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Dear Residents of Crete,

It is with profound humility that I introduce myself as your new Village President. Looking back on my journey, I never imagined this role would be in my future, and I can only hope to live up to your expectations. Crete is a wonderful place to live, and I'll strive to make it even better in the years ahead. Every person here brings value and purpose to our community, and I encourage you to get involved, stay involved, and help shape our future together.

For the past 28 years, I've had the honor of serving as a village trustee, with 18 of those years as chair of the Finance, License, and Ordinance Committee. That experience provided the skills and knowledge necessary to help guide our village. From fiscal appropriations to redevelopment agreements and union negotiations, I've gained a well-rounded understanding of village finances and operations. While there's always more to learn, I feel prepared to hit the ground running.

First, I'll be making annual appointments to various leadership positions. I've met with department heads and commission chairs and I'm confident we have a strong, dedicated team in place. Then we'll begin the labor-intensive annual appropriation process, which must be completed by the end of July and is critical to maintaining the village's financial health.

I want to thank our outgoing trustee, John Phelan, for his dedication to the Village, and to warmly welcome our newest board members, Jamie Healy and Keith Miller. I look forward to working alongside them. After 16 years, Village Clerk Deb Bachert is retiring. Her countless hours behind the scenes have been invaluable, and she will be missed. Karen Tellef has accepted the appointment to the role of Village Clerk. She is a detail-oriented, capable individual, and I'm grateful for her willingness to serve.

Lastly, I want to thank outgoing Village President Mike Einhorn, who has led Crete for 40 years and served at the Fire Department for 53 years. His dedication is unmatched, and his impact runs deep in our community. He leaves big shoes to fill, and I promise to do my best to make you proud that Crete is the place you call home.

With Gratitude,

Mark Wiater
Mark Wiater
Village President

2 Meet the Crete Connection Editors



Michael Liccar
Supervisor,
Crete Township

Mike has been a member of the Crete Township Board since 2001 and a resident since 1990. He is a certified public accountant and

registered investment advisor. He has been active in a number of Crete non-profit organizations and businesses. He has been married to his wife Debbie for over 43 years, and they have three daughters who are graduates of Crete-Monee High School, as well as 4 grandchildren.



Calla Erickson
Marketing &
Communications Specialist,
Crete-Monee SD 201-U

With three years of experience in the district, Calla considers this role the most rewarding position of

her career. Passionate about storytelling and community engagement, she thrives on collaborating with educators, students, families, and alumni to highlight the positive developments and inspiring stories that shape the district's success.



Jordan Desiderio
Marketing Coordinator,
Crete Park District

Jordan has been with Crete Park District for 7 years, where she began as a Marketing Intern and worked her way to become the full-time Marketing Coordinator.

She is passionate about connecting with the community and raising agency awareness through creative marketing. She is currently studying for her Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals Certification. She looks forward to growing professionally and personally.



Katrina Seifert,
Crete Village Trustee

Katrina is a second-term Village Trustee who fell in love with Crete 24 years ago when her parents moved here. She lives in town with her husband and children.

She works as a dental health professional and coach, helping teams grow through compassionate leadership. Katrina volunteers often and believes it truly takes a village. She loves being part of this newsletter because it showcases all the heart, spirit, and opportunity Crete has to offer.



Sarah Wegley
Marketing & Programming
Coordinator,
Crete Public Library

Sarah has been a vibrant member of the library team since 2017. During that time, she has enjoyed getting to

know the community through programs for adults and outreach events. Sarah currently serves as a board member of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Crete Lions Club. She is passionate about building connections and creating meaningful experiences that bring people together.



Jamie Healy
Chamber Board Member

Jamie is a proud resident of Crete for nearly 20 years, living in town with her husband and two children. She serves the community in multiple roles, including as a board member of the

Chamber, president of Crete Country Christmas, administrative assistant at the Crete Park District, and as a newly elected Village Trustee. She loves these roles for the opportunity they give her to serve others and connect with fellow residents.



MOSQUITO ABATEMENT SEASON

The Crete Township Mosquito Abatement applications will be starting soon. Crete Township works with its supplier, Clarke Mosquito Control, to utilize effective, yet eco-friendly mosquito abatement elements. If you would like to request a “no spray” for your residence, such as allergies or to protect bee hives, please contact us at 708-672-8279, Option 1.



COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATES

The Crete Township Community Center has seen major improvements after several years of limited use due to the pandemic. Progress includes deep cleaning, interior organization, and upgrades like security cameras, emergency lighting, fire alarms, and full Wi-Fi coverage. Parking lot and loading dock repairs are now complete, and new flagpoles have been installed. An electronic sign is planned, pending from Will County zoning approval. We've been sorting furnishings and equipment left by the former owner. Some are now in use, while surplus items will be sold or donated. Outdoor improvements are underway, with future plans for walking paths, community gardens, and even fishing at the retention pond.

Our senior programs are thriving with bingo, games, and free fitness sessions, thanks to our partnership with Catholic Charities. Visitors can also enjoy local artifacts on display from the Crete Historical Society. We're excited to share that Rep. Thaddeus M. Jones has proposed a state grant for further improvements, and we're grateful to Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant's office for offering surplus commercial kitchen equipment.

Looking ahead, we're planning to expand youth and family programming, including pickleball and other community activities. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated, from “On the Move” helpers to senior volunteers and students from Crete-Monee High School.

We're excited about the progress and look forward to making the Community Center a hub for everyone in Crete Township.

Join the Movement!

The “On the Move” women's workout program continues to thrive as one of our most popular offerings!

For just \$240 a year, members enjoy full access to this energizing fitness experience.

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Contact Program Coordinator:
Sandy Cortelloni

sandy.cortelloni@cretetownship.com
708-515-4494



COMMUNITY CENTER
25930 S. Cottage Grove Avenue

Space Available!

Community Center spaces are available to rent at reasonable rates. Recent users include the Crete Lions Club, Crete Bulldogs, and Thunder Wrestling Club.

For rentals or volunteer info:



708-672-8279, Option 1



info@cretetownship.com

4 Village of Crete



Meet Mayor Mark Wiater:

A local leader with a passion for service and a clear vision for the future of Crete.

Mayor Mark Wiater's story begins on the sidewalks of Crete—where a simple walk to the grocery store could become an afternoon adventure. Growing up across from Crete Park, Mark fondly recalls heading south on Main Street with a check and list in hand, making stops to visit his grandparents near the old bowling alley (now Evil Horse), peeking through the screen door of the Dixie Inn, and quenching his thirst at the water fountain that once stood on the corner of Main and Exchange.



A stroll through the hardware store was a must, with its endless, cavernous aisles, and a quick candy stop at Wills (now Main Street Optical) made the trip complete. "My parents could never understand why it took us so long to get home," he smiles. "But I now know—they knew all along."

These early memories helped shape Mayor Wiater's deep connection to the Crete community—an appreciation for its small-town feel, its local landmarks, and the sense of adventure and belonging that makes it so special.

What Public Service Means

For Mayor Wiater, public service is simple in principle but powerful in purpose: "It's about always trying to do the right thing for the people you represent. It means making the tough decisions with the good of the village in mind, and never for personal gain."

He believes leadership is rooted in humility and service—putting the community's needs first to make Crete an even better place for generations to come.

Balancing Charm and Growth

As mayor, Mark Wiater is focused on honoring Crete's small-town charm while guiding it toward thoughtful, purposeful development. "Crete is unique. Our older central business district is perfect for mom-and-pop shops, while our highway corridor invites larger uses and office development."

With strategic planning, village-owned property on Main Street can be developed in a way that complements Crete's historic feel, while highway corridor projects strengthen the local economy. "The key is to pursue opportunities—and steer them to the areas where they'll thrive—without losing who we are."

A Passion for Flight

Outside of public service, Mayor Wiater is an aviation enthusiast who spends a week each July at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin—one of the largest airshows in the world.

Surrounded by airplanes and longtime friends, it's a tradition that reflects his love of learning, innovation, and connection.

Public Notice

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In August of 2024, we were required to sample for these elements: Chlorine, Haloacetic Acids, and Total Trihalomethanes.

We were issued a monitoring violation, which was due to an "internal standard failure" at the lab and is no fault of our own. When notified by the lab of the issue, we promptly resampled. Due to the delay, the results were not submitted to the EPA within the required timeframe, resulting in the issuance of the violation. The samples were below MCL and passed. There is nothing residents need to do at this time.

A Simple Reminder

Mayor Wiater encourages residents to support the heart of Crete:
"Do your part. Shop local whenever you can."

5 Crete-Monee School District 201-U



Board of Education Updates

We thank Nelson Albrecht for his dedicated service as the District 7 Board Member. His leadership and commitment have made a lasting impact on our students and community.

"Nelson's contributions have been immeasurable," said Superintendent Dr. Kara Coglianese. "His leadership during challenging times has been instrumental in our success."



New Board Members

On May 6, **Janine Woolfolk** was officially sworn in to represent District 6 after serving a six-month interim term. **Elizabeth Venegas** joined the board as a new representative for District 7, and **Dr. Todd C. Hall** returned for another term representing University Park District 3. All three will serve terms through 2029, bringing a blend of experience and fresh perspectives to the board.



Janine Woolfolk
District 6



Elizabeth Venegas
District 7



Dr. Todd C. Hall
District 3

NEW! Crete-Monee 201-U Stories of Success Podcast

On March 20, the CMHS Broadcasting Club filmed the first episode of the Crete-Monee 201-U Stories of Success podcast, highlighting the CTE Agriscience Department. It features students Melissa Powell and Sarah Muehlberg, teacher Ms. Biernacki, alumnus Ben Deutsche, and Superintendent Dr. Kara Coglianese. Topics include career goals, competitions, and a community garden project.

The second episode, filmed on May 5, focuses on the Emerging Leaders Civic Engagement Program with Dr. Coglianese, mentor Donzell Franklin, students Malachi Cliff and Amiyah Rice, and Mayor Joseph Roudez III. The discussion highlights how the program develops student leaders, with exposure to Lobbying Day at the Illinois State Capitol.

Scan the QR code to listen, and stay tuned for future Stories of Success episodes!



SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING 2025

CMHS Homecoming is set for **October 3, 2025**, at the brand-new Warrior Stadium! Join us to celebrate the opening of this amazing facility. Students, parents, alumni, and community members are all invited to cheer on the Warriors, relive memories from the old field, and kick off a new era in our state-of-the-art stadium.

Get ready for a fun-filled week with a bonfire, fireworks, food, the big game, and blue & gold window displays downtown! Show your Warrior pride—spirit wear will be sold at local pop-ups. Stay tuned for more details!

Want to volunteer? Warrior Boosters are seeking volunteers for concessions.

Please contact Jimmy Davis at 708-259-7533 or Sue Giannantonio at cmcoach@comcast.net.

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 'U'

REGISTER TODAY!

Register:

Returning Students: Skyward Family Access
New Students: cm201u.org/registration



6 Crete Public Library



Crete Creative Gallery & School found a new home at the Library in 2024. Since then, we have been partnering to strengthen art programming in our community. The gallery space on the second floor offers rotating art exhibits for all to enjoy during regular Library hours.

Community Quilt Project

*Mondays: Jul. 14, Jul. 28, & Aug. 11
from 4–6 PM*

Decorate a quilt block square using iron-on fabric patches, and your block will be added to our community quilt. For each square you make, you will earn a take-home art project and a ticket to win the finished quilt. For ages 5+. Drop in.

The quilt will be revealed during the Crete Creative Community Showcase at the end of the year, with the names of everyone who helped bring it to life!



UPCOMING ART EXHIBIT

Feline Splendor

August 22–October 3



Opening Reception & Art Market

Saturday, Aug. 23 from 11 AM–1 PM

Explore this group showcase of "purrfect" art made by local artists in various media and browse the Art Market.

UPCOMING ART CLASS

Figure Drawing with Maggie Ricci

Saturday, Aug. 23 from 1:30–3:30 PM

Level up your stick-man! Learn how to make your drawings of people more realistic and proportional. For ages 10+. Register.

The cost is free, thanks to Crete Creative's sponsor, Earthrise Energy.

Register for this class through the Library's Events Calendar at cretelibrary.org/calendar

Watch the Calendar for more classes to come!

**Do you have a few minutes?
Crete Public Library wants to hear
from you!**

Help shape the future of the Library by completing a short survey using the QR code.



Paper copies are available at the Library. Please respond by July 12.

7 Crete Park District



Upcoming Park District Programs:

- **Summer Day Camps Session 2 Ages 3-12**
 - July 14-August 8
 - Registration Deadline: July 7
 - See our website for pricing
- **Primetime Fitness**
 - Fridays July 18-August 15
 - Registration Deadline: July 16
- **Pickup Games at the Park Ages 9-13**
 - Tuesdays August 5-August 26
 - Registration Deadline: July 27
- **Flag Football Skills & Drills Ages 6-13**
 - Wednesdays August 6-August 20
 - Registration Deadline: July 27
- **Wado Ki Karate Ages 6+**
 - Tuesdays August 12-September 30
 - Registration Deadline August 12
- **Fall Micro Soccer Ages 3-12**
 - Saturdays September 6-October 18
 - Registration Deadline: August 3
- **ABC Play Preschool Ages 3-5**
 - September 8-May 22
 - Registration Deadline August 29

At our May Monthly Board Meeting, we had the honor of swearing in three new board members to the Crete Park District Board of Commissioners!



New commissioners
from left to right:
Kelly Humbert-Hallin,
Bill Smigel, and
June Shy.



They will be joining
our **returning**
commissioners
from left to right:
Jennifer Smith and
Sheila Einhorn.

Together, this board will help guide the future of Crete Park District!



Join us at these parks every Monday
from 1:30-3:00 pm in July to play
games, get creative, and have fun!

July 7 - Lion's Park

- Bradford Drive

July 21 - Martin Park

- First Street

July 14 - Gordon Park

- Michael Avenue

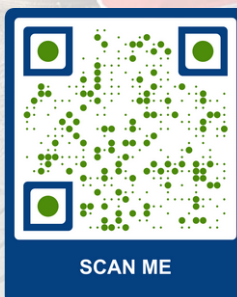
July 28 - Garrett Park

- Denell Drive



Upcoming Park District Events:

- **Unplug Crete Play Day**
July 12 12-3 PM Lincolnshire Park
- **Acorn Fest**
September 19 5-9 PM
September 20 11 AM-10 PM
Vendors register by September 10
Crete Park
- **Acorn Fest Pickleball Tournament**
Teams Tournament
Beginners and Intermediates
September 20 10 AM - 4 PM
Register by September 7
Crete Park
- **Halloween Happenings**
October 17 6-8 PM Crete Park



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Guide!



SAVE THE DATE

Farmer's Market Schedule

4:00-8:00 PM

Corner of Main & Exchange



● **June 16 - Summer Kick Off**

Free Face Painting

● **June 23 - Under the Sea**

Bubbles & Water Blaster Fun

● **June 30 - Market & Movie**

A Minecraft Movie after the Market
with Crete Public Library

● **July 7 - Superhero Night**

Free superhero mask (while supplies last)

● **July 14 - Community Game Night**

BINGO with Crete Lions Club

● **July 21 - Christmas in July**

Play Santa Buckets and more

● **July 28 - Halloween in July**

Costume contest and Trick-or-Treat at
vendor booths

● **August 4 - Back to School Bash**

Meet local PTOs

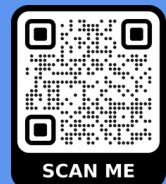
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10 July

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		Price for Village Stickers Doubles Aging & Disability Services Network	<div>← District Offices & Schools Closed →</div> <div>← Library Closed →</div> <div>Bingocize</div>		<div>Park District Closed</div> <div>Village Hall Closed</div> <div>Township Closed</div>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	CMHS Summer School Session #2 Begins Cruise Night Farmer's Market Build Together Play Together		Wendy & DB Bingocize		District Offices Closed	Jigsaw Puzzle Competition Unplug Crete Play Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Cruise Night Farmer's Market Build Together Play Together	Tai Chi Begins Aging & Disability Services Network	Dan Gogh's Color Game Mind Games 1 Bingocize		District Offices Closed Primetime Fitness Begins	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Cruise Night Farmer's Market Build Together Play Together	Murder Mystery	Moon Dog Farms Line Dancing Begins Bingocize	All Summer School Ends A Cup of Love Grandparent Luncheon	District Offices Closed Chamber Luncheon	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Cruise Night Farmer's Market Build Together Play Together	Tip-A-Cop	Bingocize			

Events

Crete Township

- Bingocize
Every Wednesday until Aug. 20
10:30-11:30 AM
Call to register 815-724-1168 Ext. 6721
- Line Dancing
Tuesdays: 4:15-5:30 PM
- Yoga
Wednesdays: 4:30-5:45 PM
- Aging and Disability Services Network
First and Third Tuesday of every month
9 AM-4 PM
Call to register 815-523-9918

Village of Crete

- The price for purchasing village stickers doubles.
- Hero's Night, Crete Area Chamber's Farmers Market. Come join the Crete PD and Lily.
July 7 4-8 PM
- July 29th – Tip-A-Cop for Illinois Special Olympics, Aurelio's Crete, Time TBA

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- Student Registration
Open all summer. Returning students register through Skyward Family Access. New to the district register online at cm201u.org/registration

Crete Public Library

- Wendy & DB
Wednesday, July 9 10:30-11:30 AM Register
- Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Saturday, July 12 1-3 PM Register
- Dan Gogh's Color Game
Wednesday, July 16 2-3 PM Register
- Mind Games 1
Wednesday, July 16 6:30-7:30 PM Register
- Circus of Murder Mystery Game
Tuesday, July 22 6-7 PM Register
- Moon Dog Farms
Wednesday, July 23 2-3 PM Register

Crete Park District

- Tai Chi Ages 18+
Tuesdays, July 15-Aug 19 9-10 AM
- Primetime Fitness Ages 18+
Friday, July 18-Aug 15 9-10 AM
Registration Deadline: July 16
- Line Dancing Beginner or Intermediate
Wednesdays, July 23-Aug 27
5:15-6:30 PM or 6:30-7:45 PM
- A Cup of Love: Grandparent Luncheon
Thursday, July 24 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Willard Wood Park Center
Register by July 10

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Cruise Night
Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 5-8 PM
- Farmer's Market
Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28 4-8 PM

Meetings

- Crete Township Board of Trustees meeting:
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at Town Hall.
- Village of Crete municipal board meeting, 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7 PM.
- Crete-Monee SD 201-U: Committee of the Whole Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM; Board of Education Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30-9 PM at 1500 Sangamon St. in Crete.
- The Board of Library Trustees meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Library.
- Crete Park District General Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 PM at the Administrative Center.
- Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library.
- Crete Country Christmas Monthly Meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library.

12 August

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					District Offices Closed LIHEAP	
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Micro Soccer Registration Deadline	Cruise Night Farmer's Market	National Night Out Gentle Yoga Begins Aging & Disability Services Network	Flag Football Skills & Drills Begins Bingocize		Self Defense Begins	Support Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Cruise Night	New Hire Orientation Fingerknitting Make a Scarf Wado Ki Karate Begins	Bingocize	Institute Day AARP Smart Driver Course Dino Dig	Institute Day	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	School Starts (1 st - 9 th Grades) Cruise Night	ELC Meet the Teacher Day Learn How to Make Soap at Home Aging & Disability Services Network	School Starts (Pre-K, K, 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Grades) Mind Games 2 Bingocize			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Cruise Night			Zen at the Library	Early Dismissal ABC Play Preschool Registration Deadline	
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 Township

 School District

 Park District

 Village

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 Chamber

13 August Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

- Fit and Strong!
Tuesdays Aug 5-Oct 21 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Call to register: 815-221-6013 Ext. 723
- Wits Workout
Mondays Aug 18-Nov 3 10:30-11:30 AM
- LIHEAP (Electric & Gas)
Friday Aug 1 9 AM-2 PM
- Line Dancing
Tuesdays 4:15-5:30 PM
- Yoga
Wednesdays 4:30-5:45 PM
- Aging and Disability Services Network
First and Third Tuesday of every month
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Village of Crete

- National Night Out, Monee Reservoir,
Aug 5 from 4-8 PM

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- Support Day, Aug 9 from 9 AM-12 PM, Crete-Monee High School Fieldhouse, school supply giveaway, prize drawings, bounce houses, food, and mental health & wellness fair.
- First Day of School for 1st through 9th Grades is Aug 18.
- ELC Meet the Teacher Day, Aug 19, AM Classes meet 9:30-10:45 AM and PM Classes meet 1:00-2:15 PM.
- First Day of School for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades is Aug 20.

Crete Public Library

- Fingerknitting: Make a Scarf
Tuesday, Aug 12 6:30-7:30 PM Register
- AARP Smart Driver Course
Thursday & Friday, Aug 14 & 15 12-4 PM
Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers. Register
- Learn to Make Soap at Home
Tuesday, Aug 19 6-7:30 PM Register
- Mind Games 2
Wednesday, Aug 20 6:30-7:30 PM Register
- Zen at the Library
Thursday, Aug 28 10-11 AM Register

Crete Park District

- Gentle Yoga with Chris Manola Ages 18+
Tuesdays, Aug 5-Sept 9 7-8 PM
- Dino Dig Ages 3-6
Thursday, Aug 14 1:30-3 PM
Registration Deadline: Aug 1
- Self Defense Ages 18+
Fridays, Aug 8-Aug 29 7-8 PM
Registration Deadline: Aug 1

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Cruise Night
Mondays, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25 5-8 PM
- Farmer's Market
Monday, Aug 4 4-8 PM

Meetings

- Crete Township Board of Trustees meeting:
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at Town Hall.
- Village of Crete municipal board meeting,
2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7 PM.
- Crete-Monee SD 201-U: Committee of the Whole Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM; Board of Education Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30-9 PM at 1500 Sangamon St. in Crete.
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- Crete Country Christmas Monthly Meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library.

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	No School, Offices Closed Library Closed Village Hall Closed Township Closed Park District Closed	Chicago's Sports Legends Aging & Disability Services Network				Micro Soccer Begins
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Cruise Night ABC Play Preschool Begins		Early Dismissal		Self Defense Begins	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
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 **Township**

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15 September Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

- Fit and Strong!
Tuesdays, Aug 5-Oct 21 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Call to register: 815-221-6013 Ext. 723
- Wits Workout
Mondays, Aug 18-Nov 3 10:30-11:30 AM
Call to register 815-724-1168 Ext. 6721
- Line Dancing
Tuesdays: 4:15-5:30 PM
- Yoga
Wednesdays: 4:30-5:45 PM
- Aging and Disability Services Network
First and Third Tuesday of every month
9 AM-4 PM
Call to register: 815-523-9918

Village of Crete

- TBA, Please check our website for any events.

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- TBA, Please check the district and school websites for any events.

Crete Public Library

- Chicago's Sports Legends
Tuesday, Sept 2 6:30-7:30 PM
- An Evening with Carol Burnett
Tuesday, Sept 16 6-7:30 PM Register
- The History of Elvis Presley
Tuesday, Sept 23 6:30-7:30 PM Register
- Swing 33 Trio
Wednesday, Sept 24 6:30-7:30 PM Register

Crete Park District

- Micro Soccer Ages 3-12
Saturdays, Sept 6-Oct 18 9-11 AM
Registration Deadline: Aug 3
- ABC Play Preschool Ages 3-5
Sept 8-May 22
Mon, Wed and Fri 9 AM-12 PM
Registration Deadline: Aug 29
- Self Defense Ages 18+
Fridays, Sept. 12-Oct 3 7-8 PM
Registration Deadline: Sept 5

Crete Park District Continued

- Acorn Fest
Friday, Sept 19 5-9 PM,
Sat., Sept 20 11 AM-10 PM Crete Park
- Acorn Fest Pickleball Tournament Ages 18+
Beginners & Intermediates
Saturday, Sept 20 10 AM-4 PM
Registration Deadline: Sept 7
Crete Park Pickleball Courts

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

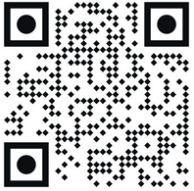
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Crete Area Historical Society

Join others
with a passion
for local history or support
efforts to discover and
preserve the local Crete
history by becoming a
member! We need your
support!



Find out more:

 www.CreteHistorical.com

 cretehistoricalsociety.il@gmail.com

 Meetings on the 3rd Thurs.
of the month at 6:30 PM

Angels on Assignment

In 1998 a local
fundraising
event was
held for a sick child. Recognizing
the ongoing need to support
families and children dealing with
serious illnesses, Angels on
Assignment was formed in 1999,
and is a 100% volunteer-run 501(c)
(3) organization that raises funds
to help families in these situations.



**Interested in becoming
an "Angel"?** Visit them on
Facebook at Angels on
Assignment Crete.

Crete Lions Club

Founded in 1917,
the Lions Club
International
focuses on
community service,
with a motto of "We Serve."
Crete Lions Club has an all-
volunteer-run recycling
center that is open M-F from
7-9 AM and Saturdays 7 AM-
12 PM. They also support 28
different charities.



Get involved by emailing:
cretelionsclub1215douglas@gmail.com for more
information.



In every issue, we will spotlight 3-4 volunteer opportunities within our community.

There are countless organizations and ways for you to get involved.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Mahatma Gandhi

HONOREES WHO HAVE IMPACTED OUR COMMUNITY?

Wayne Hameister, a lifelong resident and owner of Crete Lumber & Supply, is dedicated to providing exceptional service. From shoveling his way to work during the 1999 blizzard to help neighbors get supplies, to serving 50 years as a volunteer firefighter and EMT, Wayne has always shown up for his community. His dedication, kindness, and quiet leadership continue to inspire those around him.

Michael Einhorn, a lifelong Crete resident, dedicated over 40 years to the role of Mayor, shaping the village with steady leadership and unwavering commitment. From his early days in Public Works to answering ambulance and fire calls, he always put Crete first. Known for volunteering at nearly every civic event—often seen with a shovel in hand at parades—Michael's heart for service and deep love for his hometown have left a lasting legacy.