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## FEATURED ARTIST FEBRUARY LIZ CONNELLY

Fine artist, Liz Connelly (formerly Rende/Popp), a current resident of Chicago, has always been drawn to creating art. It all started in her hometown of Midlothian, where she attended Kolmar Grade School and Bremen High School. In first grade, Connelly vividly remembers winning first place for drawing the popular cartoon character Snoopy, created by Charles Schulz in the popular Peanuts comic strip. She was quite proud to have drawn him and not traced him. It wasn't perfect, but it showed her efforts and that helped her win. One of her favorite childhood gifts was the Crayola Caddy, which spun around with art supplies including crayons, markers, brushes, and watercolor paints. Connelly enjoyed creating greeting cards with Disney characters for family and friends. One of her signature techniques was making bubble letters to decorate many creations. She was on student council and the yearbook staff in junior high and high school and used her art talent to help with many fun activities. Her parents were very encouraging of her and always supported her artistic endeavors.

After high school, Connelly went on to major in art, receiving a Bachelor's in Fine Arts with an emphasis in Illustration from Northern Illinois University and a Masters of Arts in Painting from Governors State University. She continued creating art while working for an engineering company in Joliet and then worked for over 17 years at a printing company in Palos Hills. In addition, she had her own business as a consultant for the popular kitchen product company, Pampered Chef.

Connelly has been very active in community-based art organizations. She is the current president of the Lemont Artists Guild (LAG), which meets at the Homer Township Public Library in Homer Glen. She joined LAG in 2003 and, previously, was the guild's secretary. At one time, she served as secretary of the now dissolved Alliance of Fine Art. She is a member of an online art group, [www.ArtNxtLevel.com](http://www.ArtNxtLevel.com). Connelly joined Town and Country Art League (TCAL) in 2025. She is excited to share her art as a new TCAL member, see the art of fellow members, and enjoy the programs offered on the second Friday evening of the month at the Biela Center in



Crestwood, which, coincidentally, is just north of the grade school she attended and began as an artist.

While Connelly has made artwork in both realistic and abstract realms, she has a passion for creating and appreciating abstract art. Some of her favorite artist influences are Wassily Kandinsky, Arshile Gorky, Georgia O'Keeffe, Jackson Pollock, Roberto Matta, and Vincent van Gogh. She has worked with many mediums including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, colored pencil, and markers. While she sometimes has something in mind to paint, she often starts the process using a variety of painting techniques such as toning the canvas, splashing, dripping, and moving the medium around. Then, by observing the subject imagery and background that has emerged, she can think about what the artwork is "saying" to her and what to do next. To sum it up, for Connelly, abstract art allows the viewer to think beyond what is in front of them—as life is so much more than what is tangible, seen, and heard.

By learning about the many techniques and tools used in creating art, according to Connelly, one can take that knowledge and then put it into creating abstractly. That is why she believes that organizations like Town and Country Art League are so important—to help artists be inspired to create art, learn about art, and meet other artists to share their art. She says to anyone that has a creative spirit, always pursue your creative side, take lessons, keep a sketchbook or journal, be open to learning, spend time with other artists, give yourself some grace, and never, ever give up.

Connelly has displayed her artwork in both solo and group art exhibits, won awards, sold her artwork, done commissioned work, and continues to create and seek out places to exhibit. She can be contacted through her website at [www.lizartspace.com](http://www.lizartspace.com).

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Wine & Cheese

Music

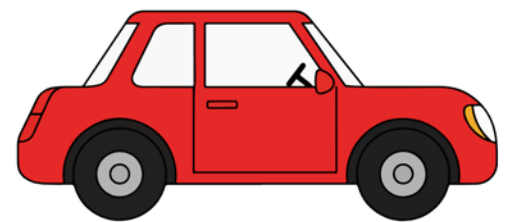
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## Important Numbers

### Village Hall

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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9am - 4pm  
Tues.: 9am - 8pm

### Police Department

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Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm

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(708) 371-4090  
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Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: Closed

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

(708) 371-2900

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### IDOT

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### Cook County Highway Dept.

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## Village Meeting Schedule

**Village Board Meetings** - 7:00pm  
**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave  
February 5 and February 19

**Committee of the Whole** - 7:00pm  
**Village Hall** | 13800 S. Cicero Ave  
February 3 and February 17

**Planning Commission - Zoning Board** - 8:00pm  
**Crestwood Civic Center** | 13820 S. Cicero Ave  
February 9 and February 23

## 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 winter continues, I want to take a moment to remind everyone to please stay safe during periods of snow, ice, and cold weather. Whether you are driving, walking, or working outdoors, I encourage you to use caution, slow down on the roads, and look out for one another. Our Public Works Department works diligently to keep streets and walkways clear, and I thank them for their continued efforts throughout the winter season.

Our village continues to grow in exciting and meaningful ways, and I'm pleased to share several updates that highlight the positive momentum happening throughout Crestwood.

To begin, we are thrilled to welcome **Skechers** to our community. Their new location is a strong addition to our already impressive lineup of retailers, including Walmart, Target, Kohl's, and Menards. Each new business strengthens the overall shopping experience in Crestwood—bringing more convenience, more choices, and more reasons for visitors to spend time, and money, right here in our village. Skechers' arrival reflects

the confidence that major brands have in Crestwood's future, and we look forward to the energy and foot traffic it will bring to the area.

I encourage residents to stop by, support this new addition, and help extend a warm Crestwood welcome.

Another exciting development is the progress at **Lindy's Filling Station**. After sitting unused for more than 20 years, this property is finally coming back to life. The site is being transformed into a vibrant space featuring a well-sized market and a welcoming coffee shop. This project represents more than just a new business—it symbolizes reinvestment, revitalization, and the continued renewal of long-neglected corners of our community. We are getting very close to opening, and we can't wait for residents and visitors to enjoy what this new destination will offer.

In addition to commercial growth, we remain focused on strengthening the infrastructure that supports our homes and businesses. The **final stage of the IPA Watermain and Sanitary Project** is nearing the point where we hope

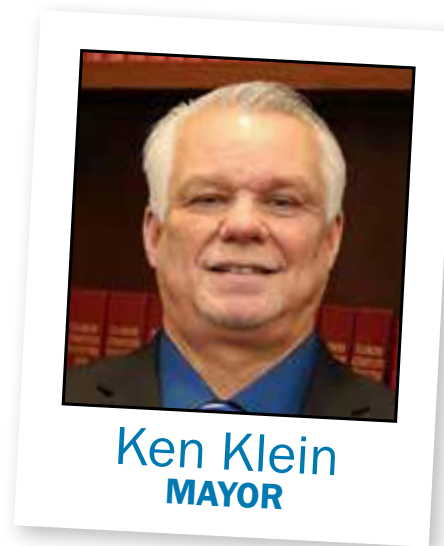
to secure funding. If approved, we anticipate beginning work in 2026. This project is essential to replacing and upgrading portions of our water system that are now more than 50 years old. Once completed, Crestwood will benefit from a more reliable, efficient, and modern system that will serve our community for decades to come.

These developments—new businesses, revitalized properties, and critical infrastructure improvements—reflect our commitment to making Crestwood a stronger, more vibrant place to live, work, and invest.

#### Together, we are building a bright future for Crestwood.

I would also like to share some important upcoming village information. Please mark your calendars for **February 22, 2026**, when the Village of Crestwood will host our **Fine Art Fair**. This event will celebrate creativity, talent, and local artists while providing an enjoyable experience for residents and visitors alike.

In addition, residents and businesses that applied for **Surplus**



**Rebate checks** will have the opportunity to **pick them up at the Fine Art Fair**. If you are unable to attend, checks will be mailed out.

As always, I appreciate the continued cooperation, support, and pride that make Crestwood such a special place to live and do business. Please stay safe, stay warm, and remain engaged in all that our village has to offer.

With sincere gratitude,

*Ken Klein*

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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

12-04-2025: A resident reported that he received an email notification from Experian regarding unauthorized transactions on his credit. He learned that he had an outstanding bill from Florida Power and Light at an address where he has never authorized an account using his identity.

12-16-2025: A resident reported that she received a letter in the mail in reference to a debit card that had been opened through Wells Fargo in her name. The victim denies opening the account or giving anyone permission to use her identity.

12-17-2025: A resident reported that she returned a call to a number believing it to be Apple Services. She spoke with an individual who requested identification and remote cell phone access. The victim downloaded the AnyDesk and Phantom Wallet Application which then granted the individual access into the victim's online banking. The subject was then able to withdraw \$149.00 from the victim's account.

### Retail Theft

12-01-2025: Kohl's Loss Prevention reported that two male black suspects entered the store and loaded 114 bottles of perfume and body spray valued at \$4259.00 into back packs and left without making payment. Loss prevention attempted to stop the suspects however, they fled on foot and entered a blue KIA that fled the area.

12-23-2025: Menard's Loss prevention reported a male and female suspect entered the store and selected multiple items including a circular saw, a square rain shower head and an electric fireplace valued at \$428.00 and left the store without making payment.

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merchandise and left the store without making payment.

12-30-2025: Officers responded to Snipes in the 4800 block of Cal Saw Road for a retail theft. Officers learned that a male black suspect gathered \$1595.00 worth of merchandise and fled the store in an unknown direction.

### Theft

12-18-2025: A young man on a first date was watching a movie at the AMC Movie theater. Before the movie ended, the date excused herself to use the bathroom. When she didn't return to her seat, the victim became concerned and attempted to locate her. He then discovered his date, along with his 2017 Nissan were missing. He also discovered that the key fob to his vehicle was missing off of his key ring.

### Criminal Damage to Property

12-01-2025: Unknown suspects attempted to break the window on a 2012 Chevy Malibu while it was parked at the AMC Movie theater.

### Traffic Arrest

12-12-2025: A female was arrested after being involved in an accident in the 136th block of Cicero and charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured vehicle.

### Burglary

12-17-2025: Officers responded to Cash Land Slots, located in the 131st block of Rivercrest Drive in reference to suspicious circumstances. As officers arrived, they observed a white Jeep Cherokee parked along the business. Officers then observed several subjects dressed in dark clothing enter the vehicle and flee northbound on River Crest Drive. The vehicle was later discovered abandoned in the 4700 block of

127th Street in Alsip. The vehicle was towed for processing. Upon officers returning to Cash Land Slots, they discovered that the door was opened and they located a sledge hammer and pry bar on the ground just inside the doorway. A search of the premise discovered that four gaming machines had been damaged.

12-30-2025: Officers responded to the Hideaway Bar, located in the 4700 block of 137th Street in reference to a burglar alarm. Upon officers arrival, they discovered that the front door had been pried open. Officers entered the business and discovered multiple gaming machines damaged. A check of the surveillance video showed five suspects dressed in all dark clothing, entered the

business carrying multiple pry bars and sledge hammers that were used to break into the machines. The suspects then fled in a white Honda.

### Unlawful Use of Weapon

12-09-2025: Officers responded to the Thirsty Beaver, located in the 5500 block of 127th street in reference to a person with a gun. Officers were informed that the subject appeared intoxicated and was walking towards the Crestwood Food and Liquor. Officers located the subject and observed a black handgun sticking out of his waistband. Due to the subject being intoxicated, he was charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Concealed Carry Act Violation.



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# Shepard Student Awarded Full Scholarship to Dartmouth College

Shepard High School senior Emonni Hayes has been awarded a full scholarship to Ivy League school Dartmouth College.

She was one of 2,550 high school seniors to receive the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship, which connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to the nation's top colleges. She learned she had been selected on Dec. 1 after receiving an email from QuestBridge.

"This is my greatest achievement," Hayes said. "I would not be able to afford [this type of] college if I didn't get the scholarship. My family is on the lower end of income. Keeping my grades up and doing well enough to stand out as an applicant to such a prestigious school is a big accomplishment for me."

"In my 19 years of teaching, I have encountered few students who embody such genuine intellectual curiosity, compassion, and

unwavering integrity," Shepard Advanced Placement (AP) Social Studies Teacher Julie Boone told the QuestBridge National College Match Selection Committee in her recommendation letter. "She is, quite simply, one of the most authentic individuals I have ever had the privilege to teach."

QuestBridge sent Hayes an email during her junior year, identifying her as a good candidate to apply for its College Prep Scholars Program. Eligible candidates must earn primarily A's in the most challenging courses offered; demonstrate strong writing skills and intellectual curiosity, plus resilience, integrity, and motivation to succeed; and typically come from a household earning less than \$65,000 annually. Juniors who are selected are over seven times more likely than other applicants to receive full four-year scholarships through the National College Match.

When Hayes became a College Prep Scholar, QuestBridge provided many resources, such as guid-

ance to develop a strong college application, access to college admissions conferences, and an opportunity to connect with other students who were accepted into the program.

Winning the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship also connected Hayes with other students who will be attending Dartmouth. They are already texting one another through a group chat.

While her application process involved choosing a maximum of 15 preferred colleges, Hayes is bound to attend Dartmouth. She is leaning toward studying environmental studies and biology but is keeping her options open.

Hayes credits her strong writing skills with getting this scholarship. She encourages other students to stay confident in themselves, even when they encounter a few setbacks.

"Grades are not going to be the end-all, be-all," she said. "I got a



couple of bad grades. I was really scared that higher-up colleges wouldn't want to see my transcript. At the end of the day, I think what helped me stand out were my essays and well-roundedness. So, a couple of bad grades are not going to be the end of the world. You can still move forward."

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Dear Residents,

Happy Valentine's Day! On behalf of the Mayor and the Village Board, we want to take a moment to share our appreciation for each of you. Our village is more than just a place to live, it's a community built on kindness, connection, and care for one another.

This month is a wonderful reminder to celebrate friendship, family, neighbors, and the many small moments that make our village such a special place to call home. Thank you for the pride you take in our community and for the ways you help make it stronger every day.

Wishing you a Valentine's Day filled with warmth, happiness, and a little extra love.

With appreciation,

**The Mayor and Village Board**

## 2026 Recycling Calendar

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Observed Holidays Service will be delayed one day	
January 01	New Year's Day
May 25	Memorial Day
July 04	Reg. Schedule Day Off (Sat.)
September 07	Labor Day
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December 25	Christmas

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## Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

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

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

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Youth of all ages are welcome to Congresswoman Robin Kelly's annual Youth Opportunities Fair. Take the next step and discover your next job, internship, volunteer role, or mentorship opportunity.



**WHEN:** March 14, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Hillcrest High School  
17401 S Pulaski Rd, Country Club Hills, IL 60478

**REGISTER:** [BIT.LY/IL02-YOF](https://bit.ly/il02-yof)



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
DEBBIE REAUX-ALEXANDER AT  
[DEBBIE.REAUX-ALEXANDER@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV](mailto:DEBBIE.REAUX-ALEXANDER@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV)

# State-Wide Tornado Drill on March 3rd

We have now been advised, by the State of Illinois, of the following:

As part of pre-season tornado preparedness, the National Weather Service, working in conjunction with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois State Police, will schedule a **State-Wide Tornado Drill for 10:00am, C.S.T., Tuesday, the 3th of March, 2026.** Since Tornado planning necessarily includes a drill or exercise to familiarize everyone with the operations of their Tornado Plan and to ensure its smooth operation, all those with an interest in Tornado preparedness are urged to take an active part in this drill. The State-Wide Tornado Drill provides an opportunity to test your Tornado Plan, to ensure that it is up-to-date and comprehensive.

Crestwood has 3 Sirens to cover the village incase of a Tornado or winds above 75 mph.

1. 142nd & Kastner
2. Midlothian turnpike & Long
3. Highland & Playfield Dr.  
(behind Hale school)

## FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

CRESTWOOD RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER

Join us for our Fine Arts & Crafts Fair! We hope to gather local artists & crafters to provide an opportunity for people to enjoy the day and shop around. Music will be throughout the event, along with wine and cheese samplings from SIP.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND ●●●●● 10am-2pm

Original work	Seller Table \$40	Music
Wine & Cheese		Art & Crafts




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# SHOP and DINE in Crestwood

Each month we will feature local stores and restaurants.  
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### FAMILY MEALS

ADD \$3.99 WITH ANY ORDER TO INCLUDE: FRIES, COLE SLAW & BREAD - FAMILY SIZE

CATFISH	CATFISH FILLET	TILAPIA	OCEAN PERCH	JACK SALMON
12 PC FISH				\$32.99
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50 PC FISH				\$99.99
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HALF PAN OF CATFISH NUGGETS				\$74.99
FULL PAN OF CATFISH NUGGETS				\$74.99
30 PC MEDIUM SHRIMP				\$39.99

### FAMILY COMBO MEALS

SERVED WITH A BREAD & COLESLAW OR FRIES  
YOUR CHOICE OF ANY 2 ITEMS \$39.99  
YOUR CHOICE OF ANY 3 ITEMS \$69.99

10 WINGS	10 CATFISH
10 PERCH	10 JACK SALMON
10 TENDERS	10 CAT FILLET
10 LEGS & THIGHS	10 TILAPIA

30pc MEDIUM SHRIMP

### KIDS MEAL

1 5 PC CHICKEN NUGGETS  
SERVED WITH FRIES AND SMALL DRINK

\$4.99 EACH

2 WINGS  
SERVED WITH FRIES AND SMALL DRINK

### SIDE ORDERS

OKRA (15pc)	\$4.99
ONION RINGS (15pc)	\$4.99
HUSH PUPPIES (15pc)	\$4.99
MUSHROOM (15pc)	\$4.99
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JALAPENO POPPERS (15pc)	\$5.99
PIZZA PUFF W/FRIES	\$7.99
2 PIZZA PUFF W/FRIES	\$12.99
COLE SLAW	SM 0.99c LG \$2.99
JALAPENO PEPPER EA.	.50c
FRENCH FRIES	SM \$2.99 LG \$3.99
BOX OF FRIES	SM \$5.99 LG \$9.99
HALF PAN OF FRIES	\$9.99
FULL PAN OF FRIES	\$18.99

### SALADS

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## New Businesses in the Village

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### Lindy's Crestwood \*NOW HIRING!\*

13956 South Cicero Ave.

To apply for employment, go directly to the new location or call Shawn at 864-702-0121.



## QQ China

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(708) 358-6644





## BIELA SENIOR CENTER

# What is the Biela Senior Center?

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD, IL • 708-371-4800 EXT. 6000

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

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

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

William Butler Yeats

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

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

our building and see what we are all

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



**FEBRUARY FEATURE**  
**Anything with Cherries or Strawberries!**

## Biela Center Cookbook Club

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 12:30 – 2:00 PM**

BIELA SENIOR CENTER  
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

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

*Please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 to register.*

## Pinochle at Biela!

**MONDAYS • 10:00AM - 1:00PM**  
**4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD**

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



## 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.

## Bingo & 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.

# Biela Senior Center Calendar of Events | FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Color & Conversation 10-11 am Pinochle 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Scrabble 12 pm-2 pm Mon. Movie Matinee 1-3:30	3 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	4 Bingo & Breakfast 9:30-10:45 a Art Club 10 am-12 pm Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm TOPS 5-6:30 pm	5 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am KnitWits 10 am-12 pm Mexican Train 11:30-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	6 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	7
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	<b>Come</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Friends!</b>		

## BIELA SENIOR CENTER

### Crestwood Senior Club

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 12:30-3:30PM**

Diabetic Shoe Presentation with Sharon

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 12:30-3:30PM**

Pot Luck - Bring your favorite dish or store bought item

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 @ 12:30- 3:30pm. We offer sweet rolls, coffee, split the pot, raffles, bingo, and on occasion have lunches to celebrate special events!!  
*Doors open at 12:15pm.*



### Seniors Pump it Up!

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Diana Esparza

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS  
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**11:15AM - 12:00PM**

\$2/class

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4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL

708-371-4800 ext. 6000



### Chair Yoga

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

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**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

**9:30 - 10:30AM**

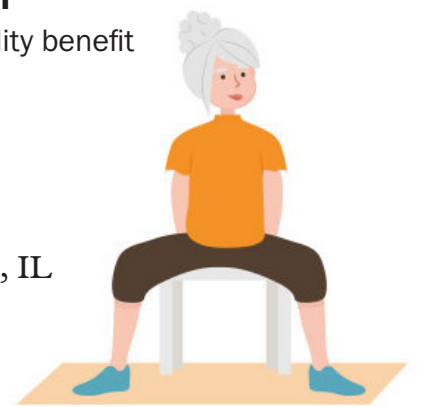
\$2/class

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### Boot Scootin' Boogie!

**THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS**

**TIME: 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 accepting reservations without full payment.

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

#### NO REFUND POLICY

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

#### CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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.

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.



# 1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

**ALL BIELA CENTER  
FITNESS CLASSES**

## BIELA SENIOR CENTER



### Grand Victoria Casino, Elgin

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:00AM

RETURN APPROX: 3:30PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$40

Includes: coach bus; \$10 free play for guests 50+

Guests 50 years and over will receive a \$10 FREE slot play with a current email address and valid ID.

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

### Monday Movie Matinee

MONDAYS: 1:00 – 3:30 PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Come join us in the comfort of our living room! Free popcorn!



### On Your Feet

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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.

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, February 3 Beefy Potato Taco Casserole
- Friday, February 6 Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut
- Tuesday, February 10 Chicken Nuggets and Tater Tots
- Friday, February 13 Ravioli and Meatballs
- Tuesday, February 17 Chipped Beef
- Friday, February 20 Tortellini Vegetable Soup
- Tuesday, February 24 Unstuffed Cabbage Roll
- Friday, February 27 Pepper and Egg Sandwich

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



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

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



## BIELA SENIOR CENTER

### Sock Monkey Museum

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:30AM

RETURN APPROX. 4:30PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$100

Includes: transportation, museum admission, sock monkey souvenir, lunch, and gratuity

Full payment is due upon reservation by February 12

Please choose one of the following for your lunch entrée:

\_\_\_ 2 pc. broasted chicken \_\_\_ pulled pork sandwich

\_\_\_ chicken salad sandwich

All lunches include French fries, soft drink/coffee and a scoop of ice cream.

The museum houses the world's largest handmade Sock Monkey collection with over 2,000 vintage monkeys under one roof. You will be able to watch a "sockumentary" on their history in addition to stuffing your very own monkey to take home! The museum will be followed by lunch at the historic Village Tavern. Established in 1847, it is the oldest restaurant in continuous operation in Illinois.

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

### Mobile DMV

MONDAY, MAY 4 • 10AM - 12PM

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, 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](http://www.ilsos.gov)

### DRURY LANE PRESENTS ... Father of the Bride

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER:

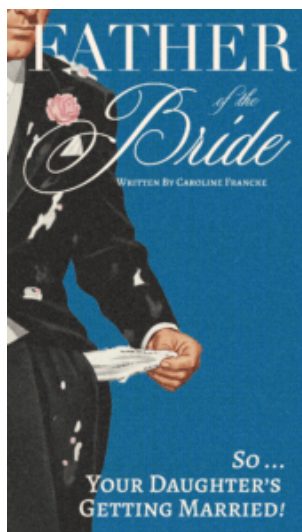
10:30AM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$130

Cost includes transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance.

Full payment is due upon reservation by March 18



Choose from the following for your lunch entrée:

\_\_\_ Roasted Salmon \_\_\_ Three 2 oz. Petite Filets

### DON'T MISS THE WEDDING OF THE SEASON!

Father of the Bride is the classic comedy that has touched our hearts for decades. Based on the novel that inspired the Elizabeth Taylor and Steve Martin films, this hilarious yet bittersweet play reminds us that sometimes the greatest love a father can give to his daughter is to let her go.

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



### Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

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.

### 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!*



### Puzzle Competition

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:00 - 3:00 PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Do you love to do puzzles? The Biela Center is hosting a Puzzle Competition - Join us to see who is the fastest!

We will provide each team of two with a 300 piece jigsaw puzzle. You may also choose to compete solo if you would rather participate alone. The winning team will receive a prize. Please arrive by 12:45 p.m. so you may begin on time. Should no one finish in the allotted time, remaining pieces will be tallied.

Complimentary snacks and drinks will be provided. *To reserve your spot, please stop in or call the Biela at 708-371-4800 ex. 6000*

### Long Grove Confectionery, Toscana's and Opera in Focus

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 8:30AM

RETURN APPROX. 4:30PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$100

Full payment is due upon reservation by February 27



Please choose one of the following for your lunch entrée:

- \_\_\_ Cheese Lasagna in a marinara sauce
- \_\_\_ Lightly breaded chicken parmigiana with penne
- \_\_\_ Grilled pork chop in a vesuvio sauce served with potatoes
- \_\_\_ Almond crusted barramundi in a creamy lemon sauce served with rice and vegetables

All lunches include bread, Italian house salad, soft drink/coffee and vanilla gelato

Long Grove Confectionery in Buffalo Grove, known for their quality products is a leader in the candy industry. The tour includes a video presentation, a guided tour along production walkway and end with the opportunity to shop in the factory outlet. Each guest will also receive a FREE chocolate treat! We will then lunch at Toscana's Italian Restaurant in Arlington Heights before travelling to Rolling Meadows to finish our day enjoying a puppet show at Opera in Focus. There will be a backstage tour following the production.

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

ANDREW BIELA CENTER'S  
**SPRING**  
 CRAFT AND  
 VENDOR FAIR  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**  
 4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE  
 CRESTWOOD, IL 60418  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## Attention: VILLAGE RESIDENTS IN THE GARDENS AREA

Due to the new water mains done a couple of years ago the fire hydrants have moved to the other side of the street, thus the **NO PARKING "ON THIS SIDE OF THE STREET"** has also changed.

There is only parking on one side of the street in this area, and it is NOT the fire hydrant side of the street, if there is a sign or not.

Please do not park on both sides of the street and make sure it is not the hydrant side of the street.

**As always, you are also not allowed to park overnight from 2:00am to 6:00am.**

The streets in several areas of the village are narrower which has warranted this rule of parking on one side of the street only. This is to allow emergency vehicles access down all streets in the village.

**Thank you for your understanding.**

# February Holidays, Fun Facts, and Folklore

Welcome, February, the second month on the calendar, but originally the last! How many days are in February? Can you name 10 holidays and events? Enjoy these fun facts.

### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February comes from the Latin word februa, which means to cleanse.

It was named after Februalia, the Roman festival of purification, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.

While February is the second month in our Gregorian calendar today, it was originally the very last month added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC)!

Originally, the calendar was 10 months because winter was considered a dormant, month-less period. January and February were added by the Roman king Numa Pompilius to better align the calendar with the lunar year. Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

### HOW MANY DAYS ARE IN FEBRUARY?

It depends! February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! It's usually 28 days, though February is 29 days long in leap years such as 2028.

But why 28 days? The Roman King Numa had originally made all months 29 days, as Romans believed that even numbers were unlucky. However, the sum of all the months was an even number. So February, a month for honoring the dead, was chosen as the unlucky month to consist of 28 days.

Of course, the calendar went through many more changes, but the 28 days for February have stuck.

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- **February 2** is Groundhog Day—the day we find out whether winter will last 6 more weeks or call it quits early. How did this quirky tradition get started?
- **February 8** is the Super Bowl in 2026.
- **February 12** is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot log cabin with a dirt floor.
- **February 14** is always Valentine's Day. Heads up, lovebirds! Today, the holiday is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate, but how did this holiday get its start?
- **February 15** is Susan B. Anthony's Birthday. How much do you know about this women's rights leader?



- **February 15** is also National Flag of Canada Day!
- **February 16** brings Presidents' Day, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22!)
- **February 17** is the Chinese Lunar New Year. Celebrated widely throughout East Asia, this holiday begins with the first new Moon after the Winter Solstice and is associated with the Chinese Zodiac.
- **February 17** is also Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.
- **February 17** is Mardi Gras (aka "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday), which is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday.
- **February 18** is Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent.

February is African-American History Month, where we pay

tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

### FEBRUARY WEATHER

On average, February is the United States' snowiest month, according to data from the National Weather Service.

### FEBRUARY'S BIRTH FLOWER

Even though so many roses are sold during February due to Valentine's Day, the violet and the primrose are the symbolic flowers.

The violet signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know that you'll always be there for them.

The primrose lets someone know that you can't live without them.

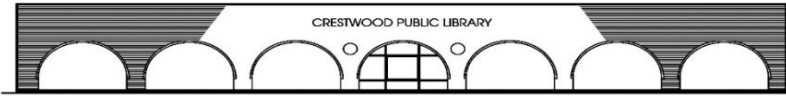
### FEBRUARY'S BIRTHSTONE

Like the violet, February's birthstone is a purple color. It's the beautiful amethyst.

This gem is a form of quartz; it can range from a pale lilac color to a deep, rich purple.

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## ADULTS

### Tech Help Tuesdays

**Tuesdays in February, 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 101

**Wed, February 4th, 6:00 PM**

**Mon, February 16th, 6:00 PM**

Registration encouraged. Join Bill Johnson, a local insurance agent, for Medicare 101, an informative program that breaks down the basics of Medicare, explains your coverage options, and helps you make confident, informed healthcare decisions.

### Stampin' Up Card Class

**Monday, February 9th, 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!



### Illinois Treasurer's I-Cash Program

**Wednesday February 11th  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

No registration needed.

Drop-in appointments only.

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be at the library to assist you in checking if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICASH program.



### Valentines Book Box

**Tuesday, February 10th, &  
Wednesday February 11th,  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Registration required. Limited supply available. Celebrate Valentine's season with a book surprise! Sign up to receive a Valentine-themed book box featuring one free book selected just for you, along with a few festive goodies.

### Needles & Yarn

**Monday, Feb 23rd, 6:30 PM**

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

### Adult Take & Make Craft Kit

**Available on Thurs, Feb 26th**

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

### Mystery Thriller Book Club

**Thurs, Feb 26th, 6:00 PM**

Join our Book Club to explore *The Tourist Season* by Brynne Weaver. In a seaside town where tourists vanish, a killer gardener and a vengeful assassin fall into a deadly enemies-to-lovers game.



### Documentary Screening: Alice's Ordinary People

**Sat, February 28th, 11:00 AM**

Registration required. Join local filmmaker Craig Dudnick for a screening of *Alice's Ordinary People*, a documentary about Alice Tregay, an unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement. Her remarkable story spans the historic marches of Dr. King through the election of Barack Obama.

### Illinois Libraries Present: Still Afraid of the Dark, An Evening with R.L. Stine

**Tuesday, February 24th, 7:00 PM**

Online registration available via library website.

Bestselling author R.L. Stine, the Guinness World Record-holding "most prolific author of children's horror novels," continues to captivate readers with his iconic Goosebumps and Fear Street franchises and a wide range of new books, films, and TV projects. He will appear in conversation with horror expert Becky Spratford to discuss his influential and ever-expanding body of work.



## YOUTH & FAMILIES



**ARE YOU "YETI" TO READ?**

**WINTER READING PROGRAM: Are You "Yeti" To Read? January 2 - February 7**  
Kids ages 1-12. Registration required. Join us this winter for a fun winter read! Beginning January 2nd, come to the library to register and pick up a reading log. Complete your log by February 7 to receive a fun prize.

### Board Games & Brownies

**Tuesday, Feb 3rd, 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!



### Toddler Time

**Fridays, February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th, 10:30 AM**

Registration required. Space is limited. Our Winter session continues this month. 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, February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th 12:00 PM**

Registration required. Space is limited. Our winter session of storytime continues this month! 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!

### Pokemon Family Bingo

**Tuesday, Feb 24th, 6:00 PM**

Registration required. Space is limited. Join us for a fun-filled hour of Pokemon themed BINGO! Families, come and enjoy an evening of good fun and great prizes.

### Kids Kitchen

**Tuesday, Feb 17th, 4:00pm**

Children ages 10 and up. Registration required. Kids will learn to make simple recipes that they can make on their own during this one hour class. This month we will make candy sushi. All supplies will be provided.



### Kids Art Studio: Painted Hearts

**Monday, Feb 9th, 4:00 PM**

Children ages 6 and up. Registration required. Join us each month as we create a different art project. This month we will make all sorts of painted hearts. All supplies will be provided.

### Penguin Love

### Pre-K Stories & Craft

**Wednesday, Feb 11th, 5:00 PM**

Children ages 4-6 years. Registration required. Join Ms. Jamie in making a penguin-themed craft, playing some fun penguin games, and learning all about these sweet little birds.



## YOUR USUAL FAVORITES

### Read to the Dogs

**Tuesday, Feb 10th, 5:00 PM**

Children in grades K-5. Reg required.



### LEGO Club

**Thursdays, Feb 5th & March 5th, 4:00 PM**

Children ages 6-12 years. Registration required.



### Toddler STEAM

**Thursday, Feb 12th, 10:30 AM**

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

### Messy Mondays

**Mondays, Feb 2nd & 16th, 10:30 AM**

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



### Take Home Science Kit

**Available Thursday, Feb 5th  
International Snack Club**  
**Thursday, Feb 26th, 4:00 PM**

Children ages 10 years and up.

Registration required. This month we'll explore snacks from France!



### Monday Take & Make Craft Kit

Available every Monday while supplies last. Suitable for 3 and up.

## FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

### Classified Advertising

**Rich 708-371-2755**  
(Call for more Info)

- Snowmobile Gear
- Ceiling Fan
- Wood Extension Ladder
- Fisher Speakers
- Dish Washer
- Craftsman Commercial Wheel Barrel
- Wood Cabinet
- TV Stands
- Coleman Battery Lantern
- Military Clothing

**ANGEL FISH FOR SALE**

\$125.00 or BO  
8 ASSORTED Healthy Adult Angelfish

- 3 Koi
- 2 Philippine Blue
- 1 Altum
- 1 Panda
- 1 Silver

Call or text Pat at  
312-282-1327

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

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

### Sudoku

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

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

### 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				
40					41				42	43	44
45					46				47		
48					49				50		

### January Puzzle Solution

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

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### ACROSS

- Name
- Insane
- Sailor
- Beer
- Matures
- Practitioner of yoga
- Rare metallic element
- Actress, Sophia -
- Island (France)
- Drooped
- Hector
- Potuguese territory in S China
- European mountain range
- Death rattle
- Not
- Soak flax
- Group of six
- Mount -, NW Queensland mining town
- Rodent
- Fetid
- Emperor of Russia
- Moslem religion
- Four-wheel drive
- Slovenly
- Abstract being
- Proper words
- Performing on ice
- Ocean fluctuation
- Candid
- de Janeiro
- Bullfight call
- U.S. space agency
- Antiquity

### DOWN

- Time of sunshine
- Last month
- Wager
- Merrily
- Fever
- Jewel
- Similar to
- Petrify
- Double curve
- Tie
- System of meditation
- Rivulet
- Entwined
- Cold meal
- Bindi-eye prickle
- Fertilizer
- Freedom of action
- Adage
- Pass on
- As soon as possible
- Hearing organs
- Retains
- Girdle
- Trigonometric function
- Knowledge gained through meditation
- To
- Wool fibre
- Supplements
- Mineral spring
- Anger
- Zero
- Deity
- Not off

**Riddle ?**  
I have cities, but no houses. I have forests but no trees. I have water but no fish. What am I?

94 South

by Jim McGreal





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 @CRWC2025

### 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!

## Youth Activities

### Youth Swim Lessons

February 24 - April 4, 6 week session

Sign ups take place in person and are open on Monday, February 9th.

### 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 February, after Super Bowl Sunday 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 Feb 14th 2026 with the price increasing on Feb 15th 2026 - May 1st 2026.

### 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 Boys and Girls Leagues

The NFL Flag is coming to Crestwood, IL for boys only and girls only leagues beginning in May (girls) and July (boys) of 2026. Full details will be released soon including dates, times, registration info, and more soon!



## Youth Sports Parent Meetings

Sunday, February 1st

There are parent meetings for all registered and interested athletes for our upcoming **NFL Football, Crestwood Lions Tackle Football, Crush Baseball, and Crush T-Ball**. Any parents who have registered athletes or parents who are interested in registering their athletes are encouraged to come. *All meetings take place in the CRWC Gym.*

**1pm: NFL Flag Football and Crestwood Lions Tackle Football**  
**2:30pm: Crush Baseball and Crush T-Ball**

## Upcoming Events

### Fine Arts and Crafts Fair 2026

Sunday, February 22nd, 10am-2pm

Join us for a fun day celebrating local creativity at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center's Fine Arts & Crafts Fair! Browse unique, handmade items from talented local artists and crafters while enjoying live music throughout the event, plus wine and cheese samplings. Crestwood Residents, rebate checks will be distributed at this event. If not picked up, they will be mailed out.

**CRESTWOOD SPRING T-BALL**  
AGES 4-7  
GAMES ON WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS  
REGISTRATION BEGINS NOV 12<sup>TH</sup>  
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 Jessica Garces

Mondays, 7- 8pm

Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm

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

### Chair Yoga with Jessica Garces

Wednesdays • 5:30pm-6:30pm

Chair yoga is a gentle, supportive practice done seated or using a chair for balance. Through slow movements and mindful breathing, it helps ease tension, improve flexibility, and promote relaxation. Suitable for all abilities, this class offers a peaceful way to move, rest, and reconnect with your body.

# CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga is a gentle, supportive practice done seated or using a chair for balance. Through slow movements and mindful breathing, it helps ease tension, improve flexibility, and promote relaxation. Suitable for all abilities, this class offers a peaceful way to move, rest, and reconnect with your body. No experience needed.

**INSTRUCTOR: JESSIE GARCES**

**PRICING:**  
6 week session (Jan 5th-Feb 11th): \$55  
Drop in: \$10

**WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM-6:30PM**