

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Borough Calendar

Monday, April 4:

6:30pm Council Workshop
8:00pm Council Meeting

Thursday, April 7:

9:30am Municipal Court
7:00pm Planning Board

Tuesday, April 12:

7:30pm Recreation Committee

Thursday, April 14:

7:00pm Traffic Safety Comm.

Monday, April 18:

6:30pm Council Workshop
8:00pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 19:

7:00pm Board of Health

Thursday, April 21:

9:30am Municipal Court
7:00pm Planning Board

Wednesday, April 27:

7:00pm Environmental Comm.

Wednesday, April 28:

7:00pm Shade Tree Commission

April 22

Earth Day

www.earthday.org/earth-day/

April 29

National Arbor Day

www.arborday.org/celebrate/

May 1

Property Taxes Due

Message From Mayor Neff

In mid-March, the Borough Council was poised to introduce a budget, public works was preparing for a snow storm, and we were hoping to locate the electrical short in the fritzed-out sign in front of Borough Hall and put it back into action.

New sidewalks were going in on Church Street. The Fire Department's annual St. Patrick's Day party and fundraiser had been a success. And Little Silver Day looked to be on schedule for its June 25 debut.

So it seemed that things were running smoothly, until I found in my mailbox the resignation of Ed Jacobi, the long time chairman of Little Silver's combined Planning and Zoning Board.

Chairman Jacobi had been serving despite a health issue, and was determined to continue to provide his extraordinary brand of gentlemanly public service as long as his health would allow. So the resignation letter was not a good sign.

Less than two weeks later, our Chairman lost his battle with a rare blood cancer.

It is not often that a town's Planning Board is run by someone with the intellect of the Harvard Law School graduate that he was, and rarer still when that Chairman also has the temperament and character to handle everything from the least contentious applications, to applications that seemed to divide the entire town. So Little Silver was lucky.



Chairman Jacobi always made sure every applicant and objector was heard.

He made sure every board member had the opportunity to have every question answered. And he did so with the courteous, patient demeanor of someone who understood just how important each and every application was to those involved.

K. Edward Jacobi was elected to the Borough Council in 1974, and at the end of his term was asked to join what was then the Zoning Board. That board, and its successor combined board, elected him Vice-Chairman, and then Chairman, forty times. That's a lot of volunteer time devoted to making Little Silver the well-planned, well-thought-out town that it is. We thank and offer condolences to his widow, Katharine, who volunteers at our library, their two grown children, Ellen and Jane, and his entire family.

The last line of our Chairman's resignation letter reads: "*My 'gold standard' for public service is also my favorite Bible verse (from the Prophet Micah), namely, '... do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with thy God.'*"

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
for your service, your wisdom,
and your example.

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Message From Mayor Neff *(continued)*

In less somber news, we want to thank Little Silver PBA 359 for sponsoring and running the annual Easter Egg hunt, and our Environmental Commission for holding its annual Environmental Day. Both were successful events.

We're also gratified to report that the renovation of the barns behind the Parker Homestead continues on schedule, and that the Parker Homestead—1665 Inc. continues to renovate the homestead's interior, with an eye toward opening the property to the public on a regular basis.

In the finance category, the Borough Council has introduced the 2016 Municipal Budget, a description of which can be found on www.littlesilver.org.

The budget increases spending by under \$150,000.00, most of which is due to increased contractual obligations. Overall spending by departments stayed relatively flat.

The increase is less than a tax point and \$117,715.00 under the Tax Levy Cap, which means that, with the overall increase in property valuation in the Borough, the municipal tax rate will decrease again this year from 0.431 in 2015 to 0.428 for 2016.

In short, a house valued last year and this at \$600,000 will see a municipal purposes tax decrease of \$18.00.

Please keep in mind that this is less than a third of your annual tax bill, the remainder of which constitutes the school tax, the county tax, and the penny open space tax. Since the schools and county have not yet adopted their budgets, the overall tax rate has not yet been calculated.

With respect to the municipal budget, smart spending by our various departments, shared services on equipment, shared services for certain operations, and innovative health insurance planning have helped us keep costs down. Our thanks to everyone involved in this year-long effort.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you a pleasant Spring season. 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

Upcoming Brush Collection Schedule

Reminder: Branches must be no more than 4' in length and 12" in diameter

Place brush at curb for collection following week:

<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>
April 4-10	April 11-17	April 18-24

Copies of collection schedules available at Borough Hall or online at www.littlesilver.org

Single Stream Recycling

Zone 1	April 5 th , 19 th
Zone 2	April 6 th , 20 th
Zone 3	April 7 th , 21 st

Police Department

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, April 30, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Little Silver Borough Hall (Court Room)

- This is a great opportunity for those who
- missed the previous events, or who have
- subsequently accumulated unwanted, un-
- used prescription drugs, to safely dispose
- of those medications.

Notice from the Tax Office:

The 2013 Homestead Benefit Credit will be applied against 2nd quarter tax payments due May 1st.

Revised tax bills for eligible residents were mailed on March 18.

Please remit the reduced tax amount with the revised bill stub.

RECREATION NEWS

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by the Little Silver Police who gave out hundreds of large chocolate eggs to enthusiastic children who were on the hunt for Easter eggs.



Special thanks to Little Silver Rec Director Doug Glassmacher and Volunteers, Little Silver Police Department, and the Easter Bunny for another great Egg Hunt!



Parker Homestead—1665 News and Upcoming Events

- Barn restoration steadily progressing with anticipated completion by summer
- Grant of \$5,148 received from Monmouth County Historical Commission for continued house renovation
- April 17, 1 - 4pm: Stan and Doug Parker were active members of the LSFDP for many years, so Parker Homestead will be saluting the LSFDP with a Touch-A-Truck event on the front lawn of the homestead. Free. Bring your camera!
- April 30 - May 1: For the first time Parker Homestead will be participating as a stop for the "Weekend in Old Monmouth Tour" sponsored by the County Historical Association.
- June 12: Vintage baseball teams, the Chesapeake 9 from Baltimore and the Bog Iron Boys of Allaire, will play baseball by 1864 rules and in vintage uniforms. Stan Parker's 1909 baseball card collection will also be on display at the Homestead.

More news and updates at www.parkerhomestead-1665.org

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www.littlesilver.org

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
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
732-741-0934

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Volunteer Opportunity Little Silver Environmental Commission

Learn more about the Commission at
www.littlesilver.org
Interested residents should contact
Environmental Commission Chair
Bonnie Winters Akey at bonw@aol.com

Seniors of Little Silver

The Seniors of Little Silver will hold their meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 1p.m. at the Woman's Club of Little Silver. Those who attend will be entertained by singer/musician, Ian Gallagher, and refreshments will be available. All Monmouth County residents are welcome.

Little Silver Garden Club

Meeting Thursday, April 14
9:30am at the Womans Club

Program features a presentation by Fred Carl on "Dahlias 101". Mr. Carl is a Dahlia expert with lifelong involvement on his own dahlia farm.

Guests are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of others, discuss garden and nature topics, horticulture and design displays. A floral design competition entitled "The Bottom Line" will be judged and discussed.

For information contact
Katharine McCleary, 732-747-4891

Little Silver Public Library Better Gardening with Butterflies Wednesday, April 20, 1:00p.m.

Join us for a presentation on Butterflies and other important garden pollinators. Little Silver Garden Club member Linda Goff, lifelong naturalist and conservationist, will present the life cycles of Black Swallowtail and Monarch butterflies in the home garden, how your garden can attract these beautiful "flying flowers", along with other valuable pollinators.

A Note From Your Library Staff:

We really appreciate your donations of books in good condition, but please do not leave them outside of the library. Books may be donated during library hours, with a limit of two bags at a time.

For more library news and updates, visit
www.littlesilverlibrary.org