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CRESTWOOD ADVISER

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New year, new ZIP — that is the buzz about town. In an overwhelmingly supportive Town Hall Meeting following Thanksgiving weekend, residents joined the Board and Congressman Bobby Rush’s office in rallying for the allocation of a unique identifier for residents and business owners — our own ZIP code.

Currently, the Village of Crestwood shares a ZIP code with Midlothian. Crestwood had its own ZIP code at one time, in the '60s, and it was retracted. This shared ZIP code has caused undue taxes to be placed on our residents, as Midlothian places a utility tax on their tax bills, whereas Crestwood does not.

There have been guffaws regarding property tax bills, and homeowner and auto premiums can be affected. Census Bureau and Centers for Disease Control data has been compromised and adjustments made. Residents are not accurately represented at retail check-outs. For instance, if a purchase is made at an Orland Park big-box store, the cashier often asks for your ZIP code. As the response is “60445,” those big-box companies receive data that is incorrect, and that may directly affect their marketing plans in choosing a new store location.

As we emerge from some challenging days, a new ZIP code gives a renewed revitalization. It was discussed by the USPS at this meeting that ZIP codes were designed for the benefit of delivery for the post office, not for our public use. As it is 2015, the USPS as well as a multitude of local elected officials, see the need to be recognized as Crestwood.

The Village has been in receipt of several letters of support that will be forwarded to the Postmaster General. MOST important is YOUR personal

responsibility. A survey will appear in the mail in the third week of January. Please take the time to fill this out and send it back immediately. The USPS is determining our need for the ZIP code based on survey returns. As Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy stated at that meeting, “It’s a chance of a lifetime.” Return that survey!! As of today, our goal is a mere ZIP code. Perhaps down the line our own facility may be warranted. Referring back to USPS history, they have released unique ZIP codes to towns that have fewer delivery points and have not met the criteria. A representative from the USPS mentioned that these codes are not plentiful, and they are awarded very judiciously based on growth. At the time of the meeting, it was not shared with USPS that the Village fully intends to expand our delivery points with the development of the Route 83 Corridor, both east and west sides.

Please watch your mail and return the survey. There will be a postcard from the Village reminding all of the impending survey and a robocall will be initiated as a reminder. This is a personal responsibility action. Only you can determine the question of “Will we continue to live in the shadow of Midlothian, or will we stand and be counted as Crestwood?”

I want to thank Trustee Theresa Flynn who, from her first weeks as a new trustee, took initiative to meet with the Postmaster General and staff, enlist the attention of Congressman Rush, and facilitate conversations that reached Washington regarding our decades-long request. And again, I implore friends and neighbors to reply to this very important survey.

Thank you,
Mayor Lou Presta



Mayor Lou Presta, the Board, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works and all the Village Hall employees would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year! The mayor and all his departments will be working hard to ensure a better 2015 by providing top-notch services and infrastructure improvements throughout the year.

Your ZIP Code Survey Need-to-Know:

- The survey will be mailed out the third week of January.
- **Fill out and mail back the survey by Feb. 14.**
- Survey results will be announced by the USPS by the first week in March.

Crestwood’s “Visit With Santa” Brings Community Together



About 275 children came with their families to the 2014 Visit with Santa on December 13th, which was held at the CRWC for the first time.

As Christmas drew near, the Village of Crestwood came together Saturday, December 13th, to bring holiday cheer to locals, including about 275 children.

The Visit With Santa event was moved from the fire department to the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC) for the first year, giving visitors more parking and space for new activities such as a coloring contest, raffles, and guessing games. The guessing games were instrumental in keeping the children occupied and having fun while waiting to see Santa Claus. After the children finished telling Santa their Christmas lists and posing just long enough for a picture for their parents, both young and old headed over to the coloring contest to prove who had the most artistic ability in their families. The CRWC also provided snacks and hotdogs for all the Santa seekers. The Crestwood Fire Department had cookies and juice for all the families and handed out many types of free goodies; like fire helmets, pencils, rulers, stickers and informational pamphlets on fire safety. The Police Department handed out stuffed animals (donated by Kohl’s) along with badges. Both the Fire and Police Departments had many opportunities to talk with the



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Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | January 8th and 22nd

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | January 6th and 20th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | January 12th and 26th

Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | January 6th and 20th

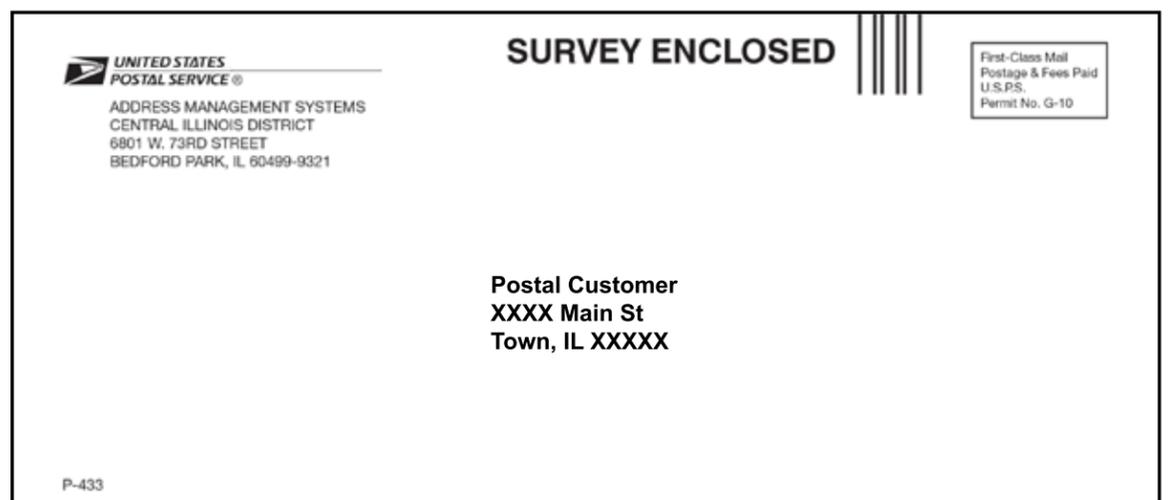
On The Hunt For Our Own ZIP

The Village of Crestwood is respectfully asking you for help in order to receive our own independent United States Postal Service ZIP code. We need all residents and businesses to show their support in the effort.

The first step in the process to secure our Village's independent ZIP code has been completed. Now the second and most important part is next. The Post Office will be sending out a survey to be filled out and mailed back to them. It is extremely important that you answer every question on this short survey or Crestwood will not receive its own ZIP code.

As you may be aware, the Village has been aggressively seeking its own separate ZIP code distinct from the Village of Midlothian's for several years. The sharing of 60445 with Midlothian has unfairly placed a different set of premium criteria on Crestwood's home and auto insurance policies, and has also created tax liability for Crestwood residents who have received utility tax bills from the Village of Midlothian.

In 2011, Trustee Flynn contacted the office of our Congressman Bobby Rush to seek further assistance in our efforts to gain our own ZIP code. After several conversations between Village of Crestwood officials, the Congressman's office and USPS officials, and subsequent conversations between Congressman Rush and the USPS Deputy Postmaster General, the Postal Service advised Congressman Rush that they would consider the Village's request for an independent ZIP code.



Please be alert that an envelope similar to the one above will be arriving in the third week of January at your home or place of business. It will contain a survey pertaining to the prospect of Crestwood receiving its own ZIP code. When you receive it, please fill out the survey and send it back immediately — it is imperative that we receive a response from a majority of businesses in the area. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mayor Lou Presta. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.





Mayor Lou Presta, Village Services Manager Bill Graffeo and Fire Chief Jon Bruce bring cheer to less-fortunate families in Crestwood.

Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC) Holiday Toy & Food Drive

The Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC) held their First Annual Holiday Toy & Food Drive for local families in need and it was a huge success. Thank you to all the CRWC members, residents and staff that donated non-perishable food items and toys during the month of December. In order to facilitate this task, CRWC Recreation Coordinator Jamie Cluckey and the CRWC staff organized programs to make the toy and food drive an enormous success. Jamie's idea was to pull resources by bringing the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works and the Emergency Management Agency together to help the CRWC bring Santa Claus to Town on December 13th. Sue Vanderhyden and Doreen Kalck organized a holiday party for members. The members enjoyed playing some bingo games along with good cheer and a break from a hard workout. The important goal to them was to bring good tidings to some less fortunate families in Crestwood. The group accomplished this goal by the hefty amount of donations they brought in.

Also, thanks to Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta; Crestwood Village Services Manager Bill Graffeo; Crestwood Fire Chief Jon Bruce; Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand and CWRC Director Joe Sadowski for their extremely generous donation of toys to the CRWC for families in need. These five administrators pulled together the resources along with their shopping skills to deliver a huge hall of gifts for all ages to enjoy this Christmas in Crestwood. Just one more way that these gentlemen serve the village to their best of their ability to make Crestwood a great town to live in.

The food and toys that the CRWC collected were donated to the following organizations: Bremen Township, Incarnation Parish, St. Christopher Parish, The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, and Worth Township.

A big thanks again to everyone who donated. Happy Holidays to all!



Left to right: Viv, Evelyn, Marge, Gretchen, Edgardo, Teresita, Marlene



Left to right: Judy, Pat, Edna, Christa, Lorraine, Anne, Carol, Caryl, Arlene, Marey

Congratulations to Rita Marker on Her Retirement!

Rita Marker, who has served Crestwood as Deputy Collector and Deputy Clerk, is retiring after 28 years with the Village. She has taken care of accounts receivables for the Water Department, the processing of licensing including business and liquor, and has been a "jack-of-all-trades."

"I'm going to miss my family of coworkers, since over the years we really have become a family," Rita remarked. "You couldn't ask for a better group of girls in the office." Village Clerk Jeannette O'Donnell praised her, saying, "Rita's

like the rock in our office, since she really knows everything and she's not afraid to share what she knows, which is wonderful."

Rita said she intends to travel more — possibly somewhere warmer — relax and enjoy life, and babysit for her grandchildren. She lived in Crestwood for 33 years and raised three daughters. Rita now has four grandchildren.

Congratulations, Rita! Thank you for your service, and good luck with all your future pursuits!



Rita Marker looking forward to a happy retirement.



Rita with her coworkers. Left to Right: Jeannette, Malea, Peg, Rita, Cathy, Colleen, Char

A Big Thanks to All!!

The Village Trustees wish to extend their gratitude to all those who donated to our needy basket drive, which helps less-fortunate residents in Crestwood. Your generosity will make the holidays a much more pleasant experience for families in their time of need. We wish to extend a special thank you to Seneca Petroleum, County Packaging, Blind Designs of Illinois Inc., Owen Hulse III and Casey Brefczynski for their generosity to the less fortunate. We also would like to thank the folks at Bennie's Pizza for opening up their restaurant for a free Christmas dinner. We certainly hope that all of you are rewarded for your actions in 2014 by having a healthy and prosperous new year.

Garbage and Refuse Collection

It is very important that residents make themselves aware of important ordinances in the Village.

Please be aware that garbage cans are not to be taken out until 6pm the night before pickup and removed from the curb side by 8pm on day of collection. This is not always the case for many. The Village Trustees have instructed the Police Department to enforce this ordinance. A warning will be issued for the first offense and a ticket will be issued on the second offense. A neon green sticker will be placed on your can as a warning. Please be aware this will be your one and only warning before a ticket is issued. Our goal is to keep our Village a beautiful and proud place to live. With your help we can achieve this.

“Crestwood Copsicles” Prepare for Polar Plunge 2015



The ordinary person would not jump at the chance to run into freezing cold water. But where there’s a will to raise money for a great cause, there’s a way to make that work.

On March 7th, residents will have the chance to show what they’re made of and prove their commitment to Crestwood pride. The Crestwood Police Department, currently the No. 3 top fundraiser in the state for Special Olympics Illinois, encourages all to join in the hearty adventure of the season: the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge.

This is the fifth annual turnout for the Crestwood team, aptly named the Crestwood Copsicles. The event will be held at the Manteno Sportsmen’s Club. The busload of participants and its caravan will leave the police station at 11am on that Saturday and return around 4pm. Though riding on the bus isn’t obligatory, it makes for even more fun.

When they started participating in the event in 2010, they raised \$8,632 with 26 members. Crestwood raised \$43,992 in last year’s craze with 71 participants. This year they’re striving for \$50,000. The donation drive starts in January, with \$75 enabling participants to receive a free sweatshirt. Lots of fundraising is done via social media, as well as through in-person donation requests. Polar plungers under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent. It’s all about

the new members, so sign up today at plungeillinois.com, or donate via soill.donordrive.com. Be sure to select the Crestwood Copsicles team or, if donating, your preferred participant.

Crestwood Police Officer Tom Dawson has participated for eight years. He remarked, “It’s not really that cold. ... It can be fun. It’s all how you make it.” Plungers can splash around, just run in and run out, or whatever they want, he said. Participants also receive free food at an after-plunge party with their supporters, including Special Olympics Illinois athletes. Wear a swimsuit or clothes—just be sure to bring a change of clothes and a towel.

“It sounds so silly but you can’t believe how many people can’t wait to come back,” said Crestwood Police Sergeant Chris Soderlund, who coordinates Crestwood’s participation. Patrolman Darryl Lewald, a four-year-veteran of the event, remarked, “It’s just an opportunity to give back to kids and actually see a good reaction on somebody’s face ... and it’s just a whole lot of fun.”

The Crestwood team for Special Olympics Illinois will have several more events this year to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois: a plane pull; “Cop on Top” at Dunkin’ Donuts; the paper-shredding event; “Tip a Cop” at Barraco’s; and perhaps a trivia night or bowling tournament.

“As a police officer, it’s our responsibility to make a difference in someone else’s life,” Soderlund said. “By participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, we make a difference in the lives of the 22,000 athletes in Illinois that participate in Special Olympics Illinois.”

Volunteer for the Crestwood Emergency Management Agency

The Crestwood Emergency Management Agency is actively looking for people that would like to volunteer some of their time to help our community as well as other surrounding towns. We in turn provide you with free training in Emergency Management, including the Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) National Incident Management System (NIMS) program. Some of the activities include traffic control and direction, assisting police, fire and EMS with a variety of incidents, as well as helping out with events in the area. If you are interested in assisting, please come to one of our meetings and talk with us. The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, January 22nd, in the Crestwood Emergency Management building, located on Lamon Avenue, directly behind the police department. If you cannot make it in January, you may come to any of our meetings, which are on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Police Cadet/Explorer Program



The Crestwood Police Department is looking for youths between the ages of 14 and 19 who may be interested in joining our Cadet/Explorer program. While we do quite a few activities and much training that are law enforcement-related, the main purpose of this program is to help these young people to develop good communication and leadership skills. We also provide training with other agencies, including Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff’s Police, FBI, DEA, Secret Service and others.

Applications are available at the Crestwood Police Station Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 9pm, and 8:30am to noon Saturday.

Village Parking Notice

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on *any* village street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. 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!

Notice on Snow Removal

In preparation for the coming months, we would like to emphasize the fact that each resident needs to contain snow on their own property and not relocate it onto our village streets. This applies to all residential, commercial and industrial buildings. As a matter of fact, Crestwood’s Village code not only prohibits this, but will assess a fine if you are cited for this violation. Judging by the telephone calls that we receive each year, pushing and blowing snow on a recently cleaned street erases the work done by our public works department and is inconsiderate to your neighbors. Crestwood has over 26 miles of streets to plow and the workers cannot keep coming back because of some careless individuals. Consider this a second warning to those who don’t comply and receive a ticket from our police department. Winter weather can be most difficult and we don’t need to compound the problem. Make sure your vehicles are off of the street after a one-inch snowfall and, of course, do not blow or plow snow onto our thoroughfares.

2015 Vehicle Sticker Application Update

The deadline for displaying the 2015 vehicle sticker is Feb 28th. Though you still have plenty of time to purchase a sticker, it is highly encouraged to do so now to avoid a last-minute rush and to ensure compliance before the deadline. Remember that stickers must be displayed on the vehicle by March 1st, or you can expect to receive a ticket. All vehicles domiciled within the corporate limits of the Village of Crestwood are required to display a vehicle sticker. While the cost of timely compliance is very reasonable, the penalty fee for late display plus the ticket could be rather expensive. You can purchase your vehicle sticker at the Crestwood Village Hall Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. The offices are also open Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm. Be sure to bring the pre-printed form that you should have received by mail.

Late penalties will be applied March 1st. Transfer from one like vehicle to another is \$5.00.

Recreational Vehicle (RV Plates)

\$ 10.00 | Late fee - \$10.00

Motorcycle, Moped & Scooter

\$ 5.00 | Late fee - \$5.00

School Bus Class A

\$ 20.00 | Late fee - \$ 10.00

School Bus Class B

\$ 30.00 | Late fee - \$ 10.00

TRUCKS

“B” Plate

\$ 15.00 | Late fee - \$ 10.00

“D-F” Plate

\$ 20.00 | Late fee - \$10.00

All Other Plate classifications

\$ 30.00 | Late fee - \$10.00

Passenger Cars

\$ 10.00 | Late fee - \$10.00

Senior Citizens 65 & Older

\$5.00 | Late fee - \$5.00



We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Presta 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. We look forward to capturing a more detailed overview for our website in the near future. 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).

Burglary

11-16-2014: Two unknown suspects used a large rock to break the front door glass at the Crestwood Deli and Liquor. The suspects then entered the building, took both cash registers and then fled in a vehicle waiting in the adjacent parking lot.

Stolen Vehicles

11-10-2014: Unknown suspects stole a 1998 Chevy Tahoe with chrome rims from the parking lot of Portillo's.

Warrant Service

11-08-2014: A female was arrested for having a warrant from the Illinois State Police for driving while suspended.

11-11-2014: A male was arrested in the 4400 block of 142nd Street for failure to appear.

11-27-2014: A female was arrested for having a warrant from the Matteson Police for driving while suspended.

Deceptive Practice

11-03-2014: A resident reported that she had been contacted via email by Microsoft that there had been malicious activity on her computer. She then used a company to clean her computer of any viruses. She later started receiving phone calls and upon contacting the company was advised to purchase a reloadable money card to pay a service fee of \$289.00. It was later discovered that she was the victim of a scam.

11-10-2014: A resident reported being notified that an unknown person had filed a claim for unemployment using his name and social security number without his consent.

11-26-2014: A resident reported that unknown suspects opened a Discover Money Market account using her name and private information without her consent.

11-26-2014: A resident received a phone call from Las Vegas, Nev., and was told she won a sweepstakes worth \$1 million. The caller advised that she would need to send a check in the amount of \$2,880.00 to cover the fees and taxes. The money was wired and the resident later discovered she was the victim of a scam.

Thefts

11-05-2014: A female employee of Dollar Tree was arrested for stealing cash on several occasions while she was the cashier.

11-06-2014: Unknown suspects broke the window and took an unknown amount of miscellaneous change in the 136th block of Kildare.

11-14-2014: Unknown suspects took several items from an unlocked vehicle in the 5500 block of 128th Place.

11-15-2014: Unknown suspects took a package that had been delivered by UPS in the 4900 block of 138th Court.

11-15-2014: Unknown suspects took the tires from a vehicle that was parked in the rear lot of Chipotle.

11-16-2014: Unknown suspects removed a catalytic converter off of a Toyota Tundra in the 127th block of Park Place.

11-16-2014: Unknown subjects removed the catalytic converter off a Honda Element in the 140th block of Laramie.

11-17-2014: Unknown suspects took a silver Trek mountain bike from an unsecured garage in the 5300 block of Park Lane.

11-18-2014: Unknown suspects entered two unlocked vehicles in a driveway in the 5500 block of 129th street and removed a Garmin GPS from each vehicle.

11-19-2014: A suspect described as a male black wearing a black cap, black jacket and blue jeans reached over the counter and into the cash register and took approximately \$800.00 from the Crestwood Deli and Liquor. Surveillance photos of the suspect have been posted on the Crestwood Police Department Facebook page.

11-21-2014: An employee of Burlington Coat Factory was arrested after it was discovered that she was making store gift cards for herself.

11-26-2014: Unknown suspects stole approximately 30 pounds of sheet copper from behind a garage in the 136th block of Loomis Lane.

Retail Thefts

11-12-2014: A female was arrested at Walmart for retail theft after attempting to steal \$272.00 worth of clothing.

11-29-2014: Loss prevention agents at Kohl's observed a female take numerous items from the store without purchasing them. Police were notified, but the suspect fled before officers arrived. Police broadcast the offender's information and she was stopped a short time later by the Oak Lawn Police Dept. The woman was charged with taking \$1,174.00 worth of miscellaneous merchandise.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

11-02-2014: A male was arrested in the 4700 block of Cal Sag Road and charged with driving with a revoked license.

11-03-2014: A male was arrested in the 139th block of Walter Drive after striking several cars while driving under the influence of alcohol.

11-06-2014: A female was arrested from the 130th block of Cicero for disobeying a traffic control device and driving with a suspended license.

11-07-2014: A male was arrested in the 137th block of Cicero for disobeying a traffic control device and driving with a suspended license.

11-08-2014: A male was arrested in the 137th block of Pulaski for improper lane usage and driving under the influence of alcohol.

11-09-2014: A male was arrested for traveling 83 miles per hour and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 143rd block of Cicero.

11-14-2014: A male was arrested in the 4600 block of Midlothian Turnpike for no brake lights, driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle. After being processed in Crestwood, he was turned over to the Lynwood Police Department for a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

11-15-2014: A male was arrested in the 4300 block of Midlothian Turnpike for driving without headlights when required and not possessing a valid driver's license.

11-18-2014: A male was arrested in the 136th block of Kostner for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

11-19-2014: A female was arrested in the 4900 block of 135th Street for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

11-20-2014: A female was arrested in the 139th block of Cicero for disobeying a traffic control signal and driving with a revoked license.

11-22-2014: A male was arrested in the 133rd block of Cicero for driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

11-23-2014: A male was arrested in the 138th block of Cicero for driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

11-26-2014: A female was arrested in the 136th block of Kostner for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

11-28-2014: A male was arrested in the 4800 block of Cal Sag Road for driving without lights when required and not possessing a valid driver's license.

11-29-2014: A male was arrested in the 131st block of Cicero for speeding and driving with a suspended license. The driver also had a warrant from Midlothian for resisting a police officer.

Criminal Damage to Property

11-03-2014: Unknown suspects broke the taillight on a vehicle in the 5000 block of West Circle Drive.

11-04-2014: Unknown suspects broke the locking mechanisms on the men's bathroom at Caesar Park.

11-21-2014: Unknown suspects damaged the residential mailbox in the 142nd block of Kenton.

11-22-2014: Unknown suspects damaged a vehicle by scratching the hood, fenders, doors and trunk in the 4000 block of 142nd Street.

11-28-2014: Unknown suspects damaged a widow to a residence in the 140th block of Lavergne.

Public Indecency

11-25-2014: A resident reported that a man who was naked from the waist down was engaged in lewd behavior next to the garage in the 139th block of Leamington.



CRWC

CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

5331 W. 135th Street
Crestwood, IL 60445
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JANUARY 2015—GET IN SHAPE CHECKLIST



- Check with my doctor before starting any exercise program
- Join the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center
- Work out at least 3 days a week at my own pace
- Lift weights on state of the art equipment in over 3000 sq. feet of air conditioned space
- Use over 30 pieces of cardio equipment that includes treadmills, bikes, ellipticals and steppers to increase my heart rate
- Jog, walk and run on the 3 lane, 1/10 of a mile indoor track to keep my workouts fresh
- Meet new people while shooting baskets and playing volleyball on one of the three large air-conditioned sport courts
- Make a splash in the 5 lane, 25 yard indoor pool
- Relax in the whirlpool and feel refreshed and energized after my workout at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center



Winter 2015 FITNESS YOGA

Mondays
January 19 – February 23
(6 week class)
Times:
6:00 to 7:00 PM or 7:15 to 8:15 PM
(Code # 331800-G) (Code# 331800-H)



This class focuses on breathing, strength, balance and flexibility by incorporating these elements into yoga poses.
Great for beginners and experienced yogis!
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga sticky mat to class.



Fees Per Session:
\$39.00 Resident / \$44.00 Non-Resident

Instructor: Carolyn Esquivel,
YogaFit Level 1, 2 & 3 and NPPT certified

DON'T WAIT—REGISTER NOW
18 years and older
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

WINTER 2015 POM CLASS



Have fun in this upbeat program! Learn dance steps and pom moves to all the latest music. Have a blast with friends and learn great team skills. Wear gym shoes, shorts and a t-shirt to class!

Instructor:

Classes are be taught by
Priscilla's School of Dance.

They have taught dance
classes all over the
southwest suburbs.

Currently, they are in Alsip,
Tinley Park and Lockport
Park Districts

DON'T WAIT—REGISTER NOW
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Wednesdays
January 21 - February 25
(6 weeks)

Pom Class—
Ages: 6 to 8 years old
Time: 4:00 to 4:30 PM

Fee: \$36 Resident/
\$39.00 Non-Resident

WINTER 2015 KIDS DANCE CLASSES



Girls and boys will learn the fundamentals of ballet or tap. All students are required to come to class in proper uniform. **Girls should wear a plain black leotard made of lycra, cotton or nylon.** No velvet material, skirts or prints on the leotard. White tights and white ballet shoes and/or black tap shoes. Boys should wear a black t-shirt and shorts.



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January 21 - February 25
(6 weeks)

Ballet—
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Coping With the Winter Blues

As many as one in seven Americans suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD), and for some it can become debilitating. The causes are not completely understood, but researchers believe the lack of sunlight in the winter months may reduce the levels of serotonin in the brain. If you find yourself feeling depressed at the same time every year, you may have some symptoms of this disorder. Check with your doctor if you are having trouble waking in the morning, are not getting restful sleep, feel lethargic and unable to function properly. The doctor can rule out other physical possibilities and possibly recommend medication to help.

However, there are some non-pharmaceutical ways to deal with some of the symptoms of SAD:

- Soak up some morning sunshine if possible. Open the curtains/blinds and sit by windows whenever possible.
- Light boxes that mimic sunshine can be used for 30 minutes every day to reduce the blues. They can be purchased online and it is recommended to get a light box that emits a 10,000 lux. Some insurance companies will cover the cost if your doctor prescribes one for you.

- Work it out by exercising. Take a walk outside or go to the gym. Exercise has shown to be as effective as anti-depressants in some studies.
- Eat a healthy diet and avoid sugar. Vitamin D is helpful in doses of 2,000 IU D3.
- Practice relaxation techniques such as yoga, meditation, guided imagery, massage therapy, and acupuncture.
- Stay connected to family and friends. Try to maintain regular activities during the winter months. Go out to lunch, join a class, or begin or continue enjoyable hobbies.

The winter months can be long and difficult for many people, and jetting off to a sunny climate isn't always an option available to everyone. If you're feeling the symptoms of SAD, you are encouraged to consult your physician and to see what treatments — prescribed or otherwise — might be best for you.



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St. Christopher School Celebrates 90th Anniversary Gala

St. Christopher's will host its 90th Anniversary Gala Friday, February 6th, 2015, at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park, in recognition of 90 years of providing outstanding Catholic education.

According to the event's coordinators, the 90th Anniversary Gala will be a night of fun and fellowship celebrating St. Christopher School's rich past and promising future, and all are invited to join in the festivities that include dinner, dancing, and exciting raffle and auction items. Photos of items up for auction and raffle baskets will be posted to the St. Christopher School's Facebook page so that parents and other St. Christopher supporters can start planning their bidding strategies.

The annual Gala's purpose is to bring together members of the St. Christopher community and raise funds that will ensure the continued success of the school in providing outstanding faith-based education at an affordable cost. A wonderful event is being planned for this year, as this brief overview demonstrates:

- The Gala is an adult-only event. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors are all encouraged to attend.

- The event will be a 5½-hour reception featuring a full dinner including appetizer, entrée, salad, potato/rice, vegetable and dessert.
- A four-hour open bar will be honored.
- A champagne toast for all guests is included.
- During the first few hours, all guests will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for baskets, and to bid on silent auction items. Between 9:30 and 10pm, raffle and silent auction winners will be announced.
- Entertainment: DJ and dancing throughout the evening. Attire: Semi-formal. Red, black or silver encouraged to show St. Christopher spirit.
- All proceeds go to St. Christopher School.

Tickets are \$70 per person, or reserve a table of 10 for \$650. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit www.stchrisschool.org/gala. Please RSVP by January 30th. A variety of sponsorship and donation opportunities are still available. If you are interested in being a Gala sponsor, or would like to donate raffle baskets or silent auction items, please contact Gala Committee members Julie Mikrut (Julie.a.hincks@gmail.com or 708-217-0686) or Paul Mikrut (psmikrut@gmail.com or 708-567-9621).

Nathan Hale Students Make Care Packages for Troops



Fifth-grade students from Lauren Gugala's class decorate care package boxes on December 3rd. Foreground, left to right: Grace, Carly, Marra, Isaiah.

When District 130 secretary Pam Churin's sister, Cheryl Boyle, asked Pam if Nathan Hale Primary and Intermediate Schools students wouldn't mind creating a few Christmas care packages for troops, the students and staff took the idea to the next level — several hundredfold.

Principal Bridget Gainer led roughly 600 students from all the classes, kindergarten through fifth grade, in decorating shipment boxes with marker drawings ranging from Christmas trees to flags to rainbows, and also filling them with 30 pounds of candy from this year's Halloween candy donation drive, led by their student council. The students also wrote letters to the troops.

Though the school has, in the past, participated in Operation Gratitude, in which students donate their leftover Halloween candy to the troops, this year was the first time doing Operation Care Package, and their first year decorating care package boxes. "We always try to do something for the troops around this time of year, but this was great since students could put a personal touch on it," Gainer said.

Fifth-grade students in teacher Lauren Gugala's class decorated shipment boxes on December 3rd. A few of the kids' great-grandfathers were in World War II, which made the experience even more

special for them. One of the students in the class, Grace, said, "They give us so much that it's nice to give them something back," while another, Marra, said, "It really makes me happy. It makes me feel better that they'll get something they really want."

For more information about Operation Care Package, visit www.operationcarepackages.org. Learn more about Operation Gratitude at www.operationgratitude.com.

Scholastic Bowl Sparks Students' Passion for Knowledge

If you like building your knowledge of anything from trivia to history, then Scholastic Bowl is the place to be as a high schooler. Just ask Sam Luzzo from Crestwood, a senior at Marist who is on the varsity Academic Team, another name for the competitors who participate in the activity that encourages the development of quick thinking and an encyclopedia-like knowledge from which to draw answers in order to compete against other schools' teams.

Luzzo, who likes music, said, "[Academic Team] makes me realize there are a lot of musicians out there I don't know of, and sometimes, if I think, 'This sounds interesting,' I might look it up myself. It just expands my knowledge of musicians It's kept me grounded because I don't know as much as I can." Luzzo has been on the team since he was a sophomore.

Marist's varsity coach, Jeff Nicholson, said Luzzo helps build the team's camaraderie and helps everyone relax during the tension of South Metropolitan Scholastic Bowl meets. "I think it's important we have that," he said.

Question topics include operas, plays, social studies, math problems calling for paper and pencil, current events, mythology, sports, art history, and literature. In the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), play starts with a "toss-up" question, where individuals from either of the two teams competing in a match have 10 seconds to answer a question correctly and beat the other team's players. If the team answers correctly, they get the first chance to answer a multiple-part "bonus" question of three related questions. Computational questions, such as math or science problems, allow 30 seconds. Sometimes the high school classes help the kids know the answers, but Nicholson also gives the students who have "specialized" in a particular field supplemental materials that "they wouldn't see in class."

Monica Bova, a senior at Shepard, has also competed in Scholastic Bowl since she was a sophomore and enjoys fine arts and science questions. "I really like how interesting it is. There are a lot of different people, and you learn something new every time you come. Meets are really fun," she commented, adding that it's a strong community. "I learned really fast you need to think really quickly and that the things you learn in school can be applied to real life."

Coach Meg Brewczynski, who was part of Scholastic Bowl at Shepard with her future husband during their high school years, said that Bova has gotten a lot more confident at answering questions and is competent in questions across the board. "[Scholastic Bowl] is there for kids who don't necessarily want to be involved in sports or dance ... kids who like learning. It's great," she said. Brewczynski started using study lists this year and though the South Suburban Conference competitions start in January, the students have been practicing since the beginning of the year. "I would really like to get to sectionals this season. It would be really fun and neat for the kids."

Luzzo and Bova both want to pursue careers in health after high school. Luzzo would like to go into physical therapy, encouraged by a session at a job fair after he had suffered appendicitis. "I like the idea of being able to help someone build themselves back up," he said. Bova would like to enter St. Xavier's nursing program. "A lot of people in my family are involved in science," she remarked. "I want to do something that I love, and I love helping people."

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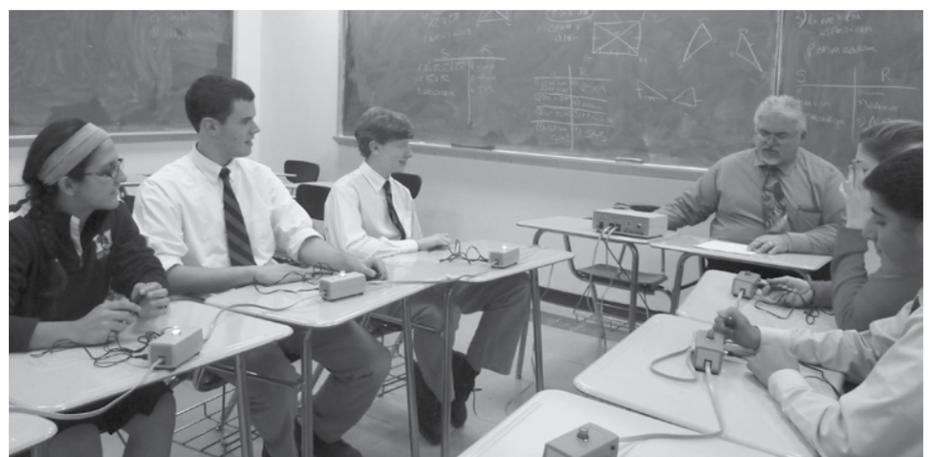




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Marist's varsity Academic Team practices answering toss-up questions. Left to right: Vanessa Villasenor, Sam Luzzo, Max Stinites, Coach Jeff Nicholson, Kaylie Sampson, Faris Fakhoury.

Ayvah Rodriguez Dances in the Joffrey Ballet's "The Nutcracker"



Ayvah Rodriguez, a 9-year-old from Tinley Park and a student at Incarnation School, has been taking ballet and other forms of dance at Stage Door Dance Academy in Oak Forest for the past six years. In October, she auditioned for a role in the professional production of *The Nutcracker* performed by the Joffrey Ballet. She was elated to accept the role of Spanish Doll, and performed in half of the ballet company's *Nutcracker* shows this past year.

As a fourth grader at Incarnation, she is learning to juggle school and dancing approximately 20 hours a week. Ayvah is enjoying Incarnation and loves spelling and computers. Every week she looks forward to her Spanish class.

Ayvah's favorite part of dancing is hearing the audience applaud, knowing that she brought happiness to people through the art of dance. To say that she loves dance is an understatement — according to Ayvah, it's part of her soul. Ayvah's Incarnation classmates took an all-school field trip to see her performance in early December. They all applauded very loudly and proudly.

Robert Joffrey's *The Nutcracker* is a classic, beloved holiday tradition at the Auditorium Theatre, bringing Tchaikovsky's score to life with battling toys and rodents, swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers and a cast of more than 100 young dancers from across Chicagoland. Congrats to Ayvah and her family! You have made Incarnation proud!



Crestwood Teens Lend Their Skills to Shepard Speech Team

About 40 Shepard High School kids, including six from Crestwood, packed a classroom after school December 8th for a speech team meeting.

The Crestwood teens, ranging from freshman to senior year, were Nick Harnisch, Matt Randich, Will Jarman, Veronica Jacobson, Liam McCool and Stephanie Wasag. They each have a specialty in the 14 events that are incorporated into the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) program. Their events include original comedy, impromptu speaking, poetry reading, special-occasion speaking, humorous interpretation, and original oratory. Though competitions begin in October, practices generally begin in July, Coach Jeff Vazzana said. "It's a lot of work, but the kids love it, and it's had great results."

For example, Shepard has won six tournaments in the 2014 portion of this year's season. The school has had state finalists consistently for the past decade, and drawing from the success of the speech team this year, Vazzana has high hopes for that finale. "We've never had a state title, and we are hoping that through hard work and dedication, we can achieve that soon," he said. "I pride my team on how creative they are and how we take risks."

The whole speech team meets every Monday and participates in a mock tournament each Friday. To further prepare for the Saturday tournaments, kids meet with their specialized coaches during the week to go over critiques, fine-tune their performances, and develop their speaking skills.

Through all the preparation, the Crestwood kids said they have enjoyed their experiences. Stephanie Wasag, a sophomore who does original oratory, said, "Everyone's nice and I'm able to talk a lot more in front of people than before I joined. It gave me practice and made me feel OK." Veronica Jacobson, a sophomore who does special-occasion speaking, said, "I like the family atmosphere, and it's a very accepting group of people." Matt Randich, a freshman who does original comedy, added, "Speech is a place where no one should feel afraid to say what they want to say."

Crestwood kids who attended a speech team meeting on December 8th, left to right, back row: Nick Harnisch, Veronica Jacobson, Liam McCool, Will Jarman. Front row: Matt Randich and Stephanie Wasag.





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Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival

January 8-January 18

The world's largest sketch comedy festival celebrates its 14th hilarious year, featuring more than 150 shows and performers from all over the country and the world. It will be held at Stage 773, located at 1225 W. Belmont Ave. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.chicagosketchfest.com for more information.

Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival

January 14-January 25

The Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival, debuting this January, will celebrate the full breadth of the art of contemporary puppetry. In addition to The Art Institute of Chicago and The Second City, presenters include the Chicago Humanities Festival, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, The Field Museum, Links Hall, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Theater and Performance Studies Program at the University of Chicago and the University of Chicago's Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts. The festival is a biennial event. Visit www.chicagopuppetfest.org/performances for more details and a schedule of events.

2014 Crestwood Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

The halls have been decked; the roof line and shrubs are shining. The Crestwood Recreation Commission has chosen the winners of the 2014 Crestwood Christmas Decorating Contest. It was a tough choice. There were many residents that braved the weather to show their holiday spirit. The winners who were chosen this year have never received recognition before. All winners will receive a yard sign to proudly display. Take a drive around the Village to see all the beautiful decorations. We hope this activity adds to your enjoyment of the holiday season. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! A big thank you to all who have shared their holiday spirit and let the community enjoy their décor.



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Dr. Kusuma specializes in all spine-related injuries and conditions from disc herniations to spinal reconstructive

surgery for scoliosis. His impressive credentials include a spine surgery fellowship at the University of California, Davis, where he performed numerous surgeries at the nationally recognized Spine Center at UC Davis Medical Center. His fellowship also provided him with specialty training in microsurgery, degenerative spine conditions, spinal trauma, and complicated deformity of the cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine.

In addition to his spine fellowship, Dr. Kusuma completed his medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, and performed an orthopaedic surgery residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Kusuma grew up in Atlanta, Ga. and is delighted to relocate to the Chicago area to practice medicine. When he is not treating patients, Dr. Kusuma enjoys spending time with his family and friends, catching up on current events and health policy, and playing sports, including basketball, golf and snow skiing.

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— Crestwood Hosts Fundraiser to Help Fight Child Abuse —



Volunteers from the Crestwood area with members of Bikers Against Child Abuse

About 300 locals congregated at Crestwood’s Biela Center on Sunday, December 14th to combat child abuse at a fundraiser called Pancakes & Pictures with Santa that raised \$4,300.

Crestwood resident Donna Gaetz arranged the fundraiser that benefitted the efforts of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA). The BACA team of motorcyclists “adopts,” supports and empowers children who are dealing with the aftermath of abuse. Depending on the child’s needs, the bikers may escort him or her to court or parole hearings, stand guard outside the child’s home at all hours of the day to protect them from the abuser, or visit him or her at school.

“We tell them they’re a member of our family and nobody’s going to hurt them,” said “Ski,” BACA’s Northwest Indiana Chapter’s vice president. The bikers all have “road names” to protect their identities. “Once you start seeing the kids progress and be able to stand up against their abuser in court, it’s priceless.”

Gaetz, Ski said, came to a meeting last year and told the bikers she wanted to throw a benefit to raise more money and awareness for the non-profit or-

ganization. She asked Trustee Bill Pieroth if she could rent the Biela Center, and the Village coordinated to donate the use of the building for a massive bake sale this past spring that raised \$6,000, and for Pancakes & Pictures with Santa. The event included raffles, a bake sale, Santa (a biker named “Boots”), and face painting done by Crestwood teenagers.

Seeing the huge turnout of people who both stayed for the event and others who just stopped by to donate, Gaetz said the event was “spectacular” and that she is so grateful for the generosity of the Village. “People have such big hearts ... especially at a time when people are struggling, themselves.”

Brother Rice High School, Pepsi, Orland Park Bakery, Creative Cakes, Trustee Benigno and UPS, Pop’s Beef in Palos Heights, Alsip’s The Printing Press, Alishia Danielle Photography, Marquette Bank, and Gaetz’s friends and family were among the many who helped out with the event through helping to fundraise, work the event, or by donating items.

BACA presented Gaetz with a biker jacket and an award for her support. To learn more about BACA, visit www.bacaworld.org or call **1-866-71-ABUSE** for help.

Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

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| Friday, January 23 | Corned Beef Sandwich |
| Tuesday, January 27 | Chicken Kiev |
| Friday, January 30 | Brats on a Bun |

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

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| January 5-9 | "Christmas Comes to Willow Creek" |
| January 8-12 | "All of Me" |
| January 15-19 | "Little Fockers" |
| January 22-23 | "Failure to Launch" |

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.

*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

*Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.

*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

Horseshoe Casino

Spend a pleasant winter's day at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. If you DO NOT have a player's card we need your name (as shown on your license or I.D.) address, date of birth and an E-Mail address. Without this information you will NOT receive the trip benefits.

When: Wednesday, January 14th
 Depart: 9:00 a.m.
 Cost: \$27 (includes transportation & buffet)

Grand Victoria Casino

Join us for a day or gambling in Elgin at the Grand Victoria Casino.

When: Thursday, February 12th
 Depart: 9:00 a.m. ;return 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$27 (includes buffet)

Call 371-4860 Ext. 6001 for reservations.



Blue Chip Casino

Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When: Thursday, March 5th
 Time: Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm
 Cost: \$28



Valentine/ Mardi Gras Party

Come celebrate Valentine's and Mardi Gras at the Biela Center. The festivities begin at 11 a.m. with appetizers and soft drinks. Bingo will be played after lunch for those attending the party.

When: Tuesday, February 17th
 Time: Appetizers at 11:00am
 Lunch at noon
 Cost: \$10

Reservations requested by February 10th.

"WEST SIDE STORY" - Drury Lane

The Jets and Sharks are at their best. Tony falls in love with a beautiful Shark girl, Maria. West Side Story is a modern day musical version of Romeo and Juliet. This trip is sure to fill up fast!!!!

When: Wednesday, February 25th
 Time: Depart 10:00am
 Cost: \$84 (includes lunch & show)



"Rules of the Road Here on March 9th"

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, March 9th, 2015
 Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.

- REMINDER -
Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign-up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips. - The Biela Center

"On Golden Pond"

The love story of Ethel and Norman who are returning to their summer home for the 48th year. They are visited by their divorced daughter and her fiancée who off to Europe, leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. This was a HUGE Broadway hit!!!

When: Wednesday, March 25th
 Where: Theatre at the Center -Munster, Indiana
 Time: Depart 11:00 a.m.
 Cost: \$74 (includes transportation, lunch and show-choice of baked cod or beef stroganoff)

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.

Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun Group. Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385-7760.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.



*"Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account."
 — Oscar Wilde*

Biela Center Brings Friends Together

About 150 seniors attended this year's Christmas luncheon at the Biela Center on December 16th. As the crowd grows, so does the fun. A group of six friends at the luncheon came together through the Biela Center's events throughout the year: Fran Dolan, Rae Rak, Mary Lunn, Della Prisco, Kay Peleschak and Fran Carlson. Though some of them knew each other before coming to Biela Center events, others did not. Rae Rak, from Crestwood, said, "I didn't know any of them before coming to the Biela Center, and I've made such great friends." She added, "We're faithful. We come [to the Biela Center] 12 months a year." Fran Carlson, also from Crestwood, commented about the Christmas party in particular. "There's always great food and great hors d'oeuvres people make, and great prizes. We look forward to it every year."

Raffle prizes included reindeer stuffed animals, chocolates, holiday cookies, ornaments, calendars, Christmas linens and kitchen items. Donations were made by the Symphony of Crestwood, Becvar Funeral Home, and various senior citizens.



Friends join each other for the Biela Center Christmas luncheon. Left side, front to back: Fran Dolan, Rae Rak, Mary Lunn. Right side, back to front: Della Prisco, Kay Peleschak, and Fran Carlson.

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| <p>BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON JANUARY 28th</p> <p>Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, JAN 28th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.</p> | <p>HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON JANUARY 28th</p> <p>Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, JAN 28th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for adults only.</p> |
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Crestwood's "Visit With Santa" Brings Community Together *(Cont'd from page 1)*

the children and their parents about life safety. They also answered any questions that the kids had about their professions. The interaction between both departments and the residents seemed to be very cordial and fun for all. The Emergency Management Agency helped with the parking and were at the top of their game. They also provided barricades for the events. The guys from Public Works contributed to various facets of the event to make it all come together.

"It was great we could collaborate with all these groups," CRWC Director of Recreation Joe Sadowski said. "It's a great opportunity to get all the agencies together. We see each other daily but getting to work together is definitely awesome." Jamie Cluckey, CRWC recreation coordinator, organized the activities and events, the event set-up and coordination with the various agencies.

Children and adults alike enjoyed the festivities. Don and Patti Long, from Streator, Ill., brought their grandchildren Hunter, 5, and Kassidy, 7, from Oak Forest, to the event for the first time. They played basketball and enjoyed the coloring contest, guessing games, and a visit with Santa. Patti said, "They did a wonderful job," and Don remarked, "Everybody's very helpful and polite."

Sponsors and donations included: UniFirst, Delta Sonic Car Wash, Potbelly's, Culver's, Public Safety Direct and the Elks Club.



Chris Jamiana, 9, and his sister, Hyacinth Jamiana, 6, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Hunter Long, 5, and Kassidy Long, 7, with their stuffed animals from the Crestwood Police Department.

Crestwood Hosts Walmart's Surprise for Kid Santa Claus

On December 16th at its location in Crestwood, Walmart surprised a Chicago fifth-grader, Samuel Love — who has organized toy drives for the past three years for children going through tough times — with the fulfillment of 100 Salvation Army Angel Tree wishes for kids who don't have any toys for Christmas. Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta, Trustee Dan Jurka, and the Crestwood police were among those there to greet them. Jenna Bush Hager was onsite with NBC's *The Today Show*, which broadcast the demonstration of holiday spirit Friday, December 19th.

According to *The Today Show*, Samuel, 11, started in 2010 with collecting 800 toys for the kids affected by Hurricane Sandy. Last year, he gathered 1,300 toys for the kids affected by the tornados in Oklahoma and the floods in Colorado. This year's goal is 2,500 toys for kids impacted by the tornados in

Arkansas. He's also inspired kids at his school, Beasley Elementary School, to join in donating.

To spread holiday cheer, *The Today Show* took Samuel on a trolley tour to a variety of locations where Walmart told him about gifts they had donated for children in his honor. After leaving Crestwood, Walmart continued the surprises for the child Santa Claus with more donations later that day at South Suburban Toys for Kids in Hazel Crest, \$2,500 in Walmart gift cards for more toys for kids, and by rewarding him with the purchase of the items on Samuel's own Christmas list.

To see the story's coverage on *The Today Show*, go to www.today.com/news/samuel-love-spreading-love-needy-children-creating-toy-drive-1D80380678.



The Walmart in Crestwood hosted Walmart's fulfillment of 100 Salvation Army Angel Tree wishes for kids who don't have any toys for Christmas, in the spirit of Samuel Love's generous donation drives. *The Today Show* captured the excitement in the air as Samuel was surprised.



Walmart representatives, *The Today Show*'s Jenna Bush Hager, Mayor Lou Presta, and Trustee Dan Jurka with Samuel Love, who has organized toy drives for struggling children.

Crestwood's Verizon Keeps Customers Happy



Verizon employees, left to right: Aaron Lowder (solutions specialist), Janie Strother (store manager), Nicholas Valachos (solutions specialist) and Maderia Carpenter (solutions manager)

Since opening in 2006, the Verizon Wireless store in Crestwood has grown in its relationship with the community and in its technological innovations. Store manager Janie Strother said that business has been picking up within the past year because of promotions and new devices. For example, this year Verizon came out with XLTE, its 4G LTE network, to further enhance its high-speed data experience.

The Crestwood store, located at 13447 S. Cicero Ave., has been abuzz with customers. "I love working with the public. We like to make sure customers both come and leave happy," Strother said. She also remarked that their staff is friendly and helpful. "When employees come here, they tend to stay. They're happy to work here."

Device specialists on staff also lead free workshops on Saturday mornings, complete with free coffee and doughnuts. The workshops help customers to learn more about their devices. Strother said the classes, held roughly every other week, are well attended, with at least 10 people in each session.

Verizon, as a corporation, is also involved in the community, especially in helping survivors of domestic violence. Verizon collects no-longer-used wireless devices, refurbishes them and puts the proceeds from their sale back into the community through grants to domestic violence prevention organizations. Additionally, during the holiday season, the Crestwood store, along with many others in Illinois, hosts a HopeLine for the Holidays Toy Drive that provides gifts for children affected by domestic violence.

The Crestwood store's hours are 10am-8pm on Monday through Saturday and 11am-6pm on Sundays. Visit www.verizonwireless.com to learn more. For more on the HopeLine project, visit www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

Comedian to Make Return Engagement at Chicago South Elks Lodge

Jeff McDonald, a standup comedian from Indiana who has performed at comedy clubs, casinos and small theatres across the nation, will return to Crestwood to perform at the Chicago South Elks Lodge's banquet room on the evening of January 17th.

"I don't do shows that I don't want to," he remarked. "[The Chicago South Elks Lodge] is about as professional as you can get in a room like that." The banquet room has a stage along with great lighting and acoustics, he noted. The two-hour show, which welcomes the public, will revolve around the humor of everyday life, topics that people can relate to. "I have no idea where we're going to go," he said, noting that he loves improv comedy. "You're not going to get a better value," he added, with a \$10 show that follows an \$8 spaghetti dinner from 4pm-8pm. He hopes to see both members and non-members at the show. "I enjoy coming to Chicago, and I'm looking forward to it!"

Chicago South Elks Club #1596 Presents

Winter Comedy Night



FEATURING

JEFF MCDONALD



Saturday, January 17TH

Showtime at 8pm
Show tickets \$10/ per person

**Come early for the spaghetti dinner 4pm to 8pm*

Jeff has appeared with:
Jerry Seinfeld & Drew Carey

**For more info, please call (708) 597-7465
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A Little Bit of Germany





When: Saturday, January 24th, 2015 from 4 pm-8 pm

Where: Alan B. Shepard High School Cafeteria

Alan B. Shepard High School – Enter through **Door 12** in the back
13049 S. Ridgeland Avenue
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Cost: \$10 for Adults - \$5 for children 12 and under

Includes Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Bread and Butter, Coffee, Water or Cider. Dinner will be served from 4 pm-7 pm. Soda and Root Beer will be available for purchase.

The German band **Paloma** will be back to entertain us at the event.

BAKED GOODS! RAFFLE PRIZES! PRETZELS!

All proceeds will go to fund the trips Shepard students take with the German exchange students during their stay with us in April 2015. Please help support our exchange program!

For tickets and information, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Fischer at jennifer.fischer@chsd218.org (708) 371-1111 x3073

A Guide to Winter Warmth & Safety

Winter can be a magical time full of wonder, but we should never forget that it's dangerous as well. The Village of Crestwood would like to remind you that safety should be a priority during the holiday season and throughout the year, and to offer you some tips on how to stay warm and safe this winter.

- Have your furnace, gas fireplaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned every year by a qualified professional, and change or clean your filters as needed.
- Wood-burning fireplaces should be kept clean of soot buildup to avoid the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke inhalation.
- Invest in properly insulated windows and/or cover them with plastic thermal insulation each winter.
- Ensure that any stationary heating equipment is installed professionally and up to code.
- Never heat your home with a gas oven, even for a short time.
- Close doors to rooms you're not using and put towels underneath the cracks to maximize the efficient heating of the space you're in.
- Economize and stay warm by installing a programmable thermostat.
- Use common sense when employing space heaters — keep inflammable materials, pets and children at least three feet away when in use.
- When buying space heaters, select units that feature automatic shut-off features and that offer protection from heating elements.
- In extreme cold, allow a steady trickle of water from your taps to guard against freezing of your pipes.
- If pipes do freeze, never use a torch to thaw them, but slowly heat them with a portable hair dryer.
- Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets, not into extension cords.
- Turn off space heaters when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Should you lose power or heat during severe cold, seek out any of the area warming shelters. Please call them before going to verify their availability hours.

Worth Township Town Hall
11601 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip
Call (708) 371-2900 during business
hours or police non-emergency
number (708) 385-6131.

Thornton Township Hall
333 E. 162nd St., South Holland
Call (708) 596-6040 ext. 3122
during business hours or police non-
emergency number (708) 331-3131.

For more tips and warming center locations, visit:

www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org/cold-weather-tips

Keeping an Eye on Seniors

Extreme winter conditions can be deadly for seniors who may not have adequate warmth in their homes. The Crestwood Police Department offers a program ensuring the safety and well-being of seniors through the winter season. Provided services include welfare checks, assistance with locating snow shoveling services, and directing program entrants to appropriate services in the case of power or heating failure. Currently, the program serves 32 residents in the community.

Seniors must opt into the program by calling the Crestwood Police Department at **708-371-4800 ext. 3** and leaving a message for Officer Tom Dawson, or by calling the department directly and asking for Dawson to visit them at their homes. Officer Dawson is at the station Monday, Wednesday and on weekends, and is more than happy to return calls to interested seniors. Dawson will stop by in person for the first well-being check. Thereafter, most well-being checks will be made via telephone. Note for safety: Dawson will always call prior to making any visit. Calls will never be made after 8pm.

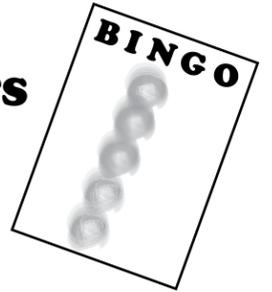
CodeRED Notification System

Crestwood residents are encouraged to stay informed of emergency alerts affecting their community by registering with the CodeRED Notification System. The CodeRED emergency communication system is designed to send high-speed critical communications to residents, including severe weather warnings, evacuation notices, missing child notifications and more. The service is free. For more information and to register for CodeRED, please visit southwestcentral911.org and click where it says, "Click Here for Link to CODE RED – Emergency Notification System." If you need assistance signing up for CodeRED, please contact **Detective Steve Gomboz at 708-926-7239**.

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Winter Road Rules

Due to diminished daylight hours, low temperatures and unpredictably slippery road conditions, winter is by far the most hazardous driving season. Even the most seasoned of drivers can find themselves at the mercy of the elements while out on the highway. But there are things you can do to minimize your risk.

- Drive slower and increase your following distance. Maintain a cool head and gently apply your brakes with slow and steady force, repeating as necessary to maintain control. If you have anti-lock brakes, press and hold the brake, allowing the anti-locking system to take control — do not "pump" the brakes.
- Increase your braking distance when approaching an intersection or stop.
- Slow down before crossing bridges, as they often remain icy when the rest of the road is clear.
- If the back of your car begins to slide, do not brake. Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel and gently turn in the opposite direction of where the rear wheels are headed, until your car regains traction. Then correct your direction.
- Regularly check your car's lights, heater, wiper blades, antifreeze and gas tank. (Strive to keep your tank at least half full at all times during the months of extreme cold.)
- If you have a cell phone, always make sure it is fully charged before you leave, and remember to keep it with you.
- Carry credit cards and cash in case you need to stop for emergency overnight lodging or to have your car serviced.
- Equip your car for winter emergencies. Stock it with: blankets; appropriate clothing (warm mittens, socks and hat, boots, thermal underwear, layers of lightweight clothing); flashlights; fresh batteries; battery-powered radio; sand, kitty litter or traction mats; shovel; windshield brush and scraper; jumper cables; tool kit; tow-line or rope; bottled water; first-aid supplies; high-calorie, non-perishable food; matches and candles; road flares; road atlas and compass; and a fire extinguisher.

More information on safe winter driving can be found at www.idot.state.il.us or by calling **1-800-452-4368**.



Article Suggestions

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles — stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at info@crestwoodadviser.com, calling Fanning Communications at 708-293-1430, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.



Crestwood History: Did You Know?

- The Village flag was designed by Irv Winterfelt for the 40th anniversary of Crestwood. It was first flown in April 1970.
- St. Benedict's Cemetery, the only cemetery in Crestwood, was established in about 1885 — but a grave at the site was found to have been dated much earlier.
- The Crestwood Police Department was started in 1928. Until 1949, Village police chiefs used their own cars and even provided their own gasoline.
- The first Crestwood street lights — 10 in all — were placed along Kostner Avenue and on 142nd Street and were first switched on in November 1952.



Above: 135th and Cicero, looking north toward Alsip on August 27th, 1997. Howell Airport is now the Rivercrest Shopping Center.

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January Events at Crestwood Public Library Youth Programming

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| <p>Read with Olaf- Winter Reading Program Kids grades Pre-K-8, are you reading at school for Six Flags tickets, or other rewards? Why not join our Winter Reading and win more prizes. This year we will Read with Olaf . Complete the reading chart and receive your ticket for fabulous prizes. Including gift cards, prize baskets, water park passes, and Wolves Hockey Tickets. Winter Reading Dates- January 26-February 27, 2015. Register at Front Desk beg. Jan. 23, 2014</p> | |
| <p>Story Time Registration for our new session of story time begins Jan. 5 2015 Story time for ages 3-6 will meet Thursday at 12:00pm Beginning Jan. 15. \$5.00 per child</p> | <p>Tiny Tots Tiny Tots for ages 12-36 months with adult, will meet Friday at 10:30am beginning Jan. 16 children will hear stories & make a simple craft to take home.</p> |
| <p>Tween Time Tweens grades 3-6 join us this month as we celebrate national puzzle day. Thurs. Jan. 29 Time: 4:00-5:00pm</p> | <p>Snowman Pajama Time Children ages 3-8, come to the library in their P.J.'s to hear stories about snowmen and make a snowman craft . Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 6:00-7:00pm Space limited to 15</p> |
| <p>S.T.E.M. - Science Club Children grades 1-4, will learn how to build a marble coaster this month. Space limited to 15 people per class. Thurs., Jan. 15 4:00pm</p> | <p>January Book Buddies Children 3-6 will enjoy time with a Shepard High School student hearing stories and making a small craft. Cost is Free. Wed. Jan. 28 from 6-7pm. space limited to 20.</p> |
| <p>After School Club Kids grades K-2 join us once a month for activities, stories, and crafts with your friends. January theme: snowmen Jan. session: Thurs., Jan 22, 4:00-5:00pm</p> | <p>Messy Mondays for toddlers! Parents can bring their toddler to experience all those messy things you would not like them to play with at home. Ages 18-36 months w adult Mondays from 11:00-11:30am</p> |
| <p>Art Club Kids grade 2-4 will meet once a month to make an art project using different types of art. January art will be puzzle frames. Tuesday January 8, 4:00-5:00pm</p> | <p>Wiggle Worms Share stories, activities, and a craft with children ages 2-3 . Adult must attend with child. January Date; Tues Jan. 13 6:00-6:30pm</p> |
| <p>Lego Club A New Session of Lego Club will begin Monday, Jan. 12 for children grades K-4. We will meet Mondays from 3:30-4:30. Space limited to 15.</p> | <p>Teen Inc. Welcome to Teen Inc. There is no other place like it! You can hang out with your friends while enjoying cookies and hot beverages. A different game or activity is featured every time. January Meeting Jan 6 6:00-7:00pm</p> |
| <p>Duct Tape Crafts! Children ages 9 and up come make crafts out of colored duct tape. All supplies provided. Saturday, January 17 2:00-3:00pm</p> | |

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for more info.

December Adult Programs at Crestwood Public Library

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| <p>Holiday Card Making Class! Stampin' Up's Debbie Spano can show you how to make the perfect holiday cards for the season right here at the library! \$4.00 per person. For ages 15 and up. Please register for this event. Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:00pm</p> | <p>Health Insurance Q & A Have questions about the Affordable Care Act? Need some guidance with Medicare? Join us for a short question and answer session from healthcare expert Gary Tarnopol. Please Register in advance. Monday, December 1 at 6:00pm or Wednesday, December 10 at 12:00pm</p> |
| <p>Adult Computer Class Need some one-on-one practice with your computer skills? Sign up for a 45 minute session with one of our librarians on select Fridays during the month! Please call for available times and topics.</p> | <p>Book Discussion Group Do you like to talk about the books you read? Then join our monthly book discussion group. This group reads a variety of fiction and nonfiction books and meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00.</p> |
| <p>e-magazines are here! e-magazines are now available on our website through Zinio</p> | |
| <p>Need a gift for the person who has everything? Why not buy them a book on our library mural book shelf? What a great way to support our library too! Books on our Library Mural are available for purchase starting at \$25.00. All proceeds go to support the library general fund.</p> | |

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details

Fun & Entertainment *Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

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CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

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- Lost and Found
- Large Appliances
- Automobiles
- Motorcycles
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SUDOKU

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

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December Sudoku Solution

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

December Crossword Solution

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| H | E | M | | | | E | G | O | | | O | I | N | K |
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| 69 | | | | | | 70 | | | | 71 | | | | |
| 72 | | | | | | 73 | | | | 74 | | | | |

ACROSS

- 1 Parrot
- 6 Hazes
- 10 Food
- 14 Toothbrush brand
- 15 Adjoin
- 16 Hindu goddess, consort of Siva
- 17 Huge
- 18 Italian money
- 19 Veer
- 20 Poetic "has"
- 21 Fake
- 23 Annex
- 24 Canal
- 26 Pressed
- 28 Robbery
- 31 Centers
- 32 Card game
- 33 Whim
- 36 Strap
- 40 Skim
- 42 Lout
- 43 Fake butter
- 44 Beano

- 45 Inching forward
- 48 Write
- 49 Representatives
- 51 Tea
- 53 Universe
- 56 Heave, past tense
- 57 Sixth sense
- 58 Bread enriching vitamin
- 61 Mexican money
- 65 Challenge
- 67 Pacify
- 68 Above 98.6 degrees
- 69 Related
- 70 Spoken
- 71 Influence with gifts
- 72 Storm
- 73 Dozes
- 74 Islands

- 6 ___ alarm
- 7 Off-Broadway award
- 8 Wise man
- 9 Dome
- 10 Discs
- 11 ___ Macinnes, author
- 12 Plant seed
- 13 Exert
- 21 Water carrier
- 22 Bolus
- 25 Strong drink
- 27 National capital
- 28 Outer layer
- 29 ___ upon a time
- 30 Borrowed money
- 31 Hi-fi
- 34 Heavenly beings
- 35 Scrap
- 37 Dog food brand
- 38 Was looked at
- 39 ___ Kong
- 41 Reference point
- 45 5th Greek letter
- 46 Middy
- 47 Governor
- 50 Billion years

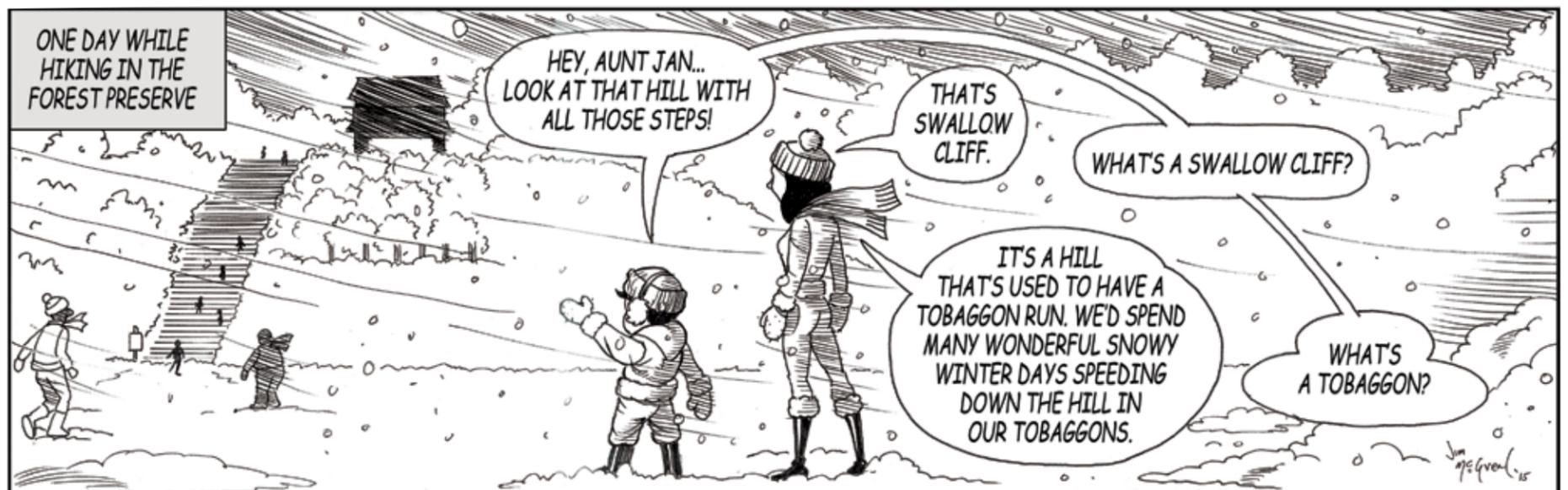
- 52 Outcast
- 53 Wood
- 54 City
- 55 Small bunch of flower
- 56 Small mountains
- 59 Nimbus
- 60 Applaud
- 62 Corrupt
- 63 Compass point
- 64 Mined metals
- 66 Compass point
- 68 National police

DOWN

- 1 Butterfly's cousin
- 2 Opera solo
- 3 Tigers
- 4 Winged
- 5 Compass point

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

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Mary's Movie Review: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 | 123 minutes, PG-13



The third part of the movie portrayal of the Hunger Games saga finds Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) as the reluctant icon of the revolution of District 13 against the Capitol in the dystopian nation known as Panem. It's a moving, inspirational film, making it a great movie for adults since it is exciting and inspiring in its portrayal of a rebellion against injustice. Moving though it may be, its violence and mature themes warrant the firm PG-13 rating, with the explicit public executions of rebels and other brutality. That said, I will

still give it a 4.5/5 star rating because it is a compelling film with great acting that truly does the book justice and makes the story come alive.



Registration for 2015 Season

In-Person Registration

Tuesday, January 13

6:30 to 8:00 PM

at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center

All January during regular hours
At The Crestwood Recreation/Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street

(New girls bring copy of birth certificates)
Your League age is your age on Jan. 1, 2015
Teams are 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u and 18u

Resident & Non-Residents - Same Fee

Fee for the Season: \$175

Due at Registration: \$125

(\$25 late fee added after Feb.15th)

Price for 2 Fastpitch children \$275, \$325 for 3

There will also be fundraisers during the season

Check us out on Facebook at Crestwood Fastpitch Association

(For more information call 597-1940 or Bmadr@aol.com)



There will be general indoor practices starting in January
Regular outdoor team practices start in March, weather permitting. Season runs mid-April to mid-June.

Our teams normally have between 11 and 15 girls on each team. We try to keep former team mates together as they move up in age, and we try to keep friends together, but no guarantees.

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SPORTS



Alex Alarcon, a senior at Brother Rice, is set on playing football and studying nursing in college.



Brother Rice quarterback to pursue football and nursing in college

Alex Alarcon, a senior at Brother Rice High School, holds a 3.8 GPA and the prime position of quarterback on the Brother Rice football team. He seeks to play football in college and pursue a childhood dream of becoming a nurse practitioner for the emergency room.

As a child, Alex's father was frequently in the ER over the course of three years in his fight against cancer. Alex would visit often and was inspired by how routine palliative care effectively seemed to heal his father's spirit and contribute a long way to his long-term recovery. "It made me want to do that for someone else's dad." His favorite class at Brother Rice is Anatomy & Physiology.

When Alex got older, he went to school at Nathan Hale and played football for the Midcrest Panthers. He chose Brother Rice for high school, where he played baseball for three years and excelled at football, becoming the primary quarterback in his junior and senior years.

Brother Rice football coach Brian Badke noted that Alex has passed for more than 2,500 yards and rushed for more than 700 yards this year. He has thrown and run for touchdowns in eight of nine games in regular season and completed 58 percent of his passes. He is an all-conference Catholic League selection, and all-area for *SouthtownStar* and *The Reporter*. He also volunteers for the Go Deep football program where he helps teach kids to become great quarterbacks and he assists at Lighthouse Church, where he aids children's understanding of the Bible through lessons including arts and crafts.

"He's someone who represents himself, his family, and Brother Rice in a very positive way," Badke said. "We're definitely going to miss Alex, but we hope he'll have great success moving forward."

Alex is currently deciding where he will play football in college, having received full scholarships from St. Xavier University and University of St. Francis, along with other offers.

Crestwood's Dara Sanders Signs with Lewis University

Dara Sanders, a senior at Mother McAuley, recently signed her national letter of intent to continue playing softball in college at Lewis University in Romeoville. Dara has played varsity for three of the four years she played softball at Mother McAuley, and also has played for travel teams such as Taylor Made Softball 18U for the past nine years. She has played pitcher and also first and third base. In two seasons, Dara has helped Mother McAuley to a record of 41-11, including a regional and conference championship in 2014. As a junior, Sanders picked up eight wins in 10 appearances in the circle with 62 strikeouts and a 1.16 ERA on her way to *SouthtownStar* All-Area accolades. In 33 total appearances as a pitcher for the Mighty Macs, Sanders collected 29 victories.

Dara said she feels determined and happy when she's on the pitching mound and is excited to go to Lewis University, which she chose for its academics, location and its status in the competitive Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Dara plans to study in the medical field at Lewis and might also help coach a travel softball team. She also was inducted into the National Honor Society on April 24th, 2014. Admission into the Mother McAuley chapter of the National Honor Society requires students to have accumulated a grade point average of at least 3.5 and to have acquired significant leadership and volunteering experience. Congratulations, Dara!



Dara Sanders recently signed her national letter of intent to play softball at Lewis University. Mother McAuley Head Softball Coach Colleen Kilduff (left) and Dara Sanders (right).

Play Ball! Crestwood T-Ball and Crestwood Baseball Information



Mayor Lou Presta wants every child who lives in Crestwood to have the opportunity to play T-Ball and Baseball this upcoming summer.

To help make this happen, the Mayor is offering T-Ball and Baseball for **FREE** to every Crestwood youngster for the 2015 season!

Crestwood T-Ball

Ages: Boys and Girls:
5 years through 7 years old

Cost: **FREE** for Crestwood Residents
\$25.00 for Non-Residents

Season: Season runs late-April
until mid-June.

Volunteer coaches are needed for both Crestwood T-Ball and Crestwood Baseball—2015 season.

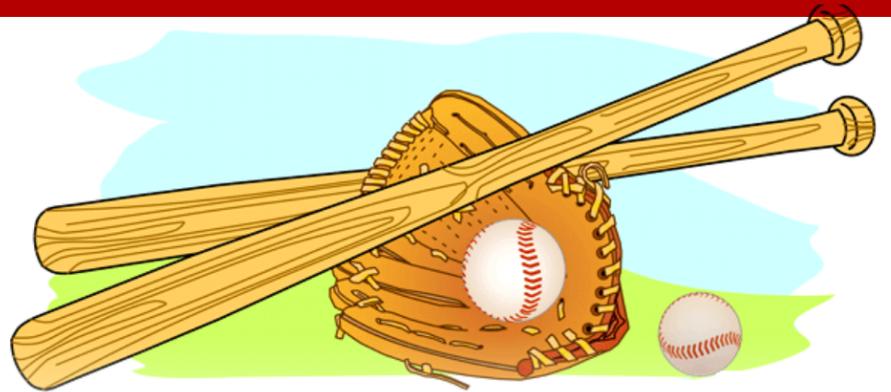
Crestwood Baseball

Ages: 7-8 years
9-10 years
11-12 years
13-14 years

Divisions: Pinto (Coach Pitch)
Mustang
Bronco
Pony

Cost: **FREE** for Crestwood Residents
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Season: Season runs mid-April
until mid-July.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2015 SEASON CONTACT THE:

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