

CRETE TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

SPRING 2026

FROM THE SUPERVISOR **MICHAEL J. LICCAR**

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” - Abraham Lincoln



We're very excited about the new year and initiatives offered by Crete Township in addition to our many ongoing services.

A few quick updates:

CRETE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

(25930 S. Cottage Grove Ave. in Crete) We have been busy working on new programs & events at the Community Center including:

EXPO EVENTS:

The Epic Collectibles Extravaganza – Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 9am-4pm with a preview on Friday, March 13th from 7pm-9pm. This is a first of its kind event hosted by Crete Township in partnership with The Closet Collectibles of Crete. There will be a large number of vendors dealing in such popular collectibles as Legos, Hot Wheels, Superheroes, Funko, Barbie, Pokémon, Matchbox, Marvel,

GI Joe, and much more. Admission is \$2/person and free for children ages 10 & under. For more information, please contact us at 708-722-1857 or epiccollectibles@cretetownship.com.

Future expos include Art & Antiques, Craft Show and Home & Garden Show.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Rock Revolution – Open House Information Gathering on March 7th from 10am-12pm. This is a new youth music program for students ages 11 to 18 in which they learn and perform music with a focus on guitar, drums, keyboard, bass and vocals. Individual and group lessons will be offered by professional musicians at a rate of \$25./hour. The students will learn music basics and techniques with a fast-track to actually performing songs as a group. For more information: 708-722-1857 or rockrevolution@cretetownship.com.

MY LITTLE ONE & ME ACTIVITY DAY:

February 28th, 9:30am-Noon. Designed for young learners (ages 2-5) and their parents/guardians and will include multiple activities such as a toddler-safe bouncy house, open play, music and story time. The fee is \$5/child. Call 708-722-1857 for more information and for future events.

EXPLORERS' ROBOTICS:

This program will be offered for up to 20 students ages 6-8 where they will learn as individuals and as a team an introduction to robotics, logical thinking/problem solving and navigating bots through obstacle courses. Check with us for scheduled dates/times.

SENIOR EVENTS:

- March 26th at 11:30am – Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. A free event for seniors which includes a delicious lunch and music.
- Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays: Coffee Time beginning at 9am.
- Fridays: Bingo at 10am.
- Pinochle Club: 2nd and 3rd Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm.
- Catholic Charities Wellness Programs:
 - “Fit & Strong”: Tuesdays through June 30th, 10:30am-11:30am.
 - “Sound-Bath Wellness”: March 11, April 13 and May 18th from 1:30pm-2:30pm.

CRETE TOWNSHIP USA FEST:

Saturday, July 18th, 11am-4pm. A Township-wide celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States which will include entertainment, historical reenactments, demonstrations, games, refreshments and many family-friendly activities.

ON THE MOVE WOMEN'S FITNESS:

Now in its 2nd year, this popular exercise program utilizes hydraulic

resistance machines, wellness mats, metabolic recovery boards, stretching station, a walking club and more for a complete fitness program. Monday through Thursday: 6am-12pm and 4pm-6pm. Fridays: 6am-12pm. Closed Saturdays and Sundays. (Hours may vary in the summer months). For more information, please contact Sandy Cortelloni at sandy.cortelloni@cretetownship.com or 708-515-4494.

For updates, please check the Crete Township Facebook pages or website (<https://cretetownship.com>) or call 708-722-1857.

The Community Center is available for events, meetings and office usage. For more information, please contact Carol Millsap at 708-722-1857 or carol.millsap@cretetownship.com. More to follow in this issue.

Michael J. Liccar

Supervisor
michael.liccar@cretetownship.com
708.672.8279



News From The Clerk



**JIM BUITER,
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

In addition, we will have the annual town

It has been a very Ibone cold winter, but sunnier and warmer days are ahead so keep looking forward to better days. We are having early voting days from March 9 through March 12 from 9AM through 3PM. Monday through Friday.

meeting on the second Tuesday of April, April 14, 2026 at 7PM. Please join us for our regularly scheduled board meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions or concerns, the Clerk can be reached at the Township Office.

Jim Buiter
Crete Township Clerk

Hello Seniors!



**LAURA HAWKINS,
TRUSTEE**

The Christmas luncheon was a success. Thank you to everyone that attended. Thank you to the Crete EMA's for manning the parking lot we appreciate you taking the time to help us.

Jimbooo's in Thornton catered turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and salad. Sharon from Sharon's Custom Cakes made the amazing dessert. Everything was delicious! The Country Proud Band played Christmas music and we had some dancers. Patty and Jo handed out the beautiful poinsettia's from Madays, and lead the annual center piece give away. Thank you to everyone that helped serve the food and greet at the door and of course thank you to Santa! Thank you to my Fun Timers who decorated the building, the stage, our room, the tables, set up and cleaned up, you guys are amazing and I am so blessed to have all you in my life.

March 26th is the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon it will be catered by Jimbooo's. Please call town hall (708)672-8279 ext.1 and speak with Patty, Pam or

Jo to secure your seat, do not leave a message. Please be patient. Thank you.

The seniors and Fun Timers meet at the Crete Township Community Center 25930 S. Cottage Grove Monday's at 9am, Tuesday's at 9am to play games and Friday's at 9am, Bingo starts at 10am. Please come meet your neighbors and make some new friends. The Fun Timers have a lot going on and would like to plan some trips for everyone this year.

Laura Hawkins
Crete Township Trustee

Building & Grounds



**FRANK ELTON,
TRUSTEE**

to be organized and decluttered. With the cold weather, we had to replace 1 heat exchanger and 4 small heating units at the Community Center on Cottage Grove.

The winter has been hard on us. We have had to move a lot of snow at both facilities. The rear metal door and frame at our Wood Street location have been replaced. In the spring, we will be cleaning the basement. It needs

The grounds have been mowed and trees removed for a neater appearance.

We are currently in the process of painting the bathrooms. We are installing 5 more cameras as more of the building is being utilized. Our new electronic sign is now advertising all the new activities and programs at the center.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the George Patterson family for donating a beautiful organ for our music program.

God Bless,

Frank Elton
Crete Township Trustee

News from the Highway Commissioner



**ANTHONY "TONY"
RECUPITO,
HIGHWAY
COMMISSIONER**

turning into what many of us remember as a more "normal" winter, and if this trend continues, we can expect that the weather, as well as the increase in salting, will present more of a strain on the 80 miles of pavement that we maintain. We will be assessing our roads in the next few weeks for the upcoming paving season as well as assessing our culvert and ditchwork needs.

One project that is currently in progress in Crete Township is The Plum Creek Greenway Trail. Matthew Novander, Chief Landscape Architect of The Forest Preserve District of Will County, reports that the project includes the addition of approximately one mile of an asphalt and limestone screening trail, a pedestrian bridge over Plum Creek, and boardwalks. Funding for the project is available from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). The Transportation

Alternatives Program (TAP-L) provides 80% federal participation with a 20% local match (no Crete Township Road Funds are being used for this project). The completion of the project will result in a continuous greenway trail from Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve to Plum Valley Preserve - Burville Road Access. For additional information about the project please contact Matt Novander at mnovander@fpdwc.org.

This trail will be connected via The Plum Creek Subdivision and during the construction phase, those residents will experience some truck traffic. I have been assured by The Forest Preserve District that they will keep any disruptions to a minimum and I ask that all residents have patience during this construction process.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our Township roads located in the unincorporated areas, I can be reached at 708-672-7732 or via email at arecupito@cretetownship.com.

Have a Great Spring and Summer!

Anthony "Tony" Recupito
Highway Commissioner



Spring is in the Air!



**CHERYL ALBRECHT,
TRUSTEE**

use. Conference rooms, shared office space, medical rooms, the possibilities are endless! Please call 708-722-1857 for more information.

Hello! Thank goodness this COLD winter is almost over! We're working very hard at making the NEW Community Center a success with events for ALL AGES.

First, there is plenty of space for small businesses to use. Conference rooms, shared office space, medical rooms, the possibilities are endless! Please call 708-722-1857 for more information.

The Township knows that there is a need for more family activities in the Township, so we are going to start having "My Little One & Me" Activity on a few Saturday mornings at the Community Center. The first one was at the end of February so watch social media for more announcements.

We are looking to hold activities for grade school and teens. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to run or work at these activities, please contact Carol at 708-722-1857.

This is YOUR Community Center so please keep us posted on what you would like to see happening there!

Cheryl Albrecht
Crete Township Trustee

Happy Spring!



Crete Township Community Center continues to grow with activities and programs.

On the Move is a workout, designed for women. Monday-Thursday 6am-12pm & 4pm-6pm, Friday 6am-12pm. Your membership also includes The Walking Club

Walking Club - a program for men & women! Walk indoors in our 10,000+ sq ft multi-Purpose Room. A safe and welcoming environment is waiting for you!

Crete Kids Care - a Before and After School program operated solely by Crete Kids Care, LLC, 6am-6pm - enroll now by calling 708-847-1039. CM201-U bus services are an option to and from Balmoral Elementary & Coretta Scott King Elementary. Additional transportation services are available for other area schools.

Coming soon - Rock Revolution, a youth music education and performance program for ages 11-18. Individual and group lessons, with a live performance at the end of the program. Designed for newcomers to music and for those looking to strengthen their

musical skills. Discover your creative side, make new friends, and learn a talent that can last a lifetime.

SAVE THE DATE - Rock Revolution Open House, Saturday, March 7th 10am-12:00pm

Meet our amazing instructors, take a tour of our classrooms and performance center. Refreshments will be served. Free T-shirts for those who sign up during our Open House.

The Epic Collectibles Extravaganza will be held Friday, March 13th from 7pm-9pm and Friday, March 14th from 9am-4pm. Some of the collectibles you will find, but not limited to: Legos - Hot Wheels - Superheroes - Funko - Barbie - Marvel - GI JOE - Pokémon - Matchbox - Diecast

The Senior Fun Timers meet several times a week for games and fellowship. Bingo on Fridays at 10am.

Unique to the Crete Township Community Center, we have several rooms available for usage. Looking for office space to work remotely, we have several to choose from. We offer rooms of all sizes for small businesses and/or organizations that may want to host an event. The Crete Township Community Center is also the home to a beautiful and spacious banquet room, perfect for all types of parties and showers.

Carol Millsap
Community Center Coordinator
carol.millsap@cretetownship.com
708-663-6690

50+ VENDORS & OVER 75 TABLES!!

Crete Township Community Center & The Closet Collectibles present:

An EPIC Collectibles Extravaganza

**Crete Township Community Center
25930 S Cottage Grove Ave - Crete, IL**

**Saturday, March 14th, 2026 - 9am-4pm
Preview Friday, March 13th, 2026 - 7pm-9pm**

*Admission - \$2.00 per person
Kids 10 & under enter free!*

For vendor information:
Please call/txt Chris at 219-306-3213
OR Crete Township Community Center
at 708-722-1857
Epiccollectibles@cretetownship.com



FUN-TIMERS FOOD VENDOR & DOOR PRIZES

ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURSDAY MARCH 26
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM

CRETE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
25930 S Cottage Grove, Crete

CALL TO RESERVE TICKET
708-672-8279 option 1

WE CANNOT ACCEPT PHONE MESSAGES. - MUST SPEAK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE. MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION. - NO MULTIPLE RESERVATIONS FROM CALLER OTHER THAN SPOUSE. - TICKETS MUST BE PICKED UP PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

CRETE TOWNSHIP

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CRETE TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Here are just a few of the services offered by Crete Township Hall:

- Vote Registration Services
- Temporary Handicap Placards
- Will County Assessor's Office on Site
- Food Pantry (Wednesday from 9AM-11AM)

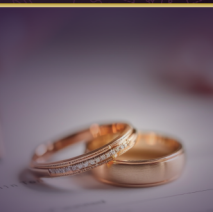
MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Marriage licenses for Will County may be obtained at the Crete Township Office.
MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 AM TO 3 PM

Identification Required to obtain a Marriage License:
• Current form of I.D (Driver's License or State I.D, Passport or Military ID)
• Divorce papers or death certificate if other than first marriage.

\$35 MARRIAGE LICENSE

CASH ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - MUST BE MARRIED IN WILL COUNTY



From the Crete Township Assessor



MARY MARGARET TAMEZ
ASSESSOR

As we welcome the new year, I want to wish you and your family a **happy, healthy beginning**. This season is a time for fresh starts and renewed optimism. While winter is still with us, many of us are already looking forward to spring—longer days, warmer weather, and the chance to enjoy our neighborhoods again. The new year also brings important updates and reminders from the Assessor's Office, especially for our senior residents.

Senior Freeze Update

Income Limits Increased I'm pleased to share that Illinois has increased the income limits for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, commonly known as the Senior Freeze. This program helps eligible homeowners age 65 and older by freezing the assessed value of their primary residence, protecting them from increases due to rising property values.

The updated income limits are:

- Tax Year 2026 (payable 2027): Household income of \$75,000 or less

- Tax Year 2027 (payable 2028): Household income of \$77,000 or less

- Tax Year 2028 and beyond: Household income of \$79,000 or less. If you previously did not qualify because of income limits, this increase may make you newly eligible. Please remember that the Senior Freeze requires annual renewal, even if you've participated before. Senior Freeze renewal application forms will be mailed to eligible homeowners in mid-April. Our office will also have forms available at that time for anyone who needs a copy or would like assistance completing the application. If you do not receive a form by mail or have questions about eligibility, please contact our office—we're happy to help.

What to Expect in Your Neighborhood

As part of our ongoing responsibility to ensure fair and accurate assessments for all residents, you may see our field staff out in the community over the coming months. They are measuring and updating property information related to recent permits, new construction, additions, or neighborhood assessment studies. These visits are a routine and important part of the assessment process. Our staff does not need to enter your home, and they always carry proper identification. The information they collect



helps maintain equity across neighborhoods so everyone is assessed fairly and consistently.

We're Here for You

Whether you have questions about exemptions, assessments, or a visit from our field staff, my office is here to help. We are proud to serve all residents and are always happy to offer a listening ear and guidance. As we move into the new year and look ahead to spring, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make sure you're informed and receiving every benefit you're entitled to.

Warm Regards,

Mary Margaret Tamez
Crete Township Assessor

There are many exemptions that you may qualify for!

General Homestead Exemption

Do you live on the property, a named owner on the deed, and it is your principal residence? You qualify! This exemption is added and removed by our office, there is no form. ALWAYS check your property tax bill to make sure you have it if you qualify.

Disabled Person Exemption

Are you collecting disability? You qualify! Please bring in the proof of disability or come to the office to get the form for the doctor to fill out for the proof and we will assist you with the exemption form.

Senior Homestead Exemption

Do you turn 65 this year and a named owner on the deed? You qualify! Bring in your drivers license or ID for proof of age and we will assist you in the application.

Senior Freeze Exemption

Are you 65 and have a total household income of less than \$75,000? You qualify! The income level was increased from \$65,000 to \$75,000 for the 2026 assessment year! Bring in your federal income tax form or any forms you would normally take to have your income taxes done if you no longer meet the filing requirements. We will have the forms in our office after April 1st and we can assist you in filling out the form.

Disabled Veteran

Are you a Veteran with at least 30% service-connected disability through the Department of Veterans Affairs and a named owner on the deed? You qualify! Bring in a copy of your DD 214 as well as the proof of disability for the current year you are applying for that lists your percentage of disability and we will assist you in filling out the form.

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL RESELLERS / VENDORS!

THE CRETE SENIOR FUN-TIMERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

RETURNS
BEGINNING IN
MAY!
CAR TRUNK SALE

MAY 2ND

JUNE 6TH

JULY 11TH
(DUE TO 4TH OF JULY)

AUGUST 1ST

SEPTEMBER 5TH

OCTOBER 3RD

\$5 CASH
PER VENDOR

2 TABLES
ALLOWED

PAY WHEN YOU ARRIVE

NO PROHIBITED ITEMS

Bring a chair/umbrella. Water will be available for the vendors and there are bathroom facilities available.

Please contact Lori 224-334-6693 to register as a vendor, or with questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

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“WILL-RIDE” DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM

Serving Crete Township Senior Citizens and Residents with Disabilities who need transportation to **doctor visits, therapy, and medical treatments.**



WILL RIDE

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Senior Citizens (60 years of age and older), Residents with a disability.

REGISTRATION FOR “WILL-RIDE”

In order to become eligible for the program, you must sign up with your Township. Contact Patty Hanus at the Crete Township Office at 1367 Wood Street, Crete, IL 60417, (708) 672-8279.

ARRANGING FOR YOUR RIDE

Contact the call center at least 24 hours in advance with the following information:

- 1.) Home Address.
- 2.) Address of Destination.
- 3.) The TIME of your appointment.
- 4.) Approximate time for return trip pickup.
- 5.) If you are on Medicaid, please have your number available.
- 6.) Alert the Call Center to any special mobility needs you may have, i.e.: wheelchair assistance, help from your door, etc.
- 7.) Let the Call Center know if you will have a caretaker with you. (Caretakers ride at no charge.)

CALL CENTER HOURS FOR SCHEDULING A RIDE (800) 244-4410

Monday - Friday 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please call at least 24 hours in advance

BUSES OPERATE

Monday - Friday 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Weekend & Holiday hours are not available

RIDES WITHIN YOUR TOWNSHIP: \$2 one way or \$4 round trip

RIDES OUTSIDE YOUR TOWNSHIP: \$4 one way or \$8 round trip



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

PIPP

(Percentage of income payment plan)

Located at Crete Township 1367 Wood St., Crete, IL 60417
No appointment required!

The Low Income Assistance Program and Percentage of Income Payment Plan helps income-eligible households pay home energy bills whose 30 day gross income is at 150% of the poverty level. You will have a choice depending on your household situation. If you would like to enroll in LIHEAP or the PIPP program, both programs will be explained to you at the time of registration

Applications will be taken at Crete Township
from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FRIDAY JUNE 05, 2026

Listed below is the basic information that is needed to take an application
(this may not be all the documentation that is needed, so this does not guarantee that your application will be taken.)

- 1.) Social Security Card for everyone in household
- 2.) ID or Drivers License
- 3.) 30 Days proof of income for all household members
- 4.) Any household member age 18 or over need proof they are not receiving benefits from DHS (Public AID) and IDES (Unemployment)
- 5.) Gas and Electric Bill
- 6.) Printout of benefits received from agencies (ex: Food Stamps, Medical Card, TANF, General Assistance, Veterans Assistance, Social Security, etc.)
- 7.) Mortgage statement and tax bill or Deed and tax bill needed if applying for Furnace assistance.

Attention Seniors!

We are attempting to bring some fun into your lives, but we need some help. Let us know what interests you. There are many different venues out there, but we need you to let us know what you would like to see and do. So, if you have any ideas or preferences, please share them with us.

Any questions, comments?
Call Roseanne (708) 546-7608



Crete Pantry - by Becca Wolfe

The pantry staff cannot thank all of you enough for all your generous food donations and monetary donations for the pantry during the holidays. Our cupboards are overflowing, but by Spring and Summer they will be empty again. So please continue your generosity during the warm months.

Remember, we are 501 C3 and we receive no government assistance.

Thank you again!



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550 W EXCHANGE ST, CRETE, IL 60417
WWW.CRETEHISTORICAL.COM

This year for Crete Country Christmas, our Museum was partially open for the very first time. Guests were able to come in and see the Christmas Decorations covering several themes and enjoy Hot Chocolate and Cookies. The Grinch was there to sing, along with 5 festively decorated trees. Kids could write a letter to Santa and do some coloring. We had about 100 visitors.

The other purpose that day was for our residents to finally get a chance to see the inside of the old Church, and the work that the Historical Society has been doing there. We gave progress reports and brief history lessons about Crete in our beautiful old building. It was a cold day, but we were all able to get indoors and out of the wintry elements.

We were pleased to see such a good turnout. Thanks to all that visited!

The very next weekend (even colder) we hosted the ceremony for Wreaths Across America. Over 70 people attended to pay their respects to those that have served in our Military. On December 27, a group of "Historians" worked in the building to

remove the floor boards in the rear room of the church in anticipation of the next construction phase.

We also have a new display in the Crete Library entry area about the 1930s Crete School - grades 1-8.

Be sure to visit the Crete Township Community Center to see our Crete Time-Line display, along with many other pictures and stories about our area.

A Spring Dinner for the entire community is being planned for March 28 at Smokey Jo's. Details will be forthcoming. We'll see you then!

Crete Woman's Club

SPRING 2026

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

now available!

College and Technical/Trade Scholarships and Epstein Memorial available to all graduating seniors who reside within District 201U boundaries

Summer Camp Scholarships

Music, Sports, Art, Drama and Academic Classes

Available to 3rd through 11th grade students who reside within School District 201U boundaries.



Apply Online
cretewomansclub.net



Deadline
APRIL 10, 2026

Crete Woman's Club

- by Leslee Williams



The Crete Woman's Club is again offering a variety of scholarships to students who reside in the boundaries of Crete-Monee School District 201U.

College and Technical/Trade Scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each are awarded to graduating seniors. Additionally, a \$2500 Epstein Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior.

Summer camp scholarships up to \$350 are awarded to students in grades three through eleven who reside in the boundaries of Crete-Monee School District 201U.

Applications can be found at www.cretewomansclub.net.

All applications are due by:
Friday, April 10, 2026.
Mail to:
Donna Swanstrom
CWC Scholarship Co-Chair
9204
Hickory Place
St. John, Indiana 46373

Crete Woman's Club Garden Walk

- by Leslee Williams

The south suburban community has enjoyed 34 years of "A Day in The Country". The 35th walk promises peaceful strolls through inspiring gardens with an art and craft fair on the grounds of the Crete Library.

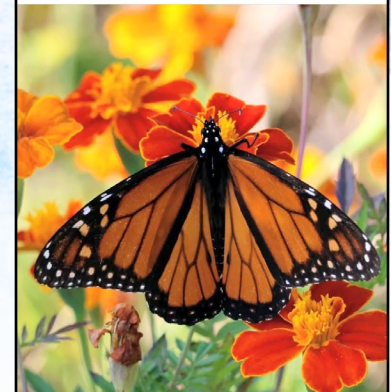
Look for flyers, social media posts and the CWC website for information on ticket sales, locations and general information. This is the Club's major fundraiser supporting our philanthropic projects.

SAVE THE DATE!!

35th annual Garden Walk

July 8 and 9

More details to follow!



WARM UP WITH FITNESS CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

TAI-CHI

MONDAYS
10AM TO 11AM
INSTRUCTOR: MARIE

DANCE & TRIM

TUESDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
INSTRUCTOR: CHRISTINE

TAI-CHI

WEDNESDAYS
10AM TO 11AM
INSTRUCTOR: MARIE

FITNESS FRENZY

WEDNESDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
INSTRUCTOR: CHRISTINE

YOGA

WEDNESDAYS
6:15PM TO 7:15PM
INSTRUCTOR: MARIE

YOGA

THURSDAYS
9AM TO 10AM
INSTRUCTOR: MARIE

LOUIS SHERMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

3501 HOPKINS AVE
STEGER, IL 60475

708.709.0288

FITNESS PUNCH CARD REQUIRED
RESIDENTS/NON RESIDENTS \$70 PER CARD
SENIORS \$60 PER CARD
CARDS GOOD FOR 15 CLASSES
EXPIRES 6 MONTHS AFTER PURCHASE



Sound Bath Wellness

60+ Must Register



Dates: March 11, April 13, and May 18, 2026

Time: All 1:30-2:30pm

Location: 25930 S. Cottage Grove, Crete

Adults aged 60 and above, you are invited to immerse yourself in a soothing experience filled with healing sounds and vibrations during this educational program. Enhance your health and wellness while enjoying a tranquil atmosphere.

Please bring a blanket and pillow. Mats provided.

To register, call Taneejah at 815-724-1168

Register for one or all three sessions.

Attendance at this event indicates consent for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Inc., to use my photo to promote and increase awareness of programs and services offered by the Agency. Photos may be used in Catholic Charities' printed materials, online, media, or by grantors.

To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Catholic Charities is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



DO YOU HAVE PAIN OR STIFFNESS IN YOUR LOWER BODY?



Fit & Strong! is an exercise/behavior change program for older adults with lower extremity osteoarthritis. Each class is 60-minute of exercise and 30-minutes of group discussion/health education.

BENEFITS:

- Manage arthritis
- Exercise safely
- Decrease joint pain and stiffness
- Improve daily function
- Reduce anxiety and depression
- Develop and maintain an active lifestyle

Dates:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 5 - August 6, 2026
(No class 5/14, 5/21, 6/18, and 6/23)

Times: 10:30am-11:30am

Location: Crete Township Community Center
25930 S Cottage Grove, Crete

**TO REGISTER, CALL Taneejah
815-724-1168 ext. 6721**

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



Fit & Strong! is an award-winning program designed to meet your needs!



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Crete Township Introduces Rock Revolution Youth Music Program

- by Michael J. Liccar

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"Music was my way out. It gave me a sense of purpose when I was young." Bruce Springsteen

"If you're lucky enough to fall in love with music when you're young, it stays with you forever." - Paul McCartney

There are many quotes like these. Learning to play music can be a life-changing experience opening up a new world of creativity, teamwork and self-discipline. Many a young person has found music as a spiritual release and form of personal expression and identity.

Crete Township is pleased to announce a first of its kind program for youth called "Rock Revolution". It is open to students ages 11 to 18.

Individual and group lessons will be taught in person by seasoned professional musicians. Rock Revolution will focus on guitar, drums, keyboard, bass and vocal instruction. Students will learn music basics and instrument techniques with a fast-track towards

actually performing songs as a group.

The Musical Director of Rock Revolution is Crete resident Kurt Bonomo who has dedicated his life to teaching and performing music. A private guitar instructor since 1987, Kurt has taught countless students of all ages and skill levels, sharing his passion for music and helping cultivate the talents of countless aspiring musicians.

Kurt studied advanced music theory, composition and classical guitar at St. Xavier University in Chicago. He's performed in a wide variety of settings, including many live television broadcasts such as The Jerry Lewis Telethons, the WGN Morning Show, The Chicago Radio Show and numerous others. His live performance credits also include countless clubs, festivals, casinos, and other venues.

His current musical projects include performing with Elton Jeff and the Honky Cats (an Elton John tribute band), the acoustic trio 2 Trailers Down (variety), and Cheap Trick tribute band, Cheaper Trick. Kurt is skilled in music recording, editing, and production.

Other professional musicians who will provide instruction include Crete Township residents Joe Starita (multi-instrumentalist and owner of Rossi Music in Oak Lawn) and Nathaniel Scott

(producer, audio engineer, and Drummer for "DemsFightinWords"), and Chris Christmas (accomplished guitarist who has performed throughout the Chicago-land area and toured with legendary soul singer Donny Hathaway, as well as a former Army medic, chess expert and graduate of Chicago State University).

Lessons will be priced at \$25/ half-hour segment. Crete Township is now accepting donations of guitars, keyboards, drums & percussion, bass guitars, amplifiers and microphones in good working condition. Your donation is tax deductible. To make an instrument or monetary donation, please contact Supervisor Michael J. Liccar at 708-672-8279 or michael.liccar@cretetownship.com.

There will be an Open House Information Gathering on March 7th from 10am-12pm for Rock Revolution at the Crete Township Community Center

located at 25930 S. Cottage Grove Ave. in Crete. For more information please contact us at 708-722-1857 or rockrevolution@cretetownship.com. Please follow the Crete Township Facebook pages or our website at <https://cretetownship.com> for updates.

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- 9th Doug Horne & the Rhythm Makers Orchestra
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- 12th Music Bingo & Queen of Hearts
- 14th Flipside
- 17th Guest Bartenders Crete Park Pats
- 18th Song Writers Night
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- 21st Luau Party
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Crete Park Pals

- by Jamie Healy

Please join the Crete Park Pals Foundation for their 4th Annual Breakfast with the Bunny event. New this year - a lower ticket price! The breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 28th at Willard Wood Park Center located at 515 First Street in Crete. Choose from 3 seating times: 9:00a, 9:30a, or 10:00a.

Your \$12 ticket will include: pancake breakfast, Bunny photo ops, face painting, coloring activities, & a toy/stuffie of your child's choosing. Tickets must be purchased in advance at cretetpark.com. All proceeds from this FUNdraiser will be used to establish a scholarship fund for Crete Park District programs.



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For tickets or more information on this delicious FUNdraiser, please visit cretetpark.com or the park admin building at 737 W. Exchange St.

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- by Jamie Healy



Save the Dates!

- Garage Sale Days
Friday, June 12 & Saturday, June 13
Applications will be on our website in May.
- Cruise Night
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beginning Monday, June 1
- Farmer's Market
Mondays June 15 - August 3

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Crete Park District

- by Jamie Healy



Flashlight Egg Hunt for Ages 9-13
March 27 at 7:00pm

Bunny Bash: March 28, 10-11:30am
Ages 1-8
Separate Egg Hunts for ages 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8

Spring Break Camp
March 30 - April 2
Ages 5-12

Summer Day Camp: June 8 - August 7
Registration now open!

Save the Date: Park-a-Palooza
Saturday, June 6 at Heritage Park
Outdoor Fitness Court, Pickleball and Tennis Courts are now open for the season!

To see all these events, programs and more, go to cretetpark.com and follow us on social media!

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- 2 What document, ratified in 1781, served as the first U.S. Constitution?
- 3 What battle, won by George Washington after crossing the Delaware, greatly boosted American morale in late 1776?
- 4 Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?
- 5 What was the name of the volunteer colonial militia whose members could be ready "at a minute's notice"?

1.) General Casimir Pulaski. 2.) The Articles of Confederation. 3.) The Battle of Trenton. 4.) Thomas Jefferson. 5.) The Minutemen

Crete Township Fire Protection District

- by Chief Donald R Radtke Jr



The Crete Township Fire Protection District would like to welcome 2026 with a couple of safety tips that should be address by each of our residents in the next couple of weeks.

- Home Fire Safety addressing Clothes Dryer Safety, which could have devastating effects on our residents and property.

- Campfire Safety with spring and summer around the corner a recreational campfire safety is addressed providing good practice for recreational fires.

- Life safety is being addressed through residential Knoxbox a program that give first responders secure access to your home if you live alone or have a loved one that is incapable of letting first responders into your residence after requesting 911. If you have any question please contact

Crete Township Fire Protection District

Station #41
26730 S Stoney Island
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Phone 708-672-3111

Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fires. Dryers should be properly grounded. Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow. Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc. Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.

- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.

- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.

- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.

- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.

- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.

- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.

- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.FACT- The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents. Roast with Care If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE.

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.

- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.

- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.

- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.

- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.

- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.

- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.

- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.

- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.

- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.

- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.FACT Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.

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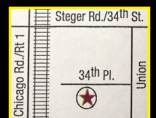
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