Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!
July 09, 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

Coffee with the Mayor returns this **Saturday at 9:00 AM** at **Cresskill Bagels**. Stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share your thoughts, questions, or ideas. I look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to visit the **Cresskill Farmers Market today**! Shop local vendors, pick up fresh produce, baked goods, breads, and other delicious treats while supporting our community.

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 15**, as we proudly **swear in our new Chief of Police**, Jason Lanzilotti. We look forward to this important milestone for our Police Department and our Borough.

I'm pleased to announce that the **new pickleball and tennis courts are now complete and open for use**. We hope residents enjoy these beautiful new recreational amenities all summer long.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our **Department of Public Works, Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, and EMS** for their outstanding efforts during and after the recent storms. Their quick response, professionalism, and dedication helped keep our community safe and assisted with the cleanup efforts.

Finally, thank you to our **Recreation Department** and all of the volunteers who helped make our **July 4th Celebration** such a fun, safe, and successful event for our residents. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the day together.

Thank you for your continued support of our community. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

ADMINISTRATION

Board of Health Seeks New Member

The Borough of Cresskill Board of Health is seeking a resident to serve as a volunteer member. This is an opportunity to help support public health initiatives and contribute to the well-being of our community. If you are interested, please email pdonahue@cresskillboro.org.

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!

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*.

NEW Multimedia Art Class (4-Week Series)
Mondays: July 20, July 27, August 3 & August 10 at 12:30 PM

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*.

Senior Hong Kong Mahjong Tournament
Monday, September 28 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Space is limited. Registration is now open.

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

LIBRARY

Library Hours

- Summer hours are now in effect. The Library is closed on Sundays through September 13th.

Events for Children

- It's not too late to sign up for Summer Reading! Sign up today!

Mystery Reader Storytime

- **Fridays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 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**
- Grades 1–5
- A fun STEM event where engineering meets imagination!
- Registration required.

Read to a Dog

- **Saturday, July 18, 2:00–2:45 PM**
- Practice reading skills with certified therapy dogs. This popular program allows young readers to build their confidence in a non-judgmental environment.
- Registration required.

Events for Adults

- Summer Reading Bingo! Sign up for a chance to win a Kindle Paperwhite!

Thursday Craft

- Create a needle felted cactus.
- **Thursday, July 16, 6:00 PM**
- Registration required.

Introduction to Canva

- Learn the basics of the graphic design website Canva.
- **Thursday, July 23, 6:00 PM**
- Registration required.

Romance Book Club

- Reading *Meet Me at the Lake* by Carley Fortune.

- **Thursday, August 8, 7:00 PM.**

- Register online at https://www.cresskilllibrary.org/

FIRE/EMS

Stay Safe After the Storm: Downed Power Lines and Damaged Trees

- Severe storms can leave behind hidden dangers long after the rain has ended. Downed power lines, damaged trees, and hanging limbs can pose serious risks to residents, motorists, and first responders. The Borough of Cresskill encourages everyone to remain alert and use caution when cleaning up after a storm.

Treat Every Downed Power Line as Energized

- Never assume a power line is safe because it is on the ground. Every downed wire should be considered live and extremely dangerous.

If You Encounter a Downed Power Line

- Stay at least 30 feet away from the wire and anything it is touching.
- Never drive over or walk near a downed power line.
- Do not attempt to move or remove the wire yourself.
- Call 911 immediately to report the hazard.
- Electricity can travel through the ground, water, fences, trees, and other objects, creating a danger even if you are not in direct contact with the wire.

Stay Away from Damaged Trees

- High winds and saturated ground can weaken trees and leave broken limbs hanging overhead. These "widow makers" can fall without warning.

Avoid

- Walking beneath damaged or leaning trees.
- Parking vehicles under compromised trees or large branches.
- Attempting to remove large limbs without proper equipment and training.
- If a tree has fallen onto power lines, stay away and report it immediately.

Protect Yourself During Storm Cleanup

- Storm cleanup often results in injuries. Protect yourself by:
- Wearing sturdy shoes, gloves, eye protection, and appropriate clothing.

- Using chainsaws and power equipment only if you are trained and experienced.
- Working with a partner whenever possible.

Driving After a Storm

- Roadways may be blocked by fallen trees, debris, or flooded areas.

Remember

- Never drive around barricades or road closure signs.
- Slow down and watch for utility crews and emergency responders.
- Do not drive through flooded roadways. The depth and condition of the road beneath the water may be unknown.

Report These Hazards Immediately

- If you observe any of the following, report them immediately to 911 or the appropriate municipal authorities so crews can respond safely:
- Downed power lines
- Trees blocking roadways
- Large hanging limbs
- Damaged utility poles
- Other hazardous conditions

Stay Informed

- Continue to monitor weather forecasts and official updates from the Borough. Additional storms, strong winds, or flooding may occur after the initial event has passed.

Reminder

- The storm may be over, but the hazards can remain. Give utility crews room to work, avoid damaged areas, and never take unnecessary risks around downed power lines or storm-damaged trees.

POLICE

As we come into vacation season, please be mindful of a few of the following reminders:

Home & Vacation Security

Many residents will be traveling this month. Before you leave:

- Contact the dispatch desk at the Police Department to be added to our vacant house check list when you travel.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Use timers on lights and consider smart security devices or ask a trusted neighbor to collect mail/packages.
- Share your itinerary only with close family/friends.
- Sign up for Nixle alerts for real-time updates.

Beat the Heat

- Never leave children, pets, or vulnerable adults in parked cars — even for a few minutes.
- Stay hydrated, check on elderly neighbors, and limit strenuous outdoor activity during peak heat hours.
- Know the signs of heat exhaustion and call 911 immediately for emergencies.

General Summer Reminders

- Watch your speed and share the road with pedestrians and cyclists.
- Secure valuables in your vehicle and always lock your car.
- If you see something suspicious, trust your instincts and report it — "See something, Say something."

DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

Ongoing Projects and Maintenance Activities:

• Storm damage cleanup, including removal of fallen trees, branches, and debris
• 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
• Stormwater pipe repair at Truman Drive.
• Street sign replacement and repairs
• Routine sewer maintenance

COMMUNITY & RECREATION CENTER

August Mini Camps

- Our August Mini Camps provide a fun and engaging way for children to spend their final weeks of summer with exciting activities, new friendships, and memorable experiences. Registration is now open, and spots fill quickly, so be sure to sign up soon!

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

INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

Current Projects

- Merrifield Memorial Grove Park improvements are now complete.
- 3rd Street Tennis/Pickleball Courts are complete and ready for play.
- Cranford Park playground equipment is currently being installed.
- The 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant application has been filed using the SAGE electronic filing system.

Thank you!

Mayor John Morgan, MD