Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!
July 01, 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

Celebrate Independence Day with us! Cresskill residents are invited to our **4th of July Celebration** on **Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the **Benedict Romeo Community Center** *(Rain date: Sunday, July 5.)* We look forward to celebrating Independence Day with our community and hope to see you there for a day of fun, family, and festivities.

Trash & Recycling Collection Update: Due to the extreme heat, Interstate Waste Services (IWS) will begin trash and recycling collection at **5:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday**. Please place all trash and recycling at the curb **the night before** your scheduled pickup to ensure it is not missed.

Junior Police Academy: Our Junior Police Academy is taking place this week! If you see the cadets around town participating in training and community activities, be sure to give them a friendly wave. We thank the Cresskill Police Department and all the instructors for providing this outstanding program for our youth.

Please join us in welcoming **Chief Jason Lanzilotti**, who will be **sworn in as Cresskill's Chief of Police on Wednesday, July 15**. during the Mayor and Council Meeting **at 6:30 p.m**. at Borough Hall. We congratulate Chief Lanzilotti and wish him continued success as he begins this new leadership role serving our community.

ADMINISTRATION

Cresskill Farmers Market

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

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!

Make a Splash This Summer!

Summer is here, and the Cresskill Municipal Pool is now open full-time for the season!

The Cresskill Municipal Pool offers residents a great place to relax, cool off, and enjoy the summer season with family and friends. Whether you're swimming laps, enjoying recreational swim time, or spending the day poolside, the facility provides a safe and welcoming community space for all ages.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the pool this summer!

Pool registration information and applications are available here:
https://www.cresskillboro.com/index.php/forms-documents/forms/department-documents/swim-club/1474-pool-registration-2026/file

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SENIOR CENTER

Art History Series (Part 1 of 6)
Friday, July 10 at 11:30 AM
This week's topic will be **Vincent van Gogh's** oil-on-canvas masterpiece, *Starry Night*. Call the Senior Center to register 201-503-9831

NEW Multimedia Art Class (4-Week Series)
Mondays: July 20, July 27, August 3 & August 10 at 12:30 PM
Call the Senior Center for more information 201-503-9831

Art History Series (Part 2 of 6)
Friday, July 24 at 11:30 AM
This week's topic will be **Pablo Picasso's** oil painting *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon*. Call the Senior Center to register 201-503-9831

Senior Hong Kong Mahjong Tournament
Monday, September 28 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Space is limited. Registration is now open. Call for more information 201-503-9831

LIBRARY

Library Hours

- The Library will be closed on **Saturday, July 4**, in observance of **Independence Day**.
- Summer Hours are now in effect. The Library is closed on **Sundays through September 13th**.

Events for Children

Summer Reading
- We're looking for Summer Reading Stars!
- Sign up today!

Storytime with a Twist
- **Wednesday, July 8 | 11:30 AM**
- A fun, interactive yoga storytime for children ages **2–5**.
- Registration required.

ArtyTime
- **Wednesday, July 8 | 4:00 PM**
- Create your own artistic masterpiece.
- For children in Grades K–5.
- Registration required.

Mystery Reader Storytime
- **Starting Friday, July 10 | 2:00 PM**
- Join us for storytime with a surprise community guest!
- Designed for children ages 3–5.
- This fun and engaging series brings beloved community figures to life—one story at a time.
- Come find out who's reading next!

Challenge Island
- **Monday, July 13 | 4:00–5:00 PM**
- A fun STEM event where engineering meets imagination!
- Registration required.

Events for Adults

Summer Reading

- Sign up for a chance to win a **Kindle Paperwhite!**

Soap Making

- **Thursday, July 9 | 6:30–7:30 PM**

Adult Yoga

- **Mondays | 6:45 PM**
- Bring a mat.

Tech Lessons

- **Thursday and Friday afternoons.**
- Register for an appointment online at https://www.cresskilllibrary.org/

FIRE/EMS

The Cresskill Fire Department hosted the Cresskill Police Department Junior Police Academy this week for a demonstration on vehicle extrication. Thank you to all the cadets for your participation and attention!

Fireworks Safety: Celebrate Safely This Summer

- As we celebrate our nation's independence and enjoy summer festivities, the Cresskill Fire Department reminds residents to make safety a priority when it comes to fireworks.
- Each year, thousands of people are injured, and countless fires are caused by the improper use of fireworks. Even seemingly harmless sparklers can reach temperatures of over 1,000 degrees and cause serious burns, especially to children.

Leave Fireworks to the Professionals

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. Professional shows provide a safe and enjoyable experience while reducing the risk of injury and property damage.

Know the Law

- Residents should be aware of New Jersey laws regarding the use of consumer fireworks. Always ensure that any fireworks being used are legal and operated in accordance with state and local regulations.

Safety Tips for Fireworks Use:

- Keep Children Supervised – Never allow young children to handle or ignite fireworks. Sparklers, although popular, can cause severe burns and should only be used under close adult supervision.
- Have Water Nearby – Always keep a bucket of water, garden hose, or fire extinguisher readily available in case of an emergency.

- Never Relight a Dud – If a firework fails to ignite, do not attempt to relight it. Wait several minutes, then soak it thoroughly with water before disposing it.
- Use Fireworks Outdoors Only – Fireworks should only be used in open outdoor areas away from homes, vehicles, dry grass, trees, and other combustible materials.
- Never Aim Fireworks at People – Always point fireworks away from spectators, buildings, and animals. Never throw or carry lit fireworks.
- Protect Your Pets – Many pets are frightened by loud noises and bright flashes. Keep animals indoors, provide a safe space, and ensure they have identification tags in case they become startled and escape.
- If an Emergency Occurs – If a fire or serious injury occurs, call 911 immediately. Do not delay seeking medical attention for burns or other fireworks-related injuries.

Celebrate Responsibly

- By following these simple precautions, we can all enjoy a safe and memorable holiday while protecting our families, neighbors, and community.
- Have a safe and happy holiday!

POLICE

New Jersey E-Bike Licensing & Registration

- On June 26, 2026, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) began appointments for customers to obtain licenses and registrations to operate e-bikes in accordance with a new law enacted in January 2026 (P.L.2025, c.285). Appointments can be scheduled online now.
- The NJMVC's e-bike webpage outlines the licensing and registration requirements, including step-by-step instructions, forms, FAQs, the NJ Driver Manual, and the updated E-bike & Moped Manual.

Types of E-Bikes Covered Under the Law

- Low-speed electric bicycle – A pedal-assisted bicycle with a helper motor that provides assistance only while pedaling, up to 20 mph.
- Motorized bicycle – A pedal-assisted bicycle with:
    - An engine under 50 cubic centimeters.
    - An electric motor that provides assistance while pedaling or with a throttle up to 28 mph.
    - An electric motor that provides assistance using a throttle up to 15 mph.

E-Bike Usage Requirements

- Riders must be at least 15 years old and possess either an e-bike license or a valid New Jersey driver's license.
- All e-bikes must be registered with the NJMVC.
- Only motorized bicycles require insurance.
- Helmets are required for all e-bike riders.

E-Bike Licensing

- Riders aged 15 or older without a New Jersey driver's license must schedule an initial permit appointment and complete the licensing process, including obtaining a permit, passing a knowledge test, practicing e-bike operation, and passing a road test.
- Individuals under 18 must provide a completed parent consent form if a parent or guardian is not present at the appointment.
- All applicants must complete Application Form BA-208.

E-Bike Registration

- Registration appointments are available at NJMVC Vehicle Centers and can be completed in one visit.
- Required documents include:
    - Registration Form BA-49EB.
    - Proof of identity.
    - Proof of liability insurance (motorized bicycles only).
    - Proof of ownership, such as a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO), purchase receipt, notarized bill of sale, or owner affidavit.
- Individuals under 18 must provide a completed parent consent form if a parent or guardian is not present.
- Upon registration, riders will receive two license plate stickers to display on both sides of the e-bike's front fork.
- Visit the NJMVC e-bike webpage for complete licensing and registration information.

DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

Ongoing Projects and Maintenance Activities:

• Weekly landscape maintenance of all borough grounds, parks, and athletic fields
• Vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs for Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW fleets
• Borough shade tree pruning, elevations, and removals
• Storm water pipe repair at Truman Drive.
• Street sign replacement and repairs
• Routine sewer maintenance

COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

Cresskill's 4th of July Townwide Celebration

Saturday, July 4, 2026
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Benedict Romeo Community Center

Rain Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Come enjoy a day of fun for all!

• Food
• Rides
• Games
• DJ Entertainment
• And More!

If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Office at (201) 816-8065 or email malvarez@cresskillboro.org.

Cresskill residents only.

Flyer: http://cresskillboro.com/index.php/news-announcements/452-cresskills-4th-of-july-townwide-celebration

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INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

Current Projects
• Coordinating with the vendor for color coating of the Tennis/Pickleball Courts. Work is scheduled to be completed in early July.
• Coordinating with the vendor for delivery and installation of new playground equipment at Cranford Park. Work is scheduled to begin in early July.

Thank you!

Mayor John Morgan, MD