

The Borough of **CRESSONA** Pennsylvania



CRESSONA CARES 2025 LIST OF EVENTS

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Cressona Girl Scouts Troop # 310887

2024 was very eventful (pun intended) here in Cressona.

We kicked off with Go Joe at the Grove, followed immediately by National Night Out Trunk or Eatz was a spooky and fun event where residents set up decorated vehicles to hand out treats to the kids.

We ended the year with Christmas in Cressona and annual Tree Lighting – Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Claus and we can’t forget the mini highland cows. Local vendors sold their goods and we gave out smores kits. The warm fire was perfect on the cold evening.

2025 events calendar is as follows:

Food truck Fridays will kick off in May, and each event will have a different theme! You won’t want to miss them:

May 16 June 20 July 18 August 15

National Night Out will be held Thursday, September 26 beginning at 6 pm


Trunk or Eatz Sunday, October 26 from 4 to 6 pm

Christmas in Cressona/Tree Lighting Friday, December 5

Check the Borough’s website and Facebook for more details.

Website: www.cressonaborough.com

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 18

Borough Hall Closed

Thursday & Friday, May 1st & 2nd

Street Sweeping

Saturday, May 10

Clean Up Day 8 to 12 pm

Friday, May 16

Food Truck and bike rodeo in the Goodwill Parking Lot

Tuesday, May 20

Primary Election Day

Monday, May 26

Cressona Memorial Day Parade

Friday, June 20

Food Truck and activities in the Goodwill Parking Lot



Friday, July 18

Food Truck and activities in the Goodwill Parking Lot

Friday, August 15

Food Truck and activities. Location to be determined.

Borough Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm.

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FROM THE DESK OF ROAD SUPERVISOR FRANK KILLIAN

Now that the cold snowy winter is behind us, we can now look forward to the warmer months of spring and summer. Even though the winter has passed, it did so leaving a wake of problems behind it. The first problem it brought to the Borough was the stretching of the winter maintenance budget with the abundance of road salt that was required to keep the borough roadways clear and safe this winter. We use approximately a half pound of salt per foot of roadway.

When the winter precipitation gets into a road subbase through the paving surface and when the temperatures repeatedly fall or rise above 32 degrees it causes what is known as the freeze-thaw cycle. The ongoing cycle of water freezing under the road surface applying upward pressure on the streets paving accompanied with the weight of vehicles causes pot holes to appear.

In most cases the repair work will require saw cutting and removing the old damaged paving and installing new. In some cases, the freeze-thaw cycle also destroys the sub base of the road in our case this winter we have experienced a substantial amount of sub base damage to the borough's roadways.

This spring/summer when the asphalt plants open, we will target these borough roadways. We will have to saw cut around the failed area and excavate the old road surface and the failed subbase. Rebuilding the roadway and reinstalling a series of different size aggregate then compacting the stone making it a firm base for the new paving to be installed.

These pot hole repairs will be done in addition to the Borough's Annual Road Program. This year we will be seal coating Front and Schuylkill Streets.



FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MIKE PONTICIAN

Since the groundhog has seen his shadow and we're in for an additional six (6) weeks of winter, we must look ahead to the warmer and the enjoyable weather of spring. With that being said, we must keep a few things in mind:

There are many ordinances regarding the dos and don'ts within the borough. Please check our website or contact the code enforcement officer for details. Here is a list of some you may want to review.

1. Borough Sweep Ordinance
2. Sidewalk maintenance: shoveling snow, removing weeds or anything that prevents a pedestrian from using the sidewalk.
3. Improper storage of motor vehicles
4. Burning
5. Maintenance of grass, trees, and shrubs
6. International Property Maintenance Code



Mike Pontician

Let's take pride in our Cressona.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CRESSONA FIRE COMPANY #1



The Fire Company is celebrating their 125 anniversary this year. The Charter was issued October 24, 1899.

The Fire Company was originally located across from Ash Street. The building was once owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and was formally the Diston Cornet factory. The Cornet factory outgrew the location and relocated to Williamsport. Diston Cornets were known worldwide were shipped as far away as Russia.

In 1910 the Fire Company purchased the building from the Evangelical Church where it is currently housed. As you can imagine there have been many upgrades and improvements over the years. What was once old is new again; the most recent remodel the suspended ceiling was removed to reveal the pressure tin ceiling. It dates

to 1913 and was installed by Penn Metal Ceiling Company of Philadelphia at a cost of \$285.14.

Today the Fire Company services Cressona's 1700 residents and the surrounding area. There are currently 15 active volunteer fire fighters and 30 active volunteers.

In celebration of the anniversary, Mr. Oliver prepared *A History of the First 125 Years of Cressona Fire Company No. 1*, spanning from 1899 to 2024. It includes historical photos, minutes of previous meetings, and an expansive list of almost 2000 volunteers throughout the years. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please call the Fire Company at 570-385-2249 and leave a message.

If you are interested in renting the hall for an event, please give Judy Penberth a call at 570-449-8312.

Please check out their Facebook page for all upcoming events, including the Block Shoot April 12 and the Sportsman Raffle August 9.

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CRESSONA ALERTS



What is Cressona Alerts and what is it used for?

Cressona Alerts is an emergency notification system that enables local public safety personnel to notify residents and businesses by telephone, text message, or email of emergencies or urgent alerts. The system can reach individuals in minutes to ensure information is quickly shared.

When will Cressona Alerts be used?

Any message regarding the safety of our residents and community will be disseminated using Cressona Alerts. This is a community alert system to ensure you remain informed of important information.

Is there a cost to register for Cressona Alerts?

No, registering is free.

Why is Cressona Alerts important to me?

Cressona Alerts keeps you informed and prepared for any emergencies that may occur in our area. The system is precise enough to geotarget residents within an exact area of impact, so that only those people who are affected by an emergency situation are notified.

Does Cressona Alerts already have my telephone number?

No, residents should not assume that their information is in the system.

Can I register more than one phone number or email?

Yes, you can register more than one phone number or email address for your location when you register. It is highly recommended you register at least one phone number and one email address to ensure that you will receive Cressona Alerts in the event of a power outage or an incident that may occur late at night when you are generally asleep.

What if I miss a Cressona Alert phone call?

The Cressona Alert system will leave a message on your answering machine or voicemail. If you do not have an answering machine or voicemail set up the system will attempt to call again after several minutes have passed.

How do I sign up?

Click on the QR code and create your profile to enter the required information online (address, name, phone number, and email). If you don't have internet, give Regina a call at the borough office or stop in and she will give you a hand to set up Cressona Alerts.



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CRESSONA GIRL SCOUTS #31088 COMMUNITY GARDEN

Written by: Girl Scout Abby Bassininsky

In Spring 2025, Girl Scout Troop 31088 will be going into its 2nd planting season at Cressona's very own community garden (located next to the Borough building). This project is the main focus of our Gold Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest community service award in girl scouts. This "take action project" requires at least 80 hours of service to complete. Our goal is to create a sustainable community garden open to members of the community. We worked together as a troop to gain many hours, but we all have special focus areas to maintain our success. In this article, we are highlighting two of our members; Megan Bassininsky and Piper Reinhart.

Megan, a founding member of our troop, is a junior at Blue Mountain High School. Her primary focus for the Gold Award is community education. As we go into our next growing season, she plans to educate others about the plants we are growing and how to make their own gardens. Megan sentimentally views our Gold as a "final goodbye to girl scouts" and "a way to thank our local community". She commented on how supportive Cressona has been to us as we grew up and how she wants to give back.

Megan looks back fondly on her time building the physical garden. We were previously inexperienced in construction, but our community volunteers assisted in making our wonderful garden. If Megan could recommend any plant for you to come pick, she would say the tomatillos. While it was difficult to tell their ripeness, they were very fun to grow. She wishes to tell all of you to come visit the garden at the Cressona Borough building. Come Summer 2025, our second growing season will be successful and open to visitors. We would love for you to see our work and gain some delicious vegetables!

Piper, another Blue Mountain High School junior, is dedicated to promoting healthy eating via our garden. She is compiling recipes that utilize items grown in our garden. Her hope is that the community will be able to use the vegetables we grow to make simple healthy meals using her cookbook. Piper shares similar sentiments with Megan regarding what the Gold means to her. Reinhart states, "Community service has always been important to me and I have always taken any opportunity I am presented with to give back." She is appreciative of the Gold because it is a way to "wrap up our many years of girl scouts by giving to the community in a larger and more long-lasting way."

Piper's favorite memory of the Gold is our harvest season. Her highlight was tending to the garden and seeing our hard work pay off. Her favorite items grown are the green beans and tomatoes. Both were tasty and easy to pick overall. Piper encourages the community to come visit the garden next season. As Piper put it, "it would bring our troop's so much joy to see the project we put so much effort into be put to good use." And don't forget, the free veggies!



Girl Scouts busy tending last years garden.





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