



Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!

May 1, 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

Cresskill Farmers Market is Coming!

I'm happy to announce that Cresskill will be hosting a Farmers Market this season!

Location: Cresskill Public Library Parking Lot (53 Union Avenue)

Every Thursday: June 4 – October 22

Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FREE Parking | Rain or Shine

We're excited to bring fresh produce and local goods right here to our community. Hope to see you there!

Merrifield Way Passive Park Update

If you haven't already, take a walk past Merrifield Way and check out the progress on our new passive park. It's coming along nicely and will be completed soon. Looking forward to everyone enjoying this beautiful new space!

Special Needs Program Launch – A Great Success!

Our Community Center recently held its first class for children with special needs, and it was a tremendous success. A special thank you to Maureen Alvarez, Jaclyn Sicheri, and everyone involved in the planning and execution. We're excited to continue building on this great start and expanding opportunities for all members of our community.

Downtown Beautification Underway

Downtown is getting a fresh new look thanks to the incredible efforts of the Cresskill Garden Club! Their work is helping make our business district more vibrant and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

Bear Sighting Reminder

The bear has made its return to Cresskill and has been spotted in the area. While black bears are generally not a threat to humans, please use common sense precautions. Seems obvious, but worth repeating:

- Do NOT feed the bear
 - Keep small pets indoors or closely supervised
 - Secure garbage and food sources
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BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION

- **Primary Election Day is June 2, 2026.**
 - The Bergen County Clerk's Office has mailed Vote-by-Mail applications to residents.
 - For additional information, please visit: <http://www.bergencountyclerk.gov>
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SENIOR CENTER

- Italian Lessons with Pete resume on **Friday, May 8 at 9:00 AM**. All are welcome.
 - 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, please call Donnajo at 201-503-9831.
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FIRE / EMS

• **Carbon Monoxide Safety Reminder:** Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas produced when fuels such as gasoline, wood, natural gas, or propane burn incompletely. Common household sources include heating and cooking equipment, as well as vehicles or generators running in attached garages.

• **Please utilize the following guidelines and never hesitate to call for the fire department if your carbon monoxide alarm is sounding:**

- Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards.
- Interconnect alarms for full-home protection. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow manufacturer instructions for proper placement and mounting height.
- Choose alarms that have a label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test alarms at least once a month and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If an alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

• **Volunteer Opportunity**

Our Volunteer Division is urgently seeking new members. Please visit Fire Headquarters or call 201-568-0030 for more information on how to get involved.

POLICE

• **Distracted Driving Enforcement – Cresskill Police**

What is Distracted Driving?

- Any activity that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or mind off driving.
- Common examples include:
 - Texting or using a phone
 - Eating or drinking
 - Adjusting GPS or radio
 - Talking to passengers

Enforcement in Effect:

- The Cresskill Police Department is actively enforcing distracted driving laws.
- Increased patrols and targeted enforcement areas are in place.
- Fines and penalties apply.

• **Drive Smart. Arrive Safe:**

- Keep your eyes on the road.
- Keep your hands on the wheel.
- Keep your mind on driving.

• **Community Safety:**

- Help keep Cresskill roads safe for everyone.
 - Your attention behind the wheel can save lives.
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DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

- Weekly landscape maintenance at all borough buildings, parks, and athletic fields (ongoing).
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance for Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW (ongoing).
- Pruning, removal, and elevation of borough shade trees (ongoing).
- Fence installation at the Tallman House.

- Irrigation sprinkler repairs (ongoing).
- Removal and installation of landscape shrubs and trees at the Community Center (ongoing).

Reminder: Garden debris must be placed in barrels no larger than 30 gallons (do not use plastic bags). Branches must be less than four feet in length and either tied into bundles or placed in a barrel.

LIBRARY

• **SAVE THE DATE:** Family Movie – **Saturday, May 23 from 1:00–3:00 PM.** Guardians must remain with children during the show.

• **Children’s Programs:**

- Music in Motion – **Tuesday, May 5 at 11:30 AM**
- Craft-a-Noon – **Thursdays at 3:15 PM**

• **Adult Programs:**

- Demystifying A.I. – **Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 PM** (Registration opens May 3 at cresskilllibrary.org)
 - Book Group – **Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM**
 - Reading: *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand
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COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

• Open Gym returns for May. View flyer: <https://cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/recreation/1521-open-gym-may-2026/file>

• Fall Cheerleading registration is now available:

<https://www.cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/recreation/1522-cheer-2026/file>

INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

• Merrifield Memorial Grove is progressing at a rapid pace. The stone path and retaining wall construction are complete, and the pedestrian plaza is expected to be finished by the end of this week.

• Spring Street concrete curb and sidewalk improvements are complete. The roadway and parking lot are scheduled to be milled on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. The parking lot (only) is scheduled to be paved on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

• Veolia will install a new fire hydrant on May 13, 2026. The roadway is scheduled to be paved on May 14, 2026. All dates are weather permitting.

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Thank you!

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

Mayor John Morgan, MD