage, and Morton College.

Representing Missouri were Southwest Baptist University and Webster University, the overall tournament champion. Also participating were Highland Community College from Kansas, and the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.



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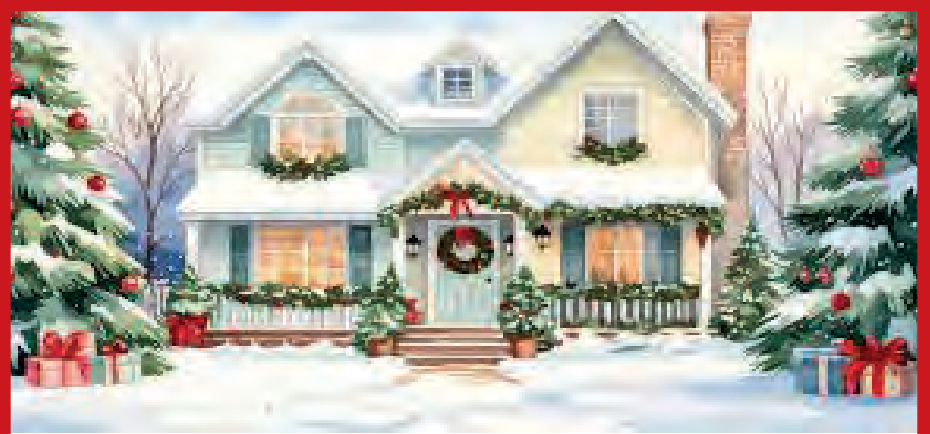
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The annual decorating contest for Christmas is underway! Let's do our best to make the village bright and jolly for the holidays!

1ST PLACE PRIZE OF \$500
2ND PLACE PRIZE OF \$300
3RD PLACE PRIZE OF \$200

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FEATURED ARTIST DECEMBER LILA MANCINI

Lila Mancini, a Homer Glen resident, never thought of herself as an artist until joining the Town and Country Art League (TCAL), where she won first place in the category of water at its monthly art competition. The journey to becoming an artist was not directly seen by her but was the final effect of her creativity throughout life. She started playing the piano at four years old and added the violin in high school.



There was no time for art in a pre-med curriculum and certainly not when in private practice as a podiatrist or being a wife and mother. But Mancini turned to gardening when she and her family moved into a house on an acre lot. It was a form of relaxation but also creativity. With only oak trees, she took on the task of designing the new space and plantings. Mancini belonged to the Lemont Garden Club for 30 years; she is currently a life member, where monthly meetings hold treasures like floral arranging, crafting with garden elements, and community decorating within the Village. She still enjoys gardening in the smaller space that downsizing has provided.

started with acrylics and then moved on to oils. The Tucson area is an artist's dream area with many art shows, galleries, and extraordinary scenery. This is where she started doing landscapes, portraits, and cowboys.

After retirement, Mancini decided to take a drawing class at the Venice Art Center in Venice, Florida, while spending the winter there. That led to making a floor cloth at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota. She then decided to spend the winters in Arizona in an adult active community where art classes were offered. She

When COVID hit, Mancini stopped all art and didn't return for to it for several years until she met Carol Chirafisi at an art show. She has been her teacher for years now and has guided her in drawing and painting. Carol introduced her to the Town and Country Art League, which meets at the Biela Center in Crestwood. At the Town and Country Art League, Mancini discovered a group of artists anxious to share and with monthly demonstrations that have helped to expand her art knowledge. She relates that time and arthritis have taken away the piano and violin, but that she will be able to paint forever. Mancini says that when she is in her art room with Vivaldi playing Four Seasons, she is in her Happy Place.



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BIELA SENIOR CENTER

What is the Biela Senior Center?

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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, DECEMBER 12TH
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 | DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Color & Conversation 10 am-11 am Pinochle 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Scrabble 12 pm-2 pm	2 Chair Yoga 9:30 am-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12 pm-3 pm TOPS 6 pm-7:30 pm	3 Bingo & Breakfast 9:30 am-10:45 am Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Senior Club 12:30 pm-3:30 pm TOPS 5 pm-6:30 pm	4 Chair Yoga 9:30 am-10:30 am KnitWits 10 am-12 pm Mexican Train 11:30 am-2 pm Line Dance 12:30 pm-2 pm Bunco 1 pm-4 pm	5 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15 pm-3:15 pm	6
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28	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED			

BIELA SENIOR CENTER

Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD • 12:15-3:30PM
Christmas Party

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ON WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2026!**

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.*



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11:15AM - 12:00PM

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:30 - 10:30AM

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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.

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

CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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



1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

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BIELA SENIOR CENTER



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 Estefan'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



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, December 2 Salisbury Steak
- Friday, December 5 Kielbasa Hashbrown Casserole
- Tuesday, December 9 American Goulash
- Friday, December 12 Sicilian Chicken Soup
- Tuesday, December 16 Amish Breakfast Casserole
- Friday, December 19 Christmas Lunch
\$10 TODAY ONLY - DUE DEC. 5TH

We are closed December 22nd - January 2nd. We reopen on Monday, January 5th. Please have a warm, safe and wonderful holiday break!

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

Name _____



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





The Biela Center will be

CLOSED

December 22 - January 2

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We look forward to your return on January 5th!



Come pick up your FREE Joy Journal!

Journals will be distributed, while supplies last, at The Biela Center.

Wednesday, December 17th between 9 am- 4 pm

The only requirement is that beginning January, 2026 you need to write daily at least one positive thing that has occurred during the day or something that you are grateful for.

Please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 (ex. 6001) or Shannon (ext. 6002) with any questions or to check on availability

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!*



BREAD TAG RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle Bread Tags at the Biela Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL



Bread tags for wheelchairs

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

Learn more on www.scarce.org.



GIVING THANKS FOR GIVING

Thank you to all who donated to the Biela Center Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive!

A Heartfelt Tribute to James “Jim” Fowler – A Pillar of Crestwood for Nearly Half a Century

When Jim Fowler moved to the Village of Crestwood in 1977 with his family, few could have guessed the immeasurable impact he would have on the community. From the moment he arrived, Jim didn’t just become a resident—he became a cornerstone of the village, a guiding presence whose dedication helped shape Crestwood into the thriving, family-oriented community it is today.

One of Jim’s earliest and most enduring contributions was his role in launching the Crestwood Soccer Program. What began as a hopeful effort to give local kids a place to play and grow has evolved into one of the most successful youth soccer programs on the South Side of Chicago—still strong, still vibrant, and still changing lives. Whether he was coaching on the sidelines, helping construct the original soccer facility building, or working hands-on to establish the concession stand, Jim put his heart into every detail. His vision didn’t just build fields—it built memories, friendships, and a tradition that continues to flourish.

In 1990, Jim extended his service to the village by joining the Zoning Board of Appeals, bringing with him his sharp insight and steady leadership. His work quickly caught the attention of Mayor Chester Stranczek, who appointed him as a Village Trustee on December 6, 1990. Jim served in this role with intelligence, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility, becoming one of Mayor Stranczek’s most trusted partners in village governance.

Their shared accomplishments include the successful development of the commercial district at Cal-Sag Road and Cicero Avenue—an ambitious project on the former airport property that transformed the landscape of Crestwood and strengthened the village for decades to come.

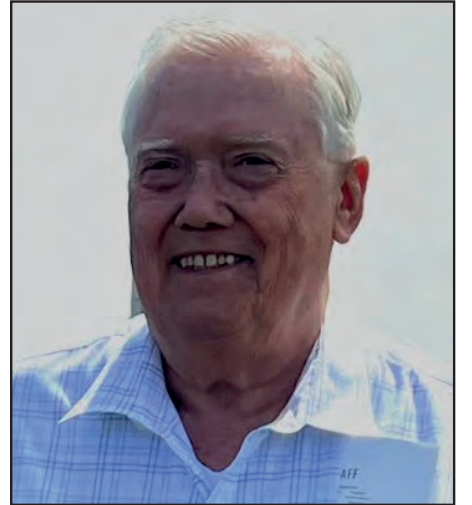
Jim retired from the Village Board in 2013, but retirement didn’t last long. When Crestwood once again called upon him—this time to serve

as a Police and Fire Commissioner beginning May 1, 2020—Jim did not hesitate. True to his character, he returned with the same commitment and generosity that had guided him his entire life. His belief in the village, its values, and its people never wavered.

But among all his achievements, titles, and years of service, Jim would say his greatest accomplishment was his family. For more than fifty years, he shared a devoted marriage with his beloved wife, Jody—a partnership filled with love, respect, and unwavering support. Together, they raised three remarkable children—Robert, Deanna, and Eric—whom Jim spoke of often and with endless pride. That love continued to grow with his three cherished grandchildren: Mason, Caleb, and Taya, each of whom brought him immeasurable joy.

I would be remiss not to mention that Jim had an extraordinary love for his pets. From his loyal sheepdog, Charlie, to his beloved cocker spaniels—Buddy, Bailey, Bracket—and finally Beau, Jim’s animals were truly part of his family. He cherished taking long walks with them and spending time together at Paw Paw Lake. Those peaceful moments with his furry companions brought him joy, comfort, and a sense of home.

Anyone who knew Jim understood that he was a passionate man—persistent, focused, and unafraid to be firm in conversation. Whether it was a simple drive down the road, a leisurely round of golf, or navigating the complexities of a mul-



timillion-dollar business deal, Jim approached every moment with the same determination and intensity. His directness was matched only by his sincerity and competitive spirit. Those who golfed with him or worked alongside him knew how deeply he valued excellence—he loved striving for perfection in every aspect of the moment, no matter how big or small.

For nearly five decades, Jim Fowler gave Crestwood not just his time, but his heart. He lived a life of service, kindness, and quiet strength. There will never be enough ways to say thank you to a man like Jim—a man who made our village better, stronger, and more connected simply by being part of it.

We were lucky to know him, blessed to learn from him, and honored to be part of the community he helped build.

God bless you, Jim. We will always think of you, and Crestwood and golf course will forever carry the mark of your legacy.

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- 4 Extinguishers
- 2 Laminated Tops 5'
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CHSD 218 to Save Taxpayers \$11.6 Million Over Two Years Through Property Tax Relief Grant

Community High School District 218 (CHSD 218) continues to demonstrate fiscal responsibility. For the second consecutive year, CHSD 218 will utilize the Illinois Property Tax Relief Grant to provide the maximum allowable property tax abatement of \$5.8 million, saving area taxpayers a combined total of \$11.6 million over two years.

The State of Illinois offsets nearly the full amount of this abatement through the Property Tax Relief Grant. By abating local taxes while receiving this grant, the district reduces the property tax burden on homeowners while maintaining state investment in its schools.

The district plans to approve the \$5.8 million abatement during its

Board of Education meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18.

“These actions support our strong record of maintaining fiscal responsibility,” said Superintendent Dr. Josh Barron. “For 20-plus

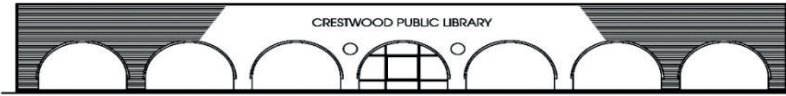
consecutive years, we’ve received Financial Recognition from the state, the highest financial rating in Illinois.”

The abatement applies to tax year 2025 and will take effect in 2026.



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ADULTS

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays in Dec, 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.



Stampin' Up Card Class

Monday, Dec 8th, 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!

Hot Chocolate & Coloring

Thursday, Dec 11th, 6:00 PM

Need a break from busy holiday plans? Stop by the library to enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies, and unwind with some coloring sheets.



Mystery Thriller Book Club

Thursday, Dec 18th, 6:00 PM

Join our Book Club as we unravel secrets by the author Freida McFadden, and her chilling mysteries that will keep you guessing until the last page! *If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$25.00.*

The library will be closed on **Wednesday, December 24th** and **Thursday, December 25th**, as well as **Wednesday, December 31st** and **Thursday, January 1st, 2026**. The book drop will be open for returns. Happy Holidays!

Scrabble Club

Saturday, Dec 20th, 10:30 AM

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

Needles & Yarn

Monday, Dec 22nd, 6:30 PM

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

Beautiful Home Organizing

Thursday, Jan 15th, 6:00 PM

Registration required. Join us for an engaging session where a home-organization expert shares simple, practical strategies to declutter and streamline your living space.

Social Needs Screening with AgeOptions

Wednesday, January 14th, 11:30 - 2:00 PM

Registration required. Join us for a brief presentation on the role of AgeOptions and its Community Health Workers (CHWs) and how they support older adults through outreach, workshop facilitation, and health-related social needs screenings. Attendees will learn how CHWs connect community members to valuable local resources and programs. Screenings will be available on-site immediately following the presentation.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Reindeer Run

Tuesday, Dec 23rd, 5:30 PM

Kids ages 4 and 10. Registration Required.

The reindeer are getting ready for their big night! Join us for some reindeer games & stories, make some reindeer food, and make a cute reindeer ornament.



Preschool Storytime

Fridays, December 5th, 12th, 19th, 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, Dec 4th, 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 Kits

Available Thursday, Dec 4th

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, Dec 1st, & 15th, 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, Dec 2nd, 5:30 PM

All Ages. No registration needed. Drop-in program. Join us for an evening of board games, and you can snack on some yummy brownies. Families are welcome!



Kids Art Studio

Monday, Dec 8th, 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 fabric winter animal ornament. All supplies will be provided.

International Snack Club

Thursday, Dec 18th, 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 at the library. This month we'll explore snacks from Germany!



Toddler STEAM

Thursday, Dec 11th, 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.

Monday Take & Make Craft Kit

Mondays 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.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 13th, 1:30-3:00 PM

Registration Required. Families, join us for our annual Gingerbread House Decorating event. You bring your creativity and we will supply the house and decorating supplies. Cost is \$5.00 per family. Limit one house per family.




Toddler Time

Fridays, December 5th, 12th, & 19th, 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.



Family Bingo

Tuesday, December 30th, 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.



It's Raining Snow!

Wednesday, Dec 10th, 5:00 PM
Children ages 3-5 years. Registration required. Come Join Ms. Jamie to hear some stories about snow, make a marshmallow snowflake and a melted snowman!

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

November Puzzle Solutions

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S	T	E	N	S	B	E	A	K	E	R	S
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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.

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

Crossword

1	2		3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	
11			12					13			14		
15								16					
17				18			19				20		
21			22		23					24			
25				26					27				
			28					29					
30	31	32					33				34	35	36
37						38				39			
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ACROSS

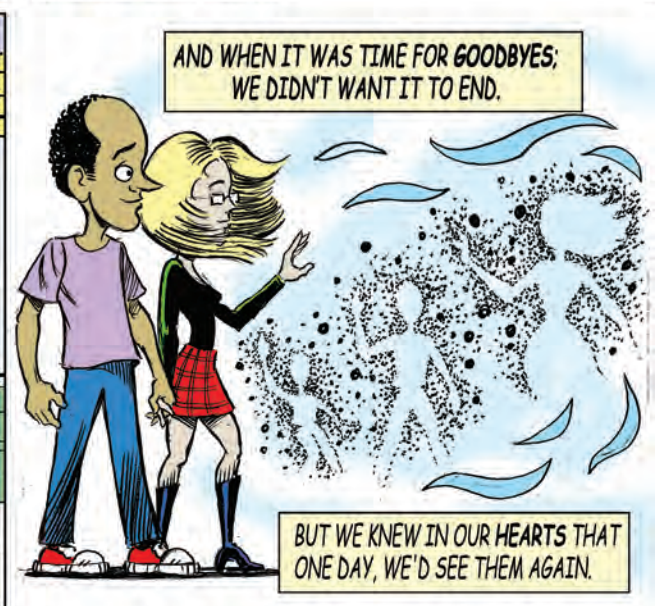
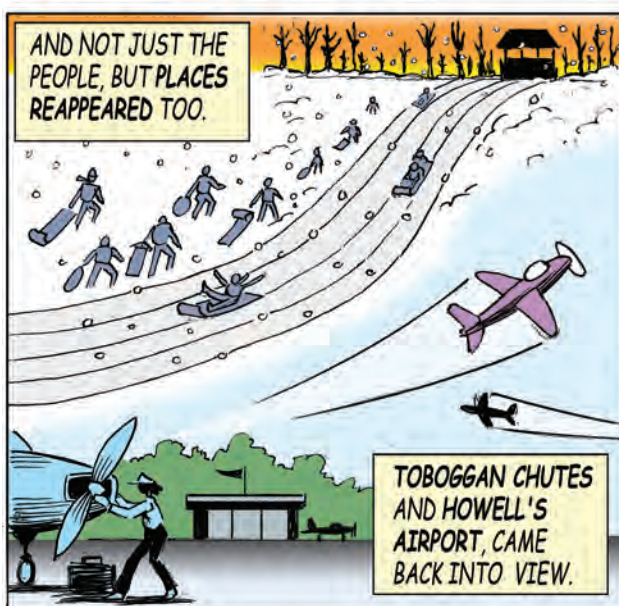
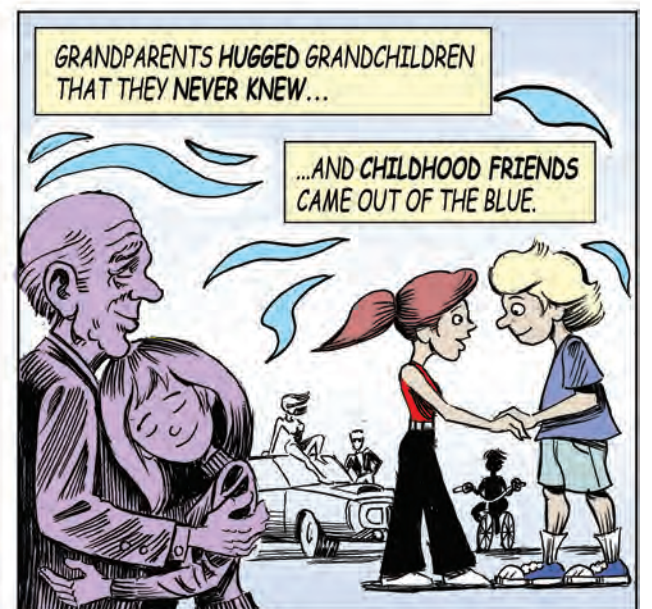
- Crude mineral
- Mimicked
- Sicilian volcano
- Legume
- Bound
- Genuine
- Resembling a monster
- Level to ground
- Shore up
- Sloping print
- Cripples
- Peruse
- Supplements
- Bestowing
- Facial twitch
- Funeral notices

- Prefix, new
- Give vigor to
- Surreptitious, attention getting sound
- One's parents (Colloq)
- Fang
- Blak Sea peninsular
- Pickling herb
- Greek letter
- Tumor
- Against
- Horse's hoof sound
- Two
- Antarctic explorer
- U.S. TV award
- Optic organ

DOWN

- Choose
- Female ruff
- Listening part of a telephone receiver
- Singers
- Ship, deck
- Prefix, over
- Consecrate
- Message
- Freshwater duck
- Follower of Hitler
- Smart -, show-off
- 3 Weapons
- Sailors
- Measure out
- Related

- Helvetian
- Compliance
- Expose to sun's rays
- Nidus
- Ancient Teuton
- Leer
- Latins
- Election
- Liable to tip over
- Emperor of Russia
- Care registration (Colloq)
- Inflammation (Suffix)
- Fate
- Shady tree
- Two-up
- Actress, - West



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Happy Holidays from all of us at the Crestwood Adviser!



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CRWC Hours

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

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



Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving Closed
Christmas Eve 5 am - 12 pm
Christmas Day Closed
New Years Eve 5 am - 12 pm
New Years Day Closed

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

Santa is visiting the CRWC on Saturday, December 13th from 11am-2pm! Stop by to take a picture with him and give him your Christmas list. Need some more Holiday gifts? Shop from over 50+ vendors that will be selling their work at the CRWC! Stop by our kids corner to color pictures, decorate cookies, make reindeer food, and finish your letters to Santa!

Youth Activities

Youth Swim Lessons

The next youth swim lesson runs from January 6th-Feb 14th. This is a 6 week session starting after the holidays! Sign ups take place in person and are open to everyone on Monday, December 15th.

Spring Youth Baseball 2026

Registration is open 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. Indoor baseball camps will begin in January for all athletes who are signed up.

Spring T-Ball

T-Ball registration is open for the Spring 2026 season! Skill camps 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! In person registration is required for all registrations.

Crestwood Lions Tackle Football

The CRWC is excited to announce the partnership with Crestwood Football to bring you the Crestwood Lions Tackle Football League. The Crestwood Lions will be a part of the River Valley Football League and the season will run from Mid Aug-Early Nov. Mini Camps for players will begin in May- once a week. Early Registration begins on Nov 28th and will run through Jan 14th 2026 with the price increasing on Jan 15th 2026 - May 1st 2026. FAQ sessions regarding the league will take place Nov 28th, Nov 29th, and Jan 14th at the CRWC.



Crestwood Lions Cheerleading

Come show your spirit and cheer on the sidelines for our Crestwood Lions Football Teams this season! The season will run from May 2026 - Nov 2026 and will be for ages 6-14yrs old. Cheerleaders will cheer on the sidelines of both home and away games of the Lion's teams. Registration begins on November 28th 2025 and the fee includes shoes, poms, and uniforms.

Southside NFL Flag Girls League

The NFL Flag is coming to Crestwood, IL for our girls only league beginning in May 2026. Full details will be released soon including dates, times, registration info, and more soon!

Southside NFL Flag Boys League

The NFL Flag is coming to Crestwood, IL for our boys only league beginning in July 2026. Full details will be released soon including dates, times registration info, and more soon!

CHRISTMAS Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET SHOPPING
PICTURES WITH SANTA
ARTS & CRAFTS
COOKIE DECORATING
COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE
AND MORE!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
11AM-2PM**

CRESTWOOD RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER
5331 W 135TH STREET • 708-659-4800

**NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY TO ATTEND!
708-659-4800**

JOIN THE FUN!

CRWC **SOUTHSIDE BOYS FLAG LEAGUE**

www.crestwoodfitness.com

Boys NFL Flag Football League beginning in July 2026!
Crestwood, IL

League will run different age divisions from 5yrs old-18yrs old

Practice schedules will be determined from volunteer coaches schedules and games will be determined based off of registrations.

CRESTWOOD LIONS CHEERLEADING

Come show your spirit and cheer on the sidelines for our Crestwood Lions Football Teams!

AGES 6-14

SIDELINE CHEER
 MAY - NOV

FEES:
\$225
SHOES, POMS, UNIFORMS ARE INCLUDED IN FEES

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 Jessica Garces

Mondays, 7- 8pm (Jessica)

Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm (Jessica)

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!