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Fall 2026

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A Decade of Leadership, CM SD 201-U Welcomes Its Next Chapter

After a decade of leadership at Crete-Monee School District 201-U, the district will welcome new leadership as Dr. Kara Coglianese retires at the conclusion of the 2026–2027 school year. On July 1, 2027, Dr. Coglianese will pass the reins to Dr. Tanisha Cannon, who will become the district's next Superintendent and carry forward the legacy of leadership, progress, and commitment to student success.

Dr. Coglianese has been a dedicated leader and steadfast advocate for the district, helping guide CM 201-U through numerous milestones while strengthening its focus on student success and educational excellence. As she looks forward to retirement, Dr. Coglianese plans to spend more time with family, travel, and grow her new business, Her Closet Finds, a consignment shop in Homewood.

Following a comprehensive search process, the Board of Education selected Dr. Cannon based on her commitment to student success, extensive leadership experience, and clear vision for advancing educational excellence across the district. Dr. Cannon brings more than 20 years of experience in education, including the past four years serving as Deputy Superintendent of Schools at Joliet Public School District 86. She began her career as a high school business and special education teacher and comes from a family of educators. These experiences shape her student-centered leadership approach.

Dr. Cannon is a Flossmoor, Illinois, resident, wife, mother of two daughters, and dog mom to three. She brings a strong record of improving student outcomes and building partnerships with staff, families, and the community. Her collaborative leadership and commitment to educational opportunity will be valuable assets.

The Board of Education thanks Dr. Coglianese for her dedicated service and is committed to a smooth leadership transition. Over the coming school year, Dr. Cannon will connect with our schools, staff, students, families, and community. A special Community Meet & Greet event will also be held in February for mayors and community dignitaries to meet Dr. Cannon.

2 Highlighting Our Community



Epic Collectibles Extravaganza

Join us on October 2 & 3, 2026 for an Epic Collectibles Extravaganza presented by Crete Township and The Closet Collectibles. There will be Legos, Hot Wheels, Superheroes, Funko, Barbie, Marvel, GI Joe, Pokemon, Matchbox and much more! Door prizes and food trucks, also! Preview night is Friday, October 2 and the Main Event is Saturday, October 3. There is a $2 entry fee, but children 10 and under are free. The event will be held at the Crete Township Community Center: 25930 S Cottage Grove Ave, Crete, IL 60417



Storm Cleanup Response

Following the severe storms, our Public Works team worked nonstop from the end of July through last week to clean up our community. Our 13-person crew, supported by roughly 30 employees from neighboring agencies through IPWMAN, used every Village dump truck along with skid steers, grapples, and Gradalls to tackle the extensive cleanup. Thanks to their incredible work, we are now down to one skid steer and a handful of trucks making final rounds through town. A huge thank you to our Public Works team and all of the agencies who stepped up to help Crete when we needed it most.



Kendra Leftridge,
Principal, Crete Elementary
Crete-Monee SD 201-U

Kendra brings 23 years of experience in education, including time as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, and principal. Leftridge brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep commitment to supporting student success and ensuring all students reach their full potential. She believes every student deserves a high-quality education and looks forward to getting to know the students, staff, and families at Crete Elementary. Leftridge plans to focus on instruction, building relationships, and fostering a school culture where students and staff enjoy coming each day.



Keely VerHaar
Business Manager
Crete Public Library

Keely has served as the Business Manager of the Crete Public Library for 2 years. You may have seen her at a few outreach events, but a lot of the work she does is “behind the scenes." She's your go to contact for booking meeting rooms or to answer any meeting room related questions. She is also in charge of all things Human Resources & Accounting. Outside of work, Keely has been busy planning her wedding in October, listening to audiobooks, and hanging out with her cats, Pluto and Jupiter!



Austin Dace
Marketing Supervisor
Crete Park District

After graduating from Indiana University, Austin found his way to the Crete Park District, where he has been working since the end of June. As the Marketing Supervisor, Austin brings a creative mindset, fresh ideas, and a passion for finding new ways to showcase everything the Crete Park District has to offer. Austin is passionate about helping the Park District stand out as an important and valuable part of the Crete community. He believes park districts have the ability to bring people together, create lasting memories, provide opportunities for people of all ages, and help make a community a better place to live, work, and grow.



Michelle Adams, MSW, LCSW, CADC, CODP I
Chamber Member

As the owner of Milestones Couneling Center PLLC in Crete, with more than 20 years in the field, Michelle is one of only 18 Master Certified Accelerated Resolution Therapists in Illinois, with a focus on trauma healing and emotion regulation. She also runs “Ready, Set, Go!”, a training program for future clinicians. For Michelle, the office isn’t just a workspace, it’s the building her grandfather built, and now she gets to carry that forward.

3 Crete Township



Epic Collectibles Extravaganza

Presented by Crete Township & Closet Collectibles

Legos, Hot Wheels, Superheroes, Funko, Barbie, Marvel, GI Joe, Pokemon, Matchbox & much more!
Door prizes & food trucks!

- **Preview:** Friday, October 2, 6-9 PM
- **Main Event:** Saturday, October 3, 9 AM-4 PM
- **Cost:** $2, Children 10 & under FREE

More information:
epiccollectibles@cretetownship.com
708-722-1857

We have even more programs to check out!

Halloween Hoopla

Trick or Treat, games, cake walk, food, and more at this free family event sponsored by Crete Township & Crete Lions Club.

- Saturday, October 24
  - 11 AM-2 PM

Craft & Vendor Show

Shop a wide variety of vendors & crafters!
No door fees; Food & more!

- Saturday, November 7
  - 9 AM-3:30 PM
- Sunday, November 8
  - 9 AM-3:30 PM

Annual Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

Music, great food, and fun for all Crete Township Seniors!
Register by calling 708-672-8279, Option 1

- Thursday, December 10
  - 11:30 AM-2 PM

- **Creative Cure Studios:** Weekly art therapy workshops - check out creativecurestudio.com for more information on classes! Unlock your creative spirit.
- **Compassionate Energy Healing:** Restore balance & ease stress with a calming, hands-on, Reiki session. Immersive & virtual Reiki sessions with Diane Wentzel, R.N. Hours by appointment at compassionateenergyhealing.com or call/text 708-625-4936.
- **Memorial Bricks Fundraiser Program:** Place a lasting tribute by reserving permanent engraved bricks to be perpetually on display at the Crete Township Community Center. For more information, email us at friends@cretetownship.com or call 708-722-1857.
- **Rock Revolution:** Youth music program for ages 11-18. Learn guitar, drums, keyboard, bass, and vocals. For more information, email us at rockrevolution@cretetownship.com or call 708-722-1857.

4 Village of Crete

Severe Weather Preparedness: Know How You'll Get the Warning

Severe weather can develop quickly, and being prepared before a storm arrives can make all the difference. Knowing how you will receive warnings, where you will take shelter, and where to find reliable information are important steps every household can take. Take a few minutes now to make sure you and your family are prepared.

Outdoor Warning Sirens & Weather Radios: Know How You'll Get the Warning

When severe weather threatens, every second counts. Outdoor warning sirens are an important part of our community warning system, but they are designed primarily to alert people who are outdoors. Sirens may not be heard inside homes, especially with windows closed, air conditioning running, or during severe weather.

That's why residents should have more than one way to receive emergency weather information. A NOAA Weather Radio is one of the best ways to stay informed. Weather radios can provide alerts directly from the National Weather Service, even when you are asleep or not actively watching your phone or television.

Get Information from Official Sources

During severe weather or an emergency, turn to trusted, official sources for information. Local television and radio stations, the National Weather Service, and official Village/EMA emergency notifications can provide verified information and instructions.

Social media can be useful for updates, but not everything shared online is accurate. Before sharing or acting on information, make sure it comes from a trusted and official source.

Smart911 Alerts

Smart911 alerts are replacing Everbridge. Make sure you are signed up to continue receiving important Village emergency alerts and notifications. Sign up at: www.villageofcrete.org/alerts.

🌪️ Tornado Warning = Take Action

When a Tornado Warning is issued, act immediately. Go to a basement or interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows. Stay there until the warning expires or officials give the all-clear.

📱 Have Multiple Ways to Get Warnings

Don't rely on one method. Use a combination of weather alerts, outdoor sirens, weather radio, TV, and local emergency notifications—especially overnight.

🏠 Know Your Safe Place

Identify your safe location before severe weather arrives. A basement is best; otherwise, choose an interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows.

🔦 Be Prepared

Keep flashlights, batteries, a weather radio, phone chargers/power banks, first-aid supplies, medications, and water easily accessible.

🌳 After the Storm

Watch for downed power lines, damaged structures, flooding, and debris. Never approach a downed power line. Follow instructions from local officials.

🚗 Turn Around, Don't Drown

Never drive through flooded roads or around barricades. Floodwater can hide damaged roads and debris, and moving water can be dangerous.

REMEMBER! →

Outdoor sirens: Get your attention when you are outside.
Weather radio: Provides reliable alerts and information inside your home.
Emergency alerts: Keep your phone enabled for emergency notifications.
TV & radio: Monitor trusted local news and official sources for updates.
Take action: When an alert is issued, seek shelter and follow instructions from local officials.
Don't wait to hear the siren. Know your warning methods, have a plan, and stay informed through trusted sources.

5 Crete-Monee School District 201-U

CMHS Earns Best High School Recognition from U.S. News & World Report

Crete-Monee High School has been named a U.S. News & World Report Best High School for the second consecutive year, ranking among the top 40% nationwide for 2026–27. CMHS ranked 205th in Illinois and 5,214th nationally, based on factors including test performance, graduation rates and college readiness.

"We are proud to once again receive the U.S. News & World Report Best High School designation," said Crete-Monee High School Principal Lamont Holifield. "This recognition reflects the work of our students and staff, along with the support of our district leadership and Board of Education. We will continue building on our progress, raising expectations, and working toward even greater levels of excellence."

Crete-Monee High School offers honors, dual-credit, and 23 AP courses, with 47% of students participating in AP courses. Seniors can earn college credit through the Early College Initiative, while the Educational Pathway Program provides internships and real-world experience in education.

Parents, Download the ParentSquare App

The district uses ParentSquare for school communications.

Download the app to stay informed, access your account, and manage notifications.

Interested in sharing your career and work experience with CMMS students on March 17, 2027?



Scan the QR code to complete the presenter form. A team member will be in touch!

OTUS Standards-Based Grading Transition for Grades 3-5

Standards-Based report cards give a clearer picture of student learning by showing progress in specific skills and concepts aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards. Instead of one overall grade, families see detailed information about each subject area. This approach supports our district's commitment to:

- Clarity
- Consistency
- Student success

To view your child(ren)'s grades, visit **my.otus.com/login**

Sportsplex Finalist for Facility of the Year Award

Our contractor, Byrne & Jones, submitted the Warrior Stadium Sportsplex for the American Sports Builders Association's Facility of the Year Award. We'll find out if it makes the Top 3 when winners are announced on December 4, 2026!

Reminder: Community members are welcome to walk the CMHS Sportsplex track from dusk to dawn when student events are not taking place.

Interested in Serving the U?

School board member election information

Crete District 4 & District 5 board seats will be up for election in April 2027, with each seat carrying a four-year term expiring in April 2031. Petitions may be filed at the Will County Clerk's Office during regular office hours, except on November 23, when the office will remain open until 5:00 PM.

Deadline is Monday, November 23, 2026 to file.

Visit cm201u.org for more information.

Key Dates

August 25, 2026
Petition Circulation

November 16, 2026
Consolidated Election
Candidate Filing Opens

November 23, 2026
Consolidated Election
Candidate Filing Closes

April 6, 2027
Consolidated Election,
Polls open from
6 AM - 7 PM

Family Holiday Photos

Have you ever wanted a holiday photo of you and your family? Now is your opportunity! The Library is excited to offer our first Family Holiday Photos program, where a professional photographer will capture a beautiful holiday photo of you and your family for FREE!

The photoshoot will take place on Saturday, November 7 from 10 AM-4 PM, with 7 minute time slots available for each family. A $20 deposit must be paid in-person within 72 hours of registering to hold your spot. If paying by card, there will be a non-refundable surcharge. Deposits will be returned as cash upon arrival for your appointment.

Please note: Failure to attend your appointment or cancel at least 72 hours before the event will result in forfeiture of your deposit.

Registration is required for this program. You can register by visiting our Events Calendar at crete.librarycalendar.com or scanning the QR code.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PHOTOS



Annual Report

The Library is proud to introduce our first Annual Report! This Annual Report will highlight the many ways the Library has served the Crete community over the past year, including statistics on physical and digital circulation, program attendance, social services, technology usage, and much more.

You can check out our Annual Report by visiting our website at cretelibrary.org or scanning the QR code.

Incredible Bats & Imagination Library

Our Youth Services Department is welcoming back Incredible Bats! Join us on Tuesday, October 27 from 6-7 PM to learn all about some amazing animals. Incredible Bats will be bringing many cool creatures to visit us, including bats, fennec foxes, and a sloth! This interactive program will educate families about animals, and at the end, attendees will have an opportunity to meet some of the cute creatures up close.

To honor Dolly Parton's legacy, the Imagination Library of Will County will also be paying us a visit! The Imagination Library, created by Dolly, is a gift giving program that provides children ages 0-5 with a free book once a month. The only requirements to register for this program are to live in Will County and be a child in the age range of 0-5.

They will have a table set up outside the Incredible Bats event and will be here from 5:30-7:30 PM. They will bring applications, resources, and will answer any questions regarding the Imagination Library.

To register for Incredible Bats, you can visit our Events Calendar or scan the QR code. We hope to see you there!

INCREDIBLE BATS PROGRAM







7 Crete Park District

As the Leaves Fall

Fit n Fun Session 2
- Mondays 10/12-11/2 from 5:30-6:15 PM
- Enroll by 10/7 Fee: $27

Fit n Fun Session 3
- Mondays 11/19-11/30 from 5:30-6:15 PM
- Enroll by 11/4 Fee: $27

Fit n Fun & More Session 2
- Mondays 10/12-11/2 from 6:30-7:15 PM
- Enroll by 10/7 Fee: $27

Fit n Fun & More Session 3
- Mondays 11/9-11/30 from 6:30-7:15 PM
- Enroll by 11/4 Fee: $27

Little All-Stars
- Tuesdays 11/3-11/24 from 5:15-6:00 PM
- Enroll by 10/25 Fee: $28

Wado Ki Karate
- Tuesdays 11/10-1/12 from 7:15-8 PM
- Enroll by 11/10 Fee: $53

We have many other events and programs this fall. Check out our website at cretepark.com





Upcoming Programs

Santa Mail
- Customize Letters
- Register by: Monday 12/7
- Fee $7

Parade of Lights Watch Party Raffle
- Saturday 12/5 from 5-8 PM at Crete Park on Main
- Last day to purchase tickets is Nov 15 and each ticket is $10
- Drawing will be held on Nov 16
- Food, drink and alcohol may be brought in
- Up to 4 reserved parking spaces
- Curbside seating for parade or watch from inside

Halloween Happening

Join us at Crete Park on October 16th for a night of dancing and costume fun! Registration for kids is now open!

Crete Park Pals Breakfast with the Grinch

Join us on Cass & Main Sreets on December 5th for a delicious breakfast accompanied by pictures and crafts!

Memorial Lights

Join the Crete Park District at 5:30 PM on December 3rd as we continue the cherished tradition of our Memorial Lights Ceremony. This year, the ceremony moves outdoors to the corner of Main and Exchange Streets and will kick off the new Crete Country Christmas Community Tree Lighting and Holiday Sing-Along.

Purchase Lights by: 11/25 **Fee: $5**

Park Board Commissioners Openings

The Crete Park District has openings for Park Board Commissioners! Commissioners serve four-year terms and help guide the future of our parks, programs, and community. Interested in running? Pick up a packet at the Crete Park District office. Completed packets are due by November 23rd.

8 Crete Area Chamber of Commerce



Fall Garage Sale Days

October 9 & 10

Scan for application & address list/map!

Crawl-o-Ween



A Halloween-themed Bar Crawl for 21+

October 24
7-11 PM

Scan for full details & participating businesses!

Member Spotlight

Milestones Counseling PLLC

Milestones Counseling Center PLLC is a state-licensed behavioral health clinic in Crete, offering individual, family and couples therapy for clients ages 6 and up, both in-office and telehealth across Illinois. Alongside traditional talk therapy, the clinic is a hub for Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART), a fast-acting treatment that often helps clients work through trauma in as few as 1-5 sessions, including condensed ART intensives. Milestones accepts Medicaid and private insurance and stays active in the community through local farmers markets, fairs, and festivals.

Visit their website!

Crete Country Christmas℠



Entertainment

Friday
The Disco Circus
8:30-11 PM

Saturday
Frank Rossi
1-3 PM

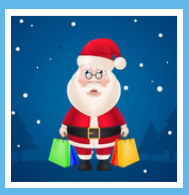
Whiskey Road
6:45-8:30 PM

Run Forest Run
9-11 PM

Weekend Events

- Tree Lighting & Community Carol Sing-along
- Cocoa & Cookie Crawl
- Grinch 5K
- Kris Kringle Market
- Live Entertainment
- Food Vendors
- Community Events
- Reindog Contest
- Parade of Lights
- Santa Sleigh Parade







For Kris Kringle Market applications, Grinch 5K sign up or to register for the parade, scan here.

Parade entries must be in by **11/21/26.**
Late & day-off entries will not be accepted.

For all things Crete Country Christmas, head to cretecountrychristmas.com!



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Strenghtening Community.
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Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

10 October

				1	2	3 Muffins with a Mystery Reader Epic Collectibles Extravaganza
4	5	6 CMHS PreACT Grade 9 Only (No School Grades 10, 11, & 12) Teen Crochet for a Cause	7 CMHS PreACT Grade 10 & 11 (No School Grades 9 & 12)	8 No School Parent/ Teacher Conferences (In-Person)	9 No School Garage Sale Days & Craft Swap Fall Garage Sale Days	10 Community Clean-Up Garage Sale Days & Craft Swap Fall Garage Sale Days
11	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School Fit N Fun 2 Begins	13 CMMS PreACT Grade 8 (No School Grades 6 & 7)	14	15 CMHS Multicultural Night Dead Reckoning True Crime Book Club	16 Early Dismissal, End of Q1 A Halloween Happening	17 Fall Costume Swap
18	19 Leaf Pick-Up Begins	20	21 Caregiver Connections	22	23 Pickleball Fright Night	24 Halloween Hoopla Crawl-o-Ween
25	26 CMHS PTSA Meeting Sound Meditation	27 Tai Chi 5 Begins Gentle Yoga 5 Begins Incredible Bats	28 Early Dismissal CMMS Band Concert Craft of the Month	29	30	31 Happy Halloween Trick or Treat Trick or Treat at the Library

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11 October Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

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

- Funtimers Senior Club and Coffee Time: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays starting at 9 AM
  - BINGO: Fridays at 10 AM
  - Pinochle Club: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- On the Move Women's Fitness:
  - Monday-Thursday, 6 AM-12 PM & 4-6 PM
  - Friday 6 AM-12 PM
- Craft of the Month with Sandi Smigel
  - October 28, 6-8 PM
- Sound Mediation with Chris Manola
  - October 26, 7-8 PM

Village of Crete

- Branch pick-up ends October 18. Village crews will then transition to leaf pick-up.
- Halloween Trick or Treating: October 31, 3-7 PM; 6-7 PM with adult supervision.
- Community Clean Up:
  Saturday, October 10, 9:30-11:45 AM

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- CMHS Multicultural Night
  Thursday, October 15, 6-8 PM, CMHS Auditorium
- CMHS PTSA Meeting
  Monday, October 26, 6-7:15 PM, CMHS Auditorium
- CMMS Band Concert
  Wednesday, October 28, 6-7 PM, CMMS Gym
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Knot Just for Knitters (Teens & Adults)
  First Thursday of the month from 1-4 PM
  Third Thursday of the month from 6-7:30 PM
- Retro Movie Friday (All ages)
  Every Friday at 2:30 PM

Crete Public Library, continued

- Peter Halligan Park StoryWalk: Leave Me Alone. Visit anytime at Peter Halligan Park until November 30

Crete Park District

- Graveyard Gathering: A Halloween Happening on October 16, 6-8 PM
- Pickleball Fright Night on October 23, 5-7 PM
  Register by October 15th

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Fall Garage Sale Days
  October 9 & 10
- Crawl-o-Ween
  October 24, 7-11 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 November

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Savings Time					Early Dismissal Nurses Night Out	Family Holiday Photos Craft & Vendor Show
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
Craft & Vendor Show	Fit N Fun 3 Begins	CMMS Drama Club Fall Show	No School Veterans Day	CMHS STEAM Night CMMS Drama Club Fall Show Teen Volunteer Thursday Annual Seniors' Picnic		Strictly Self Defense
15	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**
	School Board Consolidated Election Filing Opens		Early Dismissal Route 66: From Chicago to St. Louis Craft of the Month	CMHS Fall Play - *Once on this Island*	CMHS Fall Play - *Once on this Island*	CMHS Fall Play - *Once on this Island*
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
CMHS Fall Play - *Once on this Island*	School Board Consolidated Election Filing Closes Sound Bath Wellness		Thanksgiving Break Closing at 5 PM	Closed Village Hall Closed		
29	**30**					
	School Resumes Sound Meditation					

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  - Friday 6 AM-12 PM
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  - November 18, 6-8 PM
- Sound Mediation with Chris Manola
  - November 30, 7-8 PM

Village of Crete

- For news and possible events, please visit us at www.Villageofcrete.org

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- CMMS Fall Drama Club Show Performance
  Tuesday, November 10, 6-7 PM
  Thursday, November 12, 6-7 PM
  at CMMS Little Theatre
- CMHS STEAM Night
  Thursday, November 12, 6-8 PM, CMHS Main Hallways
- CMHS Fall Play - *Once on this Island*
  Thursday, November 19, 7 PM
  Friday, November 20, 7 PM
  Saturday, November 21, 7 PM
  Sunday, November 22, 2 PM
  CMHS Auditorium
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Adult Writing Group (Adults)
  First Monday of the month from 6-7:30 PM
- Sci-Fi Book Club (Adults)
  First Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 PM
- Silent Book Club (Adults)
  First Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 PM

Crete Park District

- Nurses Night Out at Nova Quarter Horses on Friday November 6, 6-8 PM. Register by October 23.
- Wado Ki Karate on Tuesdays starting November 10, 7:15-8 PM. Register by November 10.

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

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14 December

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Crete Country Christmas	CMHS PTSA Meeting Santa Sleigh Parade Zone 1	Tai Chi 6 Begins Santa Sleigh Parade Zone 2	CMMS Winter Concert Band & Choir	Senior Christmas Luncheon	Early Dismissal, End of Q2	
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	Winter Break Camp Begins		Winter Break	Closed	Closed 	
27	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**		
	Sound Meditation	Winter Break	Winter Break Camp Ends	Closed		

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December Event Highlights & Extras

Events

Crete Township

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

- Funtimers Senior Club and Coffee Time: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays starting at 9 AM
  - BINGO: Fridays at 10 AM
  - Pinochle Club: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- On the Move Women's Fitness:
  - Monday-Thursday, 6 AM-12 PM & 4-6 PM
  - Friday 6 AM-12 PM
- Crete Township & Angels on Assignment Toy Pick Up. Complete an application at c.albrecht@cretetownship.com
  - Sunday, December 13, 11 AM-5 PM
- Sound Meditation with Chris Manola
  - December 28, 7-8 PM

Village of Crete

- For news and possible events, please visit us at www.Villageofcrete.org

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- CMHS PTSA Meeting
  Monday, December 7, 6-7:15 PM, CMHS Auditorium
- CMMS Winter Concert Band & Choir
  Wednesday, December 9, 6-7 PM
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Visit cretelibrary.org to view our upcoming programs.

Crete Park District

- Memorial Lights on Thursday December 3, 5:30-6 PM. Register by November 25.
- Winter Break Camp begins on December 21 and ends on December 30. It takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 8 AM-5 PM. Register by December 15.
- Please join the Crete Park Pals Foundation for their 5th annual Breakfast with the Grinch Fundraiser during Crete Country Christmas

Crete Park District, continued

weekend! This delicious & interactive breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 5, in the large, heated tent located at Cass & Main Streets. There are several seating times to choose from: 9:00 AM (sensory-friendly), 9:30 AM, or 10:00 AM. Tickets are $20 per person.

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Crete Country Christmas
  - Thursday, December 3, 5:30-8 PM
    - Corner of Main & Exchange
  - Friday, December 4, 5-11 PM
  - Saturday, December 5, 8 AM-11 PM
  - Sunday, December 6, 10 AM-1 PM
  - Monday, December 7
    - Santa Sleigh Parade, Zone 1, 5 PM
  - Tuesday, December 8
    - Santa Sleigh Parade, Zone 2, 5 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

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

BUILDING CONNECTIONS, ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME.

Kayla Pennington & Jim Flax



Kayla, a retired teacher and University of Illinois alumna, and Jim, a Compliance Director at TradeStation Securities, have lived in Crete for over 20 years. Kayla is an avid gardener and keeps the yard in bloom from March to the first hard freeze. Her native garden in their front yard hosts the rare Rusty Patched Bumble Bees. Jim serves on the Board of the Nature Foundation of Will County, helping promote the natural jewels of Eastern Will County. Raising their six children in Crete allowed Jim to coach many soccer teams at Heritage Park. Now, they give back to Crete Park District by volunteering with Crete Park Pals to help make the Park District even more wonderful. They also enjoy building community by working with many other great local organizations. Not only were they founding members of Crete Createive Art Gallery & School, they give their they give their time and talents to the Crete Area Historical Society, the Crete Woman's Club, Sew for Charity at the Crete Public Library, and they are always course wardens for the Crete Country Christmas Grinch 5K. Kayla and Jim love living in Crete because it offers the best of both worlds: a relaxed country atmosphere that's just a Metra ride to the city.





NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Do you know someone who is actively involved in & serves the Crete Community? Scan the QR code and nominate them to be featured in the next edition of Crete Connections!