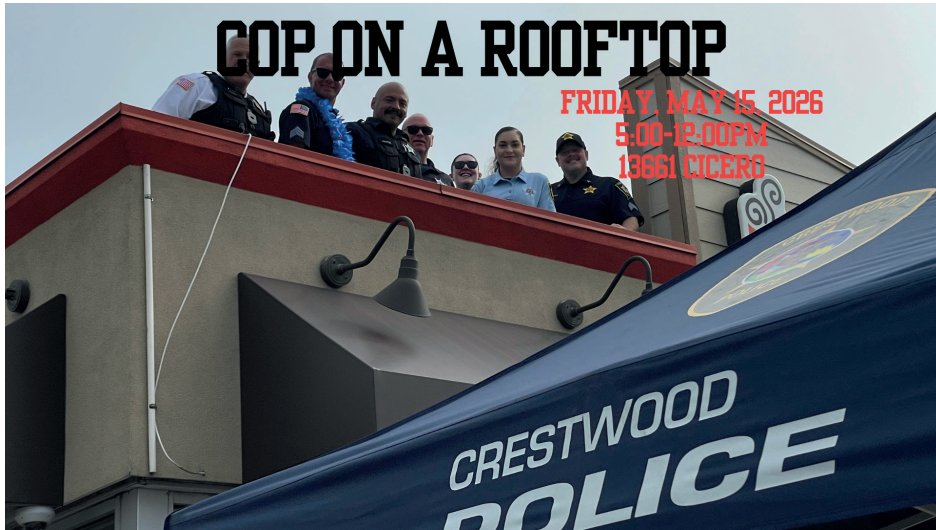


THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move

MAY 2026 • #590



When to Contact the Village for a Building Permit

Just a reminder that if you're planning any big home remodeling or repair projects for your home this spring, you'll want to determine whether or not a permit is required before you commence on any construction. Projects that require permits include:

- Remodels, additions and demolitions
- Changes in lot drainage or grading
- Installation of electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing services
- Changing heating, cooling or ventilation systems
- Re-shingling roofs, soffits & fascia
- Renewing siding
- Installing patios, sheds, fences, pools or hot tubs (A plot of survey is needed)
- Windows & doors

Work that does not require a permit includes:

- Painting
- Carpeting
- Trim work
- Changing/swapping light fixtures

Please visit us at Village Hall to obtain your building permit. We are located at 13800 S. Cicero Ave. As always, please feel free to contact us in person or by phone at (708) 371-4800 if you have any further questions. Tiffany in our Building Department is always happy to help.

NOTE: ALL CONTRACTORS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE VILLAGE.

Avoid Damage to Neighborhood Underground Utilities

Please remember to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) at 811 before any digging projects. Most sewer, water, gas, electric and telecommunications services are buried underground. A simple call to 811 will allow JULIE to mark utility locations on your property within two working days. Respect the marks and dig with care to avoid personal injury and damage to underground utilities. Julie's services are free.



SOUTHTOWN DAHLIA CLUB

Dahlia & Plant Sale

Sunday, May 17 ~ Noon - 3:30PM
Crestwood Civic Center
13820 S. Cicero Ave.

- Show Quality Dahlias, Perennials, Pollinator Plants
- Gardening Tips From Dahlia Experts
- Join Us ~ All Are Welcome To Attend

For more details visit us on Facebook or www.SouthtownDahliaClub.com



Spring into Action
CRESTWOOD CLEANUP
May 16, 2026

Republic will pick-up refuse door to door.

These items must be brought up to CRWC Parking Lot: E-Waste • Textiles • Shoes • Paint Prescription Drugs
\$30 fee for Small TV • \$50 fee for Large TV

9am - 1pm Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street • Crestwood, IL

Everyday is Earth Day.
Mayor Ken Klein

CRESTWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
May 7 and May 21

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm
Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave
May 5 and May 19

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
May 11

Important Numbers

Village Hall

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

Police Department

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

Fire Department

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

Recreation & Wellness Facility

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

Library

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

Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)

(708) 371-2900

Bremen Township (Residents south of 135th)

(708) 333-1591

Republic Services

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

IDOT

(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

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

Village of Crestwood Parking

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

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents and Business Owners of the Village of Crestwood,

As we welcome the spring season, I want to take a moment to share several exciting updates and important initiatives happening throughout our community.

First, I am pleased to announce the opening of the new JOJO Superfast EV Charging Stations located in the Menards parking lot. These state-of-the-art chargers feature the XCharge C6 model, offering reliable, high-speed charging for today's electric vehicles. Each unit includes dual ports with both CCS1 and NACS connectors, allowing two vehicles to charge simultaneously and reducing wait times. In addition, the integrated Nayax-powered payment system makes transactions quick and convenient—simply tap your card or mobile wallet and go. This is another step forward in making Crestwood

more accessible, modern, and environmentally conscious.

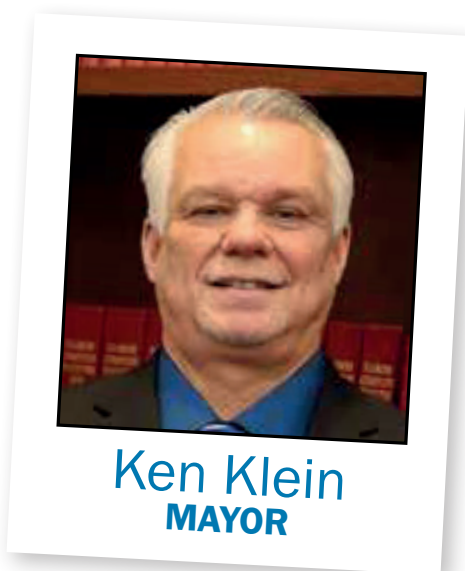
We also celebrate the grand opening of BoldAge PACE – Our Care, a program dedicated to supporting older adults in our community. Their mission is to help residents maintain independence while receiving comprehensive care, including medical services, transportation to appointments and activities, and in-home assistance—all coordinated by a dedicated care team. This is a valuable addition to Crestwood, offering peace of mind to families and enhanced quality of life for participants.

Please join me in congratulating Walmart on reaching an incredible milestone—20 years of service to Crestwood. Since opening, Walmart has been an important part of our local economy and community, and

we thank them for their continued investment.

Looking ahead, I have been working diligently to bring new businesses to Cal-Sag Road. We are currently seeking approval for two new developments through MWRD, and I am hopeful these projects will move forward soon. These additions will bring new jobs, economic growth, and continued vitality to our Village.

I also want to address our ongoing efforts to keep Crestwood clean and beautiful. I have been working closely with local businesses to improve garbage and waste management, and while we've seen positive progress, there is still more to do. I encourage residents and business owners alike to share ideas and participate in maintaining the pride we all have in our community.



Ken Klein MAYOR

With May just around the corner, we look forward to the annual Crestwood Clean-Up, and the beauty of spring in full bloom. Let's all do our part to enjoy and care for our Village so we can have a safe, vibrant, and enjoyable summer.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Crestwood.

Sincerely,

Ken Klein

Ken Klein Mayor, Village of Crestwood

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CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT



We Watch, We Call!

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

Deceptive Practice

03-10-2026: A resident reported that she received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Capital One, who informed her that a new credit card had been opened using her identity. The victim denies any knowledge of opening an account and did not give anyone permission to use her identity.

03-11-2026: A resident reported he received a post card in the mail from US Bank in reference to his applying for a new checking account. The victim contacted the bank and was told that unknown subjects used his identity to apply for the online account.

Retail Theft

03-11-2026: Target Loss Prevention reported that a subject took multiple pieces of exercise equipment valued at \$83.00 and fled in a white Chevy Malibu.

03-16-2026: Target Loss Prevention reported that a female black subject entered the store and gathered \$197.00 worth of merchandise and fled the scene in an unknown vehicle.

03-21-2026: Target Loss Prevention reported that male subject attempted to steal a Ninja Slushy machine and other miscellaneous merchandise valued at \$398.00. The subject was taken into custody and charged with felony retail theft.

03-24-2026: Officers responded to Target in reference to a retail theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers detained a subject as he exited the store with a suitcase that was filled with unpaid merchandise that was valued at \$420.00. The subject was taken into custody and charged with felony retail theft.

03-24-2026: Ross Loss Prevention reported that a male and two female suspects fled the store with a shopping cart full of merchandise. At this time it is an unknown valued of the items taken.

03-25-2026: Officers responded to Kohl's in reference to a retail theft in progress. Upon arrival, Loss Prevention identified a male suspect that was taken into custody for attempting to steal 24 items of merchandise valued at \$991.00.

The subject was charge with felony retail theft.

03-25-2026: Target Loss Prevention reported that a male black subject entered the store and stole 24 miscellaneous items valued at \$203.00.

Theft

03-06-2026: Officers responded to Planet Fitness in reference to multiple vehicles that were broken into. Officers learned that the windows had been broken on multiple vehicles and numerous miscellaneous items taken.

03-09-2026: Unknown suspects broke into a 2002 Nissan Altima that was in the parking lot of the AMC Movie Theater. Taken was a

carry bag that contained a Chrome-book laptop.

Criminal Damage to Property

03-23-2026: Unknown suspects damaged a steering column on a vehicle in the 5300 block of Waterbury Drive.

Burglary

03-22-2026: Officers responded to Jokers Wild, located in the 5500 block of 127th street for a burglary in progress. Officers arrived on the scene and discovered that the front glass door had been broken. Officers searched the interior and discovered that multiple gaming machines had been damaged and that an ATM had been taken. Officers were later able to review the surveillance video and found that two vehicles, a white Jeep Grand Cherokee and a Honda Accord had entered the lot and the suspects smashed the front door to gain entry. The surveillance video also shows the suspects removing the ATM and loading it into the white Jeep before fleeing the scene. The ATM was later recovered by Chicago PD in the 200 block of east 135th Place.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CRESTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENIOR WELL BEING CHECK PROGRAM

The Crestwood Police Department would like to introduce our **Senior Community Well Being Check Program**. Detective Arthur Ronan is in charge of the program and is the contact person. The program entails Detective Arthur Ronan contacting our seniors approximately 1 time a month to check on their wellbeing and answer any questions they have. Any person who would like to participate must be 60 years old and above and be a resident of Crestwood.

- ✓ Checking on our seniors 1 time per month
- ✓ Answering seniors' questions
- ✓ Personally contacted by Detective Arthur Ronan, Crestwood Police Department

SIGN UP NOW!

CALL
708-371-4800 ext 5003

E-MAIL
aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov



Coffee with a COP

CONFIRMED 2026 DATES

Chick-fil-A *Coffee with a Cop*
Chick-fil-A | 13050 S. Cicero
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Culver's *Custard with a Cop*
Culver's | 13300 S. Cicero
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00PM

THE BIELA CENTER *Chat with the Chief*
Biela Center (Senior's meeting, not open to public)
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
12:00 - 1:00PM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT *National Night Out*
Walker Park
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
4:00 PM

Join Us for these Community Engagement Events!

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SAVE THE DATE



WALKER PARK
13900 LARAMIE AVE
CRESTWOOD, IL 60418
AUGUST 4, 2026
5:30PM-8:30PM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
NNO
2026

COMMUNITY NEWS



- FOLLOW ALL STREET SIGNS!
- STOP SIGNS!
- RESIDENTIAL SPEED ZONE OF 20 MPH!



PLEASE DON'T SPEED ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS.

CHILDREN WILL SOON BE OUT AND ABOUT FOR THE SUMMER!



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,
May 5th, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Where?
McDonald's
13630 S Cicero Ave
Crestwood, IL 60418**

**Teachers will be in a pie costume!
Cash only for pies and tips!**



**Order ahead on the McDonald's App!
No wait & earn rewards!**



Round up for RMHC of Chicago.
On the McDonald's App, in Drive-Thru, or Inside.



Chicago River Day

Crestwood Riverfront Cleanup

By Friends of the Chicago River

Volunteer to improve the Chicago-Calumet River system

Saturday, May 9 | 9am - 12pm

Crestwood Cal Sag River Crossing
4820 Cal Sag Road, Crestwood, IL

The Chicago-Calumet River system is healthier now than it's been in 150 years, but litter continues to be detrimental, harming people and wildlife and causing negative community, economic, and public health impacts. You can make a difference by volunteering with Friends of the Chicago River on Chicago River Day!

Register at chicagoriver.org



FREE and FAMILY FRIENDLY!

HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

"Honoring those who serve"

The Village of Crestwood is proud to offer this program to honor current or former residents of Crestwood who have served or are currently serving our country in a branch of the military.



Individuals to be recognized must be a current or former resident of Crestwood.

Individuals must have served in any of the following branches of service:

- ◆ Army
- ◆ Navy
- ◆ Air Force
- ◆ Marines
- ◆ Coast Guard
- ◆ National Guard

The fee for participation is **\$125.00** and will include the banner production and placement by the Village during the time period.

To order a banner simply fill out the application that is provided on the Village's website:

crestwood.illinois.gov

Return the completed form, photo of individual in uniform and fee to the Village Hall.

Applications will be accepted from December 1st through May 31st of each year.



HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Veteran: _____

Branch of Military: _____

Name of the Applicant: _____

Relationship of Applicant to Veteran being honored: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Phone: _____

Applicant E-Mail Address: _____

Would the applicant like the banner provided at them at the end of the two-year display period? YES NO

Photo Release Acknowledgement (If Applicable):

I hereby grant the Village of Crestwood permission to use the attached photo in their Hometown Heroes Banner Program with the understanding that this photo or likeness may be used for the Village's promotional use. I assume all responsibility for providing accurate, true, and correct information regarding the veteran being honored on the banner.

Signature _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE

Payment Date: ____/____/____ Check: ____ Cash: ____ Charge: ____

Photo Provided: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

16th Annual Elim Eagles' Wings 5k

Elim Christian Services is excited to invite you to its 16th annual Elim Eagles' Wings Run, Walk, or Roll 5K on Saturday, May 2nd, at 9am! This fun run and walk takes place on the main campus of Elim Christian Services – 13020 S Central Ave, Crestwood, IL 60418.

This event is all about community and fun, featuring the traditional Elim 5K along with a relaxed 1-Mile Short Loop. Whether you run, walk, or roll, come out and enjoy a morning with family, friends, and neighbors! After you finish the 5K, stick around for raf-

fle prizes, split-the-pot, food, and more, with profits going directly to support Elim's students and adults!

The Elim Eagles' Wings 5K Run, Walk, & Roll hopes to raise \$35,000 through this fun family event to fund equipment, programs, and facility needs for our school and adult services programs.

Registration is \$30 and includes a free t-shirt and a raffle ticket. Sign up today at www.elimcs.org/5k because registration closes April 26, 2026!

Elim's mission is to equip people with disabilities to pursue their God-given potential by offering person-centered services and partnering with their communities. Find out more at elimcs.org/5k or contact elimewings5k@elimcs.org. Elim Christian Services is located at 13020 S. Central Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois, 23 miles

South-Southwest of downtown Chicago.

Please note that while wheelchairs, strollers, and service dogs are welcome, roller blades, bikes, and non-service dogs are not permitted for the safety of Elim students, adults, and other participants.



SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026 | 9 AM

POP IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR BUBBLE RUN, WALK, AND ROLL THEMED 5K!

SIGN UP TODAY AT:
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FEATURED ARTIST MAY GABRIEL GARCIA

Gabriel Garcia, a resident of Palos Hills, found himself as he always been—determined in everything he did—at a time when he was going through a major change in his life. Approximately 10 years ago, Gabriel found that he was unable to do much because of his health condition. His daughter suggested that he try out art as a form of therapy. He recollected that he had always enjoyed art and, as a young boy, used to do small drawings. Soon afterwards, Gabriel began watching a variety of Bob Ross art videos on PBS, he started to do acrylic paintings, and he saw progress right away. This, in turn, motivated him to follow other artists and teachers on YouTube as well as to try out different mediums like oil, watercolor, and charcoal. More recently, Gabriel has been more deeply exploring his love of watercolor. He experiences watercolor as the ability to do so much with so little as if it is somehow magical.

Before Gabriel started his art journey, he worked in downtown Chicago for more than 30 years as a security guard. While working with people, he found he enjoyed the opportunity to learn something new every day. He continues to live that adage each day through his art—learning about new artists, meeting new artist friends, and exploring new types of art.

Gabriel joined the Town and Country Art League (TCAL) in 2024. He had previously met Carol Chirafisi, TCAL past president, and Nancy Bentley, TCAL board member, and decided to attend a meeting and join. TCAL meets at the Biela Center in Crestwood on the second Friday of the month (except for January and the summer months) from 7 to 9:00 p.m. where a local artist presents a live demonstration. Guests are welcome to attend.

Update Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Protection



The Crestwood Fire Department would like to remind residents to check and change all batteries in all of their smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency accessory kits to make sure that they're in working condition. It is also highly encouraged, when replacing them after the manufacturer recommended time period, to replace them all with the standard new detectors containing built-in 10-year batteries. The Crestwood Fire Department asks you to please remember to update all of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, either with new batteries or replacing the units with detectors featuring built-in 10-year batteries.



SHOP and DINE in Crestwood

Each month we will feature local stores and restaurants.
If you have a favorite business you would like to promote, let us know! • Village of Crestwood (708) 371-4800, ext. 2010



Friday Food Duo

STARTS AT 12PM EVERY FRIDAY

5/19	Mississippi Pot Roast Sliders Cream of Potato Soup	5/22	Meatball Sliders Cream of Broccoli Soup
5/26	Beef & Provolone Sliders Chicken Enchilada Soup	5/29	BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders Chicken Noodle Soup

5/18 Chicken Salad Sliders
Vegetable Beef Soup

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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

“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!



MAY FEATURE Favorite Family Recipe

1 tsp. vanilla method
amount around a well drained marashino cherry. (red & green)

Biela Center Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 • 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 AM - 4 PM

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 | MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BIELA SENIOR CENTER

Crestwood Senior Club

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 • 12:30-3:30PM

Regular Meeting
Horse Race Game - \$2.00 to Play

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 • 12:30-3:30PM

Mother's Day Lunch - \$10.00

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

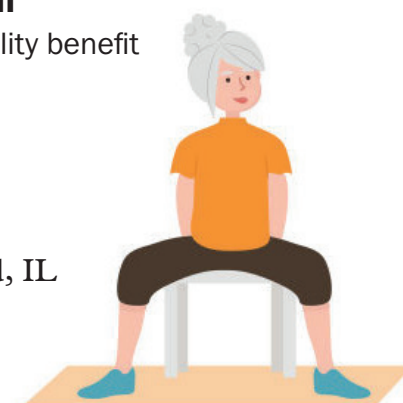
Stress relief • Strength training • Flexibility benefit

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:30 - 10:30AM

\$2/class

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




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First visit is FREE!

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Crestwood, IL

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

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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



Join us cheer on our Windy City Thunderbolts as they take on the Joliet Slammers!

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:00 A.M.

(GAME TIME: 10:30 A.M.)

4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$30

Cost includes premier seating in an executive suite, in addition to an All-You-Can-Eat lunch which will be extended until the end of the fifth inning.

Full payment is due upon reservation

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

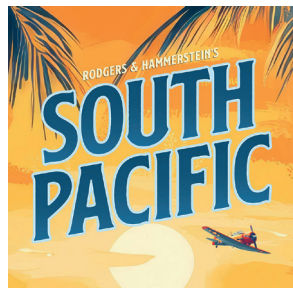
PARAMOUNT THEATRE IN AURORA PRESENTS... South Pacific

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:30 A.M.

Cost: \$120

Cost includes transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance Full (non-refundable) payment is due upon reservation by May 8th.



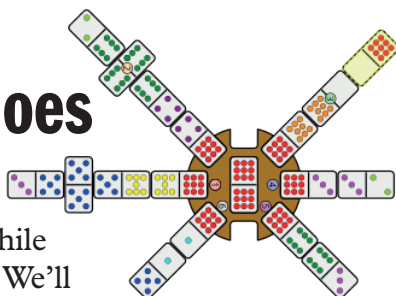
Set in a tropical paradise with warm sea breezes, breathless sunsets and B52 Bombers. South Pacific is an uplifting musical tale that follows World War II Armed Services personnel, Ensign Nellie Forbush and Lt. Joseph Cable through spy missions, war-time drama and romance. Balancing duties to their country with their island expectations, they each find themselves irresistibly falling in love on foreign soil. But will that love translate back in the States?

South Pacific is an iconic, complex and important piece of musical theater reminding us all of the importance of celebrating cultural differences and the value of people unlike ourselves. Featuring some of Broadway's most memorable showtunes from Rodgers and Hammerstein including: "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" and of course... "Bali Ha'i Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 with any questions.

Learn to Play Mexican Train Dominoes

THURSDAYS • 11:00AM – 1:00PM

This easy-to-learn, social game is a fantastic way to keep your mind sharp while enjoying some lighthearted competition. We'll walk you through the rules step-by-step—from starting your own "train" to navigating the community line—no previous experience is required.



Game Night at Biela!

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

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.



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:

- Friday, May 1 Open Face Turkey, Stuffing, and Cranberry Sandwich
- Tuesday, May 5 Chicken Tacos
- Friday, May 8 Biscuits and Gravy
- Tuesday, May 12 Sub Sandwich
- Friday, May 15 Potato Ham Bake
- Tuesday, May 19 Sweet and Sour Chicken
- Friday, May 22 Hamburger
- Tuesday, May 26 Pasta and Peas
- Friday, May 29 Teriyaki Shrimp Stir Fry

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!!

GIFT CERTIFICATE

THIS GIFT CERTIFICATE IS GOOD FOR ONE FREE \$5.00 LUNCH AT THE BIELA CENTER.

TO: SPECIAL PERSON _____

FROM: YOUR NAME _____

ISSUED BY: BIELA STAFF MEMBER _____

BIELA SENIOR CENTER



Wrigley Field Tour

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:00 A.M.
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
RETURN: APPROX 3:30 P.M.
 Cost: \$60
 Cost includes transportation and Wrigley tour
 Lunch will be on your own at Pompei
Full payment is due upon reservation

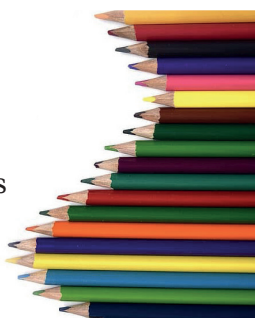
Get a behind-the-scenes look at the legendary home of the Chicago Cubs with Wrigley Field Tours! In just 90 minutes, you can experience the beauty, charm and historic features fans have come to know and love, all while learning about our majestic ballpark that has captivated baseball fans for more than 100 years.

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

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!

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



Premier Plus Architectural Lunch Cruise on the Chicago River

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:30AM
APPROX. RETURN: 2:30PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
 Cost: \$150

Cost includes transportation, cruise, plated lunch, DJ entertainment, and gratuity
Full (non-refundable) payment is due upon reservation by June 5th.

Dress in your cocktail attire for an afternoon of fine dining and unrivaled skyline views from the moment you step aboard the Premier Plus Chicago Lunch Cruise. A selection of delectable plated lunch specials will delight your palate while captivating panoramas of Chicago's iconic architecture are marveled at from the glass-enclosed vessel. Breathtaking views of landmarks can be enjoyed from the comfortable interior or open-air spaces. This upscale experience is complete with narrated architecture tours showcasing over 50 iconic buildings and landmarks, masterful DJ entertainment, and top-notch service. Set sail for an awe-inspiring dining experience! *Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 with any questions.*



Phillips Park Zoo

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:00AM
APPROX. RETURN: 2:30PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD
 Cost: \$40

Includes: transportation and zoo admission
 Lunch will be on your own at Del Rhea's Chicken Basket
Full payment is due upon reservation.



Established in 1915, Phillips Park Zoo is located in Aurora on the grounds of Phillips Park. Come visit over 40 native species of mammals, reptiles and birds. After, we will continue to Del Rhea's Chicken basket, a historic roadhouse on the famous Route 66 specializing in fried chicken and American comfort food. Their lunch buffet and salad bar will be available. *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!



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!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Windy City Thunderbolts 2026 Season Preview

COACHES

Hitting Coach Brian White comes to the ThunderBolts after spending last season on the staff of the Tri-City ValleyCats. Between college and the pros, White is in year number 13 as a coach, including two years as a Frontier League manager with the Florence Y'alls. He had a 96-94 record with Florence and made one playoff appearance. Prior to his managerial stint, White served as Florence's pitching coach for four years, during which the Y'alls played in two championship series. At the collegiate level, he has worked at Clarendon College, Eastfield College and his alma mater, Texas Wesleyan.

Pitching Coach Tino Novis joins the ThunderBolts' coaching staff after serving as the analytics coordinator for the Ottawa Titans last year. He also spent time on the active roster, pitching seven innings over three relief appearances. Novis previously gained experience as both a coach and an administrator when he served as league coordinator for the Palm Springs Collegiate League in 2019 and 2020. At the same time, he spent two years as an assistant coach at his alma mater, the College of the Desert.

THE ROSTER PITCHERS

Matthew Bohnert comes to the ThunderBolts to begin his professional career after spending the last two springs at Indiana University. He also pitched two seasons at Lipscomb University, where he struck out 83 hitters over 59.2 innings in 39 career games.

Zach Cameron followed manager Tom Carcione to Crestwood after a successful rookie season with the Ottawa Titans. He pitched in 36 games with Ottawa out of Niagara University, where he went a career 16-4 with 25 saves. He graduated as the Purple Eagles' all-time leader in saves while finishing top five in wins and ERA.

AJ Campbell is a rookie acquired in a preseason trade with the Milwaukee Milkmen. He was a two-year player at Barton College, going 9-6 with a 3.99 career ERA. He also played both ways for three years at Frostburg State. He was 3-3 on the mound with a 5.70 ERA and a .270 hitter with 11 homers at the plate.

Avery Cook returns to the ThunderBolts after beginning his professional career with the team last year. He pitched seven games out of the bullpen last season following a four-year college career at Purdue. With 72 career appearances, he ranks sixth in Boiler-makers history. As a senior last year, he saved nine games.

Tyler Davis starts his first full pro season after starting his career with three games for Glacier of the Pioneer

League last year. He pitched for three colleges over four years, most notably SIU-Edwardsville, for whom he saved seven games as a senior.

Carter Delaney is a rookie who spent three years at UC Davis. He had a 3.98 ERA over 59 career games and kept it under 3.00 in both of his last two years. He also went 8-2 as a starter in his one year at Folsom Lake College.

Ian Delleman joined the Bolts out of the Frontier League Draft. A former Joliet Slammer, he struck out 49 batters over 33.2 innings in his 30 career games there. He pitched for three years at the University of Illinois-Springfield, going 4-2 with a 3.00 career ERA.

Aaron Evers returns to the ThunderBolts after a solid 2025 season. He posted a 4.14 ERA over 11 starts and won a Frontier League Pitcher of the Week award. A product of Oakland University, Evers posted a 4.18 ERA as a college senior and went on to pitch one year in the United Shore League.

Kevin Figueredo is a rookie out of Ave Maria University in Florida. He went 13-9 in 53 career games (44 starts) for the Gyrenes and finished his college career ranking in the school's all-time top ten in wins, innings and strikeouts.

Cade Flaherty was signed by the Bolts out of the California Winter League. He pitched last season in the Pioneer League to get his career started. In six years of college at Fort Hays State, he won nine career games and was a one-time All-MIAA selection.

CJ Jensik is a local product who played collegiately at both North Central College and Benedictine University. He also spent time as a tight end on North Central's Division III national championship football team in 2022.

Justin Lovell is a rookie out of Palm Beach Atlantic University, where he played for four years. He finished with six wins and six saves over 52 career games (15 starts) for the Sailfish.

Dante Maietta joined the ThunderBolts in June of 2025 and pitched in 15 games (ten starts) as a rookie. Before joining the Bolts, he was a two-time all-conference performer at Clarke University and also pitched at Waubonsie Community College.

Noah Manning began his pro career last year in the Seattle Mariners' organization, pitching 16 games of Rookie ball. He attended Troy University and saved 13 games, going 9-3 with a 3.81 ERA over two years.

Carsen Plumadore is back for year two with the Bolts after spending his rookie campaign in Crestwood, appearing in 25 games out of the bullpen. He attended Georgia Southwestern State University and ranks fourth in school history with 67 appearances. He ranks second in saves with ten of them.

Mitchel Sampson was selected in the 2026 Frontier League Draft after completing his college career at the United States Sports University in Alabama. The Galesburg, Illinois native also spent time in college at Western Illinois University and Heartland Community College.

Ethan Smith was acquired in an off-season trade after spending 2025 as a mainstay in the Lake Erie Crushers' rotation. In college, Smith pitched one year each at Lipscomb and Tennessee. He started his college career at Vanderbilt, going 8-0 with a 2.78 ERA over three years. In 2019, he won the College World Series as one of the team's top relief arms.

Tyler Wehrle had a 3.20 ERA in seven games (six starts) with the 2025 ThunderBolts after coming over in a trade with Washington. He previously pitched for three years in the Milwaukee Brewers' system. Wehrle attended Tiffin University and went a combined 23-10 with a 3.76 ERA there.

CATCHERS

Robbie Ayers is a rookie out of Loyola Marymount. He was a .291 hitter with a .407 on-base percentage in his career as a Lion and was named First Team All-WCC as a senior, when he hit .321 with a .455 on-base percentage.

Victor Cerny is fresh off a Frontier League all-star campaign as an Ottawa Titan in 2025. He hit .309 last year with 53 RBIs in 79 games. In three Frontier League seasons, Cerny has a .291 batting average and .732 OPS. Collegiately, he played three years at Cal State Northridge.

Connor Janik was selected by the ThunderBolts in the Frontier League draft and is set to begin his professional career after hitting .302 with four homers this spring as a senior at Olivet Nazarene University. He hit .396 over 39 games in his lone season at Trinity Christian College.

Mike Kowalczyk has worked his way back after a major injury during the 2020 season. He played collegiately at Culver-Stockton College and College of Lake County in 2019 and 2020 respectively. The local product played high school out of Wheaton Warrenville South.

INFELDERS

Jared Beebe was an All-Big East performer last year when he hit .356 with 55 RBIs over 53 games for St. John's. The rookie put together a career .316 batting average over three years at Barton College and drove in 91 total runs there.

Spence Coffman played his first four pro seasons in the San Diego Padres' system, posting a .260 batting average in 94 career games. Last year, he batted .381 with a 1.006 OPS over 77 games with Grand Junction of the Pioneer League.

James Dunlap joined the ThunderBolts as a rookie out of Catawba College last year and hit .317 over 69 games. He was a .320 hitter in his one year at Catawba and before that, was a two-time All-Summit League performer at North Dakota State.

Daryl Ruiz hit .313 with 40 RBIs in 57 games as a rookie for the Bolts last year. Before beginning his pro career, he rewrote the record books at Cal St. San Bernardino, finishing his college career as the school's all-time leader in hits, home runs, runs and RBIs. He finished his senior season with a 1.270 OPS.

Josue Urdaneta was acquired in an offseason trade with Tri-City. As a rookie with the ValleyCats last year, he hit .262 with 11 stolen bases in 60 games. He played four years of college at Indiana State University where he was a .277 hitter and two-time All-Missouri Valley selection.

OUTFIELDERS

Michael Gould came to the ThunderBolts in an offseason trade after an impressive rookie season in Schaumburg. He hit .330 and drove in 48 runs for the Frontier League's runners up. In four years at Maryville University, he set program records for hits, doubles and runs scored and had a career .344 batting average.

Carlos Pena returns to the Bolts after playing 15 games down the stretch in 2025. Despite limited playing time, he had three homers and ten RBIs. He was First Team All-Missouri Valley at Indiana State University after hitting .327 with a 1.068 OPS. He also played 52 career games over two years at the University of Missouri.

Khyle Radcliffe is a first-year ThunderBolt and second-year pro after a cup of coffee in the United Shore League last year. The Chicago South Side native hit .316 with nine home runs over two years at Southern University and also spent a year apiece at John A. Logan College and Allen Community College.

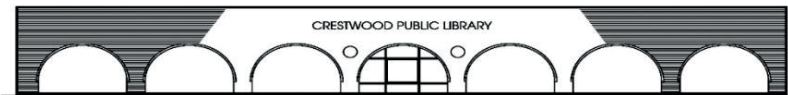
Michael Sandle is back with the Bolts after an all-star campaign in 2025. He hit .275 with 16 homers and 19 stolen bases. He previously spent three years in the Houston Astros organization, rising as high as Triple A. Sandle was a career .289 hitter in four years at the University of South Alabama.

Oscar Serratos joined the ThunderBolts prior to the 2025 season and is back for year two. He swiped 25 bags in 80 games last year, his second as a pro. In 2024, he hit .325 for Great Falls in the Pioneer League. Serratos finished his college career at Biola University, where he hit .356 over two years. He also played two years at Georgia Tech.

Joseph Stagowski appeared briefly with Rocky Mountain in the Pioneer League before returning home to the Chicago area with the Bolts this year. He was a .346 hitter in four years at Rockford University and hit 33 homers, including 14 as a senior, when he was a Division III All-American.

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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P: 708-371-4090 F: 708-371-4127

ADULTS

Day Trips on a Dime Monday, May 4th, 6 PM

Registration required. Join Melanie Holmes for an engaging talk where she shares creative, budget-friendly ideas for memorable local getaways. Discover how to explore hidden gems, plan affordable adventures, and make the most of day trips without breaking the bank.



Everyday AI

Thurs, May 28th, 12 - 1:30 PM

Registration required. This workshop series is designed to introduce participants to practical, everyday uses of artificial intelligence. It provides a clear and simple understanding of what AI is and how it can be used to support daily tasks at work and in everyday life.

Really? Eat More and Weigh Less

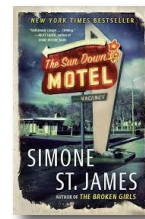
Thursday, June 4th, 6 PM

Registration required. An interactive, research-based program led by Joan Davis, RN MS, that teaches effective long-term weight loss strategies through practical concepts like calorie density, whole food plant-based eating, and building healthier daily habits.

Mystery Thriller Book Club

Thursday, May 28th, 6 PM

Join our Book Club to explore *The Sundown Motel* by Simone St. James. In this dual-timeline mystery, a woman investigating her aunt's disappearance at a haunted motel in upstate New York becomes entangled in the same chilling secrets decades later.



Medicare 101

Wednesday, May 13th, 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 healthcare decisions.

IL I-Cash Program

Tuesday, May 26th, 6 PM

Drop-in appointments only. A representative from the Illinois I-Cash Program will be available at the library to help patrons search for and claim unclaimed property owed to them.

The Crestwood Public Library will be **closed on Monday, May 25th** in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

NEW IN JUNE!

Registration is required for the following programs.

Medicare Patrol BINGO

**Thursday, June 11th
1:00 PM**

Beginner Spanish Classes



**Wednesdays,
Beginning June 17th,
1:00 PM
(Six Week Course)**

Happy Birthday, U.S. Route 66!



**Thursday, June 18th,
6:00 PM**

Illinois Libraries Present: Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

Wednesday, May 20th, 7:00 PM

Virtual program. Online registration available via library website.

R. F. Kuang writes genre-blending fiction that mixes history, magic, and literary tradition to satirically critique academia and culture—seen in works like *Yellowface*, *Babel*, and *The Poppy War*—and will discuss her latest novel *Katabasis* in conversation with Book Riot editor Kelly Jensen.



YOUTH & FAMILIES



SAVE THE DATE! Summer Reading Challenge begins Saturday, June 6th!

Dinosaurs are coming! Get ready to Unearth a Story at the Library this summer during Crestwood Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge! Enjoy a summer of stories, discoveries, entertainers, and dinosaurs all summer long. The summer reading challenge is open to everyone ages 1 year and older.

Toddler Time

**Fridays, May 1st, 8th, & 15th,
10:30 AM**

Registration required. Space is limited. Our Spring 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, May 1st, 8th, & 15th,
12 PM**

Registration required. Space is limited. Our spring 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.

Board Games & Brownies

Tuesday, May 5th, 5:30 PM

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



Kids Art Studio

Monday, May 11th, 4 PM

Children ages 6 and up. Registration required. Join us each month as we create a different art project using different art techniques each month. This month we will paint flower pots. All supplies will be provided.



Family Bingo

Tuesday, May 19th, 6 PM

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



LEGO Club

Thurs, May 7th, 4 PM

Children ages 6-12 years. Registration required. Come share your imagination and join us for a fun afternoon with LEGOs! You can be inspired by our monthly theme or your own design.

YOUR USUAL FAVORITES

Messy Mondays Mondays, May 4th, 10:30 AM

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



Take Home Science Kit Available Thursday, May 7th

Children ages 6 years and up.

Read to the Dogs Tues, May 12th, 5 PM

Children in grades K-5. Reg required. Call for a 15-minute time slot.



Toddler STEAM

Thurs, May 14th, 10:30 AM

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

International Snack Club Thurs, May 21st, 4 PM

Children ages 10 years and up. Registration required. This month we'll explore snacks from Japan!



Monday Take & Make Craft Kit

Available every Monday while supplies last. Pick up a youth craft kit from the library to make at home! Craft kits are available every Monday after 9:30 AM. Craft kits are suitable for ages 3 years and up.



FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Classified Advertising

WEBER 3 BURNER GAS GRILL
\$100.00
Call Ivan at
(708) 388-8845

ALPHA SCHOOL BUS NOW HIRING
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
(709) 371-2986
DRIVERS START AT \$24.25
4702 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE

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

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

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

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

Sudoku

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

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Crossword

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April Puzzle Solution

7	4	2	1	8	6	5	3	9
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ACROSS

- 2. Part of the verb "to be"
- 4. A month
- 7. Surreptitious, attention getting sound
- 11. Brave
- 13. Mature
- 14. U.S. State
- 15. Pitcher
- 16. Tibetan gazelle
- 17. Fragrant flower
- 18. Warming of South Pacific causing Australian drought (2.4)
- 20. Asian nation
- 21. Fingers
- 24. Indian term of respect
- 27. Avenger
- 32. Hip bones
- 33. As
- 34. Equestrian sport
- 35. Kitchen appliance
- 37. Assistants
- 38. Skilled people
- 40. Take sounding
- 44. Naval clerk
- 48. Govern
- 49. Conger
- 51. Finished
- 52. Sea eagles
- 53. In favor of
- 54. Finishes
- 55. Shouts of agreement
- 56. Tavern
- 57. Therefore

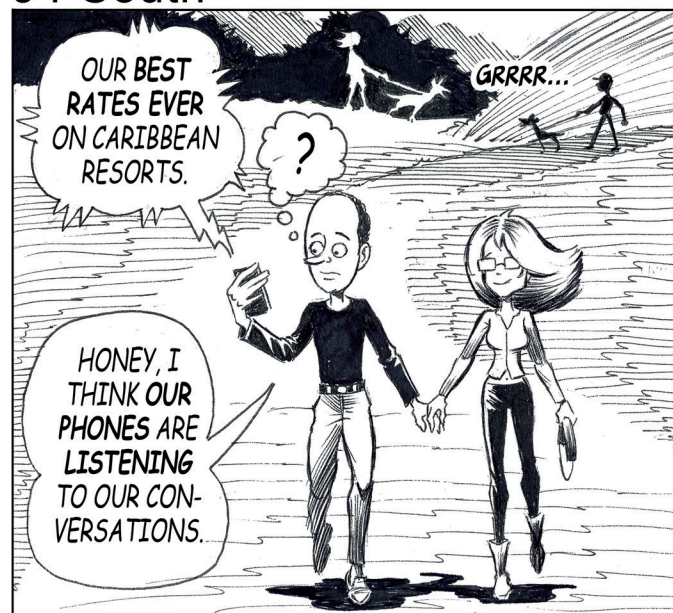
DOWN

- 1. Double curve
- 2. Prayer ending
- 3. Of midday
- 4. Gog and - (Agents of Satan)
- 5. In the past
- 6. Yes
- 7. Pornography (Colloq)
- 8. Fitted with shoes
- 9. Spanish words of agreement (2.2)
- 10. New Guinea currency unit
- 12. Shoemaker's tool
- 19. Pen point
- 20. Doctrine
- 22. Habituate
- 23. An infusion
- 24. Kinsman
- 25. Everything
- 26. Hasten
- 28. Serial installments
- 29. Soil
- 30. Island (France)
- 31. Distress signal
- 33. Which was to be proved
- 36. Skilled
- 37. Dined
- 39. Power line tower
- 40. Victim
- 41. Tempt
- 42. Arm bone
- 43. Untidy state
- 45. Prefix, one
- 46. Also
- 47. Scottish headland
- 49. Prefix, over
- 50. Sea eagle

APRIL RIDDLE:
Why did the duck get fired from his Easter job?

ANSWER: He kept quacking the eggs.

94 South





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crestwoodfitness.com

@crestwood_recreation Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center
 @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!

CRWC Closures

MOTHER'S DAY
 May 10th: closes at 12pm
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
 May 24th: closes at 12pm
 May 25th: closed all day

Youth Activities

Youth Swim Lessons April 14th - May 16th 6 week session

The next youth swim lesson runs from April 14th-May 16th. This is a 6 week session starting after the holidays! Sign ups take place in person and are open to everyone on Monday, April 6th.



Upcoming Events

Spring Sports Parade

Come cheer on our Crestwood Spring Sports in their Spring Sports Parade on Saturday, May 9th! The parade will line up behind Nathan Hale School on Highland Court and travel down West Playfield Drive to Playfield Park. The parade kicks off at 10am and we can't wait to cheer on all Crestwood Spring Sports! Games will kick off at Playfield Park after the parade concludes. Concessions will be open for cash purchases!

SPRING SPORTS PARADE
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH 2026
PARADE STARTS AT 10AM
 PARADE WILL LINE UP BEHIND NATHAN HALE SCHOOL & TRAVEL DOWN WEST PLAYFIELD DRIVE & END AT PLAYFIELD PARK

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

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 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!

CRUSH OPENING DAY!
MAY 9, 2026

10:00am PARADE
11:30am GAMES BEGIN

Concessions will be open!
- CASH ONLY -

GAME SCHEDULE

T-BALL 11:30am (F1): Migawa vs York 11:30am (F2): Reule vs Gallagher 12:30pm (F2): Mossuto vs Dalzell	PINTO 3pm (F2): Mossuto vs Blue Island
SHETLAND 1:00pm (F1): Roman vs Blue Island 1:30pm (F2): Mossuto vs Kaleta	MUSTANG 3pm (F1): Blankenship vs LV
	BRONCO 5pm (F2): Mossuto vs Coglianesse

Workout Classes (not included in membership)

Zumba with Kristen Castillo

Tuesdays • 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.

ZUMBA CLASS



Certified Instructor:
 Kristen Castillo

6 Class Pack:
 \$48/R \$54/NR
 Drop in:
 \$10 per class

Tuesday
 7 pm - 8 pm
 CRWC Multi Purpose Room

Get ready to move, sweat, and smile! Our Zumba class is a high-energy dance workout to exciting Latin and international music. No dance experience needed—just follow along and have fun while burning calories, boosting your mood, and improving coordination. Each class feels like a party, with easy-to-follow moves and nonstop energy. Perfect for all fitness levels. Come dance your way to a healthier you!