



Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!

April 17, 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**. If you haven't signed up yet, or wish to change your subscriptions, you can do so using this link: [Everbridge Signup](#)

Office of the Mayor

This week I had the pleasure of attending the Cresskill/Alpine Opening Day ceremony, where I threw out the first pitch. Let's just say it *felt* like a 95 mph fastball. I may have gotten a few offers to join the team, but I think I'm just a bit past the age cutoff, so I'll have to pass.

I also had the opportunity to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting for Yasmeen. It's a beautifully renovated space with some great food options, definitely worth checking out.

We've continued our discussions with Congressman Gottheimer's office regarding flood mitigation efforts, and I'm optimistic that we're beginning to gain real momentum. I want to thank our new Superintendent, Lauren Thomas, and BOE Administrator, Dawn Delasandro, for joining us in these important meetings.

To date, I've met multiple times with the Army Corps of Engineers, the DEP, and Congressman Gottheimer's team. The Borough and Board of Education are working collaboratively to finally move toward meaningful solutions.

Finally, the Mayor and Council are proud to announce that James Lyons has officially been sworn in as Fire Chief, succeeding Chief Chris Ulshoefer upon his retirement. We look forward to supporting Chief Lyons as he leads our Fire Department into its next chapter, with continued improvements and enhancements to the division.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION

• Grant Award Announcement

We have received the Local Recreational Improvement 2026 Grant in the amount of \$63,700.

These funds will be used for the rehabilitation of the Third Street Basketball Court.

FIRE/EMS

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

Sunday, April 19, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Bergen Community College

Visit www.bcua.org for additional information.

- **Accepted Materials**

Examples of materials that can be collected include gasoline, used motor oil, vehicle batteries, pesticides, propane gas cylinders, etc.

For a complete listing, please visit their website.

- **Spring Mulch Safety Tips**

- Keep mulch 3 to 5 feet away from your residence.
- Regularly moisten mulch to reduce its flammability. Keeping mulch damp can help prevent ignition.
- Apply mulch in thin layers (2–3 inches) to reduce heat buildup. Thick layers can trap heat and increase the risk of ignition.
- Dispose of flammable materials properly. Avoid discarding cigarettes or other burning materials near mulch, as they can smolder and ignite over time.

SENIOR CENTER

- **Women’s Health & Wellness Lecture**

May is dedicated to women’s health.

Join us on Friday, May 15 at 11:45 AM for a Women’s Health & Wellness lecture.

All are welcome.

For more information, call Donnajo at 201-503-9831.

LIBRARY

- **For Juveniles**

- Yoga (Ages 8–18)
Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 AM

- 3rd–5th Grade Book Club
Reading *The Smartest Kid in the Universe* by Chris Grabenstein
Friday, April 24 at 3:30 PM

• **For Adults**

- Health & Wellness Craft
Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM
- Romance Book Club
Reading *Passion Project* by London Sperry
Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 PM

POLICE

• **Telecommunications Appreciation Week**

During Telecommunications Appreciation Week, we extend our deepest thanks to our hardworking Cresskill dispatchers—the dedicated initial call takers, the calm and steady voices behind the radio, and the skilled resource assigners who keep everything running smoothly.

You are the first point of contact in moments that matter most, the reassuring presence on the airwaves, and the quiet force that coordinates help when it is needed most. Your professionalism, quick thinking, and commitment to our community do not go unnoticed.

Thank you, Cresskill dispatchers, we truly appreciate you.

• **Parking Reminder During Borough Review**

We are conducting a comprehensive review of parking concerns throughout the borough. During this time, please be mindful of all designated posted signage, including “No Parking” and hourly parking restrictions.

Your cooperation helps keep our roads safe and accessible for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

• **Common Parking Violations**

- Parking in “No Parking” zones (including yellow curbs, fire hydrants, driveways, or school zones)
- Exceeding posted hourly or time limits
- Blocking sidewalks, crosswalks, or emergency access

Always check and follow all posted signs. Enforcement focuses on compliance with visible regulations.

COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

- **Summer Fun Registration is Open**

[Summer Fun](#)

- **Open Gyms Continue**

[Open Gyms](#)

DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

- **Seasonal & Ongoing Updates**

- Field blankets removed
 - Spring clean-ups at all borough parks and grounds completed
 - Weekly landscape maintenance ongoing
 - Retention pond aerators installed for the season
 - Soccer fields marked and painted
 - Memorial bench for Mayor Romeo installed at the Community Center
 - Shade tree pruning and removals ongoing
 - Water service repaired and restored at Joe Henry Field House
 - Irrigation sprinklers returned to service (ongoing)
 - Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs ongoing
 - Plows and salters removed from DPW trucks for the season
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INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

- **Project Updates**

1. **Park Improvements at Merrifield Memorial Grove**
Construction began on April 8, 2026, with tree trimming and required removals. Work is currently in progress to construct pedestrian access from Merrifield Way.
 2. **Spring Street Improvements**
Curb and sidewalk construction at Spring Street and the Spring Street Senior Activity Center parking lot was completed as of April 14, 2026. Milling and paving will follow the installation of a new fire hydrant by Veolia.
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method of community communication moving forward, so we strongly encourage everyone to subscribe.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jm", written in a cursive style.

Mayor John Morgan, MD