

THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move

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Fine Arts & Crafts Fair Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fine Arts & Crafts Fair at the CRWC! We were thrilled to host so many talented vendors who showcased and sold their amazing work.

A special thank you to SIP Wine Bar for providing delicious charcuterie boards and wine samplings — they were a wonderful addition to the event.

The Mayor, Village Clerk, and several Trustees also enjoyed spending time with residents and distributing Surplus Checks.



Mayor Ken Klein, Clerk Cathy Johnson, Trustee Linda Madlener, Trustee Frank Caldario and Trustee Denise Pietrucha.



We appreciate everyone who helped make this event such a success and look forward to seeing you at the next one!

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Village Hall

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Tues.: 9am - 8pm

Police Department

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Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm

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IDOT

(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

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

Village Meeting Schedule

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

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
March 3, March 17 and March 31

Planning Commission - Zoning Board - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
March 9 and March 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 Residents and Businesses of Crestwood,

It is with tremendous pride and heartfelt gratitude that I write to you today. Every day, I am reminded that what makes our village special is not only our strong community spirit, but the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep Crestwood safe, thriving, and moving forward.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Public Works Department. Whether responding to unexpected water main breaks in the most challenging conditions or working long hours to clear snow and ice from our streets, their commitment ensures that our village remains safe and accessible. Their hard work quite literally keeps Crestwood moving.

Our Police Department continues to reach new heights under the outstanding leadership of Chief Kevin Sisk and his command staff. Their direction and vision are strengthening the department's ability to respond effectively to any situation. The professionalism, preparedness, and dedication demonstrated by our police officers reflect a culture of excellence that makes our entire community proud.

The same can be said for our Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Jon Newton. Chief Newton, together with his command staff, works around the clock to ensure that our firefighters remain highly trained, fully prepared, and ready to serve at a moment's notice. Beyond maintaining daily readiness, he is also strategically planning for the department's future to ensure that Crestwood stays safe and protected for generations to come.

We are also seeing incredible progress at our Recreation Center. Under the capable leadership of Rocco Mossuto, programs have expanded significantly. New offerings like flag football and the growth of our outdoor programs have doubled participation and created more opportunities for families to engage, connect, and stay active. The direction our Rec Center is headed is truly inspiring.

At the Biela Center, Cindy Haase and her dedicated staff have brought renewed energy and creativity to our Senior Center. Through the development of new and engaging programs, they have welcomed seniors not only from Crestwood but from surrounding communities as well. Their

warmth and commitment ensure that our seniors feel valued, connected, and empowered to enjoy life to its fullest.

Our Emergency Management Agency, led by Nancy and Tim, continues to be a reliable and steady presence. Whether assisting at village events, supporting our police at accident scenes, or lending aid to neighboring communities, their performance consistently earns outstanding praise. Crestwood is fortunate to have such a dependable and selfless team ready to serve whenever called upon.

Behind the scenes, our Clerk's Office and Finance Department continue to shine in their daily responsibilities. Cathy Johnson and Amy Roe, along with their staffs, work diligently to keep operations running smoothly. They ensure transparency, accountability, and sound financial stewardship while keeping me and the Board well informed so we can make the best decisions for our community.

Lastly, I want to thank our Board of Trustees. Their tireless oversight, thoughtful leadership, and unwavering dedication have helped guide Crestwood forward.



Ken Klein
MAYOR

Together, we have made meaningful progress and positioned our village for continued success.

Because of the collective efforts of these incredible individuals and departments, Crestwood is truly a village on the move. I am honored to serve as your Mayor and deeply grateful for the commitment shown each day to our residents and businesses.

Thank you for being part of what makes Crestwood such a special place to call home.

With sincere appreciation,

Ken Klein

Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood



**Nathan Hale
McTeacher's
Night Fundraiser!**

Bring cash for pies & tips at event!

20% of all food sales & 100% of all apple pie sales during the fundraiser will benefit the school!

When?
Tuesday,
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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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March 21, 2026 9:00 – 4:00
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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

01-02-2026: A resident reported that while checking her credit report, she discovered an account sent to collections for \$5500.00. She contacted the collection company and found that someone used her identity to rent an apartment in Phoenix, Arizona.

01-07-2026: A resident reported that an unknown suspect withdrew \$700.00 in five separate transactions from his Chase account without his permission.

01-14-2026: A resident reported that she received a bill in the mail from Verizon for \$890.00. It was discovered that an unknown suspect used her identity to open a Verizon account without her permission.

Retail Theft

01-01-2026: Officers responded to the Target store in reference to a retail theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers learned that the suspects, who were known offenders to loss prevention, were observed on surveillance video retagging merchandise. The suspects were stopped as they were leaving the store and it was discovered that they had \$223.00 worth of unpaid merchandise. Both suspects were arrested and charged with retail theft.

01-05-2026: Officers responded to Snipes in reference to a retail theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers learned that a male black suspect had taken approximately \$1100.00 worth of merchandise and fled the store on foot, running to the Aldi parking lot, and then is believed to have fled in a white vehicle.

01-08-2026: The manager of Snipes reported a delayed retail theft where a male and female came into the store and stole 10 items of merchandise valued at \$2239.00.

01-09-2026: Target Loss Prevention reported that a male black suspect entered the store and cut off the security protection device from a Nintendo Switch and placed it inside a plastic Target shopping bag that the suspect had on his person. The suspect

left the store and then returned moments later to steal another Nintendo Switch using the same method. The total value of the items stolen was \$187.00.

01-25-2026: A male and female subject entered the Walmart and gathered 7 boxes of Red Bull and concealed the merchandise leaving the store without making payment. The suspects fled in a gray Kia which came back registered from Oak Forest. The total value of the merchandise taken was \$65.86.

Theft

01-02-2026: Unknown suspects stole both license plates off of a vehicle that was parked in the 4900 block of 142nd Street.

01-03-2026: Unknown suspects stole a black 2023 Toyota Highlander from the Holiday Inn Express parking lot.

01-11-2026: Unknown suspects stole a blue 2021 Honda Accord from the parking lot of Menard's.

01-20-2026: Unknown suspects stole a package from the vestibule of an apartment building located in the 5300 block of Waterbury Way.

Traffic Arrest

01-07-2026: A male was arrested in the 135th block of Laramie after being involved in an accident and was issued citations for no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

01-10-2026: A female was arrested after being involved in an accident in the 5000 block of Cal Sag Road and was issued citations for failure to yield, no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

01-11-2026: A male was arrested in the 135th block of Cicero after being involved in an accident and issued citations for driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

01-12-2026: A female was arrested in the 134th block of Cicero and issued citations for driving without headlights when required, driving on a suspended

license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

01-17-2026: A male was arrested in the 133rd block of South End Lane and charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol concentration of more than .08.

01-19-2026: A male was arrested after being involved in an accident in the 142nd block of Kilpatrick and was charged with improper lane usage, leaving the scene of an accident, driving with a revoked drivers license, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Burglary

01-05-2026: Officers responded to an activated burglar alarm at Dotty's, located in the 135th block of Cicero. Officers arrived

on scene and observed a white Honda Accord and a red Kia Stinger that were backed up to the business. Both vehicles were occupied and running. Two subjects then ran out of the building and entered the vehicles, The vehicles then fled northbound on Cicero and were last seen east bound on 127th Street. Officers returned to check the business and discovered that the door had been pried open and that several slot machines had been damaged.

01-06-2026: Officers respond to a burglary in progress at The Patriot Pub, located in the 141st block of Cicero. Upon officers arrival, they observed a silver 4 door vehicle fleeing the scene northbound on Cicero Ave. A check of the business was conducted and it was discovered that the front entry glass door had been shattered and that multiple slot machines inside the business were damaged.

01-19-2026: A burglary was reported at the Busy Bee, located at the 141st block of Cicero. Officers arrived and discovered the glass door had been shattered. At the time of the report it was unknown what had been taken. A check of the surveillance video was able to provide a still photograph of the offender, which is being reviewed by investigators.



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Questions? Contact Us Today!



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Crestwood Police Receive IDOT Traffic Grant Funding for LIDAR radar units

Thanks to our partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Safety, the Crestwood Police Department has been awarded a new Stalker Lidar Radar system.

As seen in the picture, Sergeant Duffy demonstrates the use of a brand-new LIDAR radar unit the police department obtained through a traffic safety grant. The radar unit offers the latest

technology to our officers in enhancing roadway safety.

The goal of these programs is safety, compliance with traffic laws, and education for the traveling public. Our continued partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation and supported grants allows us to foster targeted traffic safety enforcement and education campaigns in an ongoing effort to keep our roads and the public safe.



Spring Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2026

Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 8th, 2026**,

at 2:00 am, requiring clocks to be turned forward one hour to 3:00 am. Use this time to change batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide alarms and test them. Most digital devices update automatically, but analog clocks need manual adjustment.

- **CHANGE CLOCKS:** Set manual and analog clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 7. Digital devices like smartphones and computers typically update automatically.
- **REPLACE SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES:** If your smoke or carbon monoxide alarms use standard replaceable batteries, change them once a year during the spring or fall time change.
- **TEST ALARMS:** Press the test button on every smoke alarm in your home to ensure they are functioning properly.
- **CHECK EXPIRATION DATES:** Most smoke alarms have a lifespan of 10 years. If yours is older or has a non-replaceable 10-year battery that is chirping, replace the entire unit immediately.

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Organizing Member of Crestwood Fire Department Passes Away

On February 10th, Andrew O'Donnell passed away at the age of 85. Andrew was an original member of the Crestwood Fire Department when it was officially formed in 1962. After starting his career on the Crestwood Fire Department, Andrew went on to work 34 years with the Chicago Fire Department, rising through the ranks to District Chief of Training before his retirement. In this role, he shaped generations of firefighters, emphasizing discipline, safety and compassion.

Following his retirement from the Chicago Fire Department, Andrew continued his lifelong dedication to the fire service as Chief of the Lemont Fire Protection District,

where he further elevated the department's professionalism and community engagement. He was widely respected for his steady leadership, integrity and unwavering support of those he served alongside.

"Andy" was also a founding member of the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago, where he served on the Board of Directors for many years, helping preserve and promote the history of the fire service. He was also a founding member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Scholarship Fund, an organization to which he devoted decades of service.

As a passionate educator, Andrew served as an instructor at the Mon-

roe Fire College for 31 years and also as a field staff instructor with the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), continuing his commitment to firefighter education and safety. He was deeply proud of his role in mentoring and preparing firefighters at every stage of their careers.

Beyond the fire service, Andrew served as president of Sertoma (supporting those with mental health issues, young and old). Andrew was known for his strong work ethic, confidence, and deep sense of responsibility to both his family and community.

Andrew's legacy lives on through his family, the firefighters he trained, the departments he



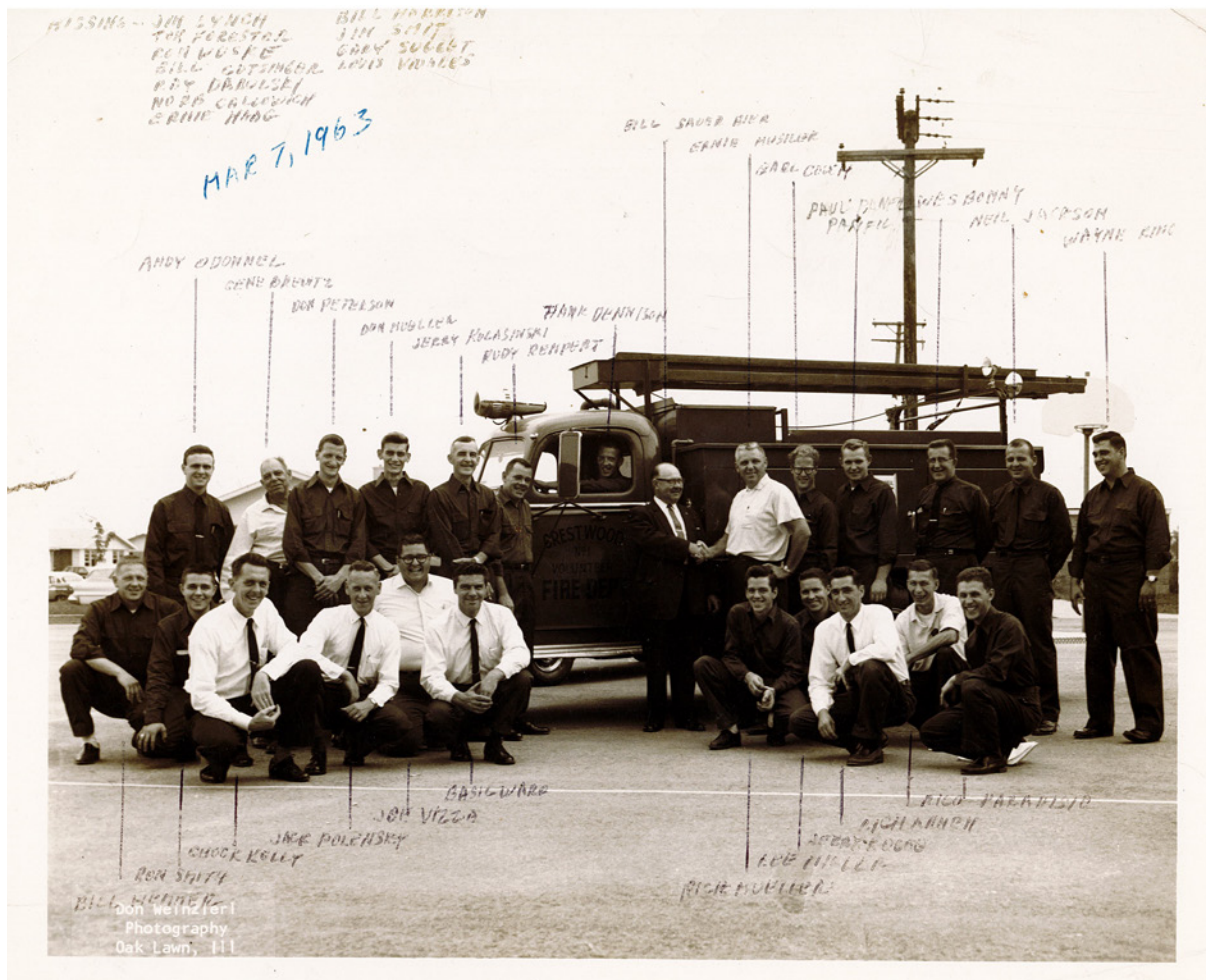
Andrew O'Donnell

led, and many lives he touched throughout his distinguished career. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

"If you love what you're doing, you will never work a day in your life."



The Playfield Civic and Improvement Association held a carnival in the shopping center at 127th on Rt. 83 last week end which included the "Dip Tank" shown above. The Crestwood Fire Department volunteered their help wherever it was needed, and also took part in the fun... two of them, Gary Suggett, left, and Andy O'Donnell, both firemen, are tugging at a towel after taking the plunge. Net receipts from the carnival will go to the Homeowners' Association to carry out some of their civic projects. The Crestwood Fire Department is planning their 2nd annual dance for September 14 in the Oak Forest Fire House. Donations are \$1 per couple, and there will be door prizes.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

FEATURED ARTIST MARCH CHRISTINE MONNSERATT

A resident of Tinley Park, Christine Monnserratt's artistic talent has been evident since elementary school. Even then, she consistently pushed her class projects beyond the requirements. She approaches her work with a visionary mindset, drawing inspiration from nature, movement, and anything uniquely impossible to replicate. To Christine, imagination is one of the greatest gifts we have in this world. As a self-employed Licensed Massage Therapist, she collaborates with multiple organizations as an independent contractor.



Christine took art all throughout her years in school, and studied Interior Design in college, but it was the art classes that captivated her most. Today, she works across a variety of mediums—including watercolor, acrylic, charcoal, and mixed media. Her style ranges from abstract to realistic, always aiming to provoke thought. She has a rare ability to take a dream, idea, or passing thought and transform it into something beautiful and unexpected. Her work encourages viewers to look beyond the surface and discover meaning beneath the first impression.

Christine has published a book that interlaces her poetry, artwork, and personal history—inviting readers to draw inspiration from her

journey. You can purchase it on Amazon at: amazon.com/dp/BOFTTVKBP or download a free sample. Art has long been her primary outlet, a medium that has profoundly shaped her healing and spiritual growth. She also hosts a YouTube channel where she encourages others to explore art as a form of therapy, creating “in the moment” rather than concentrating on the final result. You can find Christine's YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/@VisionaryHolisticSolutions.

Christine is a member of Town and Country Art League (TCAL), which meets in the Biela Center in Crestwood on the second Friday of the month (except in January and during the summer). She joined TCAL in February 2024 and currently serves on the board as the treasurer. She recently won 3rd place in TCAL's monthly art competition for one of her art entries under the topic “Freedom.”



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 - Using SilverCloud, a mental wellness app

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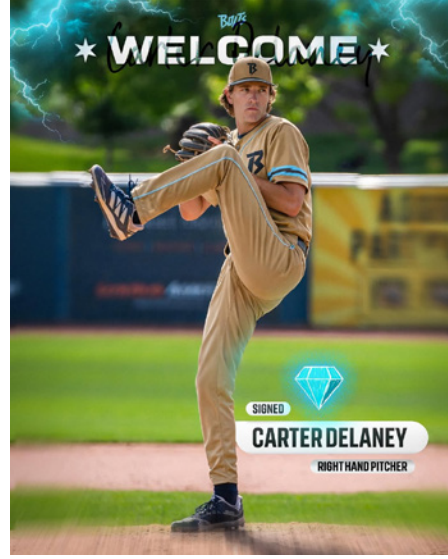
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Catcher



Jared Beebe
Infielder



Carter Delaney
Right Hand Pitcher



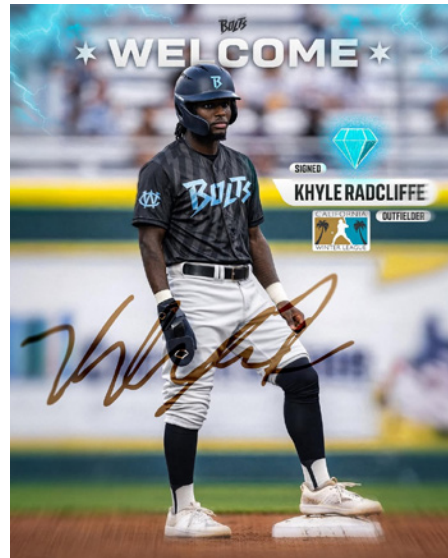
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BIELA SENIOR CENTER

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



MARCH FEATURE Pasta!

Biela Center Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 | MARCH 2026

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 12-2 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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BIELA SENIOR CENTER

Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 • 12:30-3:30PM

Diabetic Shoe Presentation with Sharon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 • 12:30-3:30PM

St Patrick/St Joseph Party
Corn Beef Sandwiches

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!

with Certified Instructor,
Diana Esparza

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS
& FRIDAYS**

11:15AM - 12:00PM

\$2/class

Get your body moving with an exercise class designed just for you!

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
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708-371-4800 ext. 6000



Chair Yoga

Good for your body, mind, and soul

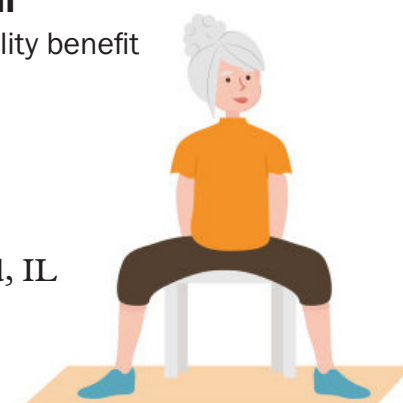
Stress relief • Strength training • Flexibility benefit

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:30 - 10:30AM

\$2/class

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL
*If you have any questions, please call
Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000*




**SHED POUNDS,
GAIN FRIENDS**
First visit is FREE!

Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL

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

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



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS

TIME: 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.

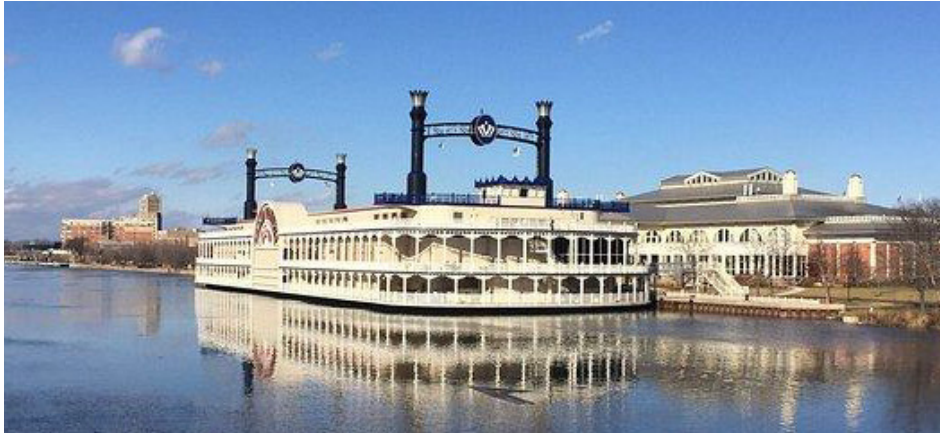


1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

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.

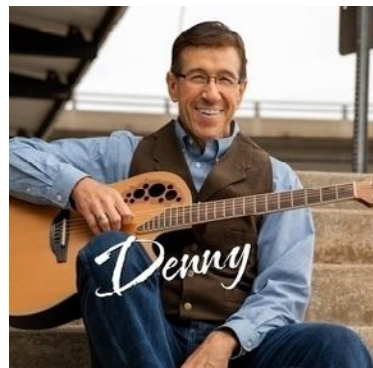
Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 with any questions.

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!



White Fence Farm

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:00AM

APPROX. RETURN: 3:30PM

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$95

Cost includes transportation, chicken lunch with sides, gratuity and performance

Full payment is due upon reservation by April 1st.

Join the Biela Center as we go enjoy the music of Denny "Diamond" Svehla at White Fence Farm in Romeoville as he performs a tribute to Neil Diamond. Audiences are transported back to the golden era of hits like "Sweet Caroline" and "Coming to America" along with hearing stories of his life, the inspiration behind some of his songs and how Denny came to be a part of the tribute industry.

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

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, March 3 Drunken Pork Chops
○ Friday, March 6 Gnocchi and Spinach Bake
○ Tuesday, March 10 Meatloaf
○ Friday, March 13 Tuna Melt
○ Tuesday, March 17 Corned Beef and Cabbage
○ Friday, March 20 Aglio E. Olio Spaghetti and Broccoli
○ Tuesday, March 24 Taco in a Bowl
○ Friday, March 27 Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
○ Tuesday, March 31 Ham Dinner
\$10 TODAY ONLY - DUE MARCH 20th

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



Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, MARCH 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!*



Scrabble at Biela!

MONDAYS • 12:00 - 2:00PM

BIELA SENIOR CENTER • 4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE

Have fun while improving your memory, spelling and vocabulary!

DRURY LANE PRESENTS ...

Father of the Bride

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER:

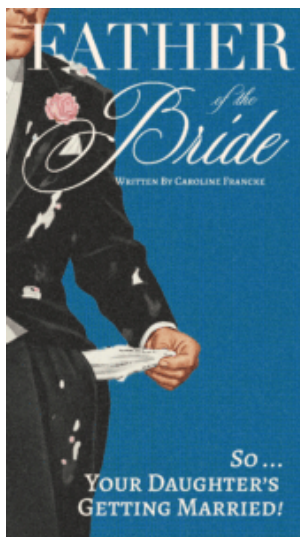
10:30AM

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.

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



Puzzle Competition Winners

Congratulations to Kathy Caveney and Laura Corr on being the Biela Center's first place winner in their recent Puzzle Competition!

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.

WANTED...VOLUNTEER BINGO CALLER

**Do you like bingo, but don't always like to play?
Are you passionate about helping others?**

Come share your sunshine at the Biela Center!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

**4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons
12:30 – 3:30PM**

For your support in assisting, you will be treated to a free lunch of the day, in addition to the opportunity to meeting and making new friends!

Please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ex. 6001 for details

The gift of your time is priceless!





Bolts Jalen Evans Signs with the Detroit Tigers

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced that pitcher Jalen Evans has signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers organization.

Evans was a featured member of the ThunderBolts' bullpen in 2025. He signed in late June and over the course of the second half of the season, became one of the team's most reliable relief arms. In 21 appearances, the 26-year-old right-hander pitched 22.1 innings. He went 2-0 with a 4.43 ERA and 2 saves.

The work with the Bolts was Evans's first professionally since 2023, when he started nine games for the Billings Mustangs. He also spent parts of two seasons pitching in the American Association with the Cleburne Railroaders. In four professional seasons overall, Evans has pitched in 49 total games (21 starts) and posted a 6-10 record and 6.41 ERA.

After a slow start to his ThunderBolts' tenure following more than a year off, Evans really shined over the 2025 season's final month. In his last 14 appearances, he compiled a 3.00 ERA and struck out 9.0 batters per nine innings. He had multiple strikeouts in five of his last eight outings.

Evans, who is a Detroit native, is the first ThunderBolt to sign a contract with the Tigers since Tom Becker in 1999. He is the first member of the 2025 roster to be signed to any Major League organization.

Since 1999, the ThunderBolts have had 71 players signed away by big league clubs. Upon receiving his assignment in the Detroit system, Evans will become the seventh former ThunderBolt to be currently active in affiliated ball.

Story from wcthunderbolts.com

OBITUARIES

Yidarty "Yida" Reyes-Milo, passed away on Sunday evening, January 25, 2026 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of David Milo. Loving mother of Bruce, Elvin, and Jose (Cynthia). Cherished grandmother of Sophia, Adalina, Hayden, and Branden. Dear sister of Raymond (Ruth) Reyes, Evelyn (Jose) Barrera, Manuel (Sol) Reyes, and the late Reynes (Marcy) Reyes. Fond daughter of the late Julia Diaz. Dear relative and friend of many more.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 30, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Funeral Service was Saturday, January 31st, 10:30 A.M. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery, 4401 W. 111th Street, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), would be appreciated. For more info: (708) 824-9000 or becvارفuneralhome.com

Nora K. Weber, nee Grady, passed away at her Crestwood home on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at the age of 79.

Beloved wife of Robert E. Weber for 56 years. Loving mother of Charles (Jessica) Weber and Barbara Weber. Dear sister of the late John (Lillian, and the late Nance) Grady. Fond aunt of Kay Grady, Vince Weber, Len Weber, Dawn Weber, and Laura Weber.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 A.M. at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Arrangements entrusted to the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more info: (708) 824-9000 or becvارفuneralhome.com



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT

Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

CRWC
CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

Easter Egg Hunt 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

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

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

**WALKER PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS
13900 LARAMIE AVE.**

ADULTS: PLEASE STAND OUTSIDE OF THE FIELD DURING THE HUNT

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

PLEASE BRING A BAG TO COLLECT YOUR EASTER EGGS!



CRESTWOOD CRUSH

SPRING SEASON

SHETLAND- AGES 6 & 7 YEARS OLD
PINTO- AGES 7 & 8 YEARS OLD
MUSTANG- AGES 9 & 10 YEARS OLD
BRONCO- AGES 11 & 12 YEARS OLD
PONY- AGES 13 & 14 YEARS OLD

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

ADULTS

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays in March, 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, March 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!



Medicare 101

Monday, March 16th, 6 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 health-care decisions.



Illinois Treasurer's I-Cash Program

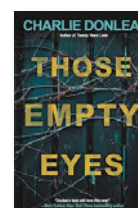
Tuesdays, March 3rd & 24th 10 AM - 1 PM
No registration needed. Drop-in appointments only. A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be at the library to assist you in checking if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICASH program.

Needles & Yarn

Monday, March 23rd, 6:30 PM
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library!

Mystery Thriller Book Club

Thurs, March 26th, 6 PM
Join our Book Club to explore *Those Empty Eyes* by Charlie Donlea. Ten years after being accused of her family's murders, a reinvented Alex Armstrong uncovers chilling ties between a student's disappearance and her own past, revealing that no one is who they seem to be.



Adult Take & Make Craft Kit

Available on Thurs, March 26th
Pick up a DIY craft from the library to make at home!



Paper Shredding at the Library

Saturday, March 28th, 12 - 2 PM
Available in the parking lot of the library. Join us at the library for our secure paper shredding program in partnership with Beaver Shredding, where you can safely dispose of your confidential documents and protect yourself from identity theft.



Estate Planning 101

Mon, March 30th, 6 PM
Registration required. Limited space available. Join us for an informative program that will walk you step-by-step through the essential how-to's of estate planning, from drafting wills and trusts to minimizing taxes and protecting family assets.

Illinois Libraries Present: Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Tuesday, March 19th, 7:00 PM
Online registration available via library website. Industrious and uncategorizable, Percival Everett is the award-winning author of James—recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award—and Erasure, which inspired the Oscar-winning film American Fiction. Join Everett in conversation with Brandis Friedman, anchor of Chicago Tonight, as they discuss his acclaimed body of work and rigorous writing process.



YOUTH & FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE!

Easter Bunny Visit & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th 12 - 1:30 PM

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



Board Games & Brownies

Tuesday, March 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, March 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, March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th 12 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!



Kids Art Studio

Monday, March 9th, 4 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 spring craft. All supplies will be provided.

Kids Kitchen

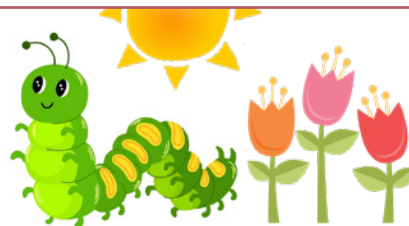
Tuesday, March 24th, 4 PM

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 bread pudding in a mug. All supplies will be provided.

Family Bingo

Tuesday, March 31st, 6 PM

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



Caterpillaring Into Spring PRE-K STORIES & CRAFT

Wed, March 11th, 5 PM
Children ages 4-6 years. Registration required. Join Ms. Jamie as we creep toward spring learning all about caterpillars, plant some seeds and make a caterpillar craft.

YOUR USUAL FAVORITES

Read to the Dogs

Tues, March 10th, 5 PM
Children in grades K-5. Reg required. Call for a 15-minute time slot.



LEGO Club

Thursdays, March 5th & April 9, 4 PM

Children ages 6-12 years. Registration required.



Toddler STEAM

Thurs, March 12th, 10:30 AM
Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required.

Messy Mondays

Mondays, March 2nd & 23rd, 10:30 AM

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



Take Home Science Kit

Available Thursday, Feb 5th
Children ages 6 years and up.

International Snack Club

Thurs, March 19th, 4 PM
Children ages 10 years and up. Registration required. This month we'll explore snacks from Brazil!



Monday Take & Make Craft Kit

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

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Classified Advertising

Free Advertising for Crestwood Residents!
 Limited to 20 words or less and include information related to the following items:

- Garage Sales
- Lost and Found
- Large Appliances
- Automobiles
- Motorcycles
- Boats and Trailers

Non-Residents and Area Businesses can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5 for twenty words under the following categories:

- Garage Sales
- Appliances and Electronics Sales
- Transportation (Cars, Boats, motorcycles)
- Homes for Sale or Rent
- Apartments for Sale or Rent
- Employment
- Openings
- Jobs Wanted

Sudoku

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

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

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	51
52					53					54		
55					56					57		

February Puzzle Solution

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

DUB		GAGA				GOB		
ALE		AGES				YOGI		
YTT		RIUM				LOREN		
		ILE				SAGGED		
BULLY						MACAO		
URAL						RALE		NAE
RET						HEXAD		ISA
RAT						OLID		CZAR
						ISLAM		JEEPS
UNTIDY						ENS		
NOUNS						SKATING		
TIDE						OPEN		RIO
OLE						NASA		ELD

ACROSS

- 1. Yelp
- 5. Auricular
- 9. Superlative suffix
- 12. Always
- 13. Grain husk
- 14. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 15. Scorpion-like N.Z. insect
- 16. Conversant
- 18. Swy (3-2)
- 20. Shabby
- 21. Trademarks
- 23. Lavatory (Colloq)
- 24. Chafe
- 25. Colour of unbleached linen
- 27. Ova
- 31. Capable
- 33. Assist
- 34. Govern
- 35. Ooze
- 36. Work hard
- 38. Ignited
- 39. Witness
- 41. Chocolate substitute beans
- 43. Brother of Moses
- 46. Upeat
- 47. Dance of the Andalusian Gypsies
- 49. Red wine
- 52. Egyptian serpent
- 53. List of dishes
- 54. At the apex
- 55. Fish eggs
- 56. Matures
- 57. Harp-like instrument

DOWN

- 1. Evergreen tree
- 2. Greeting
- 3. Able to be wetted
- 4. Crustacean
- 5. Obscure
- 6. Snare
- 7. Braggart (Colloq) (1.2)
- 8. Nematocyst
- 9. Ireland
- 10. Cormorant
- 11. Member of the Conservative Party
- 17. Hepatic organ
- 19. Pom
- 21. Brassieres
- 22. Hick
- 23. Ridiculous
- 26. - de Janeiro
- 28. Gluttony
- 29. Voluble
- 30. Hardens
- 32. English Derby city
- 37. - Vegas, US gambling city
- 40. Purgative injection
- 42. Emulate
- 43. Distant
- 44. As well as
- 45. Take by force
- 46. Adolescent pimples
- 48. Negative
- 50. And not
- 51. Open

Riddle?

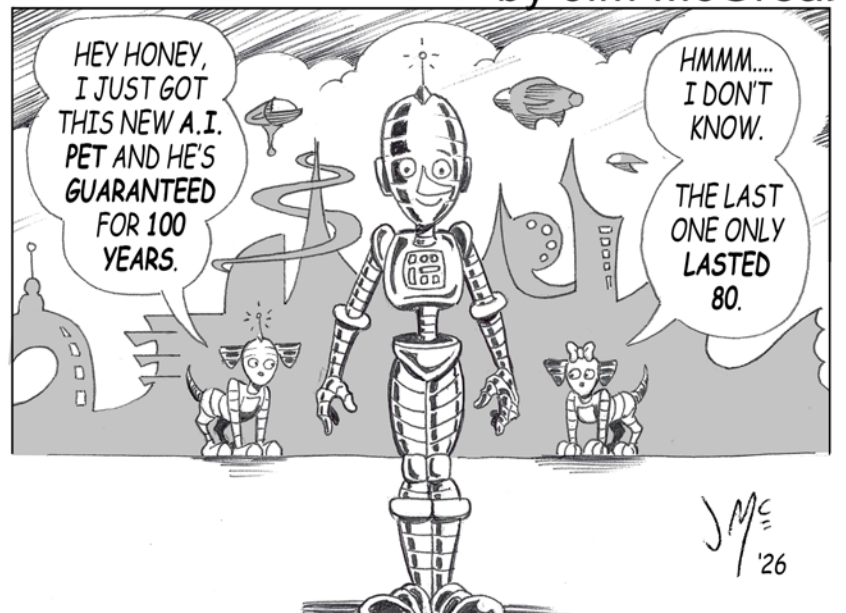
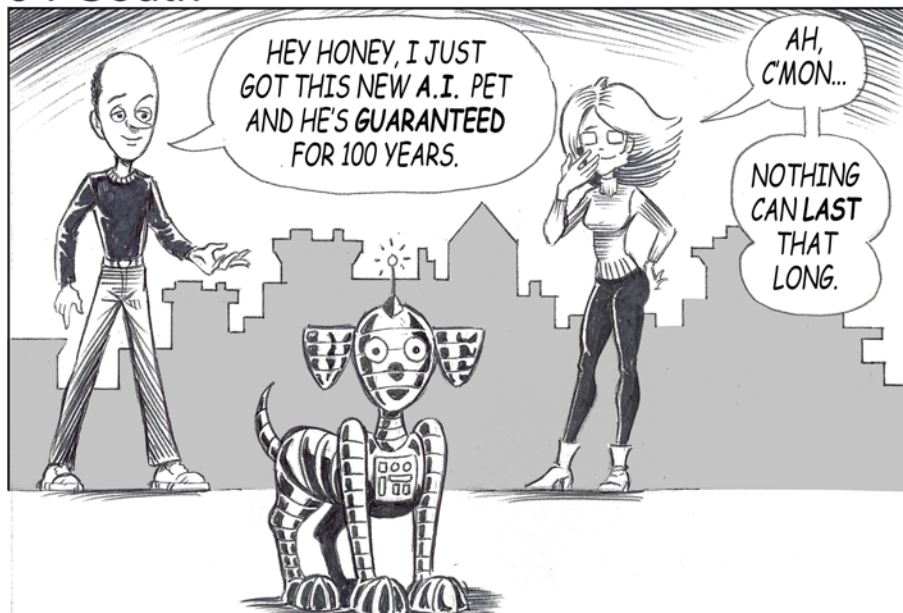
What has three feet but cannot walk?

FEBRUARY RIDDLE:
 I have cities, but no houses. I have forests but no trees. I have water but no fish. What am I?

ANSWER: A map!

94 South

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CRWC Hours

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

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

Youth Activities

Youth Swim Lessons

February 24 - April 4, 6 week session Sign ups are open now!

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.

Upcoming Events



CRWC Easter Egg Hunt 2026

Saturday, April 4th, 10am
 Walker Park Softball Fields - Rain or Shine Event

Join us for a fun-filled morning of Easter eggs, excitement, and fun! This egg hunt is for children ages 0–12 years old. Kids will be divided into age groups and assigned to different fields upon arrival to make sure everyone has a fair and fun experience! Don't forget to bring a bag or basket to collect all the eggs you find! We ask that you register for this event using the google form on our website, so we are able to get a headcount for the event!

Trinity Christian Baseball Camp x Crush Baseball

Thank you to all those who attended our Trinity Christian Baseball Camp! Our Crush Baseball & T-Ball athletes got to work with current Trinity Christian baseball players and coaches to improve their skills before the Spring season begins.



CRESTWOOD LIONS TACKLE FOOTBALL

The CRWC is excited to announce the partnership with Crestwood Football to bring you the Crestwood Lions Tackle Football League

Early Reg: Nov 28th 2025 - Jan 14th 2026
 \$300
 \$150 Equipment Deposit (returned at end)

Price Increase: Jan 15th 2026 - May 1st 2026
 \$325
 \$150 Equipment Deposit (returned at end)

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

SIDELINE CHEER & COMPETITIONS

SHOES, POMS, UNIFORMS ARE INCLUDED IN FEES

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 Leagues

The NFL Flag is coming to Crestwood, IL for a girls only league beginning the end of March 2026 through May 2026. This is for 1st-8th grade girls and grade levels will be split up. Registration can be found on our website and takes place online.

Southside NFL Flag Boys League

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

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.