Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!
September 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

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Office of the Mayor

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Back to School in Cresskill

Now that the new school year is underway, our streets and neighborhoods will be a little busier with children walking and biking to school, and families heading out for morning drop-off and afternoon pickup.

Let's all do our part to make getting to and from school safe. Drivers, please slow down, stay alert, and watch carefully for pedestrians and cyclists. Please be especially mindful around our schools, crosswalks, and residential streets during the morning and afternoon commute. Please also follow the directions of our crossing guards, who are out each day helping our children safely navigate busy intersections. We've already had a few close calls with drivers not following crossing guard directions, almost hitting pedestrians.

Parents and caregivers, this is also a great time to review safe walking and biking routes with your children and remind them to use crosswalks, look both ways, and stay aware of their surroundings.

To all our students, teachers, administrators, and school staff….welcome back! Wishing everyone a safe, successful, and wonderful school year!

ADMINISTRATION

General Election

• **Vote-by-Mail Ballots:** Vote-by-Mail ballots for the November General Election will begin being mailed by Bergen County on **September 19**.

• Ballots may be returned using a **secure Ballot Drop Box** located throughout Bergen County.

• See the attached link for **Ballot Drop Box Locations** https://bergencountynj.gov/election-officials/bergen-county-board-of-elections/ballot-drop-box-locations/

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.

- **Can’t participate? You can still make a difference by donating or sponsoring the event.** https://www.zeffy.com/.../don.../sponsor-the-cresskill-5k...

- Don’t forget **The Cutest Crawl in Town**: The race hosts an ultra-competitive **"Diaper Dash"** for infants aged 6 to 12 months. It features a high-stakes, 10-foot crawl to the finish line where the fastest baby takes home a special prize.

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

Come visit the Cresskill Farmers Market each week! Browse fresh produce, homemade goods, and specialty foods, including dried fruit, nuts, juices, desserts, and pickles. Shop local, support our vendors, catch up with neighbors, and enjoy a beautiful day outdoors.

FIRE/EMS

Thank You, Cresskill!

The Cresskill Fire Department would like to thank everyone who came out to Public Safety Night on Wednesday, September 9th!

We were thrilled to see such a great turnout and loved the enthusiasm and participation from the crowd. It was a wonderful opportunity for our members to meet, talk with, and interact with so many of our residents. Events like this remind us what makes Cresskill such a special community.

A special thank you to everyone who took the time to join us for the 9/11 Memorial on September 11th. As a community and as a nation, we must never forget the lives that were lost that day, the families who were forever changed, and the bravery and sacrifice of the first responders who answered the call.

We remember. We honor. We will never forget.

Thank you, Cresskill, for your continued support of the Fire Department and for helping us keep our community strong, connected, and safe.

POLICE

25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

The Cresskill Police Department and members of the Cresskill Police Department Honor Guard were honored to participate in several services and ceremonies commemorating the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001, including county ceremonies in Mahwah, Paramus, and Overpeck Park, as well as our own ceremony at the Cresskill 9/11 Memorial.

Our department was also honored to commemorate this anniversary in cooperation with the Cresskill Junior Football program — a program once started by Jerry Keegan, and one that continues today for Jerry Keegan. It is through moments like these that we are reminded that remembering is not simply looking back; it is carrying forward the legacy of those we lost.

Twenty-five years later, our responsibility is not simply to remember, but to pass on what was seen, what was felt, and the heroic stories of those who sacrificed everything so that others could live.

September 11th reminds us of the extraordinary courage displayed by ordinary individuals. Police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and countless civilians answered the call without knowing that, for some, it would be their final act of service. They stepped forward into danger, just as they had done countless times before — driven by duty, courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to others.

Their stories must continue to be told. Their sacrifices must continue to be honored. And their example must continue to guide those who wear the uniform today and those who will wear it tomorrow.

As the years pass and fewer people personally remember that day, it becomes even more important that we carry these memories forward and teach future generations what happened, who answered the call, and what was given so that we could continue to live, work, raise our families, and enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Twenty-five years later, we remember the fallen. We honor the heroes. We carry their stories forward.

We must never forget. We must always remember.

THANK YOU, CRESSKILL!

The Cresskill Police Department would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the Cresskill residents who came out on Wednesday, September 9th, to support our Public Safety Night at the 3rd Street Parking Lot.

The incredible turnout and community engagement made the evening a tremendous success. Events like this provide an opportunity for our residents to meet the men and women who serve our community, learn more about the resources available to them, and strengthen the partnerships that help keep Cresskill safe.

A special thank you to Mayor and Council for their continued support, and to all of our incredible borough partners who helped make the evening possible — including the Cresskill Department of Public Works, Cresskill Fire Department and EMS, our Bergen County and Federal law enforcement partners, and the Englewood Hospital Paramedics and Mass Casualty Unit.

We are proud of the relationships we have built with our local, county, and federal partners and grateful for the opportunity to bring those partnerships directly to the community.

Most importantly, thank you to our residents. Your support, participation, and continued trust in the Cresskill Police Department mean more than you know.

We hope everyone had a great evening, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Thank you, Cresskill, for making Public Safety Night an incredible success!

Chief Jason Lanzilotti & the Cresskill Police Department

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.
- Asphalt and pothole repairs.
- Traffic and street sign replacement throughout town.
- Marking out and painting of football and soccer fields.
- Infield maintenance of baseball fields.

Reminder: For branch pickup, branches must be **less than 4 feet in length** and **tied or placed in a barrel** to be picked up.

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

Fall Watercolor: Registration is still open. Classes are held on **Tuesdays at 12:30 PM.**

Multimedia Art Classes are held on **Mondays at 12:30 PM.**

NEW Time and Day – Italian Lessons: Every Tuesday at 9:00 AM with Pete. All are welcome.

Blood Pressure Clinic
Held on the 4th Thursday of each month
September's Clinic will take place on Thursday, September 24 from 9:30 AM–1:30 PM
Appointments are preferred. Please call 201-503-9831

Art History Series (Part 6 of 6)
Friday, September 25 at 11:30 AM

Center Trip: Wednesday, October 28th — Join us for a self-paced exploration of MOMA. You can explore the galleries at the **Museum of Modern Art** at your own speed. Limited seats. Please call Donnajo for more information and registration.

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

LIBRARY

Kids' Events

- **Baby & Me Storytime:** Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
- **Tot Time Storytime:** Fridays at 10:00 AM
- **Kids Craft:** Every Thursday at 3:15 PM
- **Family Trivia:** Saturday, September 19th at 1:00 PM. Register online.
- **Storytime with a twist:** Ages 2-5. Tuesday, September 22nd at 11:30 AM. Register online.

Events for Adults

- **Tech Help:** Available Thursday and Friday afternoons. Register online.
- **Yoga:** Every Monday evening at 6:45 PM.
- **Romance Book Club:** Discussing *The Ex-Hex* by Erin Sterling on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 PM.
- **A Club in Motion:** Learn how to use Mobility Clubs to improve joint health, flexibility, and shoulder mobility. Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 PM. Registration required.
- **Book Club:** Discussing *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM.

Questions? Contact **cresskilllibraryfriends@gmail.com**.

COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

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Fall Volleyball Open Gym

Cresskill Recreation is offering **Volleyball Wednesday Afternoons** for Cresskill middle school students. Open gym sessions will be held **September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, and 21, from 5:15–6:30 PM**. A **$20 insurance fee is required** for participation and can be paid through Community Pass. **Cresskill residents only.** **https://cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/recreation/1603-fall-volleyball-open-gym-2026/file**

Travel Basketball Try-Outs

Registration is **currently open** for Cresskill Recreation Travel Basketball Tryouts for the Winter 2026/2027 season. Register through **Community Pass** by **Friday, October 9 at 5:00 PM**. Please see the flyer for additional information regarding **tryout dates and times, eligible grades, and uniforms etc**. https://www.cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/recreation/1621-travel-basketball-2026/file

September Open Gym

Monday, September 21st
- Grades **K–5:** 12:15 PM–1:45 PM

A parent or guardian must be present. Each parent may supervise up to five children.
- Grades **6–12:** 2:00 PM–3:30 PM

A **$20 Registration/Insurance Fee** is required for participation and can be paid through **Community Pass**. **Open to Cresskill residents only.**
https://www.cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/recreation/1623-open-gym-september-2026/file

For questions, call **201-816-8065** or email **malvarez@cresskillboro.org**.

INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

• Coordination with contractor and utility companies for the Road Resurfacing Program. Work is expected to commence on or about **October 5, 2026**.

Thank you!

Mayor John Morgan, MD