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   a. Copy of the owners current driver's license.
   b. Copy of the current 2025 2nd installment tax bill.
   c. Proof of payment from the Cook County Treasurer's website. (A zero balance tax bill is best)
   d. Copy of your closing settlement statement if this will be your first time filing.
   e. Numbers of your 2026 vehicle stickers written on the form.

## FEATURED ARTIST NOVEMBER
## CHRISTINE DANIELSKI



Christine Danielski grew up and lived in Burbank most of her life until she moved to Orland Park in 2002, after the passing of her mother. As a child, Christine was involved with many artistic endeavors; she took tap and ballet lessons and also played the organ, entering several competitions. She loved coloring books, new crayons, playing with Colorforms, paper dolls, and Barbie dolls. When she painted by numbers while in grade school, she thought she was an artist, not understanding then how much there was learn to become an artist. Her favorite subject in high school were art, recalling that one of her teachers kept some of her creations and predicted that she would be famous one day. She still wonders about that prophesy.

Christine's grandfather encouraged and mentored her; he also enjoyed painting. In addition, he was involved with frame making and made several frames for her paintings. Christine recalled how her grandfather loved the richness of oils but pointed out to her that acrylics are easier and dry faster—an influence that still impacts her choices of art mediums to this day.

Christine returned to college after having 2 children when her husband lost his job. She became a registered nurse. With little time to spare at this period in her life, she didn't have time to paint, although she enjoyed baking and volunteering at her children's school functions. Christine worked as a nurse at Loyola and later at Christ Medical Center before retiring several years ago due to spinal issues.

With more time on her hands, Christine turned to watching YouTube videos on various art techniques. More recently, she enrolled in drawing and art classes at The Center in Palos Park—only to find her love of art rekindled.

While taking classes at The Center her eyes opened to all the opportunities in the local area to expand her knowledge and participation in the art world. She has displayed and sold her artwork at Vogt Visual Arts Center in Tinley Park where she has won several ribbons. In February 2026, Christine joined Town and Country Art League (TCAL) , which meets at the Biela Center in Crestwood, and has won several TCAL monthly competitions. In addition, she sells her artwork (i.e., original paintings, prints, painted glassware, and ornaments) at The Center's arts and craft shows along with several other local craft shows.

Christine emphasizes that she loves all art, especially Surrealism, Fantasy, and Gothic forms. She believes that art is mainly subjective, although points out that there is an objective side such as technical skill, execution, intent, and the influence of historical context. She believes that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

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# Village Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

# Important Numbers

## Village Hall
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## Recreation & Wellness Facility
5331 W. 135th St.
(708) 659-4800
*Mon.-Thu.: 5am - 10pm, Friday 5am - 8pm*
*Sat.-Sun.: 7am - 5pm*

## Library
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*Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: Closed*

## Worth Township (Residents north of 135th)
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## Republic Services
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## IDOT
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## Cook County Highway Dept.
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# Village of Crestwood Parking

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

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

# Dear Crestwood Residents and Business Owners,



Ken Klein
MAYOR

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who continues to make Crestwood such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Our community spirit has been on full display over the past several weeks, and I am proud of the way our residents, businesses, employees, and community organizations come together to make these events so successful.

First, I would like to extend a special thank-you to Cindy Haase and her staff for putting together the Fall Craft and Vendor Fair. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to providing our residents with a great opportunity to shop, connect with local vendors, and enjoy everything our community has to offer. Events like this help bring people together while supporting small businesses and local entrepreneurs.

I also want to give a huge thank-you to Rocco and his entire staff for organizing our annual Truck or Treat event. With more than 3,000 people attending, it was truly an incredible turnout! Seeing so many families, children, and residents enjoying the festivities was a great reminder of what makes Crestwood special.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our Crestwood businesses and the many community groups and organizations that stepped up to participate and help make the day a success. Your time, generosity, and involvement are greatly appreciated.

I also want to recognize our Public Works Department for their outstanding work on the haunted trailer. The creativity, effort, and hard work that went into making it such a fun attraction did not go unnoticed. Our Public Works employees do so much behind the scenes, and I want them to know how much their work is valued and appreciated.

As we look ahead to November, there is still plenty happening in Crestwood. We will continue working to keep our community clean, safe, and welcoming while supporting local businesses, providing opportunities for residents to come together, and preparing for the upcoming holiday season. I encourage everyone to stay connected with the Village for announcements about upcoming events, community activities, and important Village updates.

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is also a good time to reflect on all the people who make our community stronger. From our Village employees and first responders to our local business owners, volunteers, community organizations, and residents, thank you for everything you do throughout the year.

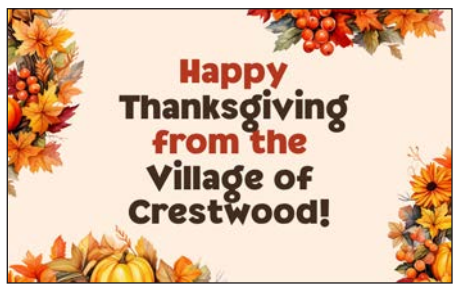
Crestwood is at its best when we work together, support one another, and take pride in our community. I am grateful for the continued support and involvement of everyone who helps make our Village a great place to call home.

On behalf of the Village, thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your families a safe, happy, and healthy November and a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

09-01-2026: A resident reported that she has been engaged in an online relationship with an individual who identified himself and who she believed to be Kevin Costner. The online chatting started in 2023 and developed more into an online relationship approximately 9 months ago. During the last 9 months, the suspect asked victim for money on numerous occasions by way of purchasing gift cards. It is estimated that the victim has sent over $14, 000.

09-05-2026: A resident reported that he received a text message from "Apple ID Security" in reference to an attempted fraudulent purchase. The text also provided a phone number for the victim to call. The victim called the number and was instructed that he would need to have money deposited into his account and then transfer money from the account. The victim then received 3 deposits totaling $1,443. The victim attempted to transfer money, but his account became disabled. The suspect then instructed him to purchase an Apple Gift Card. The victim then purchased a gift card for $400 and provided the card information to the suspect.

09-09-2026: A woman reported that while she was at work, she received a call from a subject who identified himself as Lieutenant David Briggs from the Sheriff's Office. The victim was told that there was a federal case against her for failure to appear for a federal grand jury subpoena. The victim was told that there were 3 warrants for her arrest, and that there was a gag order issued, which would require her to stay online with the caller. She was transferred several times and spoke to another individual who told her that subpoenas had been sent to two of her former addresses, which the caller was able to provide to her. The victim was told that the fine for the incident was nine thousand dollars, however, due to transfer limits on the victim's account, she was able to negotiate the fine to only two thousand dollars. After sending the money via Zelle, the callers started demanding more funds and became increasing hostile, at which time the victim realized that she may have been scammed.

09-23-2026: A woman reported that her husband received a phone call from an individual who identified himself as a representative of ComEd. When the victim spoke with the suspect, she was informed that she owed two thousand dollars for service and that without payment, the electrical service would be disconnected. The caller instructed the victim to go to Walmart to make the payment because a phone payment would take 24 hours to process and the service would already be turned off. When the victim arrived at Walmart, she received a barcode via a text message and was instructed to go to the Money Services Department and use the barcode to add money to the account. The victim then paid $2,000 to have added to the account. The suspect then informed the victim that she actually owed an additional $800, at which time the victim became suspicious and hung up.

09-29-2026: A resident reported that she has received multiple letters from CBE Group, a collection agency contracted by the U.S. Department of Treasury. It was later learned that a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program that occurred during Covid had been taken out, using the victim's identity in the amount of $27,835.

## Theft

09-10-2026: A resident reported that unknown suspects removed the trailer hitch from a vehicle that was parked in the 140th block of Kilpatrick.

09-10- 2026: Unknown suspects stole a patio furniture set that had had been delivered to the building vestibule in the 135th block of Lawler.

09-19-2026: Unknown suspects stole a newly delivered boiler and hot water heater from the common area of a building in the 139th block of Waterbury Drive.

09-19-2026: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle that was parked in the lot of the AMC Movie Theater and took a Glock 10mm handgun, an Apple Watch Ultra 2 and $60.00 in cash.

09-21-2026: Unknown suspects stole a catalytic converter off a Ford Truck that was parked in the 5400 block of 135th street.

## Retail Theft

09-03-2026: Officers responded to Target for a retail theft in progress and the suspect was now fleeing in a Chevy Equinox towards Rivercrest Drive. Officers later learned that the suspect, a male back, wearing black jacket with white stripes and a black hat at taken numerous items of merchandise, valued at $179.00. A witness then provided officers with the license plate number to the suspect's vehicle.

09-11-2026: Officers responded to Target for a retail theft with the offender in custody. Officers learned that the female had taken $137.00 worth of miscellaneous merchandise before being detained. The offender was issued a local ordinance citation.

09-14-2026: Menards Loss Prevention reported that a suspect entered the store and took an electric garage heater, valued at $499.00 and let the store without making payment. The suspect then fled dark colored Cadillac SUV.

09-16-2026: Officers responded to the Target Store for a retail theft in progress. Responding officers were given a description of the suspect, who they detained as he exited the store. It was discovered that the suspect had 4 boxes of Magic the Gathering Trading Cards, valued at $339.00. A check of the suspect's criminal history showed prior convictions for retail theft and burglary. The suspect was transported to the police department, and the Cook County States Attorney's office was contacted. After reviewing the facts of the case, the suspect was charged with felony retail theft.

09-17-2026: Officers responded to Kohl's for a retail theft in progress. Responding officers were given a description of the suspect, who had already fled from the store. Responding officers observed the suspect walking on Rivercrest Drive and attempted to stop him. After a brief struggle, the suspect was taken into custody. It was learned that the suspect had taken $844.68 worth of miscellaneous merchandise. The suspect was then transported to the police department for processing. Due to amount of the theft and the suspect's criminal history, the Cook County States Attorney's office was contacted and approved felony retail as well as being charged with obstructing identification and resisting a peace officer.

09-21-2026: Walmart Loss Prevention reported that a suspect, a male white, approximately 25 years of age, wearing a blue graphic t-shirt and blue jeans concealed 2 watches in his pocket and attempted to leave the store. When the suspect was stopped by Loss Prevention, the suspect pushed away and was able to flee in a 2019 white Jeep Cherokee.

09-24-2026: Target Loss Prevention reported that a suspect, a male white, wearing a blue zip-up Cubs jacket and a black hoodie stole numerous packs of Pokemon and Baseball Cards, valued at $594.00 and fled in a red Cadillac SUV. The Loss Prevention Agent was able to provide officers with a partial license plate; however, officers were able to access the Flock database and were able to identify the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle was located at its registered address in Palos Heights and was impounded for investigation.

## Criminal Trespass to Property

09-22-2026: Multiple residents in the area of 141st/Keeler and the 4400 block of 142nd reported that an unknown female had entered their residence. The woman was described as a black female, wearing an orange leopard print hoodie and gray shorts. A report of the same incident was also reported in Palos Heights.

## Traffic Arrest

09-02-2026: A driver was stopped in the 5000 block of Cal-Sag Road and issued citations for failure to wear seatbelt, operation an uninsured vehicle, and driving on a revoked license.

09-20-2026: Officers observed a dark colored Nissan driving erratically west bound on Cal-Sag Road and attempted to stop the vehicle, however the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, ignoring the officer lights and siren. Officers pursued the vehicle into Palos Heights, but due to wet road conditions, terminated the pursuit for safety concerns. Detectives later went to the address of the registered owner and located the vehicle and were able to contact the owner, who admitted to being the driver. The driver was taken into custody, and she was transported to the police department for processing.

The Cook County States Attorney's office was contacted, who approved a felony charge of aggravated fleeing and eluding a peace officer.

09-28-2026: A driver was arrested in the intersection of Cal-Sag Road and Cicero and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol level over .08, illegal transportation of open alcohol, and operating an uninsured vehicle.



# Crestwood Police Officers and Chief of Police honored at Regional Awards Banquet

Six Crestwood Police Officers received recognition at the South Suburban Association Chiefs of Police installation and awards dinner on October 21st.

On October 16, 2025, Crestwood officers were conducting covert patrols in the area of Rivercrest Mall due to a recent rash of vehicular burglaries in the area, when a suspicious vehicle was observed driving erratically through the parking lot at a high rate of speed. Officers observed as three subjects exited the vehicle and proceeded into Snipes sportswear store. Officers further noted the subjects had backed the vehicle into a parking spot, left the vehicle running with the windows down, and one of the subjects had pulled a mask up to conceal his face before entering Snipes. Furthermore, a computer check revealed the vehicle had recently been stolen from an adjacent suburb.

As officers entered Snipes, the driver of the stolen vehicle began running through the store and struggled with several officers before a Taser was deployed, and the subject was taken into custody. A search of this offender by officers revealed loaded handgun in his waistband. A second offender was detained without incident, as the third offender refused to obey commands and also began struggling with officers. Ofc. Trvon Tines was able to disarm this offender of a loaded handgun he had concealed in his sweatshirt, allowing assisting officers to safely take the offender into custody.

The brave actions of these officers not only prevented a violent felony crime from occurring, but also led to charges in separate burglary, as a search of the stolen vehicle revealed proceeds from the earlier crime.

For their brave actions and exemplary use of teamwork on that day, Officers Trvon Tines, Luis Castro, Robert Sisson, Arthur Roman, Kevin Benson, and Sgt. Brian Duffy received the association's Unit Citation Award.

In addition, Officer Tines received the Peace Officer Award of Valor for his individual actions in single-handedly disarming one of the offenders of a loaded handgun during the incident.

The evening also included the installation of Officers to the Executive Board for the South Suburban Association Chiefs of Police. Crestwood Police Chief Kevin Sisk continued in his service to this board as he was installed as the board Treasurer for 2027.

The evening highlighted both leadership and service within the Crestwood Police Department, as Chief Sisk's new leadership role was recognized alongside the heroic actions of our officers in protection of our Village, and the community at large.








# Crestwood P.D. Welcomes Officer D'Angelo Silvar

The Crestwood Police Department is pleased to welcome its newest officer, D'Angelo Silvar, who joined the department on October 17, 2026.

Silvar also serves as a reservist with the U.S. Coast Guard, bringing a commitment to public service to his new role serving the Crestwood community. He will attend the Illinois State Police Academy to complete his basic law enforcement training and prepare for his responsibilities as a police officer.

The department looks forward to supporting Silvar as he begins his law enforcement career and becomes part of our continued efforts to keep Crestwood a safe and welcoming community.



Please join us in welcoming Officer Silvar and wishing him success at the academy and throughout his career with the Crestwood Police Department.

# OBITUARIES

**Betty Boruski** passed away quietly and pain-free at her Crestwood residence on Sunday October 4, 2026 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of Robert J. Boruski for 67 years. Loving Mother of Diayn (Russell) Norman-Noakes and Robert M. Boruski. Dear sister of Arlene Fox, Mary Reitz and the late Frank Kureja, Vilma Plesko, Lucille Carrol and Millie Kikcio. Fond Aunt of 8 nephews and 8 nieces. Betty was a caring and generous woman who loved being around family and friends. As a wife and Mom, Betty was always very supportive for her husband and children. In her later years, Betty's health was becoming a challenge, but she never gave into pain to stop her from enjoying life to her fullest. Betty will be missed by many and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

A Visitation was held on Friday, October 9, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Funeral Saturday, October 10th beginning with Chapel Prayers at 10:15 A.M. at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, for an 11:00 A.M. Mass. Interment occurred at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) would be appreciated. For more information and to sign the guestbook: www.becvarfuneralhome.com or (708) 824-9000

**Sandra R. O'Brien**, nee Okon, passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at the age of 84. Loving wife of the late Thomas William O'Brien Sr. for 58 years. Sandra is survived by her loving children. Patrick Michael (Cindy, nee Kunkes), Joseph Alan (Tracey, nee Cowan), Kathryn (the late Jerry) Lannom and the late Thomas William O'Brien Jr. Dear grandmother of 6: Justin (Monica), Hayley (Nathan) Becker, Josephine (Taylor) Broderick, Kaitlynn (Marni) Gaw, Kayla (Cameron) Horton, and Destini. Loving great-grandmother of 7: Nadia, Evelyn, Lincoln, Anastasia, Parker, Elliot and Brody. A Visitation was held on Thursday, October 1, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. until the time of service at 7:30 P.M. at the BECVAR & SON FUNERAL HOME, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information and to sign the guestbook: www.becvarfuneralhome.com or (708) 824-9000.

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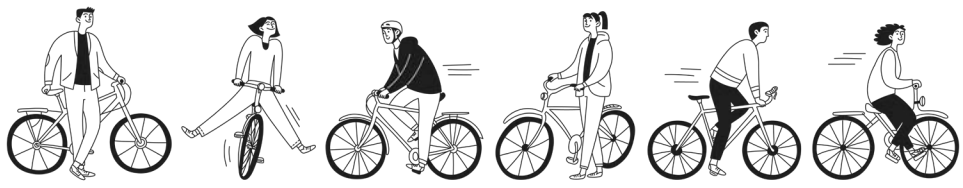
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Signs will guide bicyclists and pedestrians along the temporary path, which is protected by a combination of barrier walls, railings, and construction fencing.

For everyone's safety, please:

- Follow all posted signs and stay within the designated path.
- Remain alert while using the path, as it is still adjacent to an active construction zone.
- Be mindful of others using the path.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as construction continues! Your safety is our priority.






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Entertainment

$3.00 adult admission

All proceeds support the Music Department, band, choir, and guard programs at Stagg High School.

# 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.

***"There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't yet met."***
William Butler Yeats

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!




## Biela Center Cookbook Club

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 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 • 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**
**4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE, CRESTWOOD**

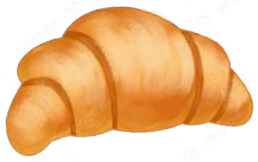
Do you like to play pinochle? Join us at the Biela Center for Mixed Men/Women Pinochle.

## 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 | NOVEMBER 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2<br>Color & Conversation 10-11 a<br>Pinochle 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Scrabble 12-2 pm<br>Mon. Movie Matinee 1-3:0 pm | 3<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm<br>TOPS 6-7:30 pm | 4<br>Bingo & Breakfast 9:30-10:45 a<br>Art Club 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm<br>TOPS 5-6:30 pm | **Annie – Drury Lane** 5<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>KnitWits 10 am-12 pm<br>Mexican Train 12-2 pm<br>Line Dance 12:30-2 pm<br>Bunco 1-4 pm | 6<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm | 7 |
| 8 | 9<br>Color & Conversation 10-11 a<br>Pinochle 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Scrabble 12-2 pm<br>Mon. Movie Matinee 1-3:0 pm | 10<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm<br>TOPS 6-7:30 pm | **CLOSED** 11<br> | 12<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>KnitWits 10 am-12 pm<br>Mexican Train 12-2 pm<br>Line Dance 12:30-2 pm | 13<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm<br>Game Night 6-8 pm | 14 |
| 15 | 16<br>Color & Conversation 10-11 a<br>Pinochle 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Scrabble 12-2 pm<br>Mon. Movie Matinee 1-3:0 pm | 17<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm<br>TOPS 6-7:30 pm | **Hollywood Casino** 18<br>Bingo & Breakfast 9:30-10:45 a<br>Art Club 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Senior Club 12:30-3:30 pm<br>TOPS 5-6:30 pm | 19<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>KnitWits 10 am-12 pm<br>Mexican Train 12-2 pm<br>Line Dance 12:30-2 pm<br>Bunco 1-4 pm | 20<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Lunch/Bingo 12:15-3:15 pm | 21 |
| 22 | 23<br>Color & Conversation 10-11 a<br>Pinochle 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Scrabble 12-2 pm<br>Mon. Movie Matinee 1-3:0 pm | 24<br>Chair Yoga 9:30-10:30 am<br>Lunch/Bingo 12-3 pm<br>TOPS 6-7:30 pm | 25<br>Bingo & Breakfast 9:30-10:45 a<br>Art Club 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>TOPS 5-6:30 pm | 26<br> | 27<br>**CLOSED** | 28 |
| 29 | 30<br>Color & Conversation 10-11 a<br>Pinochle 10 am-12 pm<br>Chair Fitness 11 am-12 pm<br>Scrabble 12-2 pm<br>Mon. Movie Matinee 1-3:0 pm | **Come** | **make** | **new** | **friends!** | ☺ |

# Crestwood Senior Club

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 • 12:30–3:30PM**
Regular Meeting
Also, gifts for Treasure Chest-Children's Oncology
*Need to be brought in by November 18, 2026 meeting.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 • 12:30–3:30PM**
Pot Luck Lunch.
Bring favorite dish or store brought item.

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike,
Crestwood, IL




All are welcome to come JOIN US in an afternoon out to our Senior Club Meeting. We meet two times a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 12:30– 3:30pm. We offer sweet rolls, coffee, split the pot, raffles, bingo, and on occasion have lunches to celebrate special events!! *Doors open at 12:15pm.*

# Seniors Pump it Up!

with Certified Instructor,
Diana Esparza

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

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

BIELA SENIOR CENTER
4545 Midlothian Turnpike,
Crestwood, IL
708-371-4800 ext. 6000

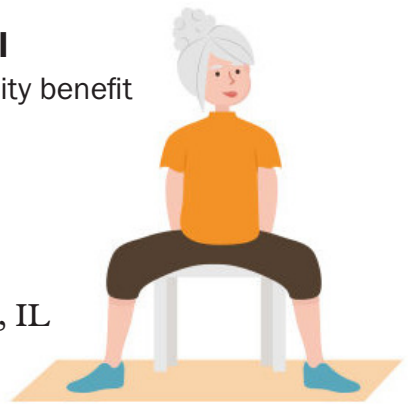


# Chair Yoga

**Good for your body, mind, and soul**
Stress relief • Strength training • Flexibility benefit

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

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





# Boot Scootin' Boogie!

**THURSDAY LINE DANCING LESSONS**
**12:30 TO 2:00 PM**
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.*

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Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL

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

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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.

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

### CREDIT CARD POLICY

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

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








# Hollywood Casino Joliet

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**
**DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 9:30 AM**
**APPROX RETURN: 3:30 PM**

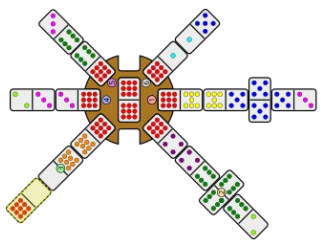
*Cost: $40, Includes: coach bus transportation*
*Full payment is due upon reservation*

**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.**

Join the Biela Center for a Forever Fun Wednesday to Hollywood Casino's new Joliet location. Guests aged 50+ may swipe in from 6 am-10 pm for a $10 food voucher to be redeemed the same day. Please provide a current email address and valid ID

*If you have any questions, please call 708-371-4800 ex. 6000*

# 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.

## THE BIELA SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS ...

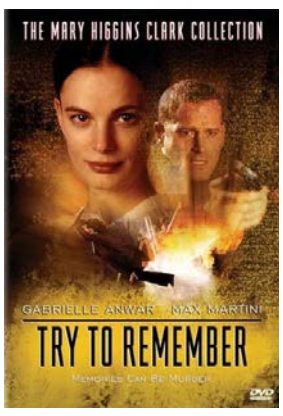
# Monday Movie Matinee

**1:00 – 3:30 PM**
**4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE**

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

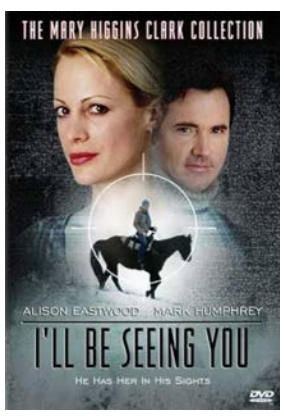
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| **Nov. 2** | **Hide and Seek** | **Nov. 23** | **I'll Be Seeing You** |
| **Nov. 9** | **Try to Remember** | **Nov. 30** | **Psycho** |
| **Nov. 16** | **The Big Easy** | | |













**Free popcorn!**



# Bunco...let's roll!




**1st and 3rd Thursday of every month,**
**1:00 – 4:00 PM**

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!




# 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:**

| | |
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| ❍ **Tuesday, November 3** | Chicken Tenders |
| ❍ **Friday, November 6** | Stuffed Shells |
| ❍ **Tuesday, November 10** | Smothered Chicken |
| ❍ **Friday, November 13** | Potato Soup |
| ❍ **Tuesday, November 17** | Grilled Cheese Hot Dog |
| ❍ **Friday, November 20** | Thanksgiving Meal<br>**$10 TODAY ONLY –Due by Nov 6th** |
| ❍ **Tuesday, November 24** | Ham & Swiss Casserole |
| ❍ **Friday, November 27** | CLOSED |

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

Name _____

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

# Color and Conversation

**MONDAYS • 10:00 – 11:00 AM**

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 – 2:00 PM**
**BIELA SENIOR CENTER**
**4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE**

Have fun while improving your memory, spelling and vocabulary!









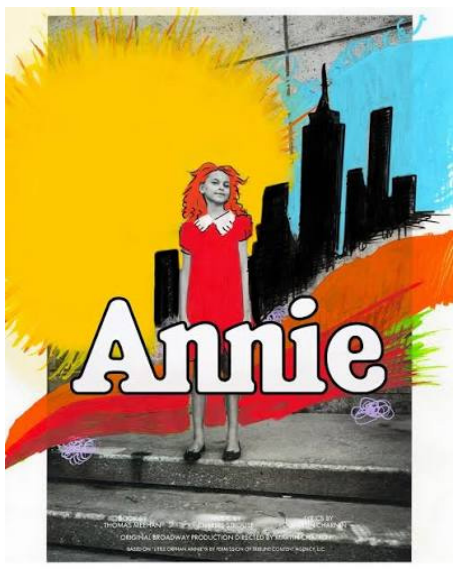
# Biela Center Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please consider buying an extra item or two when you are out shopping!

Donations are being accepted at the: Andrew Biela Center
4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Should you be a Crestwood family in need, please call the Biela Center to reserve a basket no later than Nov. 12th. Limit one per household. Baskets are limited. **Baskets will be distributed on Monday, Nov. 16th.**
*Cindy or Shannon: 708-371-4800 ext. 6000*

## Drury Lane Presents: Annie

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**
**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 Oct. 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.**

Choose from the following for your lunch entrée:

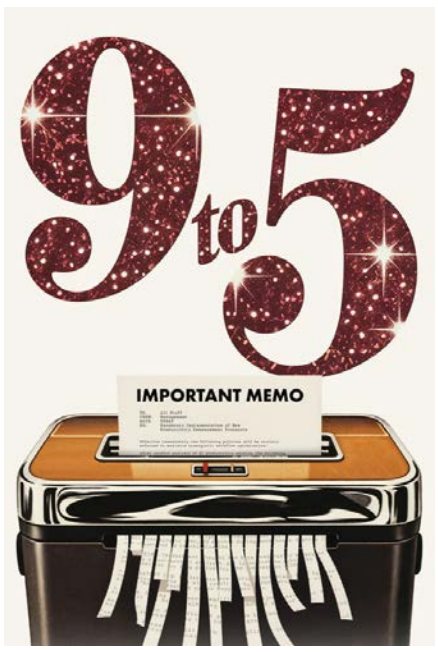
_____ Roasted salmon _____ Three 2 oz. Petite Filets

The sun will come out … Broadway's favorite little orphan returns to Drury Lane for the first time in over 20 years! This heartwarming musical will delight you and your family during the holiday season with cheer, optimism, and the power of love.

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

## Kick up your heels with the Biela Center at Drury Lane … 9 to 5 the Musical

**THURS, JANUARY 28TH, 2027**
**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 Jan 7th*




**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 salmon _____ Three 2 oz. Petite Filets

Based on the hit 1980 movie, this hysterical and empowering musical is the story of three unlikely friends who concoct a plan to get even with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss. With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, 9 to 5 is a nostalgic joyride that proves there's nothing women can't do.

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

# Town and Country Art League Meeting

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH • 7:00 – 9:00 PM**
**BEILA CENTER, 4545 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE,CRESTWOOD**

**PROGRAM/DEMONSTRATOR: "Figurative Watercolor" with Tom Francesconi**

Tom Francesconi studied watercolor at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. His paintings have been exhibited in many national exhibitions, which include the American and National Watercolor Societies. In 2015, Tom's painting was selected to travel to Shenzhen, China to be included in the National Watercolor Society's International Biennial Exchange Exhibition. In 2020, Tom's painting was chosen for inclusion in the NWS: 100 Years Exhibition and most recently, Tom's painting was one of forty paintings selected to hang in the Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland, as a part of the National Watercolor Society's 2024 Exchange Exhibition. Tom has earned signature membership in numerous watercolor societies, including the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, Rocky Mountain National Watermedia and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, of which he has been honored with 'Master' status. Tom has served as president of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and the executive director of the Illinois Watercolor Society.

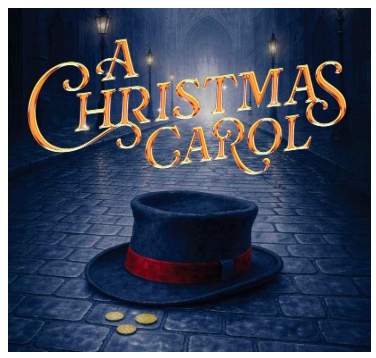
**ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY ART LEAGUE**

Established in 1972, Town and Country Art League (TCAL) is one of the oldest art leagues in the Chicagoland area. TCAL provides artists at various levels and interests as well as friends of the arts with an opportunity to come together to share ideas, support each other's creativity and growth, and promote art in the community. Members are invited to attend monthly meetings with demonstrations by local artists. Meetings include refreshments and raffle prizes. TCAL offers an annual all-day workshop, plein air outings, and cultural trips. Members can participate in TCAL's monthly art competition, can display their art in several local libraries, and are encouraged to submit their artwork at open and juried art exhibits. Website: *https://townandcountryartleague.com/*
Facebook: Town and Country Art League

Guests are welcome to attend meetings with a $5 contribution that may be applied toward membership dues.

## Paramount Theatre Presents: A Christmas Carol

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**
**DEPART FROM THE BIELA CENTER: 10:30AM**
Cost: $120
*Cost includes transportation, lunch, gratuity and performance*
*Full (non-refundable) payment is due upon reservation by Nov. 13th*




**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.**

Rediscover the magic of the holiday season with A Christmas Carol, the timeless tale that warms hearts and reminds us all of the true spirit of Christmas. Ebenezer Scrooge, a bitter and lonely miser, is visited on Christmas Eve by three ghosts who take him on a journey through his past, present, and future. Along the way, he learns how to once again experience joy, compassion, and the power of generosity.

Filled with laughter, redemption, and the most memorable characters in literature, we've adapted A Christmas Carol specifically for the Paramount stage, and it will be the ultimate holiday tradition for families and friends alike. Whether you're experiencing Scrooge's transformation for the first time or reliving the magic of the classic story once again, this play enriched with live music will leave you filled with hope and holiday cheer.

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

CRESTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Thanksgiving Safety: Keeping Your Holiday Happy, Healthy, and Fire-Free



Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends, enjoy a delicious meal, and reflect on what we are thankful for. As kitchens fill with the smell of holiday favorites and homes welcome guests, it is important to remember that safety should always be part of the celebration.

Thanksgiving is also one of the busiest days of the year for home cooking, which means the risk of kitchen fires, cooking injuries, and other preventable accidents increases. A few simple precautions can help keep your family safe and ensure your holiday memories are filled with laughter instead of an emergency response.

The Crestwood Fire Department encourages everyone to make safety a priority this Thanksgiving. Here are some important reminders to help protect your home and loved ones throughout the holiday.

## COOKING SAFETY: STAY ALERT IN THE KITCHEN

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires, and the Thanksgiving holiday brings additional activity and distractions to the kitchen.

- **Never leave cooking unattended.** Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you need to leave, turn off the stove.
- **Keep flammable items away from heat.** Towels, oven mitts, paper products, packaging, and curtains should be kept away from stovetops and other hot surfaces.
- **Keep children out of the cooking area.** Establish a child-free zone of at least three feet around the stove, oven, and other hot cooking equipment.
- **Turn pot handles inward.** This helps prevent accidental spills and keeps hot liquids out of reach of children.
- **Wear appropriate clothing.** Avoid loose sleeves that can catch fire or come into contact with hot burners.
- **Keep a lid nearby.** If a small grease fire starts in a pan, carefully slide a lid over the pan, turn off the heat if it is safe to do so, and leave the lid in place until the pan is completely cool.

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water can cause burning oil to splatter and spread the flames. If a fire grows or you feel unsafe, evacuate immediately, close the door behind you if possible, and call 911 from a safe location.

## TURKEY FRYER SAFETY: DON'T LET DINNER BECOME AN EMERGENCY

Deep-fried turkey may be a holiday favorite, but turkey fryers can create serious fire and burn hazards when used improperly.

Traditional outdoor turkey fryers that use large amounts of hot oil can tip over, spill oil, or ignite nearby combustible materials.

If you choose to deep-fry a turkey, remember these essential precautions:

- Use the fryer outdoors on a level, stable, noncombustible surface, well away from buildings, garages, decks, and overhangs.
- Never use an outdoor turkey fryer inside a home, garage, or enclosed space.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and thoroughly dried before lowering it slowly into the oil.
- Determine the correct oil level before heating the fryer to prevent overflow when the turkey is added.
- Monitor the oil temperature closely and never leave the fryer unattended.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- Never attempt to move a fryer containing hot oil.
- Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Consider an appliance specifically designed for indoor use if you want a fried-turkey alternative, and operate it according to its safety instructions.

## PREVENT KITCHEN BURNS AND FOOD-RELATED ILLNESSES

Hot ovens, boiling liquids, sharp knives, and heavy roasting pans can all lead to injuries during a busy holiday meal.

Use oven mitts when handling hot cookware, keep knives sharp and stored safely, and avoid carrying hot dishes through crowded areas. Clean up spills promptly to prevent slips and falls.

Food safety is equally important. Raw poultry can contain harmful bacteria, so wash your hands and clean surfaces after handling it. Keep raw turkey separate from ready-to-eat foods, and use a food thermometer to confirm that the turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165°F in the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh, and the innermost part of the wing.

Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of serving. Store food in shallow containers to help it cool quickly, and enjoy refrigerated leftovers within three to four days.

## MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

Working smoke alarms are essential for every household. Test your smoke alarms before the holiday and make sure they are installed on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide alarms should also be installed and maintained according to manufacturer instructions and applicable local requirements.

Keep fire extinguishers accessible and make sure household members know how to use them safely. Remember, an extinguisher should only be used on a small, contained fire when you have a clear escape route. If you are unsure, get out and call 911.

Review your family's escape plan and identify two ways out of each room whenever possible. Make sure doors and windows can be opened easily, and designate a safe outdoor meeting place.

## GIVE THANKS BY STAYING SAFE

Thanksgiving should be a time for making memories, sharing good food, and enjoying the company of the people who matter most. Taking a few minutes to prepare, staying attentive while cooking, and making fire prevention a priority can help prevent injuries and property damage.

The Crestwood Fire Department encourages residents to celebrate responsibly, follow basic fire safety practices, and look out for one another throughout the holiday season.

Our firefighters are always ready to respond when emergencies happen, but the best Thanksgiving emergency is the one that never happens.

From our family to yours, have a safe, happy, and fire-free Thanksgiving!




**Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.**

### SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



### ROAST WITH CARE

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

**FACT**

**Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.**

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# ADULTS

## Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Tickets

Limited tickets for select Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra performances of the 2026-2027 season are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Crestwood Library cardholders. Secure your seats early to enjoy this season's exceptional live concert experiences.

## Navigating the Grief Journey

**Wednesday, Nov 4th, 10 AM**

*Registration required.* Registered Nurse, Sharon Bowers, will present supportive means to navigate the grief process, discuss common difficulties one may experience when facing a loss, healthy coping strategies for the holidays, local grief care resources, and the importance of self-care.

## Beginning Spanish - Level 2

**Thursdays at 1 PM beginning November 5th**




*Registration required.* Continue building your Spanish skills in this engaging Level 2 class designed to strengthen your conversation, vocabulary, and everyday communication skills in a relaxed library setting.

## Mystery Thriller Book Club

**Thursday, Nov 19th, 6 PM**




*Registration required.* Join our book club to explore *The Witch* by Freida McFadden. After losing everything, Julia Barlow retreats to her family's haunted Massachusetts estate, where a 1692 witchcraft execution and generations of buried secrets force her to confront the restless women haunting Pemberton.

## IL I-Cash Program

**Thurs, Nov 12th, 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 owed to them.

## Holiday Magic: Create Ornaments from Paper Rolls

**Thursday, Nov 12th, 5:30 PM**

*Registration required.* Turn everyday paper rolls into festive handmade ornaments in this fun, beginner-friendly workshop. Enjoy creating unique holiday decorations or handmade gifts. No experience necessary!

## Tech Help Tuesdays

**Tuesdays in Nov, 1 PM - 2 PM**



*Registration required for appointments.* Stop by the library for assistance with basic tech questions like downloading apps or using your device.

**The Crestwood Public Library will be closed on Thursday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## Medicare 101

**Wednesday, Nov 18th, 5:30 PM**

Join local insurance agent Bill Johnson at the library!

## Stampin' Up Card Class

**Monday, November 9th, 6 PM**

*Registration required.* $5 per person.

## Needles & Yarn

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

## Adult Take & Make Craft Kit

**Available on Wednesday, November 25th**

## Illinois Libraries Present: Words, Power, and Community with Dr. Eve L. Ewing

**Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 PM**



*Virtual program. Registration link available via website.* Join acclaimed author, poet, and educator Dr. Eve L. Ewing for a conversation on how language and storytelling shape public memory, challenge inequality, and inspire change. Moderated by Brandis Friedman of WTTW's Chicago Tonight, this event explores the power of literature, learning, and community.

# YOUTH & FAMILIES

## Read Around The House - Family Reading Program

Families help us celebrate National Literacy Month by joining our read around the house reading program. Come to the library any time in November to pick up your house reading log and fill in each room as you read in it. Return your completed log to claim your prize.

## Little Makers STEM Club

**Thursday, November 19th at 10:30 AM**

*Children ages 2-5 years with an adult. Registration required.* Bring your little scientist for a fun science activity as we learn basic science and math concepts.

## Thanksgiving Family Bingo

**Tuesday, Nov 24th, 6 PM**



*Registration required. Space is limited.* Take a break from Thanksgiving preparations and bring the whole family for a fun night of our favorite game! All families are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of fun and great prizes.

## Kids' Craft: DIY Squishy

**Monday, November 16th, 4 PM**

*Ages 6-12. Registration is required.* Kids, join us to use your creativity as we create art projects with different kinds of materials. This month we will make our own squishies. All supplies will be provided.

## Toddler Time

**Fridays, November 6th, 13th, & 20th at 10:30 AM**



*Registration required. Space is limited. No class on November 27.* Our fall session continues this month! Children ages 1–3, accompanied by an adult, can enjoy stories and songs and make a simple craft during this 30-minute program.

## Preschool Storytime

**Fridays, November 6th, 13th, & 20th at 12 PM**

*Registration required. Space is limited. No class on November 27.* Our fall session of storytime continues this month! Children ages 3–6 years can come hear stories, make new friends, and make a craft during this 45-minute program independently!

## Pokémon Club

**Tuesday, Nov 17th, 4 PM**

*Ages 7 and up. Registration recommended.* Do you love Pokémon? Meet other trainers, learn to play Pokémon TCG (Trading Card Game), battle with your Pokémon cards, and have fun!

## International Snack Club

**Thursday, Nov 19th, 4 PM**

*Children ages 10 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 the Baltics!

## Kids Kitchen

**Thursday, Nov 12th 3:30 PM**

*Children ages 9 and up. Registration required.* Kids will learn to make simple recipes that they can make on their own during this one hour class. This month we will make no-bake pumpkin cheesecake. All supplies will be provided.

# YOUR USUAL FAVORITES

## Messy Mondays

**Mondays, Nov 9th & 23rd, 10:30am**

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

## Take Home Science Kits

**Available Thursdays, Nov 5th & Dec 3rd**

*Children ages 6 years and up.*

## Read to the Dogs

**Tues, Nov 10th, 5pm**



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

## Kids Take & Make Craft Kit

*Available every Monday after 9:30am while supplies last.* Craft kits are suitable for ages 3 years and up.

## Board Games & Brownies

**Tuesday, November 3rd & December 1st, 5:30pm**



*All ages. No registration needed. Drop-in program.* Families are welcome!

## Lego Club

**Thursday, November 5th & December 3rd, 4:00pm**

*Children ages 6-12 years. Registration Required.*

## Classified Advertising

**FOR SALE:**
- New Radio Flyer Canvas Wagon $45.00
- New Harley- Davidson Toy Truck w/motorcycle $25.00
- New Fit Bit Versa 2 watch $50.00
- New Snow boots Tan size 6 $20.00
- New Portable ice machine $50.00
- Like New Bother Printer/copy/fax Machine $50.00

THANK YOU!
**Call Mike 708 285-1646**
**Crestwood Resident**

**FOR SALE:**
- Christmas Decor (Art. Tree-Lights-Wreaths-Ornaments)
- Snowmobile Gear $25.00
- Snow Shovels - BO
- Swivel Formal Chair $30.00
- Sanyo Microwave 1400 Watt w-thermo (Super clean) $50.00
- Kenmor Dishwasher (Clean) $50.00
- New Corvette Monopoly Game (Never Opened) $40.00
- Corvette Tote Bag w/hat $40.00
- Stanley 2 QT Steel Thermos $20.00
- Vinyl Household Containers Storage - BO
- Safety Gas Can $25.00
- And much more!

**Call Rich (708) 371-2755**
**Crestwood Resident**

### *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.

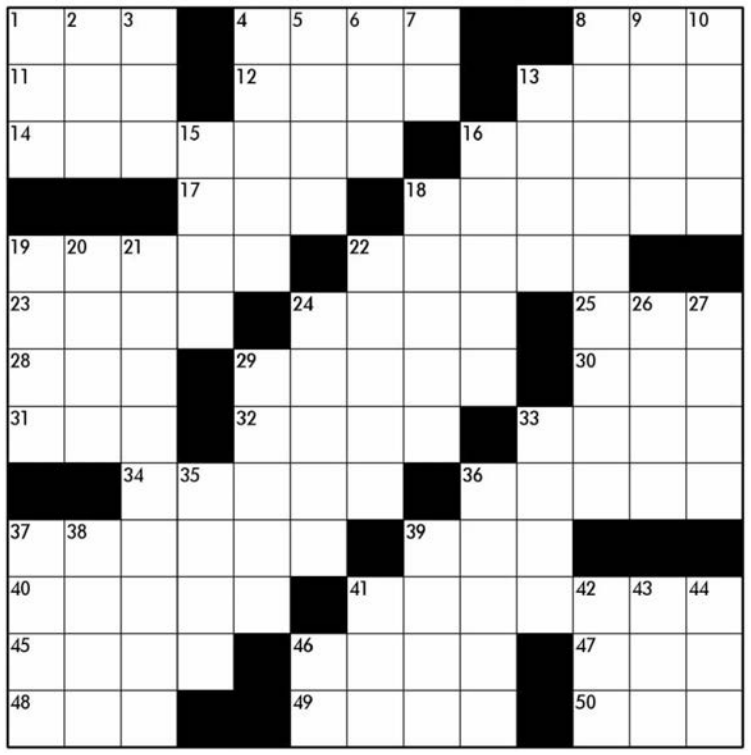
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## October Puzzle Solutions

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## Crossword



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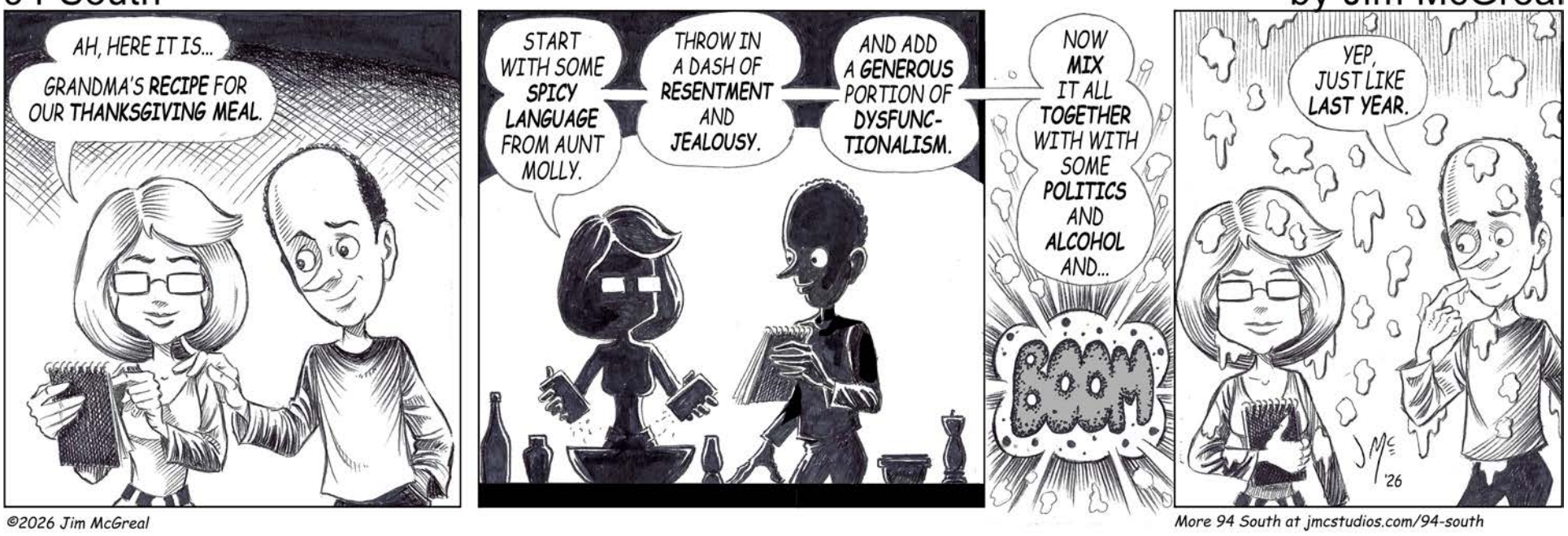
1. No
4. Parasitic insect
8. Black
11. Japanese sash
12. Charged particles
13. Positive
14. Infectious, often fatal, disease
16. Small round shield
17. Sea eagle
18. A sacramental annointing
19. Walk
22. Celtic priest
23. Sloping walkway
24. Prevaricated
25. Carp-like fish
28. An age
29. Torches
30. Drinking vessel
31. Decade
32. Lazy
33. Ford
34. Fittingly
36. Skirmish
37. Surgical stitch
39. Colorful form of the common carp
40. Nonsense
41. Notched
45. Dame - Everage, Humphries' character
46. Food fish
47. Tatter
48. Dog variety
49. Ancient Greek coin
50. Work unit

### DOWN

1. Negating word
2. To endure
3. Bark sharply
4. Norwegian estuary
5. Meat cut
6. Finish
7. Similar to
8. Legal
9. Work units
10. Abound
13. Hindu garment
15. Pile
16. Dull sounds
18. Crinkled fabric
19. Weight allowance
20. Uncommon
21. Issuing
22. Vaguely
24. Dipper
26. City-dweller holidaying on a ranch
27. Fencing sword
29. Fluid measure
33. Dam
35. Chrysalis
36. Ethic
37. Pace
38. Official language of Pakistan
39. Lotto-like gambling game
41. Underwater craft
42. Land measure
43. Road surfacing
44. Ovum
46. In the direction of

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**CRWC Hours**

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| *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!*

**We will be closed on Thanksgiving**

# Youth Activities

## Crestwood Crush Softball- Spring 2027

Whether your child is new to the game or looking to develop their skills, our league offers a welcoming environment where every player can learn, grow, and have fun! Registration is now open! Fall and Winter skill camps will take place at the CRWC with the Governor State Softball coaches and players for all registered Crush softball players. Indoor team practices will begin in February. Families with multiple athletes playing Crush Softball and Crush Baseball will receive discounts!




## Crestwood Crush Baseball -Spring 2027

Spring Baseball Registration is now open! Indoor practices will begin mid February and games will start being played in April. Practices and home games will be played at Playfield Park and away games will be played within a 15 min radius of Playfield Park. Early Registration is taking place now through Jan 2nd before prices go up. Once teams are full, registration will close, so sign up now to secure your spot! Registration takes place at the CRWC

## Crestwood Crush T-Ball -Spring 2027

Spring T-Ball is back for our 4-7 year olds! Games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Walker Park and Playfield Park. Practices will be based on volunteer coaches schedules. Indoor practices for all registered athletes will start mid February, so get signed up soon! Registration takes place at the CRWC

## Crestwood Crush Basketball League 2026

Are you new to basketball or looking to work on your skills a little more? Join us for our Crestwood Crush Basketball League. This league is designed for kids to improve their skills, learn the game, and most importantly play and have fun! Games will be played on Saturday mornings and practices will be during the week nights based on volunteer coaches schedules! Sign ups take place in person and are $80 per athlete. Athletes will receive a team uniform. Registration takes place at the CRWC.




# 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 • 6pm - 7pm

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.

# Events

## Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all those who attended our Trunk or Treat at the CRWC! We are so thankful for all of the businesses, organizations, and families who decorated their vehicles and participated by handing out treats to all the trick or treaters. A shoutout to all of our sponsors who make these events happen: Buck's Farmstand, Blackwood Outdoors, All day Comfort, Target, Walmart, McDonalds, Family Dental Care, CAST, Woori, Simply Slices, Chick-Fil-A, Windy City Bolts, Canes, and Revival Yoga. We hope everyone had a Happy Halloween!








## Christmas Movie Night:

**Friday, December 11th**

Join us for the showing of Santa Clause on Friday, December 11th at 6pm! Come dressed in your coziest Christmas pajamas and bring blankets and chairs. Tickets are $10 per child and your ticket will include a slice of pizza, popcorn, a christmas cookie, and a water. Parents do not need to purchase tickets unless they want to eat, but must be present and supervise their children during the whole event.

## Christmas Market with Santa:

**Saturday, December 12th • 11am - 2pm**

Join us for a festive day of holiday fun at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center's Christmas Market! Come shop local and get into the holiday spirit with: Christmas Market Shopping, pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, kids arts & crafts, kids cookie decorating, cookies & hot chocolate, and MORE!

## Crestwood Arts & Crafts Fair

**Sunday, December 13th • 11am - 2pm**

Come out and enjoy a day filled with local art, handmade crafts, music, wine & cheese sampling, and more! *Crestwood Residents: Rebate checks will be distributed at the event.*

## VENDORS!

We are looking for vendors for our Christmas Market and Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 12th and Sunday, December 13th! If you are interested in selling your creations at either event or both, please email Kelsey at kkolecki@crestwood.illinois.gov

