Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!
July 16, 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

A heartfelt thank you to our **DPW, Fire Department, EMS, Police Department, and OEM** for their outstanding work during and after the July 4th storm. From responding to fallen trees and road hazards to assisting residents without power and clearing debris, their commitment helped keep our community safe. We are grateful for their hard work and quick response.

Congratulations to **Chief Jason Lanzilotti**, who was officially sworn in as Cresskill's Chief of Police at last night's Mayor and Council meeting. We wish Chief Lanzilotti continued success in leading our Police Department and thank him for his dedication to serving our community.

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.

Mark your calendars for the **Cresskill 5K on Saturday, September 27, at the Benedict Romeo Community Center**. This is a wonderful community event, and we encourage residents to come out, participate, and show their support.

Good luck to our **Cresskill 12U Little League Team**, who will compete in the Sectional Tournament this Friday night in Sparta. We are proud of their accomplishments and encourage everyone to show their support as they represent Cresskill. Go Cresskill!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the National Weather Service have issued an **Air Quality Alert** due to Canadian wildfire smoke. Residents are encouraged to take precautions by limiting time outdoors, keeping windows and doors closed, using air purifiers or recirculating indoor air, and avoiding strenuous outdoor activities until conditions improve.

ADMINISTRATION

Join the Cresskill 5K Experience!

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

The Cresskill 5K is more than just a race—it's an opportunity to come together as a community while supporting causes that make a lasting impact.

- 100% of race proceeds benefit the Cresskill Health and Wellness Foundation and the Badges & Books Relief Project.
- Proceeds support local schools and community wellness programs, and local families in need.
- Enjoy DJ music, post-race refreshments, and cheer on participants in the Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run.
- Don't miss the cutest race of the day, the Diaper Dash!
- 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!

Cooling Center

When extreme heat is forecast, Borough Hall may be activated as a cooling center for residents. Please follow the Borough's social media pages for activation notices, hours, and any additional information. Stay cool, stay hydrated, and check on neighbors who may need assistance.

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

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 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!

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.

Wooly Pets
- **Monday, July 20, 4:00 PM**
- Ages 7-14
- Create a needle felt dinosaur.
- Registration required.

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

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.**

Tech Lessons
- Need assistance with your mobile phone, computer, or tablet? Schedule a visit with our technology assistant.
- **Thursday and Friday afternoons.**

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

FIRE/EMS

Know When to Call 911: Every Second Counts

• In an emergency, every second matters. Calling 911 connects you to trained emergency dispatchers who can quickly send police, fire, or emergency medical services when lives, property, or public safety are at risk. Knowing when—and how—to call 911 can help emergency responders reach you faster and provide the assistance you need.

When Should You Call 911?

• Call 911 immediately if you are experiencing or witnessing an emergency such as:

- A fire or smell of smoke in a building
- A medical emergency, including chest pain, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding, unconsciousness, or seizures
- A serious motor vehicle accident
- Someone who is choking or not breathing
- A crime in progress
- A hazardous situation involving gas leaks, downed power lines, or dangerous materials
- Any situation where someone's life, health, or property is in immediate danger

• If you are unsure whether a situation is an emergency, it's always better to call. The dispatcher will determine the appropriate response.

Be Prepared to Answer Questions

• When you call 911, remain as calm as possible. The dispatcher's questions are designed to get help to you quickly.

• Be prepared to provide:

- Your exact address or location
- The phone number you are calling from
- The type of emergency
- A description of what happened
- The number of people who are injured or involved
- Any hazards responders should know about

• Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you it is okay to do so.

Know Your Address

• Teach every member of your household, including children, their home address and how to describe their location. If you're in a park, store, or other public place, look for nearby street signs, business names, or landmarks to help responders find you.

Follow the Dispatcher's Instructions

• Emergency dispatchers are trained to provide life-saving instructions before first responders arrive. You may be guided through CPR, bleeding control, or other critical steps. Listen carefully and follow their instructions until help arrives.

Calling From a Cell Phone

• Cell phones can usually reach 911 even without an active service plan. However, your exact location may not always be available to the dispatcher. Be prepared to clearly describe where you are.

When NOT to Call 911

• 911 should not be used for non-emergency situations such as:

- Power outages
- Minor property damage
- General information requests
- Noise complaints that are not an immediate threat
- Routine municipal services

• Using 911 for non-emergencies can delay help for someone facing a true life-threatening emergency. For non-emergencies, the Cresskill Dispatch Center can be contacted at **(201) 568-1400**.

• Knowing when to call 911—and what information to provide—helps first responders arrive quickly and prepared to assist. Your calm and accurate information can make a critical difference during an emergency.

• **When in doubt, call 911. We're here to help!**

POLICE

Dear Cresskill Residents,

I am honored to address you this week as your new Chief of Police. On July 1, 2026, I was officially sworn in as Chief, marking the beginning of a new chapter in my 26-year journey with the Cresskill Police Department. From my early days as a dispatcher to my service as a patrol officer, detective, Lieutenant, and Captain, I have had the privilege of serving this community in many roles. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead the dedicated men and women of our department.

My top priority remains what it has always been: ensuring the safety, security, and well-being of every resident in Cresskill. Our department is committed to proactive policing, continuous training, and the smart use of technology to prevent crime and respond effectively when needed. Whether it’s through our upgraded evidence management systems, body-worn cameras, enhanced training programs, or strong partnerships with neighboring agencies, we are constantly working to provide you with the highest level of professional service.

To our residents: please know that the Cresskill Police Department is here for you. We value your trust and encourage open communication. If you see something concerning, hear something that doesn’t sound right, or simply have a suggestion on how we can better serve the community, we want to hear from you. Building strong relationships between the police and the community is essential to the quality of life we all enjoy here in Cresskill.

I also want to personally thank the many officers, dispatchers, and support staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes — often when the rest of us are asleep or with family — to keep our town safe. Their professionalism and dedication make me proud every day.

As we move forward together, I look forward to meeting more of you at community events, neighborhood gatherings, and through our ongoing outreach efforts. Your safety and peace of mind remain our highest mission.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will keep Cresskill the safe, welcoming, and vibrant community we all love.

Stay safe, and I wish everyone a safe and amazing summer.

Chief Jason Lanzilotti
Cresskill Police Department

DPW / PUBLIC WORKS

Ongoing Projects and Maintenance Activities:

• Storm damage cleanup
• Shade tree post storm inspections for 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

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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

- Cranford Park playground equipment installation is expected to be completed on or about **July 17, 2026**.

- Finalizing construction plans and specifications for the **Road Resurfacing Program**. Bids will be received on **August 6, 2026**.

Thank you!

Mayor John Morgan, MD