Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!
August 13, 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

1. Thank You to Our Firefighters

A special thank you to the Cresskill Fire Department for their quick response to a serious house fire in neighboring Demarest on Tuesday, August 11. Cresskill firefighters were the first to arrive on scene and immediately began working to contain the fire until additional mutual aid departments arrived.

We are grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our firefighters, who are always ready to answer the call and assist our neighboring communities when needed.

2. Congratulations to the Cresskill Municipal Pool Swim Team!

Congratulations to the entire Cresskill Municipal Pool (CMP) Swim Team, coaches, volunteers, and families on an outstanding season and on winning the League Championship!

This is a well-deserved accomplishment, and we are proud of everything you have achieved. We look forward to celebrating your continued success.

3. Congratulations to Cresskill 12U Little League

Congratulations also to the Cresskill 12U Little League Baseball Team on an outstanding season and for advancing to the league semifinals! You have represented Cresskill with pride, resilience, and great sportsmanship.

4. Data Centers

Cresskill recently adopted an ordinance prohibiting data centers within the Borough, and many other municipalities are considering similar measures.

Data centers offer little direct benefit to our community. They generally create few, if any, local jobs, do not provide any additional tax revenue, while placing significant demands on electricity and water infrastructure. They can also contribute to increased water consumption and waste, generator noise disrupting neighboring properties, and the loss of properties that may be better suited for affordable housing or other community needs.

5. Recent Grant Awards

To keep residents informed, below is a summary of several grants recently awarded to Cresskill and how those funds will be used.

We continue to aggressively pursue every available grant opportunity that can help improve Borough services, infrastructure, recreation, public safety, and quality of life while reducing the financial burden on our taxpayers.

Borough of Cresskill — 2025 & 2026 Grant Funding

Confirmed grants awarded/received

Grant / Funding Source	Amount	Reason / Project
Federal Community Project Funding / Tenakill Brook	$1,092,000.00	Tenakill Brook flood mitigation and environmental improvements
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)	$334,761.90	Replacement of Fire Department SCBA breathing apparatus and related firefighter safety equipment
NJDOT Municipal Aid	$194,341.00	Road improvements to Ridge Road, Carleton Terrace and Burton Place
NJ DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant	$73,000.00	Recreation and park improvements
NJ DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant	$63,700.00	Rehabilitation/improvements to the Third Street basketball court
NJ Clean Communities Grant	$23,177.27	Litter cleanup, beautification and Clean Communities activities
TOTAL	**$1,780,980.17**	**Newly awarded/confirmed grant funding**

ADMINISTRATION

Cresskill 5K

• Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM
• Benedict Romeo Community Center - 100 3rd Street, Cresskill
• USATF Certified Course

- There's something for everyone, whether you run, walk, participate, or simply come out to cheer on your neighbors.

5K website: https://cresskill5k.com

RunSignup: https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Cresskill/Cresskill5K

Zeffy (for donations and sponsors): https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/sponsor-the-cresskill-5k

We hope to see you at the starting line!

Farmers Market

• Every Thursday through October 22
• 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
• Rain or Shine

Some of our Borough favorites at the Farmers Market include tart dried cherries from Nelson Gourmet, sourdough bread from Hoffman Bread, blueberries from Alstede Farms, and the new pickles from Picklelicious!

Stop by each week to enjoy fresh produce, homemade goods, and specialty foods including dried fruit, nuts, juices, desserts, and pickles. It's a great way to support local vendors, connect with neighbors, and spend time outdoors in the community.

We look forward to seeing you at the market this season!

FIRE/EMS

CRESSKILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — ANSWER THE CALL!

The Cresskill Fire Department is looking for dedicated members of our community who are ready to serve their neighbors and make a difference.

Being a volunteer firefighter is about more than responding to emergencies. It's about giving back to the community, building lifelong relationships, learning valuable skills, and becoming part of something bigger than yourself.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Help Your Neighbors — Be there when members of our community need help the most.

Give Back to Your Community — Make a meaningful difference right here in Cresskill.

Build Lifelong Relationships — Join a team where camaraderie, teamwork, and shared experiences create lasting friendships.

Be Part of Something Bigger — Become part of a proud tradition of service, dedication, and commitment to our community.

TRAINING IS PROVIDED

No prior firefighting experience is necessary. The Cresskill Fire Department provides the training you need to learn the skills necessary to serve safely and effectively.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

• Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for qualified members
• Monthly stipend for qualified members
• Department-provided training
• Opportunities to develop valuable emergency-response skills
• A chance to serve alongside your friends and neighbors
• The satisfaction of making a real difference

Whether you've always wanted to become a firefighter or you're simply looking for a meaningful way to give back, now is the time to get involved.

Become a member of the Cresskill Fire Department and answer the call to serve your community.

Interested in volunteering?

Call **(201) 568-0030** to learn more.

POLICE

As we approach the school year, please be mindful of vehicle operation with the school district.

Parking Restrictions (School Days)

Borough ordinances strictly regulate parking near the high school. Violations can lead to tickets or towing.

Key rules include:

- **Lincoln Drive:** No parking at any time on the entire inner circle in front of the school, and no stopping/standing on the east side of Lincoln Drive from the bridge to the rear entrance (Cresskill High School property). Additional no-parking segments exist on parts of Lincoln Drive (east/west from Cresskill Avenue to the school circle; 10 feet on either side of the bridge).

- **Time-Limited Parking:** Typically 2 hours, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. on school days, applies on many surrounding streets, including portions of Delmar Avenue, Morningside Avenue, Park Avenue, Cresskill Avenue, and others. Check specific sides and limits via posted signs or the Borough code schedules.
- **West Morningside Avenue:** No parking on both sides, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. on school days, from Piermont Road to the end.
- **Other Parking Restrictions:** Do not block driveways, park within 50 feet of a stop sign, or within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

Ongoing Projects and Maintenance Activities:

• Shade tree post-storm inspections, including pruning and removal of Borough trees.
• Weekly landscape maintenance of all Borough grounds, parks, and athletic fields.
• Vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs for Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW fleets.
• Road repainting of all crosswalks, yellow curbs, and stop lines.

DPW Recycling Center Hours Update:

• Effective August 1, 2026, the DPW Recycling Center will be open on **Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Please plan accordingly when bringing recyclable materials to the center.

Take advantage of the DPW Calendar!

• Whether you're looking for recycling schedules, bulk pickup dates, yard waste collection, or holiday service changes, the DPW Calendar is your go-to resource for staying informed all year long.
• DPW calendar - https://cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/public-works/1191-dpw-calendar/file

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SENIOR CENTER

Blood Pressure Clinic
Held on the fourth Thursday of each month
Next clinic will take place on **Thursday, August 27 from 9:30 AM–1:30 PM**
Appointments are preferred. Please call 201-503-9831

Art History Series (Part 4 of 6)

Friday, August 21 at 11:30 AM
This week's topic will explore **Jackson Pollock's** *One: Number 31, 1950*

Senior Hong Kong Mahjong Tournament
Monday, September 28 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Limited seats available. Pre-registration only

Watercolor & Multimedia Art Class
New classes begin in September.

Italian Lessons
Italian lessons begin in September on Tuesdays.

Call the Senior Center to register: 201-503-9831

LIBRARY

Summer Hours
The Library is closed on **Sundays through September 13**.

Youth Events

Read to a Dog
Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog!
- **August 19 at 5:00 PM**
- **August 27 at 4:00 PM**

Summer Reading Challenge
Summer Reading ends Friday, August 21. If you completed the Summer Reading Challenge, stop by the Library to pick up your lawn sign.

Adult Events

Book Club
Join the Book Club for a discussion of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride on **Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 PM.**

Romance Book Club
Join the Romance Book Club for a discussion of *Last Night Was Fun* by Holly Michelle on **Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 PM.**

Summer Reading Challenge
Summer Reading ends Friday, August 21. If you completed the Summer Reading Challenge, stop by the Library for a chance to win a Kindle Paperwhite.

Friends of the Cresskill Library Townwide Garage Sale
Saturday, October 3, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Rain date: Saturday, October 10

Register at the Cresskill Library Circulation Desk, 53 Union Avenue. A $25 cash or check payment made payable to the Friends of the Cresskill Library will reserve your spot on the garage sale map.

Registration ends Friday, September 18. No exceptions.

Maps will be available for pickup on October 3 at the Library and online.

Questions? Contact cresskilllibraryfriends@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

August Mini Camps

- **Summer Mini Camps Continue!** There's still time to join the fun during our August Mini Camps! Upcoming sessions include **Tennis, Basketball, and Art**, offering something for every interest. Registration is open, so be sure to sign up and make the most of the summer!

To register: **https://cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/recreation/1542-august-mini-camps-2026/file**

INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

Current Projects

• Reviewed public bid packages for the Road Resurfacing Program and prepared the Contract Award Recommendation for Council action at the August 12, 2026 meeting.

Thank you!

Mayor John Morgan, MD