

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Borough Calendar

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
Offices and Recycling
Closed

Thursday, September 4
9:30am Municipal Court
7:00pm Planning Board

Saturday, September 6
Post Office Museum
Open 10am - 1pm

Monday, September 8
6:30pm Mayor and Council
Workshop
8:00pm Mayor and Council
Meeting

Thursday, September 18
9:30am Municipal Court

Monday, September 22
6:30pm Mayor and Council
Workshop
8:00pm Mayor and Council
Meeting

Tuesday, September 23
7:00pm Traffic & Safety
Committee

Wednesday, September 24
7:30pm Environmental
Commission

Meetings are held at Borough
Hall and open to the public.
Full or updated schedules
available at Borough Clerk's
Office or
www.littlesilver.org

Message From Mayor Neff

August was marked by our summer concerts, preparation for the return of our students to school in September, and a meeting of the Borough Council notable for some serious and impassioned - but courteous and respectful - debate.

The council meeting involved a proposal by the Recreation Department to apply for grant money to fund installation of artificial turf on the fields at Sickles Park. This wasn't, by any stretch, your grandfather's (or my generation's) plastic turf, but modern turf with a near grass-like appearance and feel.

Both opponents and supporters attended the meeting. Supporters viewed the proposal as a way to add field time to our rec program, which has exploded with the success of the lacrosse and field hockey programs, without having to look for space to put in a new field.

Opponents, including neighbors, were concerned about losing the park-like feel of Sickles, with field striping lasting year round. Some were concerned about the turf warming to an uncomfortable temperature on sunny days, which might make it unfit for sitting or playing on the grass. Some were worried about the cost.

The main meeting room in Borough Hall has a capacity of 100 people, and the room was full, with some standing in back. Most in attendance, including many of our children who participate in the rec program, were there to discuss the turf proposal.

In a great lesson in democracy for the children, those who spoke were engaging and passionate about their particular view - but thoughtful and courteous as well. No name-calling, no yelling, and no finger pointing, as can sometimes happen during public debate, especially when people believe deeply in their point of view.

At the end of the meeting, the Council determined that, without full support of the public, the town would likely have trouble seeking grant money for the turf idea. Instead, in a proposal that seemed to have the support of the audience, the Council determined to apply for grant money for drainage and other improvements to the sports fields behind Borough Hall and the Library. The hope is that the improvements will cut back on the number of days that maintenance issues or soupy conditions after a rain-storm knocks those fields out of commission.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and spoke, for the truly admirable way in which they addressed the issues. I was proud of our Recreation Department for the thorough manner in which the proposal was researched and presented, our residents (adults and children) for their insightful comments both pro and con, and our Council Members for their debate and resolution.

So looking forward, as we ease into September and the return to school for many, I want to ask everyone to carry that responsible approach forward, and fold it into your driving habits.

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Message from Mayor Neff (continued)

As someone who has on many occasions dropped my children off at the elementary schools and the high school, I know that cell phone use by drivers in line to drop off students happens way too frequently. It shouldn't happen, ever, and I'm asking again that our drivers put down the phone, watch out for our kids returning to school, and save the call or text for later.

I have spoken to our Police Chief, and he and his officers will be watching, especially at drop-off points. If the embarrassment of receiving a ticket in front of the kids isn't enough incentive, here are the new fines, effective July 1, 2014: \$200-\$400 for a first offense, \$400-\$600 for a second offense, and \$600-\$800 for a third offense, with the possibility of a 90-day license suspension and three points.

And if that is still not enough incentive, think about the reason for the law in the first place: the potential for injury, or worse. Do you really want to risk it?

Of course, our police encourage motorists to obey all traffic laws and speed limits in town, and directions by crossing guards, at all times. Let's be careful out there – and watch out for each other.

Lastly, we want to wish Emily Mazzoni, our part-time library technician, well as she moves on to a full-time position with another library. We'd also like to welcome Emily's replacement, Jessica Maratea, who will graduate with a Masters in Library Science this December. Jessica will be our "tween" librarian as well. Please visit this great community resource and introduce yourself to Jessica.

In closing, 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.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you all a safe and happy September.

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

Recycling Schedule: August

Glass-Cans-
Plastics

Cardboard-
Newspapers

Zone 1 - Tuesday Collection:

September 2	September 9
September 16	September 23
September 30	

Zone 2 - Wednesday Collection:

September 3	September 10
September 17	September 24

Zone 3 - Thursday Collection:

September 4	September 11
September 18	September 25

Miscellaneous Paper:

Zone 1	Friday, September 5
Zone 2	Friday, September 12
Zone 3	Friday, September 19

Place Brush at Curb For Collection Following Week

<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>
Sept. 1 - 7	Sept. 8 - 14	Sept. 15 - 21

**For full schedules and details, visit
www.littlesilver.org**

Recycling Center

Residents can also bring recyclables to the Recycling Center located at the Borough Garage on Fairview Avenue.

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday	8:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday	8:00am - 12:00pm
Closed on all borough holidays	

Brush Disposal Reminders:

- Branches must be no more than 4 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter
- No stumps or tree trunks accepted
- Do not put grass clippings to the curb for collection
- Do not block sidewalks, roads or storm drains with brush to be collected

Recreation News

REGISTRATION - REC BASKETBALL

October 1-31

Season Starts December

www.littlesilver.org

Thanks To Our Rec Coaches and Organizers

To all the people in our community who volunteer their time to coach and administer our recreation programs, we give thanks to you all! Although they do it for the love of sports and more importantly for the love of our children, please remember to thank our coaches the next time you see them. Without them, we would not have a recreation program.

Sport Coordinators organize our programs and spend countless hours putting our sports together. A big shout out to the following:

Kelly Senkeleski: Facilities scheduler, coordinator for girls' softball, basketball & field hockey

Terry Flynn and Rebecca Norton: Soccer clinic

AJ McNally and Kelly Cullen: Soccer

Mary Chamberlain: Boys' basketball

Justin Griffin: Basketball clinic

Kathleen Hoffman: Girls' lacrosse

Matt Kelly and Mike Buchenberger: Boys' lacrosse

Rick Brandt: Baseball

Recreation Committee

AJ McNally	Mary Lou Mannino
Ted Mellor	Kelly Cullen
Matthew Kelly	Jim Dee
Glenn Talavera	Justin Griffin
Corinne Thygeson	James Langan
Tim Dengler	Lisa Perfetto, Secretary
Councilman Dan O'Hern,	Liaison to Council

A Lesson In Commitment And Building Character

When you sign your child up for a rec sport, one of the most important lessons to be learned by participating in that sport is commitment. Volunteer coaches sacrifice their time to coach your child and deserve players' commitment to practices as well as games for the entire season. Every athlete stops playing sports at some time, but the lesson that should be taught is that players should always fulfill their commitment and never quit on their teammates during the season. This is an opportunity to build character in your child.

Little Bucs Preschool

Red Bank Regional High School

Openings Available For 2014-2015

One Time Annual Fee Only \$100

To Apply or For More Information Contact

Preschool Director, Mrs. Susan Eads at

seads@rbrhs.org or 732-842-8000 ext. 331

Ages 3 (or nearly 3) Through 4

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-10:20am (Flexible days OK)

October 7th -June 5th

Arts & Crafts, Music, Snack, Socialization

Little Silver Public Library Presents "Cemetery John"

Hosted by Author Robert Zorn

Monday, September 22 at 7:00 pm

If you enjoyed reading *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin or have an interest in the mystery of the Lindbergh baby, you may want to attend this program. New Jersey resident and author, Robert Zorn, will discuss his book *Cemetery John: The Undiscovered Mastermind of the Lindbergh Kidnapping*. Zorn's book and research led to the creation of the PBS NOVA Documentary, "Who Killed Lindbergh's Baby."

Please sign up at the Little Silver Library to attend this program.

For more library news and updates, please visit

www.littlesilver.lib.nj.us

Tweens and teens information can be found at

www.littlesilverlibraryyouthzone.org and

[Instagram@littlesilverteens](https://www.instagram.com/littlesilverteens)

Seniors of Little Silver

**Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 1:00pm
Women's Club Building, Church Street**

Featuring Rosemary Peters, Monmouth County Surrogate, speaking on "Wills of the Rich and Famous".

Refreshments are available. All Seniors of Monmouth County are welcome to attend.

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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
Newsletter-Website Editor
littlesilvernews@verizon.net

Business Hours
Monday — Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You Might Not Recognize Little Silver's Volunteers

We are small business owners, police officers, lawyers, teachers, realtors, nurses, professional firefighters and paramedics. We live down the street, stand in line with you at the A&P, and run with you in the Little Silver 5K.

In short, we blend right in. You don't even know we're here — until you need us.

And when you do, we're in your backyard dealing with the trauma of a severe wound, or in your living room treating a sudden heart attack, or plucking you from your home as the flood waters rise. We may be in your front yard responding to the fourth false alarm of the day, or battling everything from a small electrical fire, a severe structure fire, or a brush fire. We're excited to respond, we're professionally trained, and we're happy to help, despite missing family parties, dinners, or badly-needed sleep after a long day at work.

Who have we helped? The numbers speak for themselves. Little Silver EMS responded to over 550 calls for service last year, and the Fire Department to about half that amount. And most are members of both the Fire Department and EMS.

We're also well trained. EMTs take over 200 hours of intense classroom and practical training. Firefighters train similarly for their Firefighter I certification. EMTs must attend classes for continued education credits, and both the LSEMS and the LSFd have regular in-house training. Most firefighters train several nights a week to hone their skills and to learn new techniques.

And our Fire Police, also volunteers, help us every step of the way, in all kinds of weather.

We volunteer, in part, because we are also taxpayers. We care where our money goes, as you do. We care for our emergency vehicles and equipment as though it were our own, so that it lasts, and is ready to put to work at a moment's notice.

But most of all we do it because we enjoy caring for all of you, when you need us most. Responding to life-or-death emergencies is difficult: mentally, physically and emotionally. But it is a powerful feeling to have helped someone in their worst moment. Your volunteers live for that feeling, and the satisfaction it brings.

So we thank you for the opportunity to serve, and we hope you understand how hard we work for you, even when you're not watching. We hope that, for most of you, we remain the anonymous figure in line behind you at the bank, or the guy watching his kids play soccer on our fields. But when you need us, your Little Silver volunteers will be there, every time.

— **Elizabeth and Peter Giblin**

Elizabeth Giblin is the 2014 Little Silver EMS Captain, and her husband Peter is the 2014 Fire Chief and a Little Silver police officer, where he serves as the D.A.R.E. officer for Markham Place School. They were married in 2012 and live in Little Silver with their dog, Bailey.

Cub Scout Sign-Up

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00pm

Little Silver's Cub Scout Pack 3 will hold open registration for new scouts on September 24th at 7:00pm in the Point Road School Multipurpose Room. Parents will have the opportunity to register their son, speak to Pack leaders, and learn about the Cub Scout program and its goals. Please utilize the school parking lot on Seven Bridges Road and enter through the Art Room doors in the rear. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sean Power, Cubmaster at 732-252-7576 at any time.