



## Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!

### March 20, 2026

These updates will be sent out each week to keep residents informed about what's happening around town. If you are already subscribed to **Nixle**, your contact information will automatically carry over to **Everbridge**; no action needed. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so using this link: [Everbridge Signup](#)

### Office of the Mayor

**Flooding:** On April 1st, I have a meeting scheduled on site with Congressman Gottheimer to review the current condition of Tenakill Brook. The Army Corps of Engineers has also been invited to attend, though they have been unresponsive to our request for their participation.

The purpose of this visit is to provide the Congressman with a firsthand look at the severity of the situation and the urgent need for action. This includes dredging, channel modifications, and other stormwater management improvements necessary to mitigate ongoing flooding.

My hope is that, after seeing the conditions in person, he will advocate for immediate involvement from the Army Corps. This would also allow us to strategically utilize the \$1 million grant we recently received. We also need to consider dredging the East Hill ponds, which are currently filled with debris and unable to effectively retain stormwater, further contributing to downstream flooding.

**Police:** Congratulations to Captain Jason Lanzilotti on his selection as the next Chief of Police. He will assume the role in July 2026 following the retirement of our current Chief, James Domville.

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## BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION

### 2026 Pool Season Registration

- Make this summer unforgettable with unlimited family fun, safe swimming, and community events - all right here at your town pool.
- **Registration for the 2026 pool season is now open.**
- **Registration Options**

- Online via Community Pass: [Register here](#)
- In person or by mail to Borough Hall
- **Early Payment Discount**
  - Applications must be received **on or before 4:00 PM on April 10, 2026**
- **Pool Application Form**
  - Download Here: [Pool application](#)

## Paper Shredding Day

- **Date:** Saturday, April 11
  - **Time:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
  - **Location:** 1 Dogwood Lane (across from Merritt Memorial School)
  - **Details:** Rain or shine; enter from Union Avenue only
  - **Limit:** 3 boxes per vehicle
  - **Sponsored by:** Environmental Commission in conjunction with the BCUA
  - **More Information:** [Paper Shredding Day in Cresskill](#)
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## FIRE / EMS

- **Volunteer Opportunity**

Are you interested in helping your neighbors? The Volunteer Division of the **Cresskill Fire Department** is currently looking for new members. Please inquire in person at **Fire Headquarters, 51 Madison Avenue**, or call **(201) 568-0030** for more information.
  - **Portable Generator Safety Tips**
    - Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 20 feet from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 20-foot distance from the generator to the building.
    - Never use a generator in an attached garage, even if the door is open. Place generators so that exhaust fumes cannot enter the home through windows, doors, or other openings. Exhaust must be directed away from the building.
    - Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home and follow manufacturer instructions for proper placement and mounting height.
    - Turn off generators and allow them to cool before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
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## LIBRARY

- **For Children:**

- **Maker's Day** — Saturday, **March 21**, from **12:00 PM – 4:00 PM** at the **Cresskill Library**.
  - **For all ages:**
    - **Bob Wylde Jazz Quartet**  
Sponsored by the **Cresskill & Demarest Library**.  
**Saturday, March 28**, from **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** at the **Demarest Library Community Room**, 90 Hardenburgh Ave
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## COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

- **Open Gym Date:** March 27
  - **Brunch with the Bunny:** Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
    - **More Info:** [Brunch with the Easter Bunny](#)
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## SENIOR CENTER

### AARP Smart Driver Classroom Course

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 14
- Available to any Cresskill resident to refresh driving skills
- Possible benefits: discount on car insurance and removal of up to 2 points from your license
- Cost: \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members
- To Reserve a Seat: Call Donnajo at (201) 503-9831

### NEW! 10-Week Watercolor Series

- Begins **Tuesday, March 24**
  - For class information, call **Donnajo at 201-503-9831**.
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## DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

- DPW calendars are available at Borough Hall or online at: [DPW Calendar](#)
- **Ongoing operations**
  - Asphalt and pothole repairs
  - Street sweeping of all borough streets
  - Spring clean-ups at all borough parks and properties
  - Tree pruning and removal of borough trees

- Vehicle maintenance and repair for all fire, police, and DPW vehicles and equipment
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# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **New Jersey Young Driver Safety Tips**

### **For New & Provisional (Probationary) Drivers**

#### **Know Your Restrictions**

- Display red decals on front and rear plates
- No driving between 11:01 PM – 5:00 AM
- One passenger only (unless parent/guardian is present)
- Seatbelts required for all occupants

#### **Zero Tolerance Law**

- Under age 21: 0.01% BAC = violation
- No alcohol or drug use, including marijuana

#### **Stay Off Your Phone**

- No handheld use or texting - it is illegal
- Limit distractions, including hands-free devices

#### **Drive Smart**

- Obey speed limits
- Maintain a safe following distance
- Always drive defensively

#### **Limit Distractions**

- Extra passengers increase crash risk
- Keep full focus on the road

#### **Drive Cautiously at Night & in Bad Weather**

- Reduced visibility increases danger
- Gain experience gradually

#### **Know the Consequences**

Violations may result in:

- Fines
- License suspension
- Points on your record
- Increased insurance rates

#### **Practice Safe Habits**

- Get supervised driving experience
- Plan ahead and allow extra travel time
- Stay calm and avoid aggressive driving

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## INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

- **Cranford Park Playground Update**
  - Playground equipment has been ordered. The park is expected to open in or about mid-June.

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Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Morgan'.

Mayor John Morgan, MD