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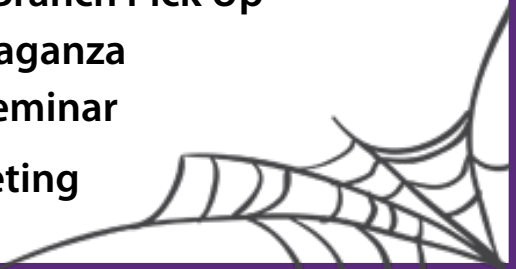
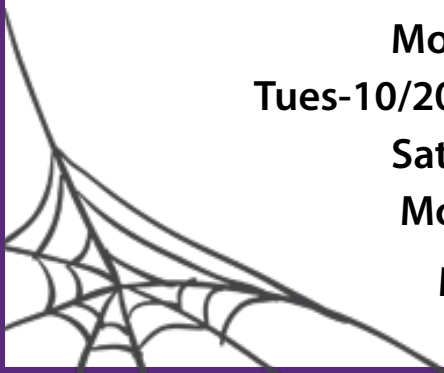
The Official Newsletter of
Crestwood Village V Community Association

OCTOBER 2026

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Fri-10/2- Kenny Rogers Tribute Band
Fri-10/9- Bee Gees Tribute Band
Mon -10/12- Columbus Day- Clubhouse Closed
Tues - 10/13- Residents Club Meeting
Sat-10/17-Flea Market
Mon- 10/19- Medicare Seminar
Tues-10/20-Manchester Leaf & Branch Pick Up
Sat-10/24- Bingo Extravaganza
Mon-10/26-Medicare Seminar
Mon-10/26- MCC Meeting



Hilltop Hall, 325 Schoolhouse Road, Whiting, NJ 08759 • (732) 350 - 0700
www.crestwoodvillage5.com

Clubhouse Hours

Monday - Friday 8 am - 8 pm
Saturday & Sunday 8 am-1pm

Clubhouse accessible with fob access only:

Monday - Friday from 8 am - 9 am
and 4 pm - 8 pm
Saturday & Sunday 8 am - 9 am

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Office Closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm for Lunch)

A QUOTE FOR OCTOBER

"In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October-no days so calm, so tenderly solemn, and with such a reverent meekness in the air."

- Alexander Smith



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is in the air! Pumpkin spice, falling leaves, earlier sunsets and an evening chill.

Please drive safely especially through the Village. Residents are out and about and deer are darting across the road!

A reminder, pets must be on a leash and at no time should a pet be walked on another resident's property!

Pet droppings must be cleaned up immediately and not be put in another resident's trash!

Enjoy October and Happy Halloween

Maryann Payne

CLUBHOUSE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- Mon - 10/12 - Columbus Day - Clubhouse Closed
- Tues - 11/3 - Election Day (Clubhouse open for voting only).
- Wed - 11/11 - Veterans Day - Clubhouse Closed
- Thurs - 11/25 - Thanksgiving - Clubhouse Closed
- Fri - 11/27 - Day after Thanksgiving - Clubhouse Closed.
- Thurs - 12/24- Christmas Eve - Clubhouse Closing at Noon
- Fri - 12/25- Christmas Day - Clubhouse Closed
- Thurs - 12/31-New Years Eve - Clubhouse Closing at Noon

**Feel free to contact any or all of our Board members using our email address:
Trustees@CrestwoodVillage5.com**

Join our Facebook Page:

Crestwood Village Five - Residents & Owners

CV5 Board of Trustees 2026 Schedule

The Board of Trustees meets every Tuesday morning at 10 AM, biweekly during the summer months (between Memorial & Labor days). All members are welcome to observe the beginning, open part, of these meetings.

If a member has an issue or problem that they feel needs to be discussed with the Board they should make an appointment. We will meet with them during the later Executive session of the meeting.

Additionally, our bylaws require quarterly open Board meetings on the second Monday of February, May, August, & November.

2026

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3*, 9+, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

(*) Closed meeting (election day)

(+) Quarterly open meeting 2PM

SERVICES INCLUDED IN YOUR MONTHLY ASSOCIATION FEES

1. A Master Insurance Policy that covers rebuilding of a home to builders' grade in the event of a catastrophic loss. It is strongly recommended that owners purchase an HO6 insurance policy to cover the contents of the residence, liability and any additions or upgrades to the original structure e.g., replacements windows, doors, siding, etc.
2. Bus Service
3. Grass Cutting
4. Snow will be plowed from roads and driveways when the accumulations exceed 3 inches. Sidewalks will be shoveled for Units without a driveway.
5. Painting and Repairing of Garbage Cans
6. Mailbox Repairs and Replacements
7. Trimming of Trees that affect roof or siding.
8. Road Potholes and Maintenance of Street Signs
9. Yearly Termite Inspections of Crawl Spaces
10. Gutter Cleanings (1 in Spring and 1 in Fall)
11. Gutter Repair (not Replace) to original gutters.
12. Once yearly dryer vent cleaning
13. Roof Maintenance
14. Trash Removal

TREASURER'S REPORT

Period: 08/01/26 to 08/31/26								
Description	Current Period			Year-To-Date			Yearly	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 220,993.12	\$ 220,201.01	\$ 792.11	438369.92	440402.02	-2032.1	2642412	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 212,098.26	\$ 220,201.01	\$ 8,102.75	493300.73	440402.02	-52898.71	2642412	
Current Year Net Income/(loss)	\$ 8,894.86	\$ -	\$ 8,894.86	\$ (54,930.81)	\$ -	\$ (54,930.81)	\$ -	

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS
(ACH DEBITS)**

NOTE: A VOIDED CHECK MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM TO BE PROCESSED PROPERLY

I (we) hereby authorize **CRESTWOOD VILLAGE FIVE**, hereinafter called "Company," to initiate debit entries to my (our) ☐ Checking Account or ☐ Savings Account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, hereinafter called "Depository," and to debit the same to such account for the purpose of collecting assessments for my community association. I (we) understand that this debit will occur on or about the 1st of each month in which assessment payments are due. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of United States law.

Depository Name: _____ Branch: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Routing Number (9 digits): _____ Account Number: _____

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Company has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time, and in such manner, as to afford Company and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

My association is: CRESTWOOD VILLAGE FIVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Name(s): _____
(Please print) (Please print)

Property Address (s): _____

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

NOTE: A VOIDED CHECK MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM TO BE PROCESSED PROPERLY

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND VOIDED CHECK TO:

Crestwood Village Five
325 Schoolhouse Road
Whiting, NJ 08759

Management Company Use Only:

Homeowner Account Number: _____

Date entered: _____

STOUT'S BUS SCHEDULE - CRESTWOOD VILLAGE FIVE

EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

REVISED: MARCH 20, 2026

All reservations must be called into the office in advance as noted.

Provide name, address and phone #.

For Sunday pickup, also provide name of Whiting church.

Sunday: Whiting Churches – 9 AM pickup (3.5 hours)
(call in by 1:30 p.m. on Friday)

Monday: ShopRite Manchester – 10 AM pickup (4 hours)
(call in by 1:30 p.m. on Friday)

Tuesday: (2nd Tuesday) Ocean County Mall or (4th Tuesday) Brick Plaza – 9:30 AM pickup (5 hours)
(call in by 1:30 pm. on Friday)

Wednesday: Lacey Mall, Walmart, TJ Maxx, ShopRite & Aldi
10 AM pickup (5 hours)
(call in by 1:30 p.m. on Monday)

Thursday: No regular service – special trips only

April 16, 2026: Columbus Farmers Market

June 18, 2026: Columbus Farmers Market

July 16, 2026: Freehold Mall / Orchards

September 17, 2026: Historic Smithville

October 15, 2026: Freehold Mall / Orchards

December 17, 2026: Historic Smithville

Clubhouse pickup – 10 AM (must arrive by 9:45 AM)
(call in by 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday)

Friday: Stop & Shop Whiting and Whiting Town Center (Post Office, Santander Bank) – *If you would like to go to Whiting Town Center, please inform the bus driver.*
10 AM pickup (3 hours)
(call in by 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday)

NOTE: There is a 3-bag limit on shopping trips

THERE IS NO BUS SERVICE ON:

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving

Christmas

Days of Inclement Weather (Manchester Twp. School Closings)

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- ✓ **Medicare Advantage Plans**
- ✓ **Medicare Supplement Options**
- ✓ **Part D Prescription Drug Coverage**
- ✓ **Enrollment Periods and Deadlines**
- ✓ **Ways to Potentially Reduce Out-of-Pocket Costs**
- ✓ **Common Medicare Mistakes to Avoid**

DON'T HESITATE • ACT NOW • STAY INFORMED

Presenter	Jonathan Bryer Liberty Insurance Associates
Dates	Oct 19 th & Oct 26 th
Time	10:00 AM
Location	Crestwood Village 5 - Clubhouse 325 School House Rd, Whiting, NJ 08759
RSVP	732-792-7000 x240

Bring your friends, family, and neighbors. Coffee, donuts, and refreshments will be served. Educational event. No obligation to attend.



THURSDAY IS

BINGO DAY

AT CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 5!

DOORS OPEN 9:00 AM

Bingo Sheets Start Selling at 10:45 AM

BINGO CALLING STARTS AT 12:30 PM

TO ALL RESIDENTS:

We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- **SET UP CREW** — tables and chairs are set before and after all functions. Contact Ed 732-598-9420
- **BINGO CALLER** — 12:30pm to 3pm on Thursdays. Pick your own schedule.
- **BINGO FLOOR WALKER** — 12:30pm to 3pm on Thursdays. Verify numbers on winners' sheets. Pick your own schedule.
- **BINGO 50/50 SELLERS** — 10:30am to 12:30pm on Thursdays. Pick your own schedule.
- **KITCHEN HELPERS** — all functions that require food service. Pick your own schedule.

For more info call: Anthony 732-674-2260



Crestwood Village Five Bingo Dates

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

In observance of the Holiday Season, the following changes have been made to December's Bingo schedule:

Thursday, December 24, 2026 is RESCHEDULED to Tuesday, December 22, 2026

Thursday, December 31, 2026 is RESCHEDULED to Tuesday, December 29, 2026.



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CHAIR YOGA WHITING ANNEX

82 Lacey Rd.

Classes start at

10:30AM

Monday, October 5th

Monday, October 19th

Monday, October 26th

CALL 732-849-8305

TO REGISTER.

CHAIR YOGA

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

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Classes start at

10:30AM

Friday, October 2nd

Friday, October 9th

Friday, October 16th

Friday, October 23rd

Friday, October 30th

CALL 732-849-8305

TO REGISTER.

WOOD SIGN CRAFTS

WHITING ANNEX

82 Lacey Rd.

MONDAY, October 19th

at 12:00PM

CALL 732-849-8305

TO REGISTER.

WOOD SIGN CRAFTS

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL-CIVIC

CENTER

1 COLONIAL DR.

THURSDAY, October 15th

at 12:00PM

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Monthly Maintenance Reminder

***Did you know that October is
Fire Prevention Month***



Things you can do:

- * Check/Replace your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors (batteries or units)**
- * Check/Replace Fire Extinguishers**
- * Replace HVAC Filters**
- * Turn off Exterior Faucets**
- * Inspect Roof/Gutters for upcoming weather**

Don't forget Maintenance is always here to help! Just submit a work order when you are ready.

Maintenance Is Here to Help!

If you are unsure whether Maintenance can perform a particular repair, please reach out to the office. We are happy to assist, answer any questions you may have, and help point you in the right direction.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at (732) 350-0700 ext. 201 or e-mail us at maintenance@crestwoodvillage5.com—we are here to help!

WORK ORDERS

The Management Office recognizes that it is not always easy for our residents to come in and fill out a work order, and because the office needs a written work order, below please find a work order that you can copy for your use. These work orders can be faxed to 732-350-2691 at any time (or dropped in the drop box in the clubhouse lobby or at the office). All works orders must be filled out by the homeowner; please check the box on the upper right hand corner for occupancy information. **WORK ORDER CHARGES ARE \$25 PER HALF HOUR PER MAINTENANCE MAN & ANY PARTS INCURRED.**

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Crestwood Village Five, Inc.

Home is occupied by:

Homeowner ☐

Tenant ☐

RESIDENT

DATE

ADDRESS

YOUR PHONE NO.

WORK REQUIRED (DESCRIBE CLEARLY)

PLEASE PRINT—USE BALL POINT PEN

One Item Per Request

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY— DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

The above work has been completed to my satisfaction

Time Spent	
Hrs.	Min.

Work Performed By

Resident's Signature

Date Finished

OCTOBER 2026					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Tickets for the Resident's Club dance and/or Travel Bocce trips can be purchased on Tuesdays in the Activities Room from 10am-Noon			BINGO DAY Doors Open 9 AM Selling Starts 10:45 AM Bingo Starts 12:30 PM	Artist Guild 9:30 AM Kenny Rodgers Tribute Band
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31					30
					Artist Guild 9:30 AM

NOVEMBER 2026

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 ELECTION DAY CLUBHOUSE OPEN FOR VOTING ONLY	4 Body by Tracy 10 AM Ceramics 10 AM	5 BINGO DAY Doors Open 9 AM Selling Starts 10:45 AM Bingo Starts 12:30 PM	6 Resident's Club Dance 7 PM	7
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29	30	 Trash Removal is Every Tuesday & Friday  Manchester Twp Recycling Every Other Friday  Leaf & Branch Pickup is 1st Thursday				

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

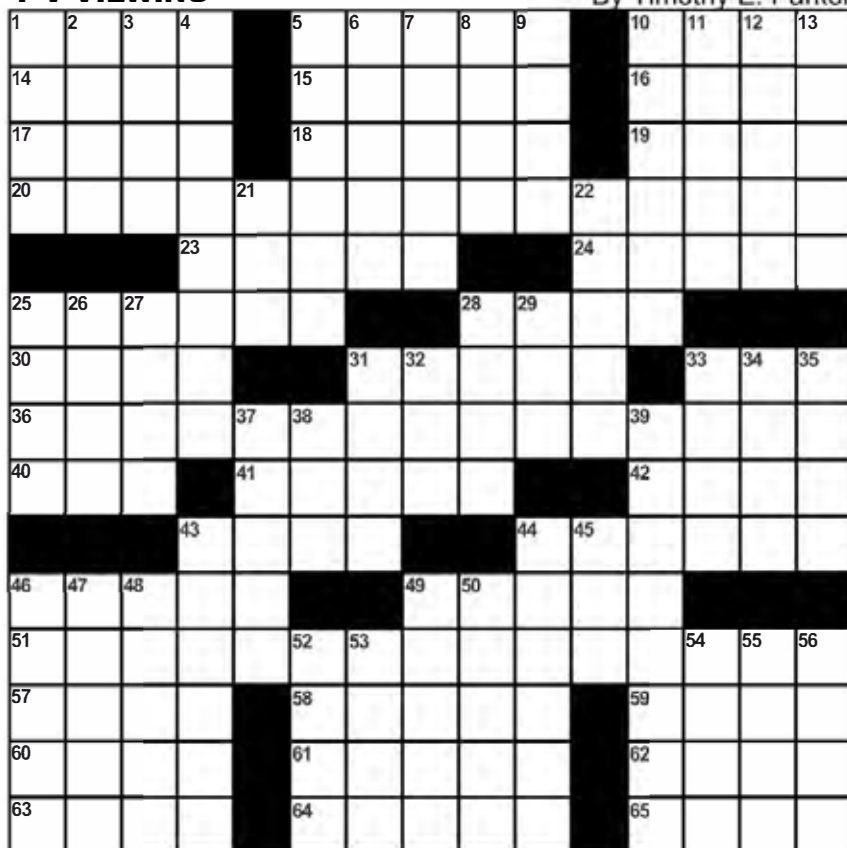
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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Rough file | 40) Chapter in a history book |
| 5) Cold shower? | 41) Count of jazz |
| 10) Very excited | 42) Paste alternative |
| 14) Way, way off | 43) Legend's cousin |
| 15) Classic John Wayne film | 44) Fine wool |
| 16) "Ain't gonna happen" | 46) Book of many places |
| 17) "Frasier" actress Gilpin | 49) Crooner Sam |
| 18) "Encore!" | 51) Container ship, e.g. |
| 19) "Hold ___ your hat!" | 57) "Swan Lake" costume |
| 20) Stung a second time | 58) Taper off, as wind |
| 23) Make president | 59) Kind of palm |
| 24) Battery projection | 60) Advil target |
| 25) Barroom fights | 61) Aficionado |
| 28) It's historic? | 62) Units of work |
| 30) Exercise for the flexible | 63) Casting need |
| 31) Organic fertilizer | 64) Looks of wickedness |
| 33) Object stared at in disbelief | 65) Backtalk |
| 36) Certain condiment | |

DOWN

- 1) Wholly absorbed
- 2) Not many
- 3) Wrapped Indian garment
- 4) Bargain hunter's accomplishment
- 5) Tends to stubble
- 6) Mr. Spock's forte
- 7) Make new laws
- 8) Cut a scene
- 9) "Beloved" author Morrison
- 10) Consecrate with oil
- 11) Muppet with a hooked nose
- 12) Didn't take part (with "out")
- 13) Rock containing crystals
- 21) Building addition, sometimes
- 22) Type of jar
- 25) Computer info quantity
- 26) Laugh like a lion?
- 27) Taj Mahal location
- 28) Cover ground?
- 29) Singer DiFranco
- 31) "Gee whillikers!"
- 32) Prefix with "cycle" or "sex"
- 33) Jamaican fruit
- 34) Roman satyr
- 35) Popular cookie
- 37) Bottomless pit
- 38) Gangster's rapid-firer
- 39) Ways out
- 43) Former Panamanian leader Noriega
- 44) Workers with vans
- 45) ___ out a living
- 46) Essence of roses
- 47) Event that buries hatchets
- 48) Carpenter's rotating device
- 49) Yearn for
- 50) Playful aquatic mammal
- 52) Gloomy atmosphere
- 53) Slender woodwind
- 54) Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- 55) Baker's dozen?
- 56) It's not for a winner

T-V VIEWING

By Timothy E. Parker



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DANCE WITH MICHELLE

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Food



Pantry



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

Our food pantry was created to help our residents that for whatever reason just need some help. We are not a substitute for all grocery needs, but we do provide some much-needed assistance during difficult times.

If you find yourself, or know of a neighbor, that needs our help just say so. There is no shame or embarrassment in asking for help. Just leave a private note with your (or your neighbor's) name, address, and phone number. Someone from the pantry will contact you.

At the same time, we ask our residents that can, to please donate to our pantry. We can rehome non-perishable food products, shelf stable milk, canned fruit, canned chicken, paper goods, pasta, etc.

You can simply drop these things by the food pantry door. We can also accept monetary donations and gift cards as we use them to buy things like eggs and bread, etc. Just leave them for the pantry at the office window.

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A Guide to the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program: *What Beneficiaries Need to Know About Eligibility & The Approval Process*

Historically, Medicare Part D coverage generally excluded medications used strictly for weight loss. That changed with the launch of the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program, a temporary demonstration project run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This program operates from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 giving eligible Medicare beneficiaries access to specific weight-loss medications for a flat copay of \$50 per month.

Eligibility for the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program requires beneficiaries to have a medical doctor or a healthcare provider, must be at least 18 years old, and enrolled in an active Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage with drug coverage. The clinical criteria for eligibility is Body Mass Index (BMI). A beneficiary seeking weight loss qualifies with a BMI of 35 or higher, while lower BMI thresholds require accompanying health conditions such as high blood pressure, prediabetes or cardiovascular history. Therapy for type 2 diabetes remains covered under standard Part D.

The approval process begins with the journey from prescription to pharmacy pickup. The beneficiary's healthcare provider prescribes an eligible GLP-1 medication and submits to the beneficiary's filling pharmacy. Upon entering the claim, the pharmacy processes it through the claim system, triggering an electronic Prior Authorization (PA) requirement. The pharmacy system then generates a unique,

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specific key code when submitting the clinical documentation directly to the Bridge Program portal for formal approval. Once documentation is submitted to CMS, the PA approval typically takes 24 to 72 hours (though administrative delays can prolong the approval process).

The Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program operates entirely outside the standard Medicare Part D program. Rather than processing through your primary prescription plan, claims are billed directly to a central processor using specific program routing codes issued by CMS. This designated billing process is the bridge used by healthcare providers and pharmacies to process the approval and billing of the Medicare GLP-1 medications.

Once the program validates the authorization, the pharmacy billing system approves the claim, allowing the pharmacy to fill your prescription for the capped \$50 monthly copay. Understanding this backend workflow helps eliminate frustration and discouragement. Staying in close communication with your healthcare provider will help you stay up to date with the authorization process. A beneficiary can also get direct assistance by calling 1-800-Medicare (633-4227) and saying "claim status" when prompted by the automated system.

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