

THE CRESTWOOD ADVISER

A Village on the Move

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Chief Kevin Sisk and the Crestwood
Police Department invite everyone



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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4th
5:30-8:30pm

Walker Park | 139th and Laramie Ave.

National Night Out is a great opportunity to strengthen the partnership between our community and the first responders who proudly serve it. Meet the officers, firefighters, public works employees, and community partners who help keep Crestwood safe while enjoying an evening of family fun.

This FREE event will feature:

- A petting zoo
- A giant foam party
- DJ music
- Games and activities for all ages
- Police, fire, and public works displays
- Information booths from local organizations and businesses
- FREE hot dogs, pizza, refreshments, and more!

Bring your family, meet your neighbors, and enjoy an evening filled with fun, food, and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you at Walker Park for another unforgettable National Night Out!

CRESTWOOD VEHICLE STICKERS

Believe it or not, we're already halfway through the year! The **2027 Crestwood Vehicle Stickers** will go on sale this December.

If you have not yet purchased your **2026 Crestwood Vehicle Sticker**, please do so as soon as possible.

Additionally, if you have purchased a new vehicle since your last registration, please stop by Village Hall and update your vehicle information. Keeping your records current will help ensure that your **2027 renewal notice** is sent to the correct vehicle information and will make the renewal process as smooth as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our records up to date!

Curb Appeal Starts at the Curb: Keeping Crestwood Safe and Beautiful



As summer continues and lawns, shrubs, and trees are in full bloom, the Village of Crestwood would like to remind residents that proper landscaping is about more than just curb appeal—it also plays an important role in public safety.

Overgrown bushes, hedges, ornamental grasses, and low-hanging tree branches can block the view of sidewalks, intersections, driveways, and roadways. When visibility is limited, pedestrians, children riding bicycles, and motorists are all placed at greater risk.

Under the Village of Crestwood Code, property owners are responsible for maintaining landscaping so it does not create a hazard or interfere with the public right-of-way. Residents should ensure that:

- **Shrubs, hedges, and other landscaping** do not obstruct the view of motorists or pedestrians at intersections or driveways. They cannot be over 21 inches high.
- **Landscaping** should not encroach onto or block any public sidewalk.
- **Tree branches over sidewalks** should be maintained with a minimum clearance of 8 feet above the sidewalk.
- **Tree branches over streets** should be maintained with a

minimum clearance of 14 feet above the roadway to allow safe passage of emergency vehicles, school buses, delivery trucks, and other traffic.

- Corner lots should maintain clear sight triangles by keeping shrubs, hedges, fences, and other obstructions generally no higher than 21 inches within the visibility area near intersections.

Parents know that children walk to parks, schools, bus stops, and visit friends throughout our neighborhoods. Maintaining clear sidewalks and unobstructed sight lines helps drivers see children and other pedestrians before entering or crossing the roadway.

Proper landscaping is also an important part of neighborhood pride. Well-maintained lawns, shrubs, and trees enhance property values, improve the appearance of our neighborhoods, and demonstrate respect for the community.

The Village of Crestwood appreciates the cooperation of residents in helping keep our neighborhoods safe and attractive. Taking a few moments to trim a hedge, prune a tree, or remove vegetation growing into the sidewalk can make a meaningful difference for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and emergency responders.

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Important Numbers

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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9am - 4pm
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Police Department

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Mon.-Thu.: 5am - 10pm, Friday 5am - 8pm
Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm

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Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: Closed

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(708) 371-2900

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Republic Services

Call Village Hall first at (708) 371-4800, before
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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
August 21

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

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:00pm
Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave
August 11 and August 25

Village of Crestwood Parking

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

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Crestwood Residents and Businesses,

As we turn the calendar to August, I hope you and your families are enjoying the final weeks of summer. Before we know it, students will be returning to the classroom, teachers will be preparing for another school year, and our neighborhoods will once again be filled with the excitement of the first day of school. On behalf of the Village Board and all of our employees, I would like to wish every student, teacher, administrator, and school staff member a safe, successful, and rewarding school year.

With school beginning this month, I encourage all motorists to slow down and stay alert. Please watch for children walking, riding bicycles, and boarding school buses. Together, we can help ensure that everyone arrives at school and home safely each day.

One of the highlights of our summer was another outstanding Day Camp season at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC). Our campers enjoyed weeks filled with exciting games, arts and crafts, sports, special activities, field trips, and opportunities to build lasting friendships. Thank you to our incredible camp counselors and Recreation Department staff for creating a fun, safe, and memorable summer experience for our community's children.

August also brings one of my favorite community events—**National Night Out!** Join us on **Tuesday, August 4, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Walker Park** for an evening dedicated to strengthening the partnership between our residents and first responders. There will be activities for the entire family, opportunities to meet members of our Police and Fire Departments, community organizations, entertainment, children's activities, and much more. We hope you'll come out and spend the evening with your neighbors while celebrating what makes Crestwood such a great community.

Calling all bargain hunters and treasure sellers! If you've been thinking about cleaning out your garage, attic, or basement, now is the perfect time. The **Biela Center will host Treasures From the Trunk on Saturday, August 22, 2026**, and seller spaces are still available. Whether you're looking to sell gently used items or simply browse for unique treasures, this popular community event is always a fun day. Contact the Biela Center for information on reserving a seller space.

As summer winds down, I also encourage everyone to continue supporting our local businesses. Whether you're dining at one of our

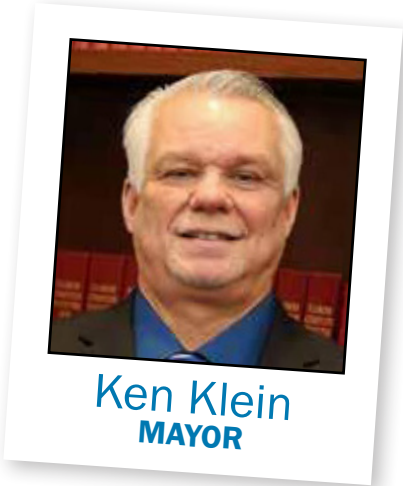
restaurants, shopping at our retail stores, or utilizing services offered here in Crestwood, your support helps strengthen our local economy and contributes to the continued growth of our community.

Our Public Works Department continues to work hard throughout the summer maintaining our streets, parks, and public spaces. Their dedication, along with the efforts of every Village department, helps keep Crestwood clean, safe, and welcoming for both residents and visitors. Please join me in thanking all of our Village employees for the work they do each day.

I wanted to remind residents that although summer is coming to an end, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy our parks, walking paths, and recreational facilities. Take advantage of the beautiful weather while it lasts and spend time outdoors with family, friends, and neighbors.

I also want to personally thank everyone who came together following the recent storm. While the damage from fallen trees and debris was significant, our community once again showed what it means to work together.

Thank you to our residents for your patience and cooperation, and a special thank you to our Public



Works Department for their tireless efforts clearing trees, debris, and restoring our streets. I also want to recognize our Fire Department and Police Department for their quick response and commitment to keeping our community safe.

I am proud of the teamwork and dedication shown by everyone involved. Together, we made a difficult situation much easier to overcome.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make Crestwood such a wonderful place to call home. I hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer, have a safe back-to-school season, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming community events.

Sincerely,

Ken Klein
Ken Klein
Mayor, Village of Crestwood

CRESTWOOD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENIOR
WELL BEING
CHECK
PROGRAM

The Crestwood Police Department would like to introduce our **Senior Community Well-Being Check Program** and the contact person. The program entails Tom Dawson of Senior Services contacting seniors approximately 1 time a month to check on their well-being and answer any questions they may have. Any person who would like to participate must be 60 years or older and must be a resident of Crestwood.

✓ Checking on our seniors 1 time per month

✓ Answering seniors' questions

✓ Personally contacted by Tom Dawson, Senior Services

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Fire Safety at
Your Home Away from Home

Peer-to-peer hospitality services, such as Airbnb, Vacation Rentals by Owner and other types of vacation rentals are not regulated in the same way as hotels. Requirements vary widely across jurisdictions. Act as your own safety advocate and know before you go. Be sure the following safety measures are addressed.

SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Working smoke alarms are in every sleeping room. They are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home.
- ✓ Working smoke alarms are interconnected, if possible. When one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ Portable fire extinguishers are in the home and are easy to reach.
- ✓ Working carbon monoxide alarms are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home and in other locations as required by laws, codes, or standards.
- ✓ The owner has posted a floor plan. It notes all escape routes and exits and provides emergency contact information.
- ✓ Everyone knows the address of the home.
- ✓ Everyone staying in the home has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency.
- ✓ All doors and windows that lead outside are able to be opened.
- ✓ An outside meeting place has been chosen. It is a safe distance away from the home.
- ✓ Everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone from outside.
- ✓ If smoking is allowed, a smoking area has been designated and is well away from the structure. Deep, sturdy ashtrays have been provided.
- ✓ All pathways are free and clear of tripping hazards.
- ✓ Electrical outlets are free from multiple cords and adaptors.
- ✓ The stovetop is clear. Anything that can catch fire is not near the stovetop, such as curtains and towels.

WINDOW AND DOOR ALERT!

Be on the lookout for rooms with tiny windows. These are too small to serve as a means of escape.

Security bars on doors and windows can trap people in a fire. Make sure any security bars have quick-release devices. Tools, keys, or special efforts should not be needed to open them.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Peer-to-peer hospitality services are not regulated in the same way as hotels. Requirements vary widely across jurisdictions. Do your homework before making a reservation. Check online to see your travel destination's regulations for rental properties. Ask your host if the property meets the regulations. Discuss other safety concerns you may have.

Check the forecast in case of storms that could cause power outages; assure the property has equipment (batteries, lanterns, etc.) in the event of a power outage.

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We Watch, We Call!

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

Deceptive Practice

06-02-2026: A resident reported that she received a text message that was claiming that her Apple account had been hacked and was being used for illegal activities. The victim then received a call from someone claiming to be with Apple, who explained that her account could be restored, but she would first need to speak with someone from the Federal Trade Commission. She was then transferred and spoke with a subject who told her that her account was used in various crimes and that she would have to pay a fine to have her account restored. She was then told that the fine had to be paid using gift cards. The victim then went out and purchased \$3,000 worth of varies gift cards and sent photos of the gift cards along with the security pin to the caller.

06-12-2026: A subject reported that he was informed that he had an outstanding debt of \$498.00 to Affirm Credit. The victim investigated and found that an account was opened using his identity in 2024 and there was an airline ticket purchase. The victim has no access to the account and did not authorize anyone to use his identity.

Theft

06-06-2026: A brown Chevy Tahoe was stolen from the 5200 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

06-06-2026: A black Hyundai Sonata was stolen from the 5100 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

06-08-2026: A resident reported that she purchased a cashier's check for and sent it via U.S Postal Service to a loan service in California. Upon checking the status of the check using the tracking number, she discovered the "Pay to the Order" had been changed to a private name. She contacted the bank who then confirmed the check had been deposited into a private account in California.

06-10-2026: Unknown suspects stole a 2013 Dodge Charger from

the 128th block of West Playfield Drive. Officers using Flock Technology were able to track several locations of the vehicle before the vehicle was involved in an accident at 143rd and Harlem. Witnesses reported that three suspects then fled from the vehicle.

06-15-2026: Unknown suspects stole a vehicle engine that was stored on the west side of Midas. A check of the video surveillance showed 2 subjects that were driving in a white Ford F-150 truck enter the parking lot and load the engine into the bed of the truck. The license plate of the vehicle was identified and it was determined that the vehicle is registered to an address in Homewood. The case is still open for investigation.

06-21-2026: An unknown suspect stole a black Weber grill from a backyard in the 4800 block of 143rd street. A check of several neighbor's surveillance videos found a male black suspect, wearing a blue sweatshirt and gray sweatpants walking through the backyards with the Weber grill.

Criminal Damage to Property

06-02-2026: Unknown suspects damaged a 2022 Chevy Colorado in the 140th block of Laramie by scratching and denting the passenger side door.

06-06-2026: Unknown suspects damaged the mailbox to a residence in the 4600 block of 143rd street.

06-09-2026: Unknown suspects damaged the steering column on a 2019 Hyundai that was parked in the 5700 block of 129th street.

06-10-2026: Unknown suspects flattened the tires on a 2017 GMC Acadia that was parked in the parking lot of the AMC Theater.

06-11-2026: Unknown suspects damaged 5 windows of a residence in the 139th block of Lavergne. It appeared that the windows were damaged with a BB gun.

06-27-2026: Unknown suspects damaged lock and door on a 2020 Kia Sorrento that was parked in the 5700 block of 128th street.

06-27-2026: Unknown suspects damaged the doors, the code entry panel, and the steering column on a 2016 white Ford Fusion in the 5700 block of 129th street.

06-27-2026: Unknown suspects damaged the lock on a 2017 Honda Accord that was parked in the 128th block of Carriage Lane.

06-29-2026: Unknown suspects damaged the door lock cylinder on a 2018 Kia Soul that was parked in the 128th block of Hill Drive.

Burglary

06-06-2026: Officers responded to the Dotty's, located in the 135th block of Cicero for an activated alarm. As officers were responding, an update from dispatch was broadcasted that surveillance video showed 4 individuals wearing mask were inside the business and they were armed with sledge-

hammers. As officers arrived, the suspect's vehicle, a gray Dodge Charger was observed backed into a parking spot near the front door. Officers then observed as 3 suspects fleeing from the business and attempting to enter the vehicle as it was driving away. After the suspects were in the vehicle, it fled at a high rate of speed northbound on Cicero Avenue. Officers then entered the establishment and observed several damaged gaming machines and well as several burglary tools that had been left behind. At the time of the report, it is unknown how much money was taken during the incident.

06-13-2026: Officers responded to the Dotty's, located in the 135th block of Cicero for a burglary in progress. Officers arrived on scene and observed male suspects exit the establishment and enter a Dodge Durango. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, however, the vehicle fled north bound on Cicero at a high rate of speed. Officers returned to the scene and observed several gaming machines had been damaged. It was later learned that the same vehicle and suspects had committed similar burglaries in Palos Heights and Hometown before coming to Crestwood.

06-19-2026: Officers responded to Longford Pub, located in the 138th block of Cicero for an activated alarm. Officers arrived and found the front door glass shattered and that 4 gaming machines had been damaged.

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Crestwood Police Department Introduces *StarChase Technology* to Enhance Public Safety and Reduce High-Speed Pursuits

The Crestwood Police Department is proud to announce the addition of **StarChase GPS Pursuit Management Technology** to its patrol operations, providing officers with a safer alternative to traditional high-speed vehicle pursuits.

The StarChase technology was acquired through grant funding, allowing the Crestwood Police Department to bring this innovative public safety tool to the community at no additional cost to local taxpayers. Through the grant, the department received two vehicle-mounted StarChase launch systems and one handheld StarChase launcher.

StarChase allows trained officers to deploy a GPS tracking dart onto a fleeing vehicle. Once attached, officers can safely monitor the vehicle in real time, allowing

them to reduce or discontinue a dangerous pursuit while coordinating a safe apprehension. By eliminating the need to remain directly behind a fleeing vehicle with lights and sirens activated, many violators reduce their speed and return to more normal driving behavior, significantly reducing the risk to innocent motorists, pedestrians, and responding officers.

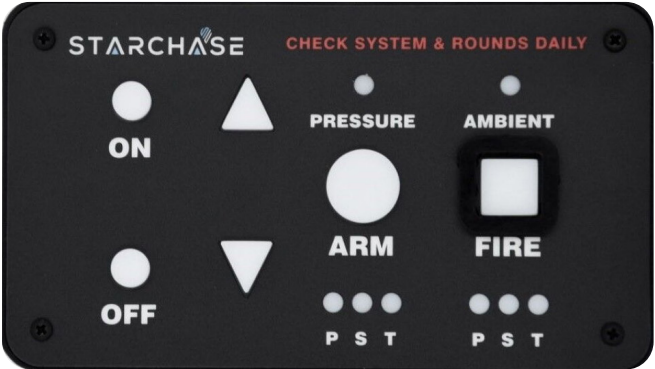
"Our first responsibility is protecting the lives of the people we serve. While there are times when pursuing dangerous offenders is necessary, we are always looking for ways to reduce unnecessary risks. StarChase provides our officers with another valuable tool that allows us to hold offenders accountable while significantly improving the safety of our community. We are especially grateful that this technology was obtained

through grant funding, allowing us to enhance public safety without placing an additional financial burden on our residents."

– Chief Kevin Sisk

Vehicle pursuits remain one of the most dangerous aspects of law enforcement. StarChase gives officers another option to safely locate and apprehend offenders while reducing risks to the public. The technology will be particularly valuable during incidents involving stolen vehicles, fleeing felony suspects, violent offenders, and other situations where officers must balance the need to apprehend offenders with the safety of the community.

The Crestwood Police Department is committed to actively pursuing grant opportunities that enhance public safety while reducing the financial burden on the Village. The successful acquisition of StarChase through grant funding is another example of the department's ongoing efforts to secure advanced equipment and technology that benefits both officers and the community.



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Thanks to all who nominated a beautiful home and thanks to all the great work done on the outside of your homes in the past year!

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- 5247 W. 136th Ct.
- 5224 W. 141st St.
- 5329 W. 138th Pl.
- 5201 W. 134th Pl.
- 14259 Kostner Ave.
- 12955 E. Playfield Dr.
- 5555 W. 130th St.
- 4844 W. 135th St.
- 13609 Loomis Lane
- 13106 Village Lane
- 13118 Linder Ct.



The Midway Effect: How the ThunderBolts are Creating Memories Beyond Baseball

The Windy City ThunderBolts and the Village of Crestwood are proud to announce a new 10-year lease agreement that will keep the ThunderBolts calling Crestwood home through the 2035 season.

Fans have already begun enjoying several exciting enhancements unveiled for the 2026 season, highlighted by the all-new Midway Game Zone. The Midway features interactive attractions for fans of all ages, including a speed pitch, Plinko, a bobblehead ring toss, and a giant Price Is Right-style prize wheel where guests can win

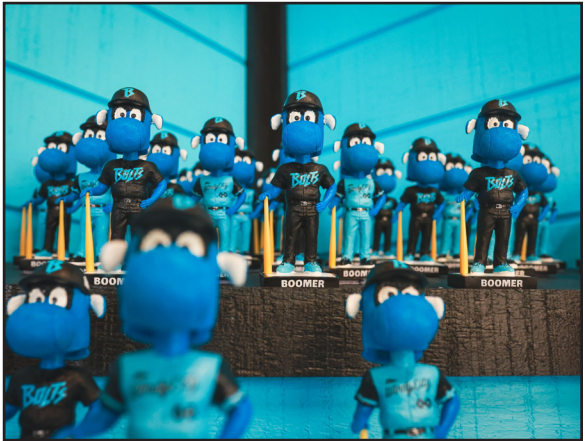
ThunderBolts merchandise and other great prizes.

Also debuting this summer is the JULIE1call Shovelton Springs Kids Zone, a fun-filled family destination featuring a bounce house, a photo stand-in, an interactive safe-digging exhibit, and an exciting playground!

Additional ballpark improvements include a widened outer concourse to enhance fan flow, the installation of a new black ornamental steel perimeter fence, and an expanded beer garden that provides

even more space for fans to gather and enjoy the game-day atmosphere.

To learn more about the ThunderBolts' continued investment in creating an unforgettable fan experience, read our feature story on the Midway and the latest ballpark improvements: rb.gy/c7z7hc



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FEATURED ARTIST AUGUST • RUBA ALRAFATI

Fine artist Ruba Alrafati, a resident of Orland Park, IL, has always carried a love for drawing and creativity. From a young age, she found joy in creating, although life eventually led her in another direction. She earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Jordan and worked as a civil engineer for ten years.

Although she appreciated her career and the opportunities it brought, Ruba always felt that a part of her remained quiet—a creative side that needed to be expressed. Returning to art was never about becoming an artist overnight; it was about reconnecting with something that had always brought her peace and fulfillment. She began drawing again simply to enjoy the quiet moments of creating and reconnect with herself away from the demands of everyday life.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, she found more time to dedicate to art, and what began as a simple return to drawing gradually became a deeper passion. Looking back, she believes that creativity had always been there, patiently

waiting for the right moment to emerge.

Ruba's artistic journey naturally led her toward portraiture. One of the first subjects she explored after returning to art was the human eye, which remains one of her favorite elements to paint. She believes that eyes have their own language and can tell stories without words. Through portraiture, she seeks to capture emotion and reveal the quiet stories that exist beyond a person's physical appearance.

Her background in civil engineering continues to influence the way she approaches art, strengthening her understanding of structure, balance, and composition. Over time, she has also come to believe that an artist's style develops naturally through experience, emotion, and practice. Even when beginning with a reference image, she allows intuition to guide the painting, often discovering that her own emotions become part of the finished work.

While she enjoys working in several mediums, including graphite,

charcoal, and pastels, oil paint remains her favorite for larger works. She is drawn to dramatic contrasts, often using dark backgrounds with carefully chosen vibrant colors to create depth, atmosphere, and emotional impact.

Beyond portraiture, Ruba is inspired by the atmosphere of theater and visual storytelling. She often incorporates theatrical moods and symbolic elements that encourage viewers to look beyond what is immediately visible. Rather than explaining her paintings, she prefers to leave space for each viewer to form a personal connection with the work.

Since returning to art, Ruba has participated in exhibitions at Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery at MVCC, Bridgeport Art Center, Union Street Gallery, Orland Park Library, and Vogt Visual Art Center. Her first Chicago exhibition at Bridgeport Art Center marked an important milestone, introducing her to the city's local art community. She believes that while artists often create to fulfill something deeply personal, sincere appreciation from viewers encourages them to continue growing and creating.



Ruba was introduced to the Town and Country Art League through one of its meetings, where she enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere and the opportunity to connect with fellow artists. She values the importance of learning from others and hopes to become a member of TCAL in the future.

Looking back, Ruba believes that true passion never disappears; sometimes it simply waits patiently for the right moment to return. She hopes her journey encourages others to begin whenever they feel ready, enjoy the creative process, and trust that their own artistic voice will develop naturally over time.





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Emergency Supply List

- ☐ Water and non-perishable food for several days
- ☐ Extra cell phone battery or charger
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps

What is the Biela Senior Center?

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

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

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

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



AUGUST FEATURE

Open-Faced Sandwich

Biela Center Cookbook Club

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 • 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!

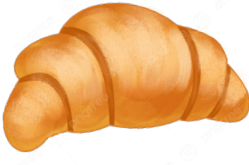
BOTH ROOMS OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 AM - 4 PM

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 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 | AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 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 pm	Nat'l Night Out 4 Chair Yoga 9:30 -10:30 am Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm TOPS 6-7:30 pm	5 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	Little Travelers 6 Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am Mexican Train 12-2 pm Line Dance 12:30-2 pm Bunco 1-4 pm	7 Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm	8
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Biela Center Treasures from the Trunk

Saturday, August 22nd
9 AM - 2 PM



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Crestwood, IL

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

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IMPORTANT BIELA POLICY INFORMATION

PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment is due upon reservation. We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment.

NO REFUND POLICY

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

This is in place because we have to pay the facility’s fees prior to our trip. Which means they are paid well in advance and your seat has already been paid.

CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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



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MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
11:15AM – 12:00PM
\$2/class

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
9:30 – 10:30AM
\$2/class

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





Boot Scootin’ Boogie!

THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS
12:30PM 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.

1 FREE TRIAL CLASS

AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES



The Thornton Quarry
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 8:30AM
APPROX RETURN: 12:00PM
Cost: \$85, Cost includes transportation, continental breakfast, tour
Breakfast will be held at the Biela Center from 7:45 -8:15 a.m.
before departure.
Full payment is due upon reservation by Sept. 25.
If you need 1-1 assistance with mobility, personal care, or other activities, please arrange for a support person to accompany you. Support persons are required to register and purchase a ticket for the trip.
The Thornton Quarry is one of the largest aggregate quarries in the world, located in Thornton, IL. The quarry is 1.5 miles long, .5 miles wide, and 450 feet deep at its deepest point. Join us as we learn the history and how the quarry is operated today.

DRURY LANE THEATRE PRESENTS...
Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:30AM
APPROX RETURN: 4:30PM
Cost: \$130, Cost includes transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance
Full payment is due upon reservation by July 24th.
If you need 1-1 assistance with mobility, personal care, or other activities, please arrange for a support person to accompany you. Support persons are required to register and purchase a ticket for the trip.



Choose from the following for your lunch entrée:
_____ Roasted Turkey _____ Three 2 oz. Petite Filets
Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story chronicles the life and music of rock and roll pioneer Buddy Holly from his early start in Texas to his meteoric rise to fame and untimely death at the age of 22. Experience the original sound that changed rock and roll music as we know it.
Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4800 ext. 6000 with any questions.

THE BIELA SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS ...
Monday Movie Matinee
1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE
Come join us in the comfort of our living room . Free popcorn!

Aug 3	City Slickers	Aug 24	Grumpy Old Men
Aug 10	The Banger Sisters	Aug 31	Ace Ventura
Aug 17	The Bucket List		

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!



Game Night at Biela!
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH
6:00PM – 8:00PM
Do you like to play board games? Come on over! Join us for a FREE night of fun! Come with a friend, or make one here. Bring your favorite game or cards (or borrow the ones we have here). Snacks will be provided.

AUGUST

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, August 4	Tuna with Tomato
☐ Friday, August 7	Corn Dog
☐ Tuesday, August 11	Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
☐ Friday, August 14	Bratwurst with German Potato Salad
☐ Tuesday, August 18	Chicken Stir Fry
☐ Friday, August 21	Loaded Nachos
☐ Tuesday, August 25	Pork and Pepper Sandwich
☐ Friday, August 28	Zucchini Boats

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

Name _____

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ADMIT ONE

First Time Visitors

Present this ticket for one FREE lunch
(and stay for Bingo)

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

ADMIT ONE

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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!



BIELA SENIOR CENTER

Starved Rock,
Quentin Flagg and
the Rock & Roll
Halloween Bash

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
DEPART FROM THE
BIELA CENTER: 9:30AM
APPROX. RETURN: 4:30PM
Cost: \$120

Includes: transportation,
buffet lunch, gratuity, show
Full (non-refundable) payment is due upon reservation by Sept. 18.
If you need 1-1 assistance with mobility, personal care, or other activities, please arrange for a support person to accompany you. Support persons are required to register and purchase a ticket for the trip.

Get rowdy, snap those fingers, and clap your hands for this unique show that will get you rockin’ and ready to dance! Take a seat and hold on, as Quentin takes you on a roller coaster ride of great music with his high-energy stage show. Thi Rock ‘n Roll show will include favorites from the 50’s & 60’s and more!



The Dancing Horses
Dinner Theatre

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9AM
APPROX. RETURN: 5PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD

Cost: \$120
Includes: transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance
Full (non-refundable) payment is due upon reservation by Aug. 14th.

If you need 1-1 assistance with mobility, personal care, or other activities, please arrange for a support person to accompany you. Support persons are required to register and purchase a ticket for the trip.

The Dancing Horses Dinner Theatre is home of the most amazing Vegas-style show in Lake Geneva. This dazzling spectacle features an array of horse breeds who perform alongside their trainers in this fantastic showing of equestrian artistry. Our entertainer roster includes performers who have worked for All the Kings Horses, Arabian Nights, Ringling Bros., Universal Orlando, and Walt Disney World. Please note: artistic lighting, including strobe lights, may be used during the performance.

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



Come showcase your treasures at the
Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL

Treasures from the Trunk

Come join the fun as you transform your trunk into a mobile marketplace
Saturday, August 22, 2026
9 am - 2 pm

- Seller's Fee: \$20 per space (equivalent to two parking spots)
- Vehicle must fit within a regular parking space
- Sellers are responsible for their own tables, chairs, electric, tents, etc.
- Sellers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- NO firearms, guns, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, or animals can be sold. Sellers will be asked to leave, without receiving a refund, if items are deemed illegal or inappropriate by the Biela or Village of Crestwood staff.
- This is a rain or shine event
- Concessions will be available
- For safety reasons, vehicles cannot leave until the end of the event
- Applications will be accepted until all spaces are full or by Friday, August 18th .
- Please make checks payable to: Village of Crestwood. You will be emailed a confirmation. NO refund will be given once application is accepted.
- The Biela will advertise in the local paper in addition to flyers around the community.

Seller's Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Number of Spaces @ \$20 each: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Return this form, along with payment, no later than Friday, August 18th . Any questions, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ex. 6001

I will not hold the Biela Center responsible for any loss, damage, theft, sales, or lack thereof. I understand that No refund will be given.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Autumn in the
Country Craft Fair

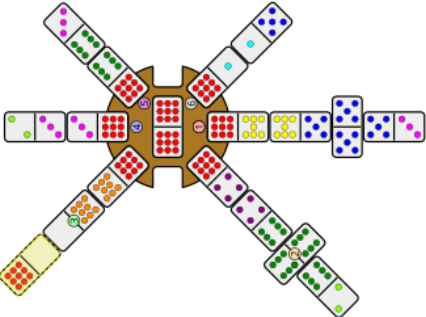
SANDWICH, ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
DEPART: 9:00AM
APPROX. RETURN: 4:00PM
4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE

Cost: \$45 • Cost Includes: coach transportation and fair entry
Full (non-refundable) payment is due upon reservation by September 11th

If you need 1-1 assistance with mobility, personal care, or other activities, please arrange for a support person to accompany you. Support persons are required to register and purchase a ticket for the trip.

The former Hill Family Fall Festival of Crafts is one of the oldest and largest family run craft fairs in the state of Illinois with over 250 crafters. Dining is available, in addition to concession trailers.

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



Mexican Train
Dominoes

THURSDAYS • 12:00PM – 2:00PM
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.

ComEd Programs Help Hundreds of Thousands of Northern Illinois Small Businesses Cut Costs and Save Energy

As small-business owners face rising operating costs, ComEd is marking a major milestone: more than 100,000 small businesses across northern Illinois have completed free facility assessments. Energy-saving improvements made through these assessments have helped participating businesses save \$262.8 million annually on energy costs, supported by \$607 million in incentives to offset the cost of upgrades.

To mark the milestone, ComEd joined small-business owners and local elected officials in Elmhurst, IL, to highlight the value of facility assessments, which include an in-person site visit to identify energy-saving projects and potential incentives.

“Small businesses are an indispensable part of our local neighborhoods, providing jobs and contributing to the vibrancy of our communities,” said Gil Quiniones, ComEd President and CEO. “We’re extremely proud that our EE program is lowering costs for small businesses, enhancing their financial security and improving local air quality.”

Facility assessments are part of the award-winning ComEd Energy Efficiency (EE) Program, which also offers instant discounts, rebates, technical services and whole-building solutions to help families, businesses and public-sector customers reduce energy use and save money on electric bills.

Since 2015, small-business customers that completed facility assessments have saved 2.2 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of energy,

helping avoid nearly 1.7 billion pounds of carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. That is equivalent to planting more than 750,000 acres of trees or taking 176,000 cars off the road for one year. Eligible small-business customers include restaurants, grocery stores and churches with peak energy demand below 500 kilowatts. A full list of qualifying businesses and available EE offerings is available at ComEd.com/SmallBiz.

“At a time when small businesses are managing rising costs and tighter margins, programs like the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program are among the most practical tools we have to help them stay competitive,” said State Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton. “The free facility assessments and incentives give business owners a clear path to lower their energy use and their monthly bills, while supporting the broader clean energy goals we have set for Illinois.”

Small businesses face financial pressures that differ from those of households and large corporations. With tighter margins and limited reserves, many owners need immediate cash relief. Reliable reductions in energy costs help small businesses better plan for future expansion in resources and staff.

While the benefits of the ComEd EE Program are felt across northern Illinois, participation has been especially strong in District 23, which includes Elmhurst. Since 2015, nearly 4,000 local businesses have completed EE upgrades, receiving more than \$24 million in incentives while saving more than \$13 million in annual costs and

100 million kWh of energy. The energy savings are equivalent to planting more than 35,000 acres of trees or taking more than 8,000 cars off the road for one year.

“Small businesses across DuPage County are navigating real financial pressures, from rising energy supply costs to tighter margins on every sale,” said Greg Bedalov, President and CEO of Choose DuPage. “The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program gives businesses a path to long-term savings through free facility assessments and incentives that cover most of the cost of upgrades. Together, these programs give our small businesses the support they need to focus on what they do best, which is serving their customers and growing in our communities.”

Joe’s Auto & Truck Repair is a family-operated shop that services cars and light-duty trucks for both individual drivers and businesses. In 2025, the shop took advantage of a ComEd facility assessment to install lighting retrofits and compressed-air system upgrades, earning more than \$3,000 in incentives and an estimated savings of nearly 13,000 kWh of electricity.

“Joe’s Auto & Truck Repair has been part of the Elmhurst community since 1983, and every dollar we save is a dollar we can reinvest into our team and our customers,” Robert Stobienia, Director, Joe’s Auto and Truck Repair. “Through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, we were able to upgrade our lighting and compressed air system with incentives that made the improvements easy to take on. The result has been immediate sav-

ings on our monthly energy bills, and the confidence of knowing our shop is running more efficiently for years to come. I would encourage every small business in the area to look into what ComEd’s program can do for them.”

LONG- AND SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL-BUSINESS CUSTOMERS

Small business facility assessments are among the long-term solutions ComEd offers to help businesses across northern Illinois save money and energy. In the short term, for businesses in need of relief from current bills and past-due balances, ComEd recently extended last year’s Customer Relief Fund. Backed by Exelon, ComEd’s parent company, the \$2.5 million fund provides a one-time matching grant of up to \$500 to eligible small- and medium-sized business customers in ComEd’s northern Illinois service territory. To qualify, businesses must use less than 500 kilowatts, have an active ComEd commercial-meter account and a past-due balance, and have no unpaid tampering fees or bankruptcy filing. Home-based businesses are not eligible.

Grant applications, administered by Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Chicago, must be submitted online at ComEd.com/SMBRelief. Phone applications will not be accepted.

Together, these efforts demonstrate ComEd’s commitment to The Exelon Promise, Exelon’s customer-focused strategy to deliver immediate relief, strong protections and long-term solutions for rising energy costs.



SPORTS PHYSICALS

Get your Sports Physicals now for IESA & Cook County School District 130

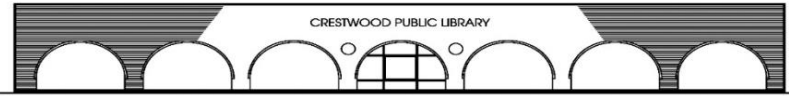
Any students entering grades 6, 7, or 8 who are interested in trying out for IESA or Cook County School District 130 sports during the 2026–2027 school year **must have a valid sports physical on file before tryouts.**

Tryout dates are as follows:

Boys Soccer	September 8, 9, and 10
Girls Basketball	September 14 and 15
Boys Basketball	October 19 and 20
Girls Volleyball	December 7, 8, and 9
Boys Volleyball	March 15 and 16
Girls Soccer	April 12 and 13

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ADULTS

Beginner Spanish Class for Adults
Tuesdays, Beginning August 11, 12:30 PM
Registration required. Join us for a six-week beginner Spanish class for adults with little or no prior experience. Participants will learn basic vocabulary, pronunciation, and every day conversational skills in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Mystery Thriller Book Club
Thursday, Aug 20, 6:00 PM
Registration required. Join our book club to explore, *If She Knew* by Blake Pierce. A retired FBI agent is pulled back into the hunt when a friend's daughter is murdered, uncovering a web of secrets and a serial killer hiding behind the perfect façade of suburban life.



Coyotes in Cook County
Thursday, Aug 27, 6:00 PM
Registration encouraged. A naturalist from the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center discusses the latest insights on coyotes, including why feeding them is discouraged, how to keep pets safe, their breeding and social behaviors, and findings from the longest-running urban coyote research project in Cook County.

Medicare Basics
Wednesday, Aug 12, 6:00 PM
Registration encouraged. Please join Bill Johnson - a local independent insurance agent with over 25 years of experience in the Medicare and health insurance industry - for a free informational seminar regarding the basics of Medicare.

IL I-Cash Program
Thursday, Aug 6, 10 AM - 1 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.

Stampin' Up Card Class
Monday, August 10, 6:00 PM
Registration required. \$5 per person.

Adult Take & Make Craft Kit
Available on Thursday, Aug 27
Pick up a DIY craft from the library to make at home!

*** Coming In September ***

Illinois Libraries Present: Inside the Empire of AI with Karen Hao
Thursday, Sept 17th, 7 PM

9/11: Ground Zero—A Firsthand Account, 25 Years Later
Thursday, Sept 24th, 6 PM

Join us at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4 at Walker Park from 5:30 to 8:30 PM!

Tech Help Tuesdays
Tuesdays in August, 1-2pm
Registration required for appointments. Stop by the library for assistance with basic tech questions like downloading apps or using your device.

Needles & Yarn
Monday, August 24th 6:30pm

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Kids Art Studio
Monday, August 17, 3:30 PM
Ages 6-12. Registration is required. Kids, join us to use your creativity as we explore different types of art. This month we will make art with duct tape. All supplies will be provided.

LEGO Club
Thursday, August 6, 4:00 PM
Children ages 6-12 years. Registration required. Come share your imagination and join us for a fun afternoon with LEGOs! This month you can build your own dinosaur from our kits or create your own design.

Toddler Time
Fridays, August 21 & 28, 10:30 AM
Registration required. Space is limited. Our fall session begins 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, August, 21 & 28, 12:00 PM
Registration required. Space is limited. Our fall session of storytime begins this month! Children ages 3-6 years can come hear stories, move to music, and make a craft during this 45-minute program all on their own!



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

Kids Take & Make Craft Kits
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.

STEAM

Preschool STEAM
Thursday, Aug 20, 10:30 AM
Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required. Join us this month for a fun science activity as we learn basic math and science concepts.

Read to the Dogs
Tuesday, Aug 11, 5 PM
Children in grades K-5. Registration required. Kids can brush up their reading skills by reading to therapy dogs Humphrey, Hamish, and Hazel. Call for a 15-minute time slot.

International Snack Club
Thursday, August 27, 4:00 PM
Children ages 10 years and up. Registration required. Do you like learning about different places and their foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different countries? Then join us for snacks, facts, and fun at the library. This month we'll explore snacks from Turkey!



Dinosaur Dimensions
Saturday, August 1, 12 PM
All Ages. Registration recommended. Curt Strutz is bringing his animatronic dinosaurs to the library for this all-ages show! This lively puppet show features four amazing dinosaur characters, a high-energy storyline, and tons of audience participation. Do you dare take a picture with a velociraptor?

Family Bingo
Tuesday, August 25, 6:00 PM
Registration required. Space is limited. Bring the whole family for a night of our favorite game! All families are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of fun and great prizes.

Messy Mondays
Monday, August 10 & 24, 10:30 AM
Children ages 2-4 years with an adult. Registration required. Parents can bring their budding artists to the library to create art and play with messy materials during this 30-minute art class. Please dress to get messy.

Classified Advertising

FOR SALE

Hamilton Beach toaster oven/
Air fryer never used \$30.00

So Clean 2 c-pap machine
sterilizer w/2 filters in good
condition \$40.00

George Forman free standing
electric BBQ grill in good
condition \$30.00

Call Nancy at (708)705-6361

Free Advertising for
Crestwood Residents!

Limited to 20 words or less
and include information
related to the following items:

Garage Sales

Lost and Found

Large Appliances

Automobiles

Motorcycles

Boats and Trailers

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

Garage Sales

Appliances and Electronics

Sales

Transportation (Cars,
Boats, motorcycles)

Homes for Sale or Rent

Apartments for Sale or
Rent

Employment

Openings

Jobs Wanted

Sudoku

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

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Crossword

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July Puzzle Solutions

2	5	4	3	8	1	7	6	9
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ACROSS

1. Perform

3. Lavatory (Colloq)

6. Ethnic telecaster

9. Neuter singular pronoun

11. Hello there

12. Primate

13. Mountain nymphs

15. Elsewhere excuses

17. Pamper

18. Free

19. Protective kitchen garment

21. Examine thoroughly

22. Greet

24. Braggart (Colloq) 1.2

25. Belonging to that woman

26. Brassard

28. Thick

29. Skin opening

30. Camp shelter

31. Solo

33. Secondary pinna

36. Quote

37. Even (poet.)

38. Opera solo

39. Greeting

40. Chews on a bone

42. Superlative suffix

43. Incense burner

45. On horseback

47. Wholly

48. Cheer

49. Otherwise

50. Similar to

51. Indian dish

52. The self

53. Possessive form of me

DOWN

1. Teaching of the Buddha

2. Greasier

3. Laboratory

4. Capital of Western Samoa

5. Resembling wasps

6. City destroyed by God

7. Grain husk

8. Monetary unit of Japan

9. Lazy people

10. Sleeping sickness fly

14. Soldier of fortune

16. Unchanged when multiplied by itself

20. Radiation unit

23. Choice steak (1-4)

25.Reddish brown dye

27. Land measure

28. Lair

30. Articles made of tin plate

31. Wattle tree

32. Animates

33. Legume

34. Limber, supple

35. Cafeteria

37. Sign up

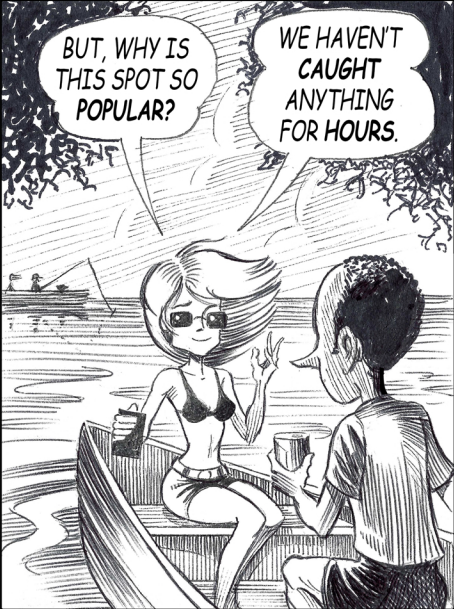
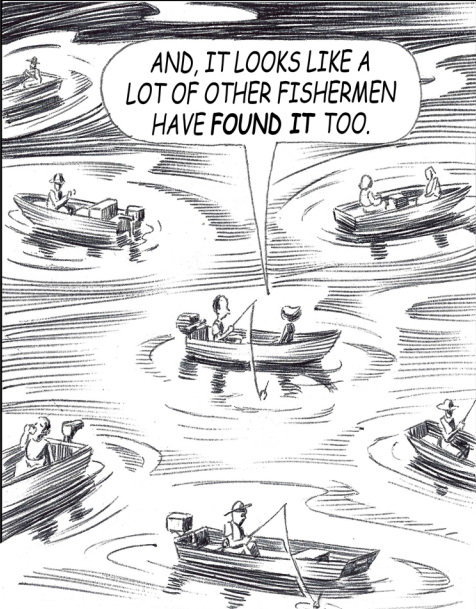
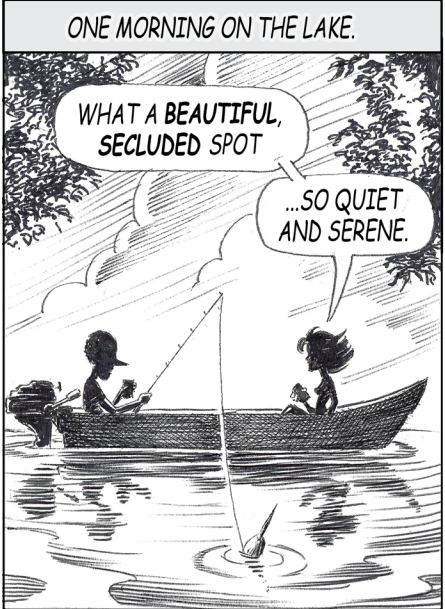
40. Japanese wooden clog

41. Cormorant

44. Soil

46. Exclamation of surprise

94 South



by Jim McGreal



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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!

Events

Junk in the Trunk

Saturday, August 15th | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center

It is a garage sale out of your car! Sell your stuff right out of your vehicle! Shop for hidden treasures! Pay to get a space to sell at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center!

Wiffle Ball Tournament

Saturday, September 12th | Playfield Park

Save the date for our Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament!

- 10 people on a team, \$200 (includes team shirts)
- Girls, Boys, or COED teams allowed, All ages welcome to play!
- Food, drinks, music, and college football games on

Summer Camp

CRWC Summer Camp had an awesome summer with all the campers who attended! We are appreciative of all of our counselors who made this happen and our local Crestwood Businesses/Organizations that allowed us to bring the CRWC Summer Camp to them. Thank you to the Crestwood Library, Crestwood Firehouse, Windy City Thunderbolts, In the Game-Hollywood Park, and Crestwood AMC Theater.



Save the Dates for the CRWC Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 17th	Trunk or Treat
Friday, December 11th	Christmas Movie Night
Saturday, December 12th	Christmas Market with Santa

Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center



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Junk in the Trunk 2026

It is a garage sale out of the trunk of your car!

Saturday, August 15th
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

- Sellers fee: \$25 residents / \$30 non-residents (equivalent to two parking spots) You can purchase more then one spot (i.e: 2 spots purchased = 4 total spots to sell from)
- Vehicle must fit within a regular parking space.
- Sellers are responsible for their own tables, chairs, electric, tents, etc. The CRWC will not provide any. Spaces will be marked and upon pulling in you will be directed where your spot is.
- Sellers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- No firearms, guns, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, or animals can be sold. Sellers will be asked to leave, without a refund, if any items are deemed illegal or inappropriate by the CRWC Staff.
- This event will be rain or shine. You can begin setting up at 7am on Sat, Aug 16th. Cars will not be allowed to leave the event until 1pm for safety purposes
- Applications will be accepted until all spaces are full or by August 12th. No refunds

Sellers name _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
of spaces: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Any questions, please call the CRWC at 708-659-4800 or email crestwoodparkdistrict@gmail.com

Crestwood Crush Baseball & T-Ball End of Year Picnic

A great night celebrating our Crestwood Crush Baseball & T-Ball athletes on their Spring Season. Thank you to Tony Mo for grilling burgers and hotdogs, Mark Nilsson for being our DJ, and Dino Jump for the jumpys and movie screen! We spent the night having the athletes run around the fields playing on the jumpys and various different games and ended the evening with the showing of The Sandlot. Fall Ball is getting ready to begin! Come to Playfield Park to check out some games this Fall.



Workout Classes (not included in membership)

Zumba with Kristen Castillo
Tuesdays • 7pm - 8pm JUST TUESDAYS NOW!

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 JUST MONDAYS NOW!

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.

