

# Little Silver

## NEWSLETTER



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May 2022

### Message From Mayor Neff

Party planning, ticks, plastic bags, a budget, a parade and more – the news items are varied, as Little Silver abounds with energy this May.

First, with a little over a year to go, the town is actively planning its **100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration**.

I mention that right up front, because the second organizational meeting is being held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Woman's Club at 7 p.m. All who have an interest are welcome.

The endeavor is in the capable hands of Councilwoman Stephanie Brannagan, who has set up Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts (@littlesilver100, @littlesilver100th, and Little Silver 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, respectively). Like and share and tag, please.

We don't want to leave anyone out, so spread the word and come on out to help plan our little get-together! If you can't make it, please email [littlesilver100@gmail.com](mailto:littlesilver100@gmail.com). The big day is scheduled for June 24, 2023, with a rain date of June 25.

Next, most know that Little Silver helped lead the movement away from **disposable plastic bags, straws, and polystyrene** with a ban, developed in consultation with our businesses and Environmental Commission, way back in the pre-pandemic era.

Now, the State of New Jersey has enacted an even more stringent ban. Starting May 4, retail stores, grocery stores and food services state-wide may not provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service products.

Single-use paper carryout bags may be provided or sold, except by grocery stores equal to or larger than 2,500 square feet (which may only provide or sell reusable carryout bags). After November 4, 2022, plastic straws may be provided only upon request.

Please check our website, [littlesilver.org](http://littlesilver.org), for a post with more specific information and a set of answers to frequently asked questions. As with the inception of recycling many years ago, this may take some getting used to, but pretty soon we'll all be toting our reusable bags – when I last checked, some were still available free of charge at Borough Hall.

As to the ticks, **this is tick season**, so after enjoying our walking trails, fields, and parks, please remember to check yourself, the little ones, and pets for these parasites.

If you have questions or want to get a tick tested for disease, our County Commissioners have posted lots of information and answers to frequently asked questions on their website. Go to [co.monmouth.nj.us](http://co.monmouth.nj.us), and search on 'ticks' in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Looking back briefly, it was great to see the turnout for the **Easter Egg Hunt** (thanks to our recreation department and the Little Silver PBA), and the **crowds at the ball fields** for the start of the spring rec season in April.

Likewise, we enjoyed the talk in April by Monmouth County historian Randy Gabriellan as the **Parker Homestead returned to in-person events and regular Sunday openings**. Please keep an eye out in this newsletter and elsewhere for additional events this month and into the future – and for the start of an apple orchard on the historic property.

And in a last April event, the Borough Council held a public hearing and ultimately **passed the 2022 budget**. The bottom line: the overall municipal purposes increase (the only portion of your tax bill over which the governing body has control) is only 2.62 percent, or \$207,475.12, and is \$599,201 under the two-percent tax levy cap.

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### Borough Calendar

#### **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am: Municipal Court  
Virtual  
7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

#### **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

#### **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

#### **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

#### **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am: Municipal Court  
Virtual

#### **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting  
8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

#### **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting

#### **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm: Traffic Safety Meeting

#### **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Borough Offices & Recycling Yard closed for Memorial Day

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That means that, with the overall increase in property valuation, the municipal purposes tax rate will decrease this year from .441 in 2021 to .421 in 2022, meaning that a house valued at \$760,000 will see a tax decrease of \$152.35 if its valuation remained the same, or if the value increased at the average rate, an increase of about \$82.00.

Please remember that your municipal tax rate is just about a quarter of your yearly tax bill; because the school and county (making up more than two thirds your tax bill) have not yet passed their budgets, the overall tax rate is not yet known.

Again this year, savings in the municipal budget were attributable to smart departmental spending, shared services on equipment and certain borough operations, and dollar-for-dollar reimbursement of our COVID-related expenses (through Monmouth County and the CARES Act).

And speaking of folks who help keep our budget balanced, here is a suggestion to help out our volunteer first responders: if you own or are aware of a home slated for demolition, please consider contacting our **all-volunteer Little Silver Fire Department** to offer the home for a live drill before it is demolished. The LSFDF trains weekly, and always benefits by being able to use a real home for training and drills. If you're not sure who to contact, email me and I'll get you to the right person.

Finally, **please remember our Library** as the weather warms up. Among other things, we're looking at sprucing up the Wi-Fi-enabled patio with a pergola and some attention to the patio itself. It's a great place to relax and enjoy a book, or to use a laptop, phone, or other device *al fresco*.

In closing, as we approach Memorial Day, please remember our men and women in uniform, and especially the **young men from Little Silver who lost their lives in battle**: Richard L.J. Conner and Henry G. Woodruff in World War I; John R. Toomey, a paratrooper killed during the Rhine jump in World War II; Tom Firth, who died in a gun battle in South Vietnam in 1965; Jordi Grez, who was killed by an IED in Iraq in 2005; and Tinker Dorn of Shrewsbury, killed by sniper fire in South Vietnam, and whose brother Dan, a Little Silver resident for many years and a U.S. Marine, assists in our ceremony.

And of course, please come to our **Memorial Day parade**, stepping off at 8:30 on Memorial Day, culminating in our Memorial Day ceremony at Memorial Park. We hope to see you there.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you smooth sailing through spring. As always, please call borough hall with any concerns, or contact me directly by calling my home phone at (732) 576-8595, or emailing me at bobneff80@gmail.com.

**Robert C. Neff Jr.**  
Mayor, Borough of Little Silver

## Our schools need your input and guidance!

The district has received COVID-related funding to assist in addressing learning loss and other issues caused by the pandemic and is reaching out to the public for input into the best use of the funding. To offer your thoughts, please go to <https://bit.ly/3kaxsmU> for a short survey. Please note the responses are anonymous and names and emails are not collected. Please call Angie Rosen, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at (732) 741-7112, ext. 3113 with any questions. Thank you!

## Traffic & Safety Tip

In New Jersey, it is a primary offense for a motorist to talk or text message with a hand-held wireless telephone or electronic communication device while driving.

The penalties associated with these infractions have been adjusted in NJ to the following:

First offense: \$200 - \$400 fine

Second offense: \$400 - \$600

Third or Subsequent offense: \$600 - \$800, 3 motor vehicle points, and possible 90-day suspension of your driver's license.

## Little Silver is Turning 100!



Mark your calendars! The Borough of Little Silver is turning 100 in 2023!

We will be celebrating June 24, 2023.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting will be **May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Little Silver Woman's Club.

For questions, email [LittleSilver100@gmail.com](mailto:LittleSilver100@gmail.com)

## Environmental Commission

If you're out walking, take a rest on the new bench at the entrance to Little Silver Park on Willow Drive. The bench has been placed in memory of Marghi Odell. Marghi was responsible for planting the daffodils along Willow Drive. Her daughter, Viktoria and husband, Tom Billy helped the Environmental Commission dedicate it last week. A big thanks to DPW for putting it together for us.

### BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January through October

**BRUSH may be put to the curb at any time during this time period.**

**Reminder:** \*No grass clippings are to be placed to curb for pickup.

\*Do not mix brush and leaves

\*Do not place within 10 feet of a storm drain



Collection of **BRUSH ONLY** runs January 1 through October 31.

### Parker Homestead-1665



#### Weekend in Old Monmouth

Come join us for a weekend in Old Monmouth!

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

11 am- 5 pm

#### Car show

**Saturday, May 7**

Front Lawn

Registration starts 8 am

Awards at 1:00 pm

Sponsored by Antique Motor Club of Monmouth County

Parker Homestead will be open to visitors

### Red Bank Regional Class Reunion

Graduation Classes from 1980-1989

Saturday, September 10th, 2022 at Donovan's Reef

Ticket sales begin early June.

For more information, visit <https://rbreunion80s.com/>

Residents may check out the following museum passes with a Little Silver library card in good standing:

- American Museum of Natural History
- The Frick Collection
- Museum of the American Revolution
- New-York Historical Society



Call the library at 732-747-9649 for details on how you can reserve passes.

### Library News for May

*The library will be closed Saturday, May 28 and Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day*

#### Elevate Your Gardening: Raise Your Beds Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 pm

Join Rutgers Master Gardeners Jane Zysk and Debbie LaGattuta as they delve into the world of raised bed gardening. From structure options to garden placement, learn the do's and don'ts that will make your raised bed garden successful!

#### May 2022 Children's Programs:

##### Create a Beaded Mermaid Bracelet

**Monday, May 9 from 5:00-6:30 pm**

**Ages 6+**

Drop in between 5:00-6:30 pm when Arm Candy Beading returns to create mermaid bracelets just in time for summer! All supplies will be provided and there is no need to preregister.

##### Baby/ Toddler Tales: Ages 1-3.5 (w parent/caregiver)

**Held outdoors on the borough lawn**

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am or 11:30 am**

Join Ms. Danya for stories, songs, and fingerplays! Advance registration is required and implemented in the case of indoor storytime due to inclement weather. To register, call the library starting the Thursday before each storytime.

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

May 10 - Special Musical Program! 10:30 or 11:30 am

Sing, dance, and move along to the music of *Peas and Carrots!*- All ages welcome!

Please pre-register beginning May 3. In the case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside.

##### Family Storytime and Craft- all ages (w/ parent/caregiver)

**Held Indoors**

**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:00 pm**

May 10- Cool Caterpillars

May 17- Silly Sheep

May 24- Fork Print Flowers

May 31- Bird in a Nest

#### VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

##### Peacock Surprise!- Grades K and up

**Saturday, May 21 from 10:30- 11:30 am**

Enjoy a unique, interactive workshop presented by Seema Moondra of Enjoy Explore India. Discover the art and culture of India through storytelling and design your own piece of peacock artwork! Join us on Zoom for this fun- filled event honoring India's national bird. **Please have crayons, markers, pencil, and paper ready** at home to complete the project. Advance registration is required beginning May 7. The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the event.

Join us for story and craft adventures on the Library's YouTube: <https://bit.ly/LittleSilverLibVStory>

#### TAKE 'N' MAKE CRAFTS

Get creative with our seasonally themed kits, now available in the children's room. One per child, please!

## Recreation News

### Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue  
Little Silver, NJ 07739

[www.littlesilver.org](http://www.littlesilver.org)

#### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/BoroLittleSilver/](http://www.facebook.com/BoroLittleSilver/)

#### Business Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Borough Directory

**Emergency: 9-1-1**

**Borough Hall**  
732-842-2400

Police Department  
(non-emergency)  
732-747-5900

Tax Collector  
732-219-0812

Tax Assessor  
732-842-7039

Zoning Officer  
732-842-0261

Municipal Court  
732-842-3881

Board of Health  
732-493-9520

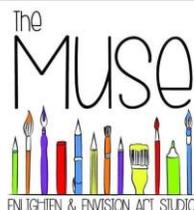
Public Library  
732-747-9649

Fire Department  
(non-emergency)  
732-741-0934

### COMING SOON!

Art classes for all ages from Mommy & Me up through adult. Check our website and Facebook for updates on these classes

brought to you by The Muse-Enlighten & Envision Art Studio



### Cardio, Core, & More

Cardio, Core & More offers fitness for adults with exercises using hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and six-inch inflatable balls, which are provided to participants at each class. All exercises can be modified and performed in a chair. Please contact [cmthygeson@gmail.com](mailto:cmthygeson@gmail.com) for more information & schedule. Virtual sessions available.

### Little Silver Spring Concert- The Wag

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

7 -8:30 pm

Behind Borough Hall

Bring your own beach chairs or picnic blanket

Got songs? Got harmonies? Got fun and unbridled enthusiasm? Then you've got The Wag! Hailing from the Bayshore area of New Jersey, this 4-piece unit has been entertaining and moving audiences for 20 years but still sounds as fresh as it did on day one! With 4 alternating lead vocalists, catchy melodies, and sophisticated harmonies, they will take you on a journey of pop rock delight!

### Pilates With Paula

Check out our new Pilates class at **9 am on Tuesday** mornings at The Woman's Club! Please bring your own mat, towel and water. Taught by certified instructor Paula. Free class for LS residents only

### 2022 Spring Youth Running Program

May 10- June 16<sup>th</sup>

Grades 1-8

Sickles Park

Tuesday or Thursday, 4 -5 pm

1 time per week: \$105

Participants will learn proper running form, dynamic flexible stretching, race start techniques, racing strategies, plyometrics, and nutrition.

**Register with LS Recreation Department at**  
[www.littlesilver.org/ls/recreation](http://www.littlesilver.org/ls/recreation)

### Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Parade step-off at 8:30 am from Willow Dr/Parker Ave  
Ceremony at Memorial Park to follow

**Summer Rec registration** will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> on the Community Pass website.

### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT



Little Silver Recreation is hiring counselors for the Summer Recreation program! Applicants must have completed freshman year. Program will run June 27<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 12pm. Applications are due by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see website for additional information.

<http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/Summer%20Rec%20Camp/>

**Did you know...?**

The current library building used to be a vacant borough garage and was converted into a new town library in 1964.