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Visit with Santa at the CRWC Brings the Community Together



(Top Left) The Village Trustees with Santa Mickey from Suburban Party Characters. **(Top Right)** Finn Arundel, 3 years old, Crestwood; and Santa and Mrs. Claus. **(Bottom Right)** From left to right.....Sarah Kreamalmeyer, 10 years old, Haley Kinder, 13 years old and Caprice Stubitsch, 10 years old, all from Crestwood. The 3 elves helped Santa and Mrs. Claus during the event.

The 2015 Visit with Santa event took place at the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC) on Saturday, December 12th. This was the second year that the CRWC hosted the event and it was even bigger and better than last year. Over 450 children attended the event with their families this year, up from the 300 children and families that attended in 2014.

The event was co-sponsored with the Village of Crestwood, the Crestwood Fire Department, the Crestwood Police Department and the Crestwood Emergency Management Agency.

The Crestwood Fire Department provided free cookies and juice to all of the children and their families and handed out a lot of free goodies; like fire helmets, pencils, rulers, stickers and informational material on fire safety. The Crestwood Police Department handed out stuffed animals (donated by Kohl's) and the Crestwood Emergency Management Agency helped with parking. Both the Fire and Police Departments had many opportunities to talk with the children and their parents about safety. The interaction between both departments and the families who attended made it a fun time for all.

After the children finished going over their Christmas lists with Santa and Mrs. Claus and posing just long enough for a picture for their parents, both young and old headed over to the coloring

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Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center Hosts Holiday Toy & Food Drive

The Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC) held its annual Holiday Toy & Food Drive for local families and organizations 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.

To kick off the Holiday Toy and Food Drive, Doreen Kalck and Sue Vanderhyden from the CRWC organized a holiday party for members on Tuesday, December 8th. More than 90 CRWC members enjoyed playing bingo games along with good cheer and a break from a hard workout. Many of the members brought toy and food donations with them to the party. And then, on Saturday, December 12th, many of the families who came to see Santa and Mrs. Claus also brought toy and food donations with them. The Visit with Santa event was organized by CRWC event coordinator Jamie Cluckey. The goal of the event, important to everybody in attendance, was to bring good tidings to some less fortunate families in Crestwood and the surrounding communities. Both events accomplished this feat through the large amount of toys and non-perishable food items that were donated.

Also, a big shout out to Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta; Crestwood Village Services Manager Bill Graffeo; Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand; Crestwood Fire Chief Jon Bruce; and CRWC Director Joe Sadowski for their extremely generous donation of toys to the CRWC for families in need. Along with Mayor Lou Presta, these five Village administrators pulled together to help bring Christmas cheer to children of all ages in Crestwood. Kudos to these gentlemen for going beyond the call of duty.

The food and toys that the CRWC collected were donated to the following organizations: Incarnation Parish, Crisis Center for South Suburbia, The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, Worth Township, and Joyful Heart and Operation Blessing.



Crestwood Village Services Manager Bill Graffeo, Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand, Mayor Lou Presta and CRWC Director Joe Sadowski each played a large role in the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center's annual Holiday Toy & Food Drive, bringing holiday cheer to local families in need.



Holiday Party



Thanks again to everyone who donated. Happy Holidays to all!

Letter From Mayor Lou Presta



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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

At the close of another year, we remind ourselves what 2015 has brought us. For many, there were great joys such as births, marriages, memorable vacations and retirement parties. Some of our neighbors however, faced challenges with health, finances, the loss of loved ones and family turmoil. As Mayor, I have the opportunity to often share in your joyful moments and the obligation to help you and your family find the help you need when times are tough. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or one of our village trustees if you, or someone you know, needs a helping hand. We are more than just a village on a map. We are a community — an extended family— and like all families, we stick together in both good times and bad.

The final days of this year are upon us, I would like to reflect on some of the services our village has brought to everyone and the plans that I and your Trustees have made to secure a bright future for Crestwood and the great people who call our village home.

We are working hard to complete our plans for the Route 83 Corridor. We continue to meet with potential developers and have made great progress in reducing the mammoth mound of soil and rock that for decades resided along the Cal Sag. While we were told that removing the dirt would cost us over twenty million dollars, we were able to workout a deal with Ozinga Brothers, to cut the cost less than half. We were able to do this with the help of the City of Chicago, by bring over a 100,000 cubic tons of dirt for a new lakefront development along Fullerton avenue. It is no small matter negotiating such tradeoffs, but thanks to the dedication of your Trustees and the close ties of friendship and trust we have developed with leaders throughout Cook County. We have been able to accomplish this major undertaking.

Our intentions are clear that any development on this property will benefit our entire community. We plan to release full details of all proposals to everyone as soon as possible.

Additional negotiations with attorneys representing the 360 plaintiffs who filed lawsuits have brought about an agreement that we hope to conclude in early 2016. This agreement, which will end a stormy chapter in our villages history, has paved the way for us to offer every Crestwood child free participation in one of the five sports clubs that operate in our village. Our intentions with this program are to ensure our young people have alternatives to drugs and gangs. While we are doing everything we can to ensure recreational activities and entry level jobs for young people, a major factor in preventing such activity must come from families, friends and neighbors.

I hope that the holidays were calm and bright for everyone and I want to welcome everyone into 2016 with wishes for peace and prosperity. Following tradition, I have made some resolutions for myself that I would like to tell you about. The first resolution I made is to bring more jobs to our village. The second is to raise the quality of life of every citizen in Crestwood through improvements to our infrastructure and investments made by private developers within our village as well as

increased investment by others from the private sector.

We already have new businesses coming to our village at an unprecedented pace. We welcomed Wendy's into our town last month, the old House of Hughes will be torn down in March and a new business will be opening there. The old Omega Restaurant has been sold and two new stores will be opening in its place. Doc's Billiards will be opening in their new location in February and their old business site will be torn down in March to make way for three new national brand stores that will be opening there.

This spring, a new commercial building will be constructed on Kildare, bringing more jobs to our village, and new permits have been issued for home construction, bringing new development to our neighborhoods.

Our civic improvements include new streetlights and sidewalks that will be installed along Cicero and Pulaski Avenues. Midlothian Turnpike will see new sidewalks installed on both the north and south sides from Central Avenue to Pulaski Avenue, bringing long-sought relief to residents who commute on public transportation and the opportunity for pleasant strolls to the growing Cicero Avenue and Pulaski Avenue business districts.

Flooding will soon be a thing of the past for residents as we break ground on a \$10 million flood control project to bring relief of flooding in the 135th and Central area. A Request for Proposals will be released soon to area contractors, providing more jobs and relieving much pain for many who had to endure flooded streets and backyards.

Last but not least, we have finalized our plans for property tax rebates that will return this year. Thanks to the sales tax initiative you voted into place and hard work on the part of your Trustees and Village Administrators, we can return surplus funds to our citizens and reestablish a tradition brought about by strong fiscal management and good government.

I hope you are as excited by the changes coming to our village in 2016 as I am, and I promise to keep you informed of additional changes that develop throughout the year.

January is traditionally the month when the weather turns hard in our neck of the woods. I don't want the relatively calm December we experienced to entice you into lowering your guard. Remember to keep a watchful eye and helping hand out for one another and don't hesitate to call our Village Hall or our Police Department if you feel something is not right or believe someone might need some help.

2016 is already shaping up to be a great year for Crestwood and with your support, this is just the beginning of great years to come!

Sincerely Yours,


Mayor Lou Presta

Remembering Marie Bartosh, a Giver to the Community



On Nov. 26th, 2015, Crestwood lost one of its leading lights in the Village. Marie Bartosh accomplished a lot in her 87 years. In addition to raising a family, she was a vigorous and enthusiastic supporter of her community who was passionate about getting people out to vote during election seasons. A Republican precinct captain for more than 20 years, she took it upon herself to rally citizens to vote. On Election Day, she would serve as election judge coordinator, ensuring that judges

were in their places as needed, preparing the polls and managing the setup of polling equipment. In 2013, Marie told the Crestwood Adviser of her memories attending many picnics for her party, held at 131st and Wolf Road, as well as in the Bachelor's Grove Forest Preserve. Her public service during her 32 years in Crestwood also included several terms as Library Board Trustee.

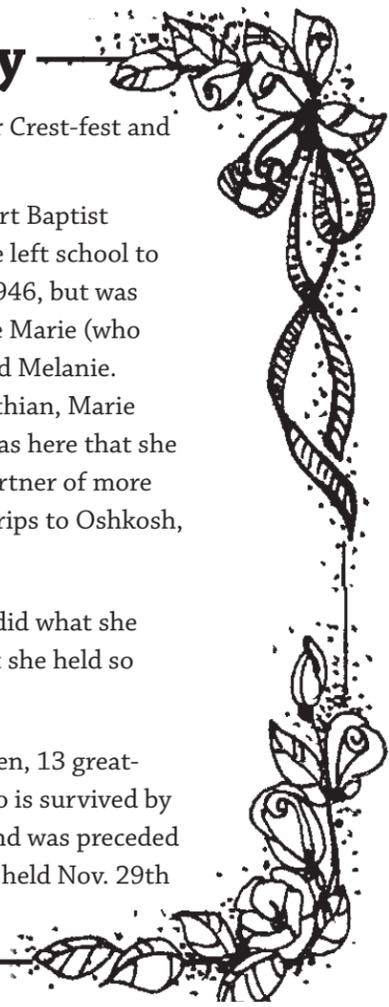
In addition, Marie was a frequent volunteer at the Biela Center, where she served as the in-house chief baker and was known for her sheet cakes made with ice cream and fudge frosting. Always willing to help those less fortunate, Marie volunteered to prepare baskets for Village residents at

Christmastime, also taking on tasks like selling tickets for Crest-fest and calling Bingo at the Biela Center.

Marie was born in Summit, Ill., where she attended Airport Baptist Church and Morgan Park High until she was 16, when she left school to take a job with the phone company. She was married in 1946, but was widowed young and left to take care of her children, Little Marie (who passed away just days after her mother), John, Pamela and Melanie. Following a long stint as a waitress at Cavallini's in Midlothian, Marie waited tables at the Skyview on Cicero, near Midway. It was here that she met John "Jack" McCarthy, who would become her life partner of more than 40 years. Their time together was marked by many trips to Oshkosh, Wis., for the Experimental Aviation Airshow.

Marie will be fondly remembered as a giving person who did what she could for those in her community, and for the Village that she held so dear.

Marie is survived by three of her children, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sister Theresa Henschel, many nieces and nephews, and was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Nov. 29th at the 1st Baptist Church of Sauk Village.



Thanks to Village Christmas Basket Sponsors

Mayor Lou Presta and all of the members of the Village Board would like to express their profound thanks to all of the sponsors whose generosity enabled them to provide wonderful Village Christmas baskets for those in need:

- ✓ Seneca Oil
- ✓ Blinds By Design
- ✓ Pachura Family
- ✓ Mitchell Family
- ✓ Star Family

A favored Crestwood charity, the Treasure Chest, also received a generous donation of \$2000 in toys from Allied Waste. Thank you everyone, for exemplifying the spirit of the season.



Reminder: Collect Your Rec Center Decorations

Thank you to all who participated in the tree lighting event on Dec. 12th at the Rec Center. We would ask that all who wish to keep their ornaments and decorations please remove them from the trees by Jan. 9th, 2016. Public Works will be doing a tidying up on the next business day.

2016 Vehicle Sticker Application Update

Vehicle sticker applications for 2016 were mailed the week of November 23rd and went on sale Monday, December 1st. Starting this year, we are no longer mailing out individual applications to residents. The letter was marked "vehicle sticker application enclosed." Please follow the directions on the form, and, as in previous years, you may mail in your renewal or come in to the Village Hall to purchase your stickers. Residents who do not receive a renewal letter should please apply in person for your stickers.

Shepard Invites You to Experience 'A Little Bit of Germany'

Just in time to warm up your winter, Alan B. Shepard High School will offer "A Little Bit of Germany" to area residents at the school's cafeteria (13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights) **Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 2016, from 4-8pm.** The event, a benefit for students traveling to the Goethe Gymnasium Gernersheim in Gernersheim, Germany, this June, promises a night of food, music and plenty of Gemütlichkeit. From 4-7pm, a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, bread and butter, coffee, water and cider will be served, with the option for soda and root beer available for purchase. Pretzels and baked goods also will be for sale, as will raffle tickets for available prizes. As in the past, the German band Paloma will be back to serve as the evening's musical entertainment.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jennifer Fischer at jennifer.fischer@chsd218.org or (708) 371-1111 x3073.

Village Meeting Schedule

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

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | January 21st and 28th

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

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | January 5th and 19th

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

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | January 4th and 18th

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

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | January 5th and 19th

A Little Bit of Germany



When: Saturday, January 23rd 2016 from 4-8 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 Children 12 and under

Includes Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Bread and Butter, coffee, water or cider. Dinner will be served from 4-7 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 our trip to Goethe Gymnasium Gernersheim in June 2016!
Please help support our exchange program!*

Results of Crestwood ZIP Code Investigation Are In



At the request of Congressman Bobby Rush, an investigation was launched on the behalf of the Village of Crestwood in the pursuance of our own unique ZIP code. The results of the investigation are now public and the full details are available on the USPS website.

In summary, it shows that out of eight requests for new ZIP code, Crestwood was the only town that was required to show a majority of respondents to approve the new ZIP code, and requiring the majority to respond to the survey. According to the survey results provided by the Bedford Park USPS, under Mr. Peter Allen, Crestwood captured a 44-percent response with more than 90 percent of residents in favor of a new ZIP code. This survey was the only ZIP code-related survey issued between July 2012 and July 2015 that required at least a 50-percent response.

The findings showed Crestwood was under far more stringent criteria than other applicants but still within the general USPS guidelines. USPS Management will review policies for setting forth surveys in future, and no further action will be taken up with our request.

Our congressman will take the best interest of Crestwood back to Washington. At a recent event, Congressman Rush conveyed that he understood the plight, recognized the undue burden placed upon our Village and indicated that he will continue to work the USPS. Items not brought to light in this report were the issues of commercial growth that will contribute to our cause.

Again, thank you to all who supported this effort. It was a pleasure to have all Trustees on board supporting, gathering surveys as well as our Police and Fire. We feel confident that we exceeded the percentage that USPS collected. The mayor, along with trustees and Chief Bruce made personal deliveries on residents' behalf to Bedford Park. We will update residents as we proceed.

Take Steps to Ensure Carbon Monoxide Safety



Winter can be a deadly time for many caught in the grip of its fierce chill. But a silent killer can lurk in the comfort of your home in the form of carbon monoxide (CO). CO gas is odorless and extremely poisonous. Here are some tips to ensure that the danger from heating and cooking devices in your home that can produce CO gas is minimized.

CO Alarms

- Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Interconnected alarms are highly recommended.
- Properly follow the installation instructions on your CO alarm's package.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- Save the instructions on your CO alarms in a convenient and safe place.
- Replace CO alarms in accordance with their accompanying instructions.
- Familiarize yourself with the sounds your CO alarm makes, and know the difference between the "low battery" sound and an actual alarm.
- Replace batteries at least once a year, and when batteries run low.
- If the CO alarm sounds, move outdoors to get fresh air, open a window or door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location and stay until help arrives.

Prevent CO Poisoning

- When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Do not run the engine indoors, even if the garage door is open. Ensure that the vehicle's exhaust pipe is clear of snow or other debris.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure that vents for your dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow or other debris.
- If using a gas generator for any reason, ensure that it is located outdoors, away from windows, doors or any vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Heating equipment (furnace, radiators, etc.) and chimneys should be inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace to ensure adequate ventilation.
- Never use an oven or stove to heat your home.

Source: National Fire Prevention Association

Let's Work Together to Make Snowfall a Non-Issue

We know that snow is going to come sooner than later, so please make sure your vehicles are not parked on the street after a one-inch snowfall. Please do not blow or plow snow on our streets or neighbors' yards.

The Police Department would like to emphasize the fact that you need to contain snow on your own property and not relocate it on village streets. This applies to all residential, commercial and industrial buildings. As a matter of fact, Crestwood Village code not only prohibits this, but allows 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 more than 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 that 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.

The Village would also like to inform you of the protocol that it takes in a snow event. Our Village Services Director sends out our Public Works plows in two groups, but there are different conditions that call for diverse plans of attack. He is in constant contact with the police department through a storm alert on street safety. He also keeps the mayor informed of the plans to best handle the storm and cleanup after the storm has ended. A plow-only or plow-plus-salt event is predicated by accumulation, driver safety and information from the weather service board. Salting in heavy accumulation or extreme cold temperatures with icing DOES NOT benefit our roadways. It's most effective at temperatures above 20° F. In fact, salt is wasted on these types of events and has the potential to cause green kill. Trees up to 150 feet from a highway can be damaged — sometimes a salty mist from tires can harm trees a mile away. Salt splashes beyond streets, killing grass and gardens. Also, bare ground erodes quickly and depletes much-needed nutrients from soil. Job performance is no longer measured by how much salt is applied per shift. Snow melts faster when salt is applied in narrow strips or as brine. Prudence in salt usage will be part of future salt planning; the EPA and IEPA are looking into the damage caused by over-salting our roadways, which includes ground and surface water.

Our equipment is sent out during an event and primary areas are the main thoroughfares and intersections. Side streets are the last to be completed. The plow trucks concentrate on heavier traffic flow streets because of the potential of more accidents. We clear pathways on the less traffic streets until we can do a full clean up. The main streets such as 135th, Midlothian Turnpike, Central Ave., Cicero Ave. and Pulaski Ave. are the domain of the state and county, though we assist when needed.

Let's work together to make a tough situation go away faster. Again, we ask for your patience in attending to the Village streets. Safety is our main concern throughout the Village during inclement weather. The Village as a whole would like to thank you for all your help to make this a safe winter in Crestwood.

Pastor Fr. Arek Pleased With Parish Giving Tree

The response to Incarnation Giving Tree program and holiday assistance was again outstanding. Their participation in the Sponsor-a-Family program helped 100 individuals to have a better Christmas. They helped five Incarnation Families totaling 13 people, and 18 families through Catholic Charities totaling 85 people.

In addition, 1,207 gifts were donated to the Giving Tree. Here is the breakdown by organization:

Ascension-St. Susanna – 131
Catholic Charities – 170
Courage – 251
Family Guidance Center (Harvey Development Center) – 144

Port Ministries – 112
South Suburban Crisis Center – 270
St. Peter Claver Mission (Senior Center) – 129

It is noted that much appreciated leadership and volunteerism by Leader Phyllis O'Connell, Tom O'Connell, Debbie Hartley and Kathleen Cunningham made efforts seamless. Thank you to those who saved, gave, and made Christmas bright



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. 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

11-02-2015: A resident reported that she received a suspicious phone call from an individual that was advising that there were outstanding citations on her vehicle. The resident hung up without giving any information.

11-03-2015: A resident reported that he received a credit card statement from Sears for an account that he had not opened.

11-25-2015: A resident reported that as she received a phone from a subject using a blocked number, who said he worked for Discover Card. He requested her credit card information and the victim provided her credit card and other personal information before realizing her mistake.

The only way we are ever going to stop these crimes from happening is with education. Please take just a few minutes and reach out to a senior, whether it be a parent, aunt/uncle, grandparent, or neighbor and explain to them how easy it is to be taken advantage of. These con artists are professionals and they prey on the seniors. We need your help to stop it!

IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!

Burglary/Robbery/Weapons

11-10-2015: Unknown suspects gained entry in the Old Town Pub and took currency from a cash register.

Thefts

11-09-2015: A female employee was arrested at Target and charged with theft after it was discovered that she had been stealing cash.

11-09-2015: A unknown male suspect entered Incarnation Church and identified himself as an

employee of Otis Spunkmeyer and said a service call had been placed about the oven. The subject then took the oven and left the scene. It was later discovered that no service call had been placed and the subject was not an employee.

11-11-2015: Unknown suspects took a radio from an unlocked vehicle in the 140th block of Dori Lane.

11-13-2015: Unknown suspects stole a brown suede jacket and Samsung Galaxy phone from the Lowe's Theatre.

11-19-2015: Unknown suspects stole a white Galaxy phone from inside LaundryLand.

11-20-2015: Unknown suspects broke a window on a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot at 12745 Central and took a black leather workbag.

11-29-2015: Unknown suspects removed the hubcaps from a vehicle that was parked in the AMC theater lot.

11-29-2015: Unknown subjects stole a wallet from a purse from a female who was shopping at Walmart.

Retail Thefts

11-06-2015: A female was arrested after attempting to steal \$807 worth of merchandise from Menards.

11-13-2015: A female was arrested at Kohl's for attempting to steal \$106 worth of merchandise.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

11-13-2015: A male was arrested in the 138th block of Kostner for driving with a suspended license.

11-15-2015: A female was arrested at Cal-Sag and Cicero and issued citations for improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol, driving under the influence of

alcohol, and operating an uninsured vehicle.

11-20-2015: A female was arrested in the 132nd block of Cicero for driving with a suspended license.

11-20-2015: A female was arrested in the 136th block of Cicero and charged with driving with a suspended license and resisting a peace officer.

11-20-2015: A male was arrested in the 131st block of Cicero and charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Criminal Damage

11-09-2015: Unknown suspects have damaged the fence behind the Brazen Head Lounge on several occasions.

11-10-2015: Unknown suspects broke a window at Barone's Pizza.

Warrant Service

11-11-2015: A female was arrested in the 140th block of Dori Lane for a warrant from Lansing, Ill., for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

11-14-2015: A female was arrested in the 140th block of Dori Lane for a warrant from Cook County Sheriff's Police for aggravated DUI.

11-18-2015: A male was arrested in the 131st block of Cicero for a warrant from Will County Sheriff's Police for failure to register as a sex offender.

11-23-2015: A male was arrested in the 134th block of Cicero for a warrant for theft from Crestwood.

11-29-2015: A male was arrested in the 137th block of Cicero for a warrant for expired driver's license.

Apprentice Hopefuls Encouraged to Register for Electrical Program

I.B.E.W. Local 134 and the Electrical Contractors' Association sponsor apprenticeship programs in Cook County through the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust (EJATT). EJATT has permission from the U.S. Department of Labor to open registration to new applicants for its Electrical Program, and registration is now open.

Registration for the Electrical Program will take place at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute (6201 W. 115th St., Alsip) every Wednesday from 9:00-11:00am.

All applicants must report in person and furnish the following documents in order to register:

1. Your valid driver's license.
2. Your original Social Security card.



You must provide copies of the following documents that will be kept by EJATT. (No documents will be copied and returned to you.):

3. A \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee. (Money order only, made payable to EJATT.)

4. To prove employment eligibility, you must provide a copy of your U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, certificate of U.S. citizenship or naturalization, or permanent resident alien card.
5. To prove high school graduation (HS), you must provide a copy of your HS transcript (official or unofficial), or a copy of a HS diploma, or GED certificate. College transcripts do not satisfy this requirement. Current HS seniors may register with acceptance contingent upon graduation.
6. To prove one full year of HS-level algebra with a grade of at least "C" or better, you must provide a copy of a transcript. Note: The GED Math Certification does not satisfy this requirement.

Upon an offer of apprenticeship, you must be able to demonstrate that you can perform the essential functions of an apprentice electrician with or without a reasonable accommodation. In addition, a drug screen, physical exam and background check will be required.

The recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, or gender. EJATT will provide equal opportunity in the apprenticeship program, and will operate as required under all applicable laws and regulations.

Gaelic Park to Host Alan B. Shepard Band Dinner Dance

A night of dinner and dancing is set to take place next month, featuring the stylish sounds of the Shepard Jazz Bands. The event will be held Friday, Feb. 19th, 2016, from 6:00-11:00pm at Gaelic Park (6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest), and will feature food, friends and lively sounds that will get your toes to tapping. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm, with a prize raffle and silent auction to round out the evening's festivities. Ticket prices for the event are \$31 for adults; \$24 for students and band alumni; and a student special of \$10 for dance-only tickets (available at the door from 8:30-11:00pm). Ticket reservations are required by Feb. 12th. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call (708) 371-1111 x3096.





Aquatics instructor Tom Doyle with angel Peg Bruce.

Water Angels Pool Together for Family

Crestwood Recreation Center Water (CRWC) Aerobics Instructor Tom Doyle, along with his front desk gal pal, Peg Bruce, has done it again! The spirit of kindness is alive and kicking in water and land, as Tom has kindly generated a collection of \$300 for a Crestwood family fallen on tough times. Members of Tom's classes, mostly our seniors, have given selflessly, never knowing the identity of whom they help. Oftentimes recipients of such donations will write a warm thank-you, which spurs on faith in humanity and the joy in giving. We are blessed to have such good souls swimming among us, led by a true man of the season, Tom Doyle. The CRWC thanks its generous members, the Crestwood Water Angels.

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Park Lawn's Discovering CHOICE Program

Park Lawn's Discovering CHOICE (Creating Heartfelt Options in the Community) program has been underway since November 30th. It creates opportunities that increase knowledge and exploration in the community including employment opportunities, skills development, leisure pursuits and volunteerism.

Participants have been enjoying their time at the Crestwood Recreation Center playing basketball, walking the track and using the exercise machines. They also have been volunteering at the Crestwood library organizing books and dusting shelves.

Participants are enjoying other opportunities in the surrounding communities.

The business community is invited to come to Park Lawn's open house on January 22, 2016, from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Crestwood location, 4715 West 135th Street.

Park Lawn is a nonprofit organization that provides adult developmental training, vocational services, supported employment, residential services and recreational activities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For more information about Park Lawn, please visit www.parklawn.com.



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2016 In the Works...

- Working on plans to open a Five Below adjacent to Party City.
- Planning with the ComEd grant project to change out wood ComEd pole lights to LED by mid-February.
- Finalizing plans with AMC Theaters for a 4 million dollar revamp to include better dining options and enhanced movie experience.
- Looking to start phase one of the bid process for Playfield Park to install new water lines, sanitation and stormwater along with curb gutter and streets where needed.
- Adding new water main and storm sewer drainage on route 83 from 127th Street to Kostner Avenue.
- Starting work on a GIS system for the Village of Crestwood.
- Working on a green parking lot for the Standard Bank Stadium along with a fishing lake for Caesar's Park.
- Working on funds to build a new Civic Center for the Village.
- Remodeling and adding a second story to the concession stand at Playfield Park.
- Painting and adding new art pieces at Playfield Park.
- Adding a outside hockey roller rink at Playfield Park.
- Replacing fencing at Playfield Park.
- We will be doing new fencing around the ball fields at Walker Park, along with underground drainage for fields and constructing another field.

Palos Park Players Holding Auditions

Palos Park Players will hold an open audition at All Saints Lutheran Church (13350 S. LaGrange Rd., Orland Park) Jan. 11th-12th at 7:00pm both nights for its forthcoming production of Beau Willimon's *Farragut North*. The play will debut in March 2016, directed by Julie Zeblekis, and focuses on a wunderkind press secretary who has built a career that men twice his age would envy. During a tight presidential primary race, the promising young man's stunning ascent falls prey to backroom politics of more seasoned operatives. This is a timely story of the lust for power and the price some will pay to acquire it.

The following parts are available:

- Stephen Bellamy, 25, press secretary for presidential

- candidate Gov. Morris
- Paul Zara, late 40s, campaign manager for Gov. Morris
- Molly, 19, an intern on the Morris campaign
- Ben, early 20s, deputy press secretary for the Morris campaign
- Tom Duffy, late 40s-early 50s, campaign manager for the rival Pullman campaign
- Ida Horowicz, mid-30s, traveling political correspondent for the New York Times
- Frank, a reporter for the L.A. Times.
- Waiter
- Note: Frank and the Waiter may be played by the same actor.

Those interested in auditioning are highly encouraged to attend.

Heating Safety

Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips from the National Fire Safety Association, you can prevent most heating fires from starting.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Call a qualified professional to install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the proper, manufacturer-specified type of fuel for fuel-burning space heaters.
- Make sure that your fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before disposing of them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

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Kolmar School in the Spotlight

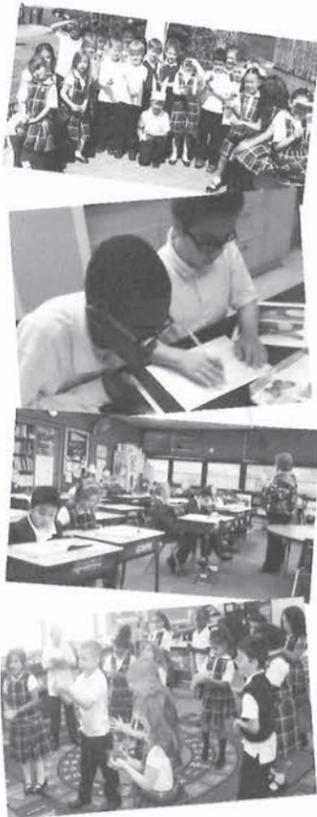


(Left to Right) Kolmar School celebrated November 11th with a Veterans Day assembly. Kids sang patriotic songs, gave speeches and enjoyed meeting the Veterans. (Middle) Kolmar School's Student Council held a Thanksgiving Food Drive. All food was donated to local food pantries. (Right) Congratulations to Kolmar School's Girl's Junior Varsity Basketball Team. They took 1st Place in the SSJHSC South Division. Way to go Mustangs!



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Sunday, January 31, 2016 10:30-12:30



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ThunderBolts Schedule School Day Games for 2016

Calling all schools! The Windy City ThunderBolts have scheduled their 12th Annual School Day Games. These games are a perfect field trip opportunity, offering an exciting and affordable day out that promises to be the highlight of the school year. Take a day off and share in a special slice of Americana, watching the ThunderBolts defeat their opponents in the comfortable confines of Crestwood's own Standard Bank Stadium. As usual, kids will be allowed to run the bases with Boomer after the game. Special bus rates are available. **Call (708) 489-BALL (2255) for more information.**



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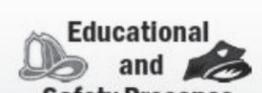
Dates

Tuesday, May 17th @ 10:35 am
Wednesday, May 18th @ 10:35 am
Wednesday, May 25th @ 10:35 am
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Pictured are the current and newly qualified members of National Honor Society from Shepard High School.

Shepard Inducts Students Into National Honor Society

Shepard High School in Palos Heights recently inducted a new group of students into its chapter of National Honor Society.

Criteria for National Honor Society membership include a grade point average of at least 3.6/4.0 and participation in at least four extracurricular activities. (Five if the student is a senior.) Students cannot receive academic credit or compensation for the activities.

To remain in NHS they must continue membership in school activities as well as participate in NHS service projects.

Students inducted include juniors Daniel Becker, Jack Bergman, Brenna Braasch, Erika Brann, Emilia Burda, Kelli Callahan, Kevin Callahan, Maura Callahan, Jack Carberry, Alexis Carr, Victoria Churin, John Clohessy, Jack Cody, Nicole Connors, Grace Elliot, Alison Elzinga, Martin Falkner-Rodriguez, Matthew Gibson, Paulina Goryl, Aaron Gowaski.

Also, Nicolas Harnisch, Valeria Hernandez, Jenna Huisenga, Scott Huston, Joseph Iaquina, Veronica Jacobson, Will Jarman, Michael Kaczmarczyk, Megan Karas, Naledge Killins, Sydney Kleina, Brenna Koepp, Tim Komperda, Reilly Longawa, Chad Longfield, Felicia Lonosky, and Alec Makenas.

Also, Brian Maty, Tom McInerney, Patricia Medina, Hannah Medlin, Ronya Motan, Ellen Mueller, Brian Nelson, Joe Newhall, Kelly Pawlak, Kamryn Perez, Hailey Pezdek, Melissa Pitrowski, Julia Randich, Maryann Sandoka, Emma Sisk, Oluwatobi Sogebi, Audrey Stocklen, Mary Stocklen, Allison Terry, Emma Toomey, Saul Totozintle, Jacob Walters, Stephanie Wasag, Caleb Washington, and Marley Wiest.

Seniors earning induction included Randall Barnes, Bryanna Cross, Vincent Martin, Maria Munoz, Jacob Nolan, Noah Oprondek, Alaina Peters, Allison Schuldt, Maulika Thakkar, Garrett White, and Jacob Zuiker.

Shepard Announces 50+ A.P. Scholars



More than 50 students from Shepard High School qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars this year. Pictured are the current seniors who qualified for A.P. Scholar awards from the College Board.

Shepard High School proudly announces that more than 50 of its current students or May 2015 graduates qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP exams.

The College Board honors outstanding performances on AP exams with several levels of recognition. On the scale of 1 to 5, a grade of 3 earns a student a passing score.

The following students received recognition as A.P. Scholars.

A.P. Scholar (pass 3+ exams): Sara Al-Rashdan, David Atut, Alexander Bohm, Jessica Bomberry, Monica Bova, Macryan Caballero, Ivan Cabrera, Gabrielle Casillas, Kayla Cody, Michael Cuzco, Jordyn Czarny, Logan Dolehide, David Donnick, Ravon Gibson, Rebecca Gleich, Alexander Gowaski, Michael Graham.

Also, Hannah Horstmann, Emily Jones, Jonathan Kalabich, Andrea

Krolkowski, Tim Kruse, Mary Lippert, Kyle Longfield, Vince Martin, Nick Martinez, Jacob Nolan, Joanna Rangel, Michael Reddy, Janet Santoyo, Namra Shafi, Kyle Smith, Olawatomi Sogebi, Maulika Thakkar, Martha Turwon, Hanna Vasil, Sarah Wohler, John Wolniak.

A.P. Scholar with Honor (pass 4+ exams, average at least 3.25 on the 5.0 scale): Eva Adomaityte, Nicole Alex, Natalie Bruce, Elizabeth Gallegos, Kiersten Mahler, Kyle McNamara, Aubrey Quick, Gabriella Ramirez, Jacob Vander Weele.

A.P. Scholar with Distinction (pass 5+ exams, average at least 3.5 on the 5.0 scale): Sara Campione, Brandon DeChene, Nate Gibson, Trav Jarman, Cesar Jimenez, Antonio Martinez, Kyle Ruger, Zach Sierzega, Leana Skuby, Hayden Wiest, and Jacob Zuiker.

National A.P. Scholar (average score of at least 4 on all A.P. exams taken; scores of 4+ on eight or more exams): Nate Gibson, Kyle Ruger, Leana Skuby.

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Nominate Students for Worth Township's Student of the Quarter



Student of the Quarter Austin H., a senior at St. Laurence High School, was honored by Worth Township Clerk Katie Elwood, Supervisor Kevin Hughes, Trustee Mike Mahoney, Highway Commissioner Edward Moody and Trustee Theresa Roche.

Worth Township "Student of the Quarter" recognizes students in the Township who have shown outstanding commitment to excellence in one or more areas. It acknowledges students who have excelled in the areas of academics, athletics, school participation, and/or community service. The student must be in grammar school or high school, and must reside in Worth Township.

An award will be given each quarter to one student who has been nominated by a teacher, neighbor, mentor, family member or other qualified individual, and then chosen by the Awards Selection Committee.

During a Worth Township Town Board Meeting, the student chosen by the Committee will be presented a "Certificate of Excellence" award, and also will receive

a gift certificate from a local vendor. The student's name and picture will be featured on the Township's website, and the student's name will appear on the Township marquee.

To nominate a student, download and complete the form at the Student of the Quarter page at www.worhtownship.com, then mail or deliver (in a sealed envelope) to Worth Township at 11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL 60803, or fax to (708) 371-2144. You may also e-mail all the required information to ryanm@worhtownship.com.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination form or nomination procedure, please feel free to email questions to ryanm@worhtownship.com, or call (708) 371-2900 x15.

Christmas Spirit Shines Bright At CWRC

The Crestwood Recreation Commission put together Crestwood's first-ever tree lighting ceremony at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center (CRWC) on Dec. 12th. This added a cherry on top of the wonderful festivities at CRWC the earlier in the day. You couldn't ask for a better evening with stars shining bright and not a cloud in sight for Santa Claus and his lovely bride, who returned at dusk to perform the lighting ceremony.

The event could not have happened if it wasn't for Bill Madlener and his merry band of do-gooders. They embarked on a this project by inviting sports organizations, clubs, schools and Village services to see if they would like to decorate a tree for their organizations. One by one they joined up, starting with Crestwood T-ball, Crestwood Fastpitch association, Crestwood soccer club and Mid-Crest football & cheerleading. Not far behind them was the Girl Scouts from Nathan Hale, the Library, Police and Fire Departments. The Village Hall also threw its hat into the mix. All the participants put their hearts and souls into decorating their trees. Some made custom ornaments and others came up with great ideas using tools of their trades for their decorations. All in all the trees looked like a million bucks and shined brightly that evening.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank all the hands that decorated all the trees for this very special first-ever Christmas tree lighting ceremony. They also would like to give a special thanks to Craig Bond for his donation of Christmas trees for this event.

This was a very popular and fun event, and all of the groups can't wait until next year to make their trees look even more spectacular. If your organization or business interested in doing a tree next year, please contact Bill Madlener with the Recreation Commission so he can put you on the list of tree decorators: **(708) 371-4800 x2006**.



(Left) It was a festive and beautiful night Dec. 12th as the first-ever Crestwood tree lighting got underway.

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Visit with Santa at the CRWC *(Continued from page 1)*

to the event this year was the addition of bounce houses and a face painter from Dino Jump and the Shepard High School Choir stopped by to sing Christmas songs for all the participants. Bennie's Pizza in Crestwood sold pizza slices, hot dogs and refreshments in the concession stand and Santa Mickey from Suburban Party Characters made an appearance to take pictures with the children.

Dennis Catuara-Howley, a CRWC member and Midlothian resident brought his son Paul to the Visit with Santa event and they both had a blast. Paul said, "it's by far the best set up for Santa I have ever seen", and six-year old Paul said "this was the best kids Christmas party ever!"

Kudos to Jamie Cluckey, the event coordinator and the CRWC staff. Also, a BIG thank you to Crestwood Joe, and Santa's elves - Haley K., Sarah K., Caprice S., Malea Stubitsch, Diane Taczy, Jim and Linda Cluckey and Jodie Condit. They all did a great job with the Santa event this year and helped make it a bigger and better experience for all. The biggest thank you goes to everyone who brought a non-perishable food item or a new, unwrapped toy for our toy and food drive to benefit local families and organizations in need. These selfless acts brought tears of joy to many children and families this holiday season.



(Top Left) Dennis Catuara-Howley and son Paul, 6 years old, midlothian. Santa arriving at the Rec Center on the fire truck.



Crestwood Fire Department



Crestwood Police Department

Crestwood Residents Lighting Up Hearts and Faces

Every year it seems to get harder and harder to pick a first, second and third place for the holiday decoration contest. The Recreation Commission spends hours upon hours driving through the town looking at all the different decorations for Christmas holiday. There were a lot of newly decorated homes throughout the Village, along with old steadfast houses who have added a little twist every year to their already beautiful lighting effects. The Rec Commission would like to thank all those who participated in this year's event and they are sorry that they could not give the first place to everyone because they feel you all earned a special thanks to make this year's holidays even more special.

The 2015-2016 winners are as follows: The 1st Place winner is Scott Butvilis of 13659 S. LeClaire Ave. The 2nd Place honors go to Frederick Boulais of 13902 Long Ave. Finishing in 3rd Place was Josh Lyons of 4320 W. 142nd St.

Please make sure you try to get out and take a look at these participants' efforts, along with all the other homes in Crestwood that make our holidays festive and fun.



(1st Place) Scott and Lisa Butvilas 13659 S. LeClaire (2nd Place) Carol Boulais Address 13902 Long Ave (3rd Place) Joshua & Jeannie Lyons - 4320 W. 142nd St

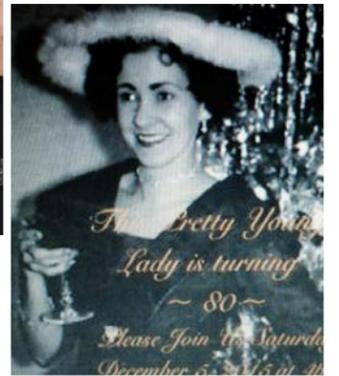
Senior Fitness Club Celebrates at Annual Potluck Luncheon

They're fit, they're fun and they're on the go even at Christmastime. The Senior Fitness Club met at the Biela Center in Crestwood on Monday, Dec. 21st, for the group's annual holiday potluck luncheon and stood still long enough to be photographed in between rounds of dessert. A tasty lunch preceded the sweet treats, and the members of the group agreed that it was the company that made the afternoon special. A special thanks went out to Carol Jurka for all of her hard work in putting the lunch together.



The Senior Fitness Club met at the Biela Center in Crestwood Dec. 21st for its annual holiday potluck luncheon.

A lady never tells her age, but the Crestwood Adviser will! Happy 80th Birthday Suzette Hubbard!



Suzette was surrounded by family and friends for her 80th birthday. Her Brother and sister in law and niece flew in from California to surprise her, it was a wonderful occasion. Suzette is the mother of 4, grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 6. Happy 80th birthday Suzette Hubbard!

Seniors Celebrate Holidays at Biela

It was an especially large turnout for the Biela Center's Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, with joy and cheer in abundance. "It's one of the biggest parties," Jo Ann Rossi said of the event, lamenting the only the fact that she wished everyone would show up at the Biela Center more consistently. "A lot of these people only show up for the parties," she said, with a hefty dose of tongue-in-cheek mock indignation. "And some of them win! We show up every week. I wish they would come every week — it's a lot of fun."

Jo Ann, bedecked with reindeer spectacles for the occasion, is one of more than 170 who attended the celebration, partaking in a delicious lunch of ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, apple cobbler and cupcakes. As usual, Carol and Dan Jurka, along with the rest of the Biela personnel, were all smiles as they helped area seniors enjoy an afternoon of food, festivities and, of course, bingo.

Top to Bottom: It was a banner turnout for the Biela Center's Christmas party held Dec. 15. (Left) Carol and Dan Jurka were all smiles as they served lunch to the seniors who turned out for the Biela Center's annual Christmas party. (Right) Jo Ann Rossi was in her most festive attire for last month's holiday party at the Biela Center.



Village & Biela Center Happenings

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

For more Information
708-371-4860 Ext. 6001

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JANUARY 2016				
<i>Closed Happy New Year!</i>				
4	5	6	7	8
	12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
11	12	13	14	15
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18	19	20	21	22
<i>Closed Martin Luther King Day</i>	12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	<i>Blood Pressure - 9:30 AM</i> 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	<i>Ameristar Casino - 9 AM</i> 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
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Look What's Cooking!!!

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Tuesday, January 5	Sloppy Joe
Friday, January 8	Hamburgers
Tuesday, January 12	Beef Sandwich
Friday, January 15	Dessert
Tuesday, January 19	Sausage Pizza
Friday, January 22	Pulled Pork Sandwich
Tuesday, January 26	Polish Sausage
Friday, January 29	Dessert

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.

January 4 - 8	"Night at the Museum"
January 11 - 15	"King Solomon's Mine"
January 19 - 22	"Shark Tale"
January 25 - 29	"All of Me"

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.

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- *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 screening is 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, EXT 6001.

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 do not arrive more than 30 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.....!

Ameristar Casino

Enjoy the day gambling in East Chicago, Indiana at the Ameristar Casino. The trip includes 4 hours of fun and gaming and \$10 toward the lunch buffet.

When: Thursday, January 21st, 2016
 Time: Depart 9 am - Return 3 pm
 Cost: \$27

Call 371-4860, ext. 6001 for reservations

"Horseshoe Casino"

Spend a pleasant winter's day at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. Trip includes transportation and lunch buffet.

When: Wednesday, February 24th, 2016
 Time: Depart 9 am - Return 4:30 pm
 Cost: \$27

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 17th
 Time: Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm
 Cost: \$27

Call 371-4860, ext. 6001 for reservations

"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 9th
 Time: Appetizers at 11:00am, Lunch at noon
 Cost: \$10

Reservations requested by February 2nd. Phone 371-4860, ext. 6001 for reservations

"Rules of the Road Here on March 14th"

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 14, 2016
 Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Lunch at noon

"Upcoming Trips"

"Route 66" Tour	April 27th
Theatre at the Center	May 25th
"Nice Work if you Can Get it"	
Shrine of Christ's Passion	June 8th
"Best Friends Trip"	July 20th

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 stop in on club day for further information.

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.

ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!



Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join them for pinochle at the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.



"I never worry about being driven to drink; I just worry about being driven home" —W. C. Fields

- 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

- ATTENTION -
If you have any special needs for seating on the bus please inform us when making reservations.

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED- JANUARY 20TH.
 Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, January 20th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AT THE BIELA CENTER
 If you would like to be tested contact Bruce at the Audibel Center for Hearing Excellence 14164 South Cicero Avenue | Tel: 708-385-3332 to set up an appointment.

How Can YOU Prevent Stormwater Pollution?

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil, and sloped lawns. As it flows, stormwater runoff collects and transports animal waste, litter, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil & grease, soil and other potential pollutants.

Rain and snowmelt wash pollutants from streets, construction sites, and land into storm sewers and ditches. Eventually, these empty the polluted stormwater directly into streams and rivers with no treatment. This is known as stormwater pollution. Polluted stormwater degrades our lakes, rivers, wetlands and other waterways. Nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen can cause the overgrowth of algae resulting in oxygen depletion in waterways. Toxic substances from motor vehicles and careless application of pesticides and fertilizers threaten water quality and can kill fish and other aquatic life. Bacteria from animal wastes and improper connections to storm sewer systems can make lakes and waterways unsafe for wading, swimming and fish consumption. Eroded soil is a pollutant as well. It clouds the waterway and interferes with the habitat of fish and plant life.

A sanitary sewer system and a storm sewer system are not the same. Water that goes down a sink or other inside drain flows to either a wastewater treatment plant or to a septic system for treatment. Storm sewer flows are not treated. Water that flows down driveways, streets, and outside areas into a storm sewer or ditch flows directly to nearby creeks, fish and wildlife habitats, downstream recreational areas, and drinking water supplies.

There are many types of pollutants that find their way into storm drains. Some common pollutants found in storm sewers and creeks include:

- Animal waste
- Litter
- Motor oil
- Yard clippings
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Soapy car wash water

Eroded sediment from construction projects
It's important to remember that any type of surface water runoff, not just rainfall, can run into the storm sewer and collect in the stormwater management system. For example, when you wash your car on the driveway, that water, dirt, and grime ends up in the system. That's why we need to be careful with what we put into the storm sewers

as traces of all this material can end up in the stormwater system and our local waterways.

What can YOU do to prevent stormwater pollution in Crestwood?

1. Remember: Only rain belongs in the drain! Don't dump anything down storm drains. Be sure to clear away leaves and debris.
2. Wash your car over your lawn or gravel. This allows the ground to neutralize the soap and grime from your car rather than sending it directly to our creeks and streams. Use biodegradable or non-toxic soap that is phosphate-free. You can also take your car to a commercial car wash where wastewater is either recycled or treated.
3. Keep your car well-maintained. Fix any fluid leaks promptly and make sure to clean up any spills. If you perform your own automotive maintenance, automotive repair shops will accept 5 gallons of used motor oil per resident per day.
4. Consider disconnecting your downspouts.
5. You can plant a rain garden to absorb stormwater runoff. You can also use a rain barrel to help collect runoff from your roof and gutters to be used on your lawn and garden. Use lawn or garden chemicals sparingly. Choose organic alternatives when possible and check the weather forecast to avoid applying them before a storm.
6. Mow your lawn less often. Try to keep your lawn at least 3" in height to minimize weed growth, reduce the need for watering, and decrease the likelihood of pests. Leaving the clippings on the lawn can also help block weeds and retain moisture. Sweep your sidewalks and driveway rather than hosing them down.
7. Plant native, low maintenance plants and grasses. They often have longer root systems which reduce the amount of chemicals and water needed. Try seeding your lawn with Buffalo Grass (*Bouteloua dactyloides*) or Northern Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*). For native plant listings, try <http://www.wildflower.org/plants> or <http://plants.usda.gov/java>.
8. Minimize runoff by not over-watering your lawn and garden. Keep sprinklers on a timer to avoid pooling water.
9. Clean up pet waste. Bag up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash to prevent harmful bacteria from washing into local waterways.
10. Be sure to minimize the amount of ice melt used. Do not over apply salt. Choose a more



environmentally-friendly alternative when possible.

11. Consider minimizing impervious surfaces around your home. Use bricks, gravel, cobbles, natural stone, or permeable pavers instead of asphalt or concrete when possible.
12. Make sure storm drain outfalls are not running in dry weather. A storm sewer system is designed to carry stormwater. If it hasn't rained in 72 hours, it should not be flowing. Please call Public Works if it does.
13. Do not drain your pool, spa, or fountain to a storm drain. Allow chlorine to dissipate for several days. Test the water to ensure the residual chlorine is zero before slowly draining to a landscaped area. You may be able to drain to a sanitary sewer. Contact your local municipality for more information.
14. Keep your septic system well maintained to prevent leaks. A leaking septic system can leach harmful bacteria into storm sewer systems and local waterways. It is important to keep your system well maintained to prevent costly repairs as well.
15. Walk, bike, or share a ride when possible. Driving causes particulates to enter our air. This air pollution can contaminate our rain and end up in our streams and lakes.
16. Properly maintain your neighborhood stormwater pond. It is designed to capture and treat stormwater runoff.
17. Install a rain barrel or cistern to capture roof runoff. This helps prevent stormwater from reaching waterways and reduces the potential for pollution.

◆◆◆◆◆ A Public ◆◆◆◆◆ Acknowledgement

Thank you to our legislators and to Gov. Rauner for the letting of the monies due to our community. MFT funding, special-use and gaming money have been released from Springfield. Communities rely on these funds to maintain and update.

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Mayor Lou Presta Cuts Ribbon to Open New Wendy's

It was a rainy morning on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, but the downpour stopped long enough for Mayor Lou Presta to open the new Wendy's here on Cicero Ave., just next to Pockets Billiards. Trustee Dan Jurka, Fire Chief John Bruce and numerous officials from Wendy's were on hand to open the new location, with free lunches being issued as part of the festivities. In keeping with the more modern look and amenities of fast-food franchises, the new Wendy's location sports free Wi-Fi, television in the dining room, as well as a comforting digital "fireplace" that adds a distinctive welcoming touch.

The project, brought to Crestwood through the vision of Mayor Presta, has brought 37 new jobs to the Village, in accordance with his initiative to create more jobs locally and further stimulate economic growth in the community.



Mayor Lou Presta (holding scissors) cuts the ribbon on the just-opened Wendy's here in Crestwood. The new location adds 37 jobs to the Village.

January Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

Life Insurance 101

Stop by the library for a question and answer session with Country Financial's Erica Storrs-Gray about the basics of life insurance.
Please register. Monday, January 11 6:00 PM

Valentine's Day Card Class

Get ready for Valentine's Day by making your own homemade cards with Stampin' Up's Debbie Spano! Cost is \$4 per person. Please register as space is limited.
Monday, January 18 at 6:00 PM

Zen Adult Coloring Group

You'll clear your mind, you'll have fun and you might even have a pretty piece of art to frame when your finished. All Supplies provided. Adults 18 and older.
Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm

Needles & Yarn

Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit? Join us for a new session of Needles & Yarn at the library! Bring your own materials or use some of ours! For ages 13 years and up. Call to register.
Monday, January 25 6:30 PM

Free Computer Classes

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. Call for available dates and times.

Book Discussion Club

Be sure to pick up a copy of our latest Book Club read from our front desk!! We'll be meeting again on
Wednesday, January 6, at 6:00 PM.

Free eBook checkout for your eReader, iPad or Kindle.

We have TWO eBook databases for you to explore and choose from. And best of all they are free and there are no late fees! To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand, visit our website today! www.crestwoodlibrary.org

e-magazines are here!
e-magazines are now available on our website through Zinio

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated to our Annual Pet Food collection. All donations were taken to Animal Welfare League in Chicago Ridge.

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

GET UP AND GET OUT!!!

CORRECTION: Last month the Adviser posted Eat Out at Elim in January, erroneously, please follow Elim website and the Adviser for upcoming Elim events.

Open Skate

Sundays, 3:00-4:30pm, 7:00-8:30pm; Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm; Fridays, 9:00-10:15pm; Saturdays, 8:00-9:30pm

Southwest Ice Arena | 5505 127th St., Crestwood
Come out to Southwest Ice Arena, where skaters of all abilities can practice their spins, twirls, and shuffles throughout the week. Featuring a Studio Rink available Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday, and a full-sized NHL rink available on Friday nights, this is a great night out for kids and kids at heart. Admission: \$6. Skate rental: \$3.

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 10:00am-12:00pm
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs
Learn how to use snowshoes as we explore the wonderful winter world outside! Ages 8 and up. Registration required. Limit 20. Call (708) 839-6897 to register. Cost: FREE.

Life Under the Ice

Saturday, Jan. 16th, 1:30-3:00pm
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs
Discover how fish, amphibians and reptiles survive underneath the frozen water. Indoor/outdoor program. Registration required. Limit 25. Call (708) 839-6897 to register. Cost: FREE.

Raptors in Winter

Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1:30pm
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs
Learn about Illinois raptors and how they survive in winter. Ages 12 and up. Registration required. Limit 30. Call (708) 839-6897 to register. Cost: FREE.

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.

Obituaries

Terry E. Nieckula, 60 years, passed away on December 12th, 2015. Cherished son of Irene (the late Edward J.). Loving brother of Cindy. Lifelong love of Therese Bonomo. Cousin of many. Funeral Mass was held December 19th at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Interment at Resurrection. For information call Becvar & Son Funeral Home, (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

Helen V. Oracki, 90 years of Crestwood passed away on December 25, 2015. Born November 26, 1925 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Stanley and Helen F. Dear sister of the late Raymond, Edwin, Harry, Virginia, and Patricia. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 9 A.M. until time of prayers 10:30 A.M. at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Church for an 11 A.M. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital would be appreciated. (708)824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com.

January Events at Crestwood Public Library Youth Programming

Read to Succeed with The Chicago Wolves- Winter Reading Program
 This winter Crestwood Library will Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team.
 Complete the reading chart and receive your chance to win Wolves Hockey Tickets,
 Movie Passes and other fabulous prizes.

Winter Reading Dates- January 11--February 12, 2016 Register at Front Desk beg. Jan. 4, 2016

Story Time

Registration for our new session of story time begins Jan 4, 2016 Story time for ages 3-5 will meet Thursday from 12:00-12:45pm Beginning Jan. 14, 2016

Tiny Tots

Babies ages 12-24 months with adult, will meet Fridays at 10:30am beginning Jan. 15. Babies will hear a story, flannel board activity and make a simple craft

Tween Time

Tweens grades 3-8 join us this month as we celebrate soup month, with soup in a cup recipes. Tuesday, Jan. 12 : 5:00

Preschool Fun

Toddlers ages 2-3 with caregiver, will be exposed to books, rhymes, finger plays, and crafts based on a theme. Fridays at 11:30 beginning Jan. 15 Limit of 8 per class

S.T.E.M. - Science Club

Children grades 1-4, will learn all about snow and ice this month. Space limited to 15 people per class. Thursday., Jan. 28 at 4:00pm

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. 20 from 6-7pm.

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 21, 4:00-5:00pm

Messy Mondays

Children can experience all those messy things you would not like them to play with at home. Ages 18-36 months with adult Mondays at 11:00am or 12:00pm

Little Rembrandts

Kids grade K-4 will meet once a month to make an art project using different types of art. January art will be puzzle art Thursday January 14 at 4:00pm

Popcorn Pajama Time

Children ages 4-10 come to the library in their P.J.'s to hear stories to celebrate National Popcorn Day. Popcorn will be served Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 6:00-7:00pm

Lego Club

A New Session of Lego Club will begin Monday, Jan. 11 for children grades K-5. We will meet Mondays from 3:30-4:30. All Legos provided

Chess Club

Have you wanted to learn to play chess, need some practice, or just want to play the game? A new session of Chess Club for Grades 1-10. begins Saturday, January 23 at 1:00pm. Registration Required

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Children ages 4-10 are invited to a special Fancy Nancy Tea Party. All supplies provided. Saturday, January 16 1:00-2:30pm

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

Book Buddies an Ongoing Success at Crestwood Public Library

Members of the Future Educators of America from Shepard High School came to Crestwood Library on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, to read to children ages 3-7. Book Buddies is a monthly event in which different student organizations come and read stories and make a small craft with children ages 3-7. The next Book Buddies event is **January 20th, 2016, at 7:00pm.**

To participate in future Book Buddies events, please register with the Crestwood Public Library.

Crestwood History: Did You Know?

- Downtown Crestwood was once Kostner Avenue, which was zoned for commerce from 135th Street to 143rd.
- Ernest Musilek Sr., just off the Midlothian Turnpike. The Musilek house, built in 1928, was one of the first brick homes in the Village.
- Goesel Hills, the old Indian Trail, was known as Midlothian Turnpike at the time of the Village's incorporation, receiving its name in part from the Midlothian Country Club, by people traveling to it from Blue Island.
- During the Great Depression, as part of the Works Progress Administration program, two dump trucks were used to haul stone from the canal banks to where others were put to work cleaning ditches, clearing for roads and digging culverts — for \$1 a day.
- The Village's first official picnic was held in the apple orchard next to the home of

Palos Community Hospital Offers Support for the Grieving

The death of a loved one is a life-changing experience, and often, people may not have the means to cope with the change all on their own. Palos Community Hospital offers its Conversation & Comfort Support Group, an adult drop-in support group, to help those grieving the recent loss of a loved one. Participation in the program is free. **Call (630) 257-1111 for dates, times and location.**



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Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so that the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and

tell guests about your home fire escape plan.

- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before Heading Out or to Bed
Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Facts:

- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Nearly half of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

Source: National Fire Prevention Association

Joan Patricia Murphy Issues Call for Unsung Heroines

As part of an initiative for Women's History Month, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy of the 6th District has issued a call for nominations for unsung heroines. The Cook County Commission seeks 18 candidates to recognize for their contributions to their respective communities. Selection of heroines is organized on a district basis to ensure that women from each area of the County are represented.

To qualify, nominees must be residents of the County Board district from which they are nominated. Ideal candidates would be women who, through their professional or volunteer initiative, have made significant contributions to their communities but have not received widespread recognition. Elected officials are not eligible for consideration.

Please use the format provided here to submit your nomination, preferably by email, to jsmall@govst.edu, or fax the completed form to (708) 534-8959.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

County District: _____

Occupation of Nominee: _____

List of Nominee's Community/Civic Activities (include length of time involved and positions):

Previous Honors or Awards (if known):

Please describe in 100 words or less why this person should be honored as an "Unsung Heroine". Please be specific about the contributions she has made to her community which will form the basis for her nomination. Attach description to this form.

Nominated By: _____
Name and telephone

RETURN THIS FORM TO: _____

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY: _____ January 15, 2016 _____

Scouting Talent

Thursday, Feb. 11th at 7:00pm, the Village will host a roundtable discussion on plans to bring forth an Arts Council for our Village. Trustees Flynn and Madlener are looking to meet with residents with ideas for assembling an Arts Council for the Village. The first order of business is to bring talent to the table. Whatever your choice of art media, please join us. We are looking for painters, sculptors, master gardeners, poets, photographers, musicians, etc., to help create beautiful spaces and enhance municipal buildings with Crestwood artists' works. We believe that artists should come from within town, but we may expand to include art students from neighboring towns to collaborate.

Our first Village art project will focus

on photography, quite simply titled, "Picture Crestwood." Chosen works would be showcased and framed by the Village, and will be on display in our boardroom. "Picture Crestwood" hopes to capture the varied wildlife, the seasons, summer play in neighborhoods and parks, sports shots, shots of commercial growth, the changing streetscape of Cicero Ave., for a few ideas. There is no due date on this project, and we will post more information after our initial meeting.

Please join us to share ideas, learn more and to help form the Crestwood Arts Council. Please email Trustee Madlener (lmadlener@villagofcrestwoodil.gov) or Flynn (tfly5@sbcglobal.net), or leave voicemail at the Village for more information. If you cannot join us for the initial meeting, no worries — there will be more! Information will be shared on the Village website and Village Facebook page after the February meeting.

Fun & Entertainment

*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

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:

- Garage Sales
- Lost and Found
- Large Appliances
- Automobiles
- Motorcycles
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NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:

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- Apartments for Sale or Rent
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- Jobs Wanted

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Tubbs 30" snowshoes with poles - \$40. Sari Bones bike carrier - \$40. Call (708) 396-0794.

FOR SALE

Automobile: 1998 Ford. Asking \$1,800. Call Victoria at (708) 577-4956 for more information.

FOR SALE

Automobile: 1998 ZX2 Ford, in great condition, new tires, new battery, and sunroof with six-disc CD changer. Asking \$1,600. For more info call (708) 577-4956

FOR SALE

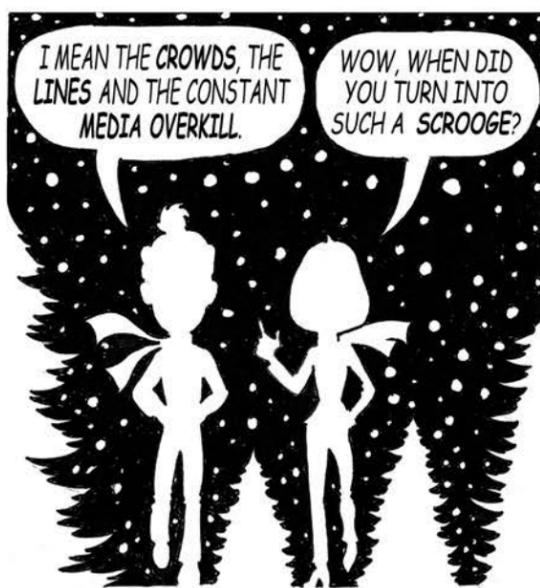
Curio Cabinet 5 shelves lighted pecan wood must see. Asking \$100. For more info call Patricia (708) 388-5617.

FOR SALE

Five-piece French Provincial walnut bedroom set w/chest of drawers, dresser with mirror. Beautiful carved wood design on both pieces, with made-to-order glass tops. Collectible. Must-see. Call only if interested: (708) 388-3253.

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip...

94 South by Jim McGreal



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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.

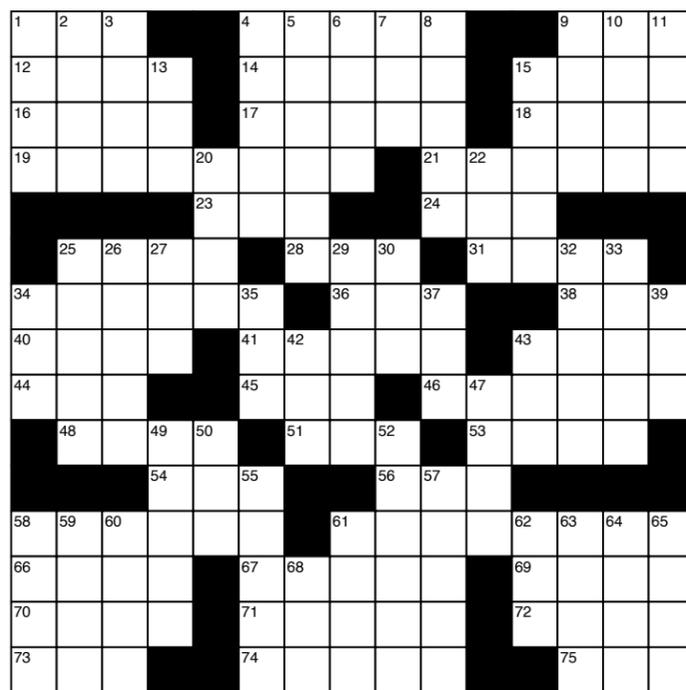
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December Sudoku Solution

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9	7	3	6	5	2	4	8	1
2	1	5	8	4	3	6	9	7
8	9	6	7	2	5	1	4	3
1	3	2	4	8	6	9	7	5
5	4	7	9	3	1	2	6	8
7	5	9	3	1	4	8	2	6
4	6	1	2	7	8	3	5	9
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December Crossword Solution

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ACROSS

- 1 Watch chain
- 4 Raging
- 9 Gross national product (abbr.)
- 12 Press
- 14 Dissuade
- 15 Adze
- 16 Your person
- 17 Lonely
- 18 Cab
- 19 Jell-o topping
- 21 Roughed it
- 23 Garden tool
- 24 Teaspoon (abbr.)
- 25 Information
- 28 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 31 Daddy
- 34 Beetle
- 36 Freudian term
- 38 Whichever
- 40 Grieve
- 41 Suffer

- 43 Invoke
- 44 Picnic pest
- 45 Young woman
- 46 City in Italy
- 48 Rotating mechanism
- 51 Governor
- 53 Kiss
- 54 Movie 2001's talking computer
- 56 Move away
- 58 Capital of Lesotho
- 61 Poisonous evergreen shrub
- 66 Father's sister
- 67 Approximate date
- 69 Treaty organization
- 70 Ride a horse
- 71 Trophy
- 72 Flightless birds
- 73 Charge
- 74 Songs you sing alone
- 75 Pastry

DOWN

- 1 Royal treasury
- 2 Brand of sandwich cookie
- 3 Knife
- 4 Gem State
- 5 Help
- 6 A spinning toy (2 wds.)
- 7 Decade
- 8 Construct
- 9 Rise (2 wds.)
- 10 Remark
- 11 Trudge
- 13 Football assoc.
- 15 West Coast Fl. city
- 20 Horse command
- 22 Viper
- 25 Cake topping
- 26 Well dressed
- 27 Cook with oil
- 29 Stringed instrument
- 30 Gone by
- 32 Buckets
- 33 Bets
- 34 Hotel
- 35 Container
- 37 Hold
- 39 Affirmation
- 42 Fall behind
- 43 Computer part
- 47 Syrian bishop
- 49 Gone With the Wind's Mr. Butler
- 50 Rowing device
- 52 "Sticky" fastener
- 55 "Star Wars" creator
- 57 Ornaments
- 58 Opp. of glossy
- 59 Manner
- 60 Stuck up person
- 61 Voiced
- 62 Compass point
- 63 Wet
- 64 Decorative needle case
- 65 Love flower
- 68 The other half of Jima

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Registrations



Mid-Crest Panthers Football and Cheerleading

Registration Fees:

Crestwood Residents: FREE / Non-Residents: \$115.00

Next registration: Wednesday, February 17—6:00 to 8:00 PM

Crestwood Fastpitch Softball

Registration Fees:

Crestwood Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$175.00

Registration going on now!



Crestwood Baseball

Registration Fees:

Crestwood Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$100.00

Registration going on now!

Crestwood T-Ball

Registration Fees:

Crestwood Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$25.00

Registration going on now!

Crestwood Soccer Club

(In house only, not travel)

Registration Fees:

Crestwood Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$75.00

Registration Info:

Call 708-396-2255

Proof of residency is required at the time of registration.

For more information and to register contact the:

Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center
5331 W. 135th Street
Crestwood, IL 60445
708-371-4810



Have you heard the great news?

Mayor Lou Presta and the Village Trustees have announced **FREE** registration fees for the 2016 season for all Crestwood Residents.



2016 SEASON

Crestwood Baseball Association Information—2016 Season

Ages:	Divisions:
7-8 years	Pinto (Coach Pitch)
9-10 years	Mustang
11-12 years	Bronco
13-14 years	Pony
15-16 years	Colt

Cost: FREE for Crestwood Residents \$100.00 for Non-Residents

Additional Non-resident child discount - \$15.00 off per child even if in different divisions.

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For more information about the 2016 season, contact Joe, the Director of Baseball Operations at the Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center located at 5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445. Visit www.crestwoodbaseball.com or call (708) 371-4800, ext. 2014 to register TODAY!



REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2016 SEASON

*****CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS REGISTER FOR FREE!!!!*****

	WED Feb 17TH	WED April 20TH	WED June 22 ND
1st child	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$135.00
2nd child	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
3rd child	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
4th child	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$80.00

WHERE: Crestwood Rec Center 5331 W. 135th Street 6-8 pm

Initial Fundraising Obligation -- 100% recoupable for participants

1st child	PARTICIPATION	\$100.00	or	\$80.00 (BUY OUT)
2nd Child	PARTICIPATION	\$50.00	or	\$40.00 (BUY OUT)

(additional fundraising will be required throughout season)

+ \$75.00 Participation Obligation -- 100% Refunded after hours fulfilled and ALL equipment returned

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SPORTS

Chargers Are Flying High!

The Incarnation Girls' 5th-Grade Basketball Team finished an exciting season by taking second place in the South Suburban Basketball league after going undefeated (13-0) in conference play. The girls finished with an impressive 31-7 record, which included a second-place finish in the Incarnation Tournament and seventh place in the Great McAuley Shootout. Congratulations, girls, on a great season!

Incarnation Girls 5th grade basketball team picture:
 Front Row (L-R): Kate H., Megan K., Grace F., Olivia B., Kelly S.
 Back Row (L-R): Coach Tom, Ava S., Gina L., Nikita T., Rachel K., Coach D



Shepard Softball Players Sign Letters of Intent



(Left to Right) Shepard High School senior Skylor Hilger recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball for DePaul University. She appears with her parents and Shepard coach Kelsey Clifford. (Middle) Shepard High School senior Heather O'Kelly recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball for Benedictine University of Arizona. She appears with her parents and Shepard coach Kelsey Clifford.

The families of Shepard High School softball players Skylor Hilger and Heather O'Kelly recently joined coaches in celebrating their receiving scholarships to universities.

Hilger, an All-South Suburban Conference and All-Area selection last season, signed with DePaul University.

O'Kelly, also an All-SSC and All-Area player, signed with Benedictine University of Mesa, Arizona.

"I'm so proud of both. They've worked so hard," said Shepard varsity softball coach Kelsey Clifford.

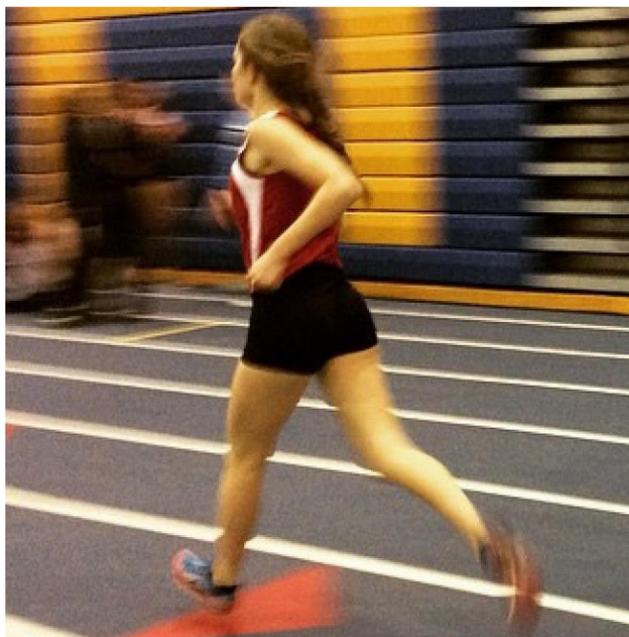
Mother McAuley's Ashley Canner Gives Running Her All

Senior McAuley student, Ashley Canner comes out of the gate always ready to give it her all.

That is the message McAuley track coach, Kelly Malone sends. "She's been running for four years and wanted nothing more than to qualify for the state meet in Peoria each year," Malone said. "At the beginning of this season, she was burdened with a sprained ankle that occurred during a workout at practice. Rather than getting discouraged about the injury, she took control of it and did everything from aqua jogging to strengthening exercises to hold onto that endurance she had been building all summer.

"Our fourth meet of the season hosted by Naperville North was when Ashley made her debut back in competition," Malone continued. "You could tell by watching her run that she hadn't lost very much of the endurance she at built before the injury. Watching her on the course that day, it was very obvious that she was raring to compete and get back into pushing herself beyond the limit on the course. She worked harder than ever those next five weeks in order to accomplish her goal of making it downstate. After workouts she would ask the coaches to do extra sprints or mileage because she knew it was going to take extra effort to achieve the most in her running career yet."

The payoff was a dream come true; Ashley competed at Peoria on November 7th against 216 other high school 3A girls in Illinois. She ran an 18:09, her best time ever, and placed 97th out of 217 places at IHSA 3A State Finals (18:09) at Detweiller Park. Her other stats include three-time



(Top Photo) Ashley Canner

GCAC Conference Runner and 1st place at IHSA Regionals (18:25) hosted by Sandburg this past fall. She was also 17th place at IHSA in the Hinsdale Central Sectionals. Canner held MVP three years in a row.

When asked why she chose running, her response was as simple as "trying something different."

She ran at McAuley's summer running camp going into freshman year and enjoyed it, then decided to try out for the cross-country team. During the season, on an average week for training, Ashley runs almost 30 miles a week. Usually for practice, they warm up and stretch as a team, do the miles/workout according to pace groups, then come back to McAuley to cool down and stretch again.

Off-season, or on off-practice days, Ashley can be seen running around town. She chooses alternative and old classic rock music to run. Canner's personal best time is 18:09 at state this year. She feels "running is definitely a mental sport; it's a battle between yourself and your body. Your mind wants to keep going, but your body wants to do



the total opposite and stop — who will you let win? Positive thoughts and motivation are very important to keep in your head, especially before running, during training and races. I absolutely love competing. I think it's so fun, and beating your PRs are the best feeling to a runner. My favorite competitions and races are definitely conference, regionals and sectionals. They are always at a different location every year. Running state this year was a dream. It was a truly incredible race to experience and be a part of, plus competing with the top runners in the state was awesome."

Canner also advises good running shoes are a must and stretching, listening to your body and pushing yourself without injury. Relishing the accomplishment is worth the efforts.

Crestwood looks forward to following Ashley's successes as she heads to college, interested in nursing and the Peace Corps, all the while keeping on the track.