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Happy New Year!

Here's hoping that 2026 will be another GREAT year of having volunteers in Crete!

Let me tell you a little about an organization that has been in Crete since 1999. Angels on Assignment is an all-volunteer run organization that's based right here in Crete. We help families that are dealing with serious illness, with a focus on children. It was started by a group of businesspeople and caring citizens who realized that they could raise funds and help those who need it most by helping with medical bills, gas cards and other things that may make life a little easier during a very stressful time in their lives.

In 2009, we started a Christmas toy drive that assisted families in Crete with Christmas presents. These items went to another organization that disbursed them. In 2021, Angels on Assignment decided to disburse them on their own to Crete Township children in the Crete-Monee School District. Every year, donations have increased, and the number of children we help has grown.

In 2020, the Santa Sleigh Parade started, and a wonderful new tradition began. Santa and his elves ride around Crete and picks up donations of toys and food for Angels and the Crete Food Pantry. This boosted donations 100%. A lot more families were served by both the Crete Food Pantry and Angels on Assignment Toy Drive.

In 2025, something remarkable happened. Stan Pacocha, owner of Roxann Sports Bar wanted to donate \$1,000 worth of bikes! Word got out, and next the Crete Fire Department Association wanted to match Stan's generous donation. From there, donations kept coming in! The total donation of bikes grew to 45!

This year, Angels on Assignment distributed toys to 36 families with 125 children. We gave away all 45 bikes to Crete Township children. It was a great day!

This all took hundreds of wonderful volunteers! People with BIG HEARTS who just wanted to make kids SMILE!!!!

Thank you, Crete, for all your hard work in making this happen!

Cheryl Albrecht, President
Angels on Assignment

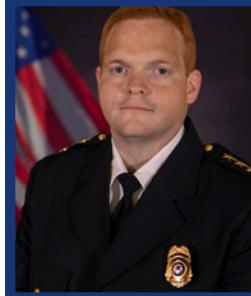
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Jo Hansen Associate Office Manager

Jo has spent her career in financial services and has advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, Outlook & PowerPoint, as well as payroll compliance and audit procedures.

A Crete native, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Eastern Illinois University and is active in the Crete Lions Club and the Crete Area Historical Society, where she serves as Treasurer. She also recently contributed as a member of the Crete Township 175th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee.



Ryan Allison Code Enforcement, Animal Control Supervisor, and Emergency Management Agency Director.

Ryan, began volunteering with EMA in 2013 and accepted a part-time role in Code Enforcement and Animal Control in 2014.

He is passionate about maintaining neighborhood standards and supporting emergency services to ensure our community's safety. His goal is to foster cooperation among departments and mutual aid partners, and to encourage growth within E.M.A. He is dedicated to highlighting and promoting the positive work and services provided by both the Code Enforcement & Animal Control Department and the E.M.A. team for our community.



Dr. Ghantel Perkins, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Crete-Monee SD 201-U

Ghantel's dedication to education spans more than two decades, beginning as a 3rd grade teacher and progressing to Assistant Principal, Principal,

Director of Teaching & Learning, and now Assistant Superintendent. Guided by Mark Twain's words, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why." She knows her purpose is rooted in education. A long-time Crete resident, she brings that passion and purpose to the community she calls home.



Elise Tarrant Marketing & Comm. Coordinator Crete Public Library

Elise is the new Marketing & Communications Coordinator for the Crete Public Library. She joined the CPLD team in

August and has loved every second of her position. While new to the community, she has had the chance to meet so many wonderful people in the Crete area and has joined the Lions Club. In her free-time, Elise enjoys reading, spending time with her family and friends, and being a dog mom to Chuck!



Angela Webster Marketing Supervisor Crete Park District

Angela jumped into the role of Marketing Supervisor for the Crete Park District this November and hasn't slowed down since! After moving to the area and purchasing her

first home earlier this year, she's thrilled to dive into everything Crete and be a part of the community. She's excited to bring fresh energy, creativity, and a bold new vision to the Park District, taking its marketing to a whole new level! Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself!

David is a new addition to the Chamber board. Dave is a lifetime resident of Crete currently working with his dad and uncles at their family-owned business, Wellbuilt Equipment. Dave has been in the equipment rental industry over 25 years. Wellbuilt is an active member of community events throughout the year including Crete Country Christmas where they provide the archway for downtown and hang Santa hats along Main St. each year.



David Webb 'Jr' Chamber Board Member

Dave is a new addition to the Chamber board. Dave is a lifetime resident of Crete currently working with his dad and uncles at their family-owned business, Wellbuilt Equipment. Dave

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Crete Township: A Season Filled with Energy, Community, & Connection

Crete Township has been on fire with activity, building momentum through packed programs, vibrant events, and new community-driven initiatives—all designed to bring residents together in meaningful ways.

In addition to its ongoing “On the Move” Women’s Workout Club and Fun Timers Seniors Club, the Community Center enjoyed an action-packed Fall season. Highlights included the Denny Diamond Variety Show, a bustling Car Trunk Sale, multiple Blood Drives co-hosted with the Village of Crete Police, MABAS 27, and ServPro of Chicago, and the festive Halloween Hoopla with the Crete Lions Club. The giving spirit continued with the heartwarming Christmas Toy Drive in partnership with Angels on Assignment, and the season concluded with the beloved Annual Township Seniors Christmas Luncheon.

Exciting New Programs and Events at Crete Township Community Center

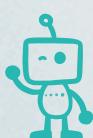
Here's a glimpse of the thrilling new 2026 programs and events on the horizon for the Crete Township Community Center:



Crete Kids Club: A before-and-after-school program designed for school-age children (full-time kindergartners and older). Opening on February 1, 2026, hours are Monday to Friday from 6 AM to 9 AM and 2 PM to 6 PM. During school holidays and summer vacations, the program will run from 6 AM to 6 PM.



Rock Revolution: A youth music program tailored for students aged 11-18, focusing on instrument instruction, music theory, and performance across guitar, keyboard, percussion, bass, and vocals. Crete Township is seeking experienced instructors.



STEM Program for Youth: In collaboration with Mentoring Youth Through Technology (MYTT), the Crete Township Youth Commission will offer “STEM” programming for youth ages 6-18. This includes opportunities in Robotics, Coding, Game Development, Virtual Reality, Media Production, Youth Innovations, Drone activities, Mentoring, Internships, and an Entrepreneur’s Club. Workshops and camps will commence in February 2026.



1st Annual Epic Collectibles Extravaganza: Taking place on March 13-14, this event is co-hosted with The Closet Collectibles and will feature a collectibles expo with vendors from across the Midwest, showcasing a variety of popular collectibles, including Lego, Hot Wheels, Superheroes, Pokémon, Barbie, Marvel, GI Joe, Matchbox, and much more.



Crete Township USA Fest: Scheduled for Saturday, July 11th, from 11 AM to 4 PM, this township-wide celebration will mark the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. The event will include entertainment, educational demonstrations, and a host of family-friendly activities.

For more information about Community Center programs, events, and usage, please get in touch with the Crete Township Community Center Coordinator, Carol Millsap, at:
 708-722-1857
 carol.millsap@cretetownship.com

Follow Crete Township on Facebook or check out our website at cretetownship.com for more information on the events noted above, as well as for upcoming events.



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Important Winter Reminders From Your Friends at Code Enforcement

For residents, here are some **vital** reminders from the Code Enforcement Department:

Do Not: throw, push, blow, or deposit snow from your property onto any streets or alleys.

Be sure to remove snow and ice from sidewalks and walkways adjacent to your property.

In an emergency, please help by ensuring that fire hydrants near your home are clear of snow.

Remember: 2 inches of snow, do not park on the street or alleyways.

Ensuring the Safety of Our Furry Residents

With winter right around the corner, here are some winter tips to keep your furry friends safe this winter season.

Limit outdoor time in cold weather, and ensure walks are short. Bring pets inside if they shiver or lift their paws. Stay visible on night walks with LED collars or reflective vests to alert drivers. Keeping your pet's paws protected for walks or even just potty breaks is essential.



Avoid areas such as roads and areas treated with rock salt and de-icing chemicals, which can cause burns to your pet's paws. If such contact does happen, make sure to wipe paws with a damp towel or unscented baby wipe after each walk or potty break to remove salt and chemicals. Or if able and available, use paw booties for extra protection. Also, make sure to monitor your pet's paws for any cracks or wounds, and contact your veterinarian if wounds or cracks appear for treatment and guidance. Using pet-safe de-icers for your driveways and sidewalks can lessen the exposure your pets will encounter.

Safety Tips from Crete Emergency Management Agency

Crete E.M.A. reminds residents to stay prepared for winter weather by assembling an emergency kit with warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, batteries, and non-perishable food. Keep your vehicle winter-ready with a full gas tank, emergency supplies, and proper tires, and stay informed by monitoring local weather alerts. At home, prepare for winter by insulating pipes, sealing drafts, stocking essential medications, and ensuring you have extra water and shelf-stable food in case travel becomes difficult. Remember to check on neighbors—especially older adults—and limit non-essential travel during severe winter conditions to help keep everyone safe. **For more information, please scan the QR code.**



LEARN MORE

Crete EMA Volunteer Opportunity

Crete EMA is building a list of eligible volunteers. Interested individuals may apply in person at Village Hall or online through the Village website by selecting EMA as the position.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live in the Village of Crete or Crete Township, hold a valid driver's license, pass a physical and background check, and not be affiliated with another EMA/ESDA or fire department.

Qualified applicants will be invited for a facility tour, a training night, and a discussion of expectations.

Those who wish to continue will participate in a group interview.

Questions may be directed to
ema@villageofcrete.org or 708-672-1438.

Exciting Update: A Fresh New Look for Your Utility Bill
We're excited to introduce a redesigned utility bill created to improve your experience. The new layout makes it easier to understand your account details, track usage, and stay informed.

What's New:

- Straightforward layout for easier navigation
- Improved readability with larger fonts and better contrast
- Critical updates are included directly on your bill

This update is designed to help you better manage your utility expenses. We appreciate your continued support and welcome any questions or feedback.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office staff.

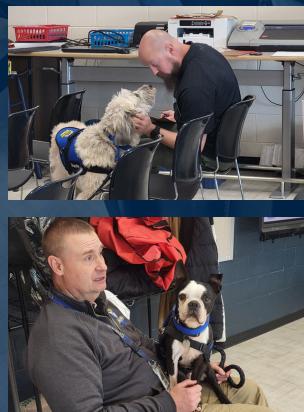
Safety Symposium Hosted at District

The district held its third annual Safety Symposium on December 3, 2025, at Crete-Monee High School.

The full-day event brought together school leaders, safety personnel, first responders, and community members to collaborate and learn best practices to keep schools and the community safe. Notable community attendees included Crete Deputy Chief of Police Adam Groszek and CMHS Resource Officer Joseph Rodd.

Attendees participated in hands-on training and workshops led by school safety professionals and partner organizations covering enhancing emergency preparedness, the therapy dog program, cybersecurity, implementing best practices, ensuring student and staff well-being across the district, and more, while earning Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit hours for professional development.

Visit cm201u.org for more information on the Safety Symposium.



Crete Police Donate Truck to District

Thank you to the Crete Police Department for their generous donation of a Crete police truck, which will be used as an emergency response vehicle for the school district.



Petty Officer First Class Vernon D. Reed, Sr., Naval Science Instructor at CMHS, Set to Retire

After eight years of dedicated service, Petty Officer First Class Vernon D. Reed, Senior Naval Science Instructor at Crete-Monee High School, will retire at the end of this school year.



His commitment to mentoring students and shaping future leaders has made a lasting impact on the CMHS community. We thank Petty Officer Reed for his remarkable service and wish him all the best in retirement!

We are pleased to share that First Class Petty Officer Ramon Nieves will continue leading the NJROTC program.



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Looking for Student Volunteers?

We realize local events rely on volunteers—our students and staff are ready to help! Scan the QR code to request volunteers.

SmartLab Coming to Crete Elementary

We're excited to announce that our fourth district SmartLab is coming to Crete Elementary this spring! Our very first SmartLab pilot began at Balmoral Elementary, and since then, these innovative spaces have transformed hands-on learning across the district.

SmartLabs give students opportunities to explore STEM through creativity, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving. Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare for this exciting addition!



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Civics University

This past fall, the Library proudly partnered with the Crete Park District, Village of Crete, Crete Township, and Crete-Monee School District 201-U to host Civics University.

Civics University was a series of five engaging sessions that gave residents the opportunity to meet their local government and taxing body leaders, gain a better understanding of what each entity does, and learn how these organizations work together to serve the community. The sessions encouraged meaningful conversations, questions, and connections between residents and local leaders.

Many Crete residents attended throughout the series, and the program was very well received. We look forward to offering Civics University again in the future and extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and helped bring this important program to life.



Tiny Art Show

The Tiny Art Show is making its grand return! This program gives individuals of all ages the chance to unleash their inner artist—tiny-art style.

You can pick up your kits beginning January 6 at our Adult or Children's Information Desk. Each kit includes a 3-by-3-inch canvas, a basic acrylic paint set, an artist information form, an invitation to the Tiny Art Show Reception, and, new this year, our Silent Auction.

Return your masterpieces by January 27, then join us for the Reception & Silent Auction on February 21. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Friends of the Crete Public Library.

Kits go quickly, so don't miss out! We can't wait to see all your tiny art!



Another Successful Mitten Tree!

We are truly grateful to everyone who donated to our mitten tree. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in our community. This year, we collected an incredible 438 items! A heartfelt thank-you, as well, to Angels on Assignment for being such a dedicated and supportive partner.



**VIEW &
REGISTER FOR
OUR UPCOMING
PROGRAMS**



7 Crete Park District



Upcoming Park District Events:

• **Daddy Daughter Date Night, Light Up the Night**

February 7 6-9pm Easterday Hall

Fee per couple: Residents \$55 Non-residents \$71

Register by 1/31

Dads, grandpas, uncles, and father figures are invited to treat their special girl to an evening of dinner, dancing, and glowing fun. Enjoy time together, snap a few photos, and hit the light-up dance floor for a magical night of music, desserts, and sparkle. A professional photographer will be onsite.



• **Little Leprechauns Party**

March 12 2-4pm WWPC

Fee: Residents \$22 Non-residents \$28

Register by 3/6

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with magical fun! Little Leprechauns will enjoy rainbow crafts, silly games, tasty snacks, and a search for hidden gold. We'll dance, play, and make shamrock creations to take home. A colorful, laughter-filled adventure for our youngest friends!

• **Shamrock Shenanigans**

March 12 4:30-6:30pm WWPC

Fee: Residents \$22 Non-residents \$28

Register by 3/6



Enjoy themed snacks, crafts, trivia, and interactive games. Try your luck in the shamrock shuffle relay and the Pot o' Gold scavenger hunt. Wear green, bring friends, and get ready for laughter and friendly competition!



• **Lucky Night Out**

March 13 6-8pm WWPC

Fee: Residents \$22 Non-residents \$28

Register by 3/6

Turn Friday the 13th into your Lucky Night Out! Join us for a St. Patrick's Day-themed teen party with trivia, a scavenger hunt, the Lucky Leprechaun Escape, and time to hang out with friends. Wear green, bring your crew, and enjoy making fun Leprechaun-style snacks!

Upcoming Park District Programs:

Get Active this January with Crete Park District!

We have classes for everyone!

Ballet - 3+

Fit N Fun - 3-5

Homeschool PE - 8-12

Yoga - 18+

Tai Chi - 18+

Self Defense - 18+



Scan the QR code to view our website!

We have many other classes & programs to choose from. Be sure to check them all out!

BUNNY BASH

BUNNY BREAKFAST
Saturday 3/28

But don't forget about our bunny events!

Thanks to a generous \$25,000 RISE Grant from Earthrise Energy, Crete Park Pals has fulfilled their 10 year pledge of raising \$50,000 for the Fitness Court at Swiss Valley Park in under 4 years!



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10 January

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	 District Offices & Schools Closed	Muffins with a Mystery Reader				
	Closed	Retro Movie Friday				
	Closed					
	Closed					
	Closed					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Institute Day (Staff Only) Survival Kids Club Adult Writing Group	School Resumes from Winter Break Comics & Cookies	SNAP Help Silent Book Club Sci-Fi Book Club	CMHS College, Course & Elective Fair Teen Volunteer Thursday	Retro Movie Friday	Book Drop Science: Buildings Pokemon Club	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Kids Creatives: Squishmallows Ballet CPLD Book Discussion Group	All By Myself EPIC Graphic Novel Club	Early Dismissal Homeschool PE Grains and Greens	Once Upon a Storytime STEAM Kids Knot Just for Knitters	Homeschool Huddle Retro Movie Friday	Lego WeDo	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No School & District Offices Closed Closed Closed Closed	All By Myself Get Ready for Winter	SNAP Help Whose Bones?	Once Upon a Storytime Film Club STEAM Tots	Mom's Coffee Clutch Retro Movie Friday	Jigsaw Puzzle Competition Mimic the Masters: Teen Art Club	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CMHS Parent/Teacher/Student/Admin. Meeting	Early Dismissal	Winter Wonderland Storytime Mom's Coffee Clutch	Closed	Closed Retro Movie Friday	Adult Video Game Tournament: Mortal Kombat 11	

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January Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

Town Hall Events, 1367 Wood St.

- Crochet with Marlene: Advanced Classes Only: Mondays from 7 to 8 PM. Class fee: \$5
- Yoga with Leigh: Wednesdays from 4:30 -5:45 PM. Class fee: \$10
- Catholic Charities: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9 AM-4 PM
- Crete Food Pantry: Wednesdays, 9 -11 AM

Crete Township Community Center,

25930 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

- Seniors Coffee Time & Fun Timers Club: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 9 AM.
- Mondays: Bingocize 10:30 to 11:30 AM.
- Pinochle Club: second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10:30-12:30. PM. Call 708-672-8279. x 1 to sign up.
- On the Move Women's Fitness Program, more information on this and other events at cretetownship.com

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- CMHS College, Course, & Elective Fair Thursday, January 8, 5-7 PM, CMHS Auditorium – Hallways Outside
- CMHS Parent/Teacher/Student/Admin. Meeting Monday, January 26, 6-7:30 PM, CMHS Media Center
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Canva Basics Monday, Jan. 12 6-7:30 PM Saturday, Jan. 17 2-3:30 PM
- Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig; Register Tuesday, Jan. 13 7-8 PM
- Library 101: Basics of Libby Tuesday, Jan. 20 3:30-4:30 PM
- Snowglobe Galaxy Painting; Register Monday, Jan. 26 Grades K-2: 5-6 PM Grades 3-5: 6-7 PM
- Book Appétit: Cookbook Book Club; Register Monday, Jan. 26 6-7:30 PM

Crete Park District

All of our classes starting in January!

- Ballet Many options of classes opening, starting 1/12
- Tai Chi Starts: 1/20 Tuesdays 9-10 AM, 18+
- Yoga Starts: 1/20 Tuesdays 7-8 PM
- Fit N Fun Starts: 1/12 Mondays 5:30-6:15 PM
- Next Level Homeschool PE Starts: 1/14 Wednesdays 1-2 PM Ages 5-12
- Self Defense Starts: 1/30 Fridays 7:15 - 8:15 PM

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Follow Us!
 - Facebook: facebook.com/cretechamber
 - Instagram: @creteareachamberofcommerce

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.

12 February

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Adult Writing Group	All By Myself Comics & Cookies	SNAP Help Let's LEGO Sci-Fi Book Club Silent Book Club	Open Play Pickleball Once Upon a Storytime Knot Just for Knitters	Galentine's Day Ride LIHEAP: Utility Assistance	Daddy Daughter Dance Muffins with a Mystery Reader
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Kids Creatives: Turtle Weaving CPLD Book Discussion	8 th Grade Open House at CMHS Adult Health Risk Assessment	Library Olympics Brownies, Blondies & Brookies	Teen Volunteer Thursday Lovin from the Oven	No School - Student Non-Attendance Day Homeschool Huddle	Sew for Charity Pokemon Club
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	No School & District Offices Closed Closed Closed Closed	All By Myself	SNAP Help	Legends of Motown Once Upon a Storytime STEAM Kids	Mom's Coffee Clutch Retro Movie Friday	Tiny Art Show Reception & Silent Auction Lego WeDo
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Abstract Canvas Painting	Drop-in Tech Help Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine	Early Dismissal Mom's Coffee Clutch	CMHS African American History Program Baby & Toddler Olympics	Retro Movie Friday	
29	30					

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13 February Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

Town Hall Events, 1367 Wood St.

- LIHEAP: Utility Assistance Program Friday, Nov. 7, 9 AM-2 PM
- Please see our January Event Highlights & Extras page for recurring events

Crete Township Community Center, 25930 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

- Please see our January Event Highlights & Extras page for recurring events
- Crete Kids Club: Before & After School program for school-age children (full-time kindergartners or older). Opening February 1st, 2026. Monday-Friday 6 -9 AM & 2 -6 PM. School holidays, & summer vacation-hours are from 6 AM-6 PM

Village of Crete

- Visit Villageofcrete.org to view upcoming events throughout the Village of Crete.

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- 8th Grade Open House at CMHS Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6-7:45 PM, CMHS Auditorium Hallway
- CMHS Parent/Teacher/Student/Admin. Meeting Monday, February 23, 6-7:30 PM Bridges Wing South Campus
- CMHS African American History Program Thursday, February 26, 6-8 PM Milton Payton Auditorium
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Otaku Club (Grades 3-5); Register Monday, Feb. 2 6-7 PM
- Canva Basics Monday, Feb. 9 6-7:30 PM Saturday, Feb. 14 2-3:30 PM
- Trivia Night at Evil Horse Thursday, Feb. 12 7-9 PM
- Book Appétit: Cookbook Book Club; Register Monday, Feb. 23 6-7:30 PM

Crete Park District

- Open Play Pickleball opens!
- Galentine's Day Ride Friday, Feb. 6, 6-8 PM @ Nova Quarter Horse
- Daddy Daughter Date Night Saturday, Feb. 7, 6-9 PM @ Easterday Hall
- Ice Cream for Breakfast Day PJ Party Saturday Feb. 7, 9-10:30 AM @WWPC
- Lovin from the Oven Thursday, Feb. 12, 4:30-6:30 PM @ Easterday Hall

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

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Meetings

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14 March

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	No School & District Offices Closed					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Little Leprechauns Party Shamrock Shenanigans	Early Dismissal CMMS Care Fair Lucky Night Out 1st Annual Epic Extravaganza	Collectibles ← →
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	CMHS Parent/Teacher/Student/Admin. Meeting	Early Dismissal			Flashlight Egg Hunt	Breakfast w/ Bunny Bunny Bash
29	30	31				
	Spring Break Camp					

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15 March Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

- The “1st Annual Epic Collectibles Extravaganza” will be held on March 13-14, co-hosted with The Closet Collectibles. Set up and preview on Friday, March 13th, from 6-9 PM; show on Saturday, March 14th, from 9 AM -4 PM.
 - The expo will feature vendors from the Midwest showcasing collectibles such as LEGO, Hot Wheels, Superheroes, Pokémon, Barbie, Marvel, GI Joe, and Matchbox.
 - Admission is \$2 per person; free for kids 10 and under.
 - Interested vendors should contact Community Center Coordinator Carol Millsap at 708-722-1857 or carol.millsap@cretetownship.com to apply.
- Please see our January Event Highlights & Extras page for recurring events

Village of Crete

- Visit Villageofcrete.org to view upcoming events throughout the Village of Crete.

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- CMMS 8th Grade Community Project Care Fair Friday, March 13, 9:30 - 10:30 AM, CMMS Cafeteria
- CMHS Parent/Teacher/Student/Admin. Meeting Monday, March 23, 6-7:30 PM CMHS Media Center
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Go to cretelibrary.org to view our upcoming programs.

Crete Park District

- Flashlight Egg Hunt Friday, March 27, 8-9 PM Ages 9-13 @ Crete Park
- Breakfast with the Bunny Saturday March 28, register for times.
- Little Leprechaun's Party Thursday, March 12, 2-4 PM
- Shamrock Shenanigans Thursday, March 12, 4:30-6:30 PM
- Lucky Night Out Friday, March 13, 6-8 PM
- Spring Break Camp Monday, March 30 - Thursday, April 2 Ages 5-12 8 AM-5 PM

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A LASTING IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Teen Volunteer Thursday

Know a teen looking for volunteer hours? Look no further! The Crete Public Library now offers volunteer opportunities for students in grades 6–12. Teens can earn school service hours while completing meaningful projects that support the Library and the community.

Winter volunteer dates:

- January 8: Create Valentine's Day cards for Cards for Hospitalized Children.
- February 12: Help design a Young Adult book display for Black History Month.

Encourage the teens in your life to join us and make a difference!



Sign Up
& Learn More!



"As we start the **New Year**, let us resolve to put **service** for others at the heart of all we do. **Volunteerism** is a powerful tool to bring people together and build the **future** we want."

-Ban Ki-Moon, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

Mobile Market Distribution

The Crete Public Library, Will County, the Village of Crete, the Crete Park District, and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered with local community agencies to host a mobile market distribution. The distribution will take place on **January 15** at the **Crete Park District's Heritage Park, 1550 S. Sangamon St., from 4:00 to 5:30 PM** (or until supplies last). Visitors can pick up milk, eggs, frozen meat, fresh produce, and a variety of non-perishable items at no cost. This event is open to all community members. Please help spread the word so everyone who may benefit knows they are welcome!

