

The Village Voice

February
2025

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Saturday,
February 8th

LEAGUE OF LEARNERS

Senior Tax Credits

Thursday,
February 20th

VALENTINE'S EVE SOCIAL

Pizza, romance, and a live performance!

Thursday,
February 13th

VALENTINE'S CRAFT

Valentine's Day cards

Monday,
February 10th

POTLUCK

Sponsored by
Crestwood Veterans

Friday,
February 14th



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Monthly Meetings

FEBRUARY

18
 7:00 PM
Community Meeting

25
 9:30 AM
BOT Meeting

Crestwood Village Clubhouse

M, W, F	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
T, Th	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sat	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Last Sat	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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The Board of Trustees did not meet in December 2024. The January BOT meeting summary will be available in the March 2025 issue.

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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Senior Tax Credits

League of Learners (LOL):

Join us on Thursday, February 20th at 2 PM to learn how to save money on your taxes! Mandy Mansell, Tax Credit Specialist, and Diane Fox, CPA, Director, Frederick County Treasury Office, will give an overview of the various tax credits available to Frederick County senior homeowners and renters.

Find out about two important credits that can save you money – the Homeowner Property Tax Credit and the Homestead Credit. Some of the tax credit applications must be filled out each year, others only require a one-time application.

If you have not filled out paperwork in the past, you may be able to receive credit for the current year and, in some cases, retroactively for some past years. Application forms will be available at the meeting.

Be sure to attend if you are uncertain about your filing status or have other questions about senior tax credits. Please sign up for planning purposes, but it is not required.

Future League of Learner dates:

- April 3rd - Tips for Spring Gardening
- April 25th - Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls

Sally Livingston
LOL Coordinator



Budget Announcement

The draft transitional 6-month budget will be presented at the community meeting on Tuesday, February 18th.

Activities Committee

We want to thank all those who participated in the Hobby Fair this past month. We had fun celebrating all the talented people who live in our community. We're looking for suggestions for another movie to show in the Clubhouse, so please share your ideas with us.

Unfortunately, the spring motorcoach trip to Norfolk, Virginia, had to be canceled due to lack of participation. Last year we had to do the same for the trip to Charleston and Savannah. We will keep trying to find affordable trips that offer a lot of fun experiences, but we can't always predict what the community response will be.

While some of you are enjoying delicious hot soup at the Soup-er Bowl, some of us will be in the Western Caribbean enjoying delicious frozen margaritas on a cruise. Then, on Valentine's Eve, February 13th, we will be serving up pizza, salad, and romance, with the talented Todd Williams performing. It's only \$6, so come on out and share the love.

We will travel to Lancaster, PA, on March 20th to see *Noah* at Sight and Sound and stop for lunch at Shady Maple. We also have 20 seats reserved for the US Army Concert Band free performance at the Weinberg on March 23rd. Then, on March 28th, we will attend a concert at the Weinberg featuring The Doo Wop Project.

You can sign up beginning February 1st for day trips in May. On May 4th we will visit the Old Opera House in Charles Town, WV, for a matinee performance of the Tony Award winning musical comedy, *Urinetown*. Imagine what would happen if the government controlled all the toilets! We saw *Sister Act* at the Old Opera House last year and had a blast! We'll stop for dinner after the show.

We are delighted to be returning to the incomparable Front Porch Tea Room in Hallam, PA, on May 13th. We are offering a full day 'Mother's Day Tea' motorcoach trip with shopping in the York, PA, area, including a five-course tea lunch at the Front Porch. We are limited to 40 people in the tea room, so check out the flyer and sign up early.

If you like what our committee is doing (or if you don't, for that matter), please consider becoming a member. Next month the Nominating Committee will be reaching out to people to run for committees, and our committee will need some new leaders, so keep us in mind.

Arlene Duda, Chair
Activities Committee

**Check out the
PINK SHEET
insert for more
information about
upcoming activities!**

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to the Hospitality Committee this year. We are very grateful for your generosity.

Since mid-December we sent a get-well card to Sue Bridenbaugh. Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Devra Shipley upon her death, to John Szeglin on the death of his wife Janis Fulton, to Anne Kinney on the death of her husband Steve, and to the family of Mary Baldwin. (See article on page 12.)

We also delivered gift baskets to Cindy Wilcox and Sue Bridenbaugh.

Our next Hospitality meeting will be held on February 12th at 10 AM.

Therese Oseneek, Chair
Hospitality Committee

Neighbors- Helping-Neighbors

The Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors (NHN) Committee met on Wednesday, January 8th. The following items were discussed.

- Meals On Wheels volunteers in Crestwood Village continue to deliver meals to their neighbors. Volunteers are currently needed. If you can help deliver meals, contact Karen Galloway at 301-748-3893 or skgalloway27@comcast.net.

- Until the end of March, current Medicare Advantage Plans can be changed without penalty. Contact the Senior Center of the Frederick County Division of Aging and Independence at 301-600-1234 for more information.
- NHN Committee continues to accept gently used medical items for shipment to war-torn countries. If you have any questions, please call me at 646-369-3904.

Caroline Bolin, Chair
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Committee

Senior Assistance Programs

One of the ways that the Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors (NHN) committee helps the community is by providing information and making referrals to services that help support older Crestwood Village residents. We also work with Service Navigators like Elly Williams and other staff at the Division of Aging and Independence (DAI) of Frederick County.

We regularly research and update information on programs available to seniors at the county, state, and federal levels. Some assistance programs that are available to seniors include:

Energy Assistance, Food Bank, Groceries 4 Seniors, Habitat for Humanity Home Repairs, Senior Housing Loans & Grants, Meals on Wheels, Medicare Assistance, Energy Rebates, Power Savers Retrofit Program, and Senior Tax Credits.

NHN has compiled a one-page handout (see yellow insert in this month's *Village Voice*) that is a handy reference to these programs. The front side of the handout lists the individual programs and the contact person for each program. The back side of the handout tells a little about the program and provides a web address for more information.

The NHN committee hopes this handout will be useful to you.

Kristin Afrasiabi
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors

Assistance from Frederick County Division of Aging and Independence (DAI)

Elly Williams, our usual consultant from DAI, will not be coming to the Clubhouse for a couple of months. In her place, Teresa Luhn will meet with residents on February 11th to address any questions or concerns regarding non-Medicare issues.

Some of the things that Teresa can help with are:

- Homeowners and renters tax credits
- Energy and utility bill assistance
- Caregiving Support

Call the Clubhouse at 301-662-0400 to schedule a time with Teresa.

Caroline Bolin, Chair
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Committee

Clubhouse Funds Committee

The committee assists the Board of Trustees by purchasing items up to \$500 for the community Clubhouse using the profits from the 50/50 drawing and the Yard Sale fees. Items purchased on behalf of committees should include the committee chair name and authorization on the application. Unless there are questions or issues, approval is usually granted within 30 days. Once approved, please complete the purchase within the next 30 days. You will receive reimbursement of your purchase when a copy of the receipt is provided to the Chairperson, Janice Cole. Purchase applications and instructions are located in the Clubhouse office.

The committee is planning the Annual Crestwood Village Neighborhood Yard Sale for this year. The date will be published in a future *Village Voice* newsletter. The Yard Sale is a great opportunity to unload those unwanted items—please sign up! Our next monthly meeting will be held February 6th at 1 PM.

Hope to see you at the next community meeting. Remember, the profit from the 50/50 drawing and the Yard Sale fees support the Committee in purchasing various items to be used at the Clubhouse.

Thank you for your support!

Janice Cole, Chair
Clubhouse Funds Committee



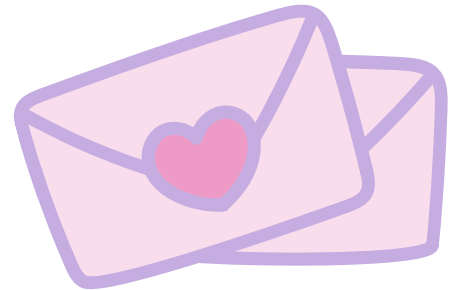
Crestwood Veterans

We will not meet on the second Thursday in February. Breakfasts at Denny's and mid-month lunches will continue as before. The next breakfast will be at 9 AM, Thursday, February 6th at Denny's, 1207 West Patrick St.

On February 14th, the Crestwood Veterans will sponsor POTLUCK at the Clubhouse.

The next meeting is March 13th at 10 AM in the Clubhouse. At that time, we will be planning trips for 2025.

Stephen Meyer
Crestwood Veterans



Craft Club

On February 10th, we will make two Valentine's Day cards. On March 10th, we will craft Diamond Art key chains. On April 14th, our project is creating decoupage glass candle holders.

Samples of upcoming crafts are displayed on the sign-up table at community meetings. Please sign up in the Activities Book available at the desk or community meetings. The materials fee for each class is \$3.

The next craft club meeting is February 10th from 10 AM – noon.

Linda Meyer

Gardeners

The Gardeners will not meet in February. The next Gardeners meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th at 11 AM. Bring any seeds you have to contribute to the seed exchange boxes in the gazebos. We hope to plan an outing to a local garden center—come to the meeting and help with the planning.

Did you know that scientists have discovered that digging in microbe rich soil outdoors during spring and summer has health benefits? Winter indoor gardening can give similar effects with increased ability to fight infection and inflammation. All the more reason to keep your fingers in the dirt.

Linda Meyer



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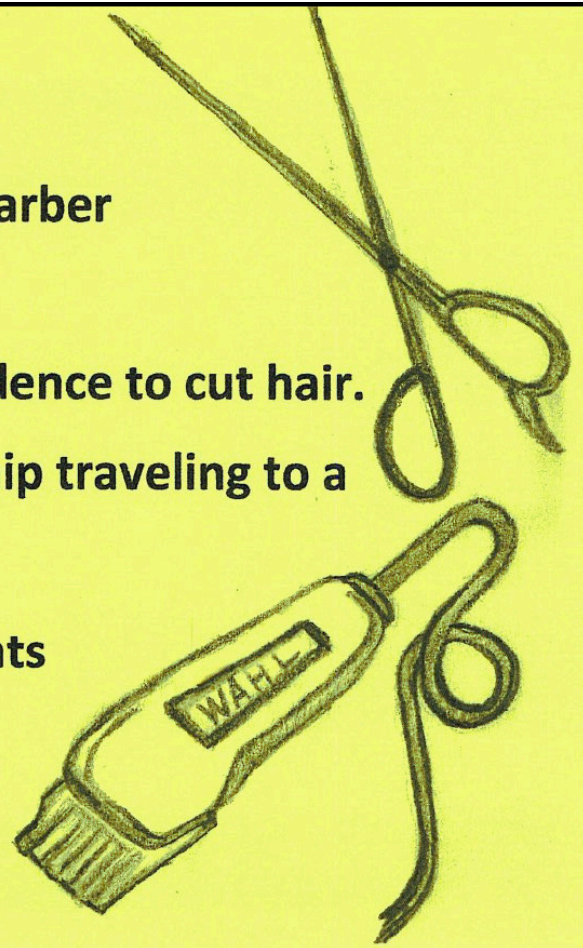
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Manager's Corner

Erika and I would like to express our gratitude for your patience and understanding during the challenges faced last month. Erika managed operations tremendously throughout December while I handled a family emergency. I'm glad to report that my family is doing well. I truly appreciate your prayers and support.

I am glad to be back at Crestwood! I will, however, still be in and out of the office for a while. I am asking for your continued patience. Making appointments to speak with Erika or myself is the best way to ensure that we are available.

Shirley Davis

The Last of the Pioneers

We can all appreciate the pioneering spirit of the first 72 Crestwood Village homeowners who purchased homes between 1979 and 1982. Their names are inscribed on a plaque in our Clubhouse lobby.

On December 20, 2024, we lost the last of these pioneers when Mary Baldwin passed away at the age of 104.

Mary described her Crestwood Village experience in an article she wrote some years ago for *The Village Voice*.

"1980, the year I moved into Crestwood Village, was the most fun of the 27 years I have been here. We knew at the time that there wouldn't ever be another one like it." She went on to write: "All the residents on Basswood Road knew each other. . . We participated. . . We were all members of some committee. . . We also had 'community' meetings in our backyards that summer, picnicking. . . and sharing recipes for sweet pickled potato salad and zucchini bread."

Submitted by Betsey Covel



Valentine's Day Word Scramble

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