Welcome to our Weekly Community Update!
July 23, 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

Little League State Tournament Coming to Cresskill!

Cresskill is proud to host the Little League State Tournament from **July 30 through August 4**. The first game begins at **5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31**.

We're working to make this a special community event and invite everyone to come out, enjoy the games, and support the players and families!

Mystery Reader at the Cresskill Public Library

The Cresskill Public Library will host a special Mystery Reader on Friday, July 24, and Friday, July 31. Please stop by, support our Library, and join us to find out who the Mystery Reader will be!

Cranford Park Playground Is Now Open

Our new playground at Cranford Park is officially open and ready for use. We invite families to visit, enjoy the new equipment, and spend some time outdoors at the park.

Recycling Center Schedule Begins August 1

Beginning Saturday, August 1, 2026, the Cresskill Recycling Center will be open on the following schedule:

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location:
325 Piermont Road
Cresskill, NJ 07626

The Recycling Center is for Cresskill residents only. Commercial vehicles are not permitted.

ADMINISTRATION

National Tree Day – Sunday, July 26, 2026

• In celebration of National Tree Day and to promote environmental awareness, residents are encouraged to prune and trim their trees.
• As a reminder, municipal trees are measured **10 feet from the face of the curb to the center of the tree's diameter.**

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!

FIRE/EMS

Flash Flood Safety: Turn Around, Don't Drown!

Flash flooding is one of the most dangerous weather hazards and can develop with little or no warning. Heavy rainfall can quickly overwhelm drainage systems, causing roads, streams, and low-lying areas to flood in a matter of minutes.

The Borough of Cresskill urges all residents to stay weather-aware and take flood warnings seriously. Most flood-related deaths occur when people attempt to drive or walk through floodwaters.

Before Flooding Occurs

- Monitor local weather forecasts and emergency alerts.
- Know if your home or business is located in a flood-prone area.
- Keep an emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, medications, drinking water, and important documents.
- Have a family emergency plan and identify evacuation routes if necessary.

Never Drive Through Flooded Roads

Floodwater may appear shallow, but the road underneath could be washed away.

Remember:

- Just **6 inches** of moving water can knock an adult off their feet.
- **12 inches** of water can carry away most passenger vehicles.
- **2 feet** of rushing water can sweep away SUVs and trucks.

Turn Around, Don't Drown!

If you encounter a flooded roadway, turn around and find another route. Never drive around barricades or through standing water.

Stay Out of Floodwaters

Avoid walking, playing, or allowing children or pets into floodwaters.

Floodwater may contain:

- Hidden debris
- Sharp objects
- Sewage and contaminants
- Downed electrical wires
- Fast-moving currents

Watch for Downed Power Lines

Flooding can bring down utility poles and electrical lines. Always assume downed wires are energized.

- Stay at least **30 feet** away.
- Never enter floodwater if electrical hazards are present.
- Report downed power lines immediately by calling **911**.

If Flooding Threatens Your Home

- Move valuables and important documents to higher levels.
- Disconnect electrical appliances if it is safe to do so.
- Follow evacuation orders immediately if issued by local officials.
- Never enter a flooded basement where electrical hazards may exist.

Sign up for emergency notifications, monitor trusted weather sources, and follow official Borough communications during severe weather events. Conditions can change rapidly, and timely information can help keep you and your family safe. No destination is worth risking your life. If roads are flooded, choose another route and allow emergency responders to do their job safely.

POLICE

Cresskill Police Department Supports FIFA World Cup Safety Efforts

The Cresskill Police Department was proud to support the FIFA World Cup by helping ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for residents and visitors alike.

For the first United States match, the department provided a visible public safety presence during the community watch party, where fans gathered to enjoy the game on a large projection screen. Officers worked to ensure the event remained safe, secure, and family-friendly for everyone in attendance.

In addition, **Officer Stephen Wrightson** served as a member of the Rapid Deployment Team (RDT), providing safety and security both onsite and in the surrounding areas for World Cup matches and larger public watch parties at the Meadowlands. Through careful planning and scheduling, nearly all assignments were coordinated while on duty, minimizing overtime and ensuring there was virtually no additional financial burden placed on the Borough of Cresskill or its residents.

The Cresskill Police Department remains committed to supporting major regional events while continuing to provide exceptional service to the community through responsible planning, professionalism, and public safety.

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

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 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
Only 6 more seats available. Pre-registration only.

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

LIBRARY

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

Events for Children

- **Mystery Reader Storytime** – Fridays, July 24 and 31, at 2:00 PM. Children ages 3–5 are invited to enjoy storytime with a surprise community guest. Come find out who's reading next!
    - Last week's **Mystery Reader Storytime** featured one of our very own **Cresskill DPW team members**! Children enjoyed a special story, then had the exciting opportunity to explore a **DPW street sweeper** up close while learning more about the important work our Department of Public Works does every day. Thank you to our DPW for making reading fun while giving our youngest residents a behind-the-scenes look at the people and equipment that helps keep our community clean and safe. **Come see who our next surprise guest will be!**

- **Thursday Craft-a-Noon** – Every Thursday at 3:15 PM. Stop in for a fun craft. Registration is required.

Events for Adults

- **Introduction to Canva** – Learn the basics of the graphic design platform Canva on Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 PM. Registration is required.
- **Romance Book Club** – Thursday, August 8, at 7:00 PM. Discuss *Meet Me at the Lake* by Carley Fortune.
- **Book Club** – Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 PM. Discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

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

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**

- The Cresskill Recreation Summer Camp is celebrating its final week of summer fun! Campers have enjoyed a season filled with activities, games, and new memories. A special thank you goes to our dedicated counselors and Recreation staff for providing a wonderful experience for our children and families throughout the summer.

INFRASTRUCTURE / ENGINEERING

Current Projects

- Cranford Park playground is open for play.
- Road Resurfacing Program is out for bid.

Thank you!

Mayor John Morgan, MD