



## Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!

### May 7, 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

### **Traffic Alert: Water Main Break**

There is a water main break on Piermont Road near Madison Avenue that occurred early this morning. Veolia is on-site working to resolve the issue. Please plan an alternate route, as repairs may take some time. Thank you for your patience.

### **Cresskill Farmers Market Reminder**

A reminder 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

### **Downtown Beautification Update**

Downtown beautification efforts are underway thanks to Elinor Romer and the Cresskill Garden Club! The hanging planters are up, and the planters are looking great. Next time you're downtown, take a moment to stop by and check it out.

### **Cresskill Police Junior Academy**

The Cresskill Police Department is excited to launch our first Police Junior Academy at Merritt Memorial School!

June 29 – July 3

Open to incoming 6th & 7th graders

This week-long program offers hands-on experiences, introduces students to law enforcement, and emphasizes teamwork, responsibility, and service to the community. A great opportunity for our youth! Sign up here: [Signup!](#)

### **Memorial Day Parade**

We're excited to share that there will be a Memorial Day Parade this year! More details to follow soon.

### **Energy Efficiency Update**

The Borough has purchased LED lighting through an ORU discounted program and will soon have all Borough buildings outfitted with high efficiency LED lights. This upgrade will lead to significant cost savings year after year while improving energy efficiency.

### **UNICO Carnival!**

The Cresskill UNICO Carnival is happening now through Saturday, May 9th! Stop by, bring the family, and enjoy the rides, games, and great food. Should be a fun time for everyone!

### **Reminder: Dog Leash Ordinance**

All dogs in Cresskill must be leashed when in public areas, including streets, parks, and public buildings. Dogs may only be off-leash while on their owner's property.

Dogs found running at large are considered a violation, and owners may be held responsible.

Please help keep our community safe and respectful for everyone.

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

Also, since Sunday is Mother's Day... Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there! The ones keeping everyone alive, on time, fed, dressed, and somehow still answering "Mommmmm!" 400 times a day.

We honestly don't know how you do it, but we're all better because you do. Hope your special day includes some peace, love, and at least one hot cup of coffee.

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## **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION**

- Primary Election Day is **June 2, 2026**.
- Polls will be open from **6:00 AM to 8:00 PM**.
- Voters must be registered as a Republican or Democrat to participate.

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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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## LIBRARY

### • Children's Programs:

- Kids Yoga (Ages 8–17) will be held on **Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 AM**.
- Baby & Me Storytime is held on **Mondays at 10:00 AM**.
- Tot Time Storytime is held on **Fridays at 10:00 AM**.

### • Adult Programs:

- Adult Yoga is held on **Mondays at 6:45 PM**.
  - Demystifying AI will take place on **Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 PM**.
  - Book Group will meet on **Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM**. The group will be reading *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand.
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## FIRE/EMS

### Kindergarten Firehouse Visit

- On **April 30th**, we were delighted to welcome local kindergarten students from Edward H. Bryan School for a special visit to the firehouse.
- Students met our firefighters, learned important fire safety tips, explored equipment up close, and even had the opportunity to spray the fire hose. Who knows—among them may be some of our future firefighters.

### Volunteer Opportunity

- The Fire Department **is actively seeking dedicated volunteers** who are ready to step up, serve their neighbors, and make a meaningful difference.
  - Becoming a volunteer firefighter offers the opportunity to gain valuable skills, receive professional training, build lifelong friendships, and take pride in serving the community.
  - We welcome individuals from all backgrounds. Full training and guidance are provided—what matters most is commitment, reliability, and a willingness to learn. **Contact Fire Headquarters at (201) 568-0030** for more information about joining the Volunteer Division.
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## POLICE

### 1st Annual Junior Academy

- The program is hosted by the Cresskill Police Department and is targeted at incoming 6th and 7th grade students from Cresskill.
- The academy will be held at Merritt Memorial School.

- The program will run for one week, from **June 29 through July 3**.
- The academy will feature the department's police vehicles, as well as outside resources.

### **What Participants will learn**

- Participants will gain a behind-the-scenes look at what police officers do on a daily basis.
- Hands-on training will include realistic scenarios and practical activities that simulate police work, such as basic procedures and decision-making exercises.
- Students will build confidence, character, and leadership skills through teamwork and structured group activities.
- The program emphasizes community service and encourages participants to make a positive impact in their community.
- Core values highlighted include integrity, respect, teamwork, and dedication – the foundational principles of policing.

### **Program Goals**

- The program is designed to provide a safe, supervised environment where participants can experience real aspects of policing.
- Students will learn about the roles, responsibilities, and challenges police officers face.
- The academy aims to develop personal character and prepare participants to become responsible future citizens and community leaders.
- The program also seeks to strengthen relationships between local youth and the police department while promoting mutual understanding and trust.

### **Application Information**

- The application to participate is available at the following link:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18k45a0TGG9mF2UepQZhLw3CbKSUd6jdJ/view?pli=1>
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## **DPW / PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Completed Improvements**

- New shrubs and trees have been planted at the Community Center.
- New hanging flower baskets have been installed on Union Avenue and Spring Street.

### **Ongoing Work**

- Mulching of all planting beds and playgrounds throughout the borough.
- Lawn and field irrigation repairs and maintenance.
- Shade tree removal, pruning, and elevation work.
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs are being performed for Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW.
- Weekly landscape maintenance and field mowing.

**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.**

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## COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

- Open Gym returns for May. View flyer: [Flyer](#)
- Fall Cheerleading registration is now available: [Registration](#)

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## INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

### Merrifield Memorial Grove Improvements

- The stone access path and pedestrian plaza have been completed.
- Paving and fence installation are scheduled for the week of **May 11, 2026**.
- All work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

### Spring Street & Senior Activity Center Parking Lot

- Milling was completed as of **May 6, 2026**.
- Parking lot paving is scheduled for **May 7, 2026**.
- Hydrant installation by Veolia is scheduled for **May 13, 2026**.
- Spring Street paving will follow immediately thereafter.

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Thank you!



Mayor John Morgan, MD