

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Borough Calendar

Monday May 4

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

Thursday May 7

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

Tuesday May 12

8:00pm: Recreation Committee

Monday May 18

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

Tuesday May 19

7:00pm: Board of Health

Thursday May 21

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

Monday May 25-Memorial Day

Borough Offices & Recycling
Closed

Parade

8:15am lineup, 8:30am start

Ceremony

9:00am Memorial Park

Wednesday May 27

7:30pm: Environmental Comm.

Thursday May 28

7:00pm: Traffic Safety Comm.

**Meetings are held at Borough Hall
and open to the public.**

Recycling Schedule

Zone 1: May 5th, 19th

Zone 2: May 6th, 20th

Zone 3: May 7th, 21st

Property Taxes due May 1

Message From Mayor Neff

April was marked by the introduction of a municipal budget, the success of a new seniors' program, and other developments, and now we look to May and its rec-sponsored community celebration, our solemn Memorial Day ceremony, and the spring-cleanup brush piles that tell us summer is on its way.

First, a quick reminder. Posted on www.littlesilver.org are schedules for the placement of brush and limbs to the curb. If you are unclear on the schedule, please contact Borough Hall for assistance. Adherence to the schedule helps keep the town sightly and safe, and in compliance with DEP regulations, by keeping piles off the streets for prolonged periods.

It also assists our Public Works Department, which is in its busiest season. In addition to maintaining our fields and parks in excellent condition, and picking up brush and limbs, our DPW has put down more than 16 tons – yes, tons – of pothole filler since the snow stopped (using our new hot patch machine in a shared service with Rumson).

And the department has refurbished the Sickles Park restrooms.

So thanks for following the schedule and doing your part to help our guys help us.

Next, the budget. As in every small town, it is a struggle to offer services that residents and businesses expect, while keeping property taxes from causing us to head for the hills.

This year, the Borough Council was scheduled to adopt a spending package that calls for a municipal purposes tax rate of 43 cents, down from last year's rate of 46 cents. To give you some idea of the effect of the decrease, the owner of a home with the average residential assessment of \$635,600 would see a \$184.32 decrease in their municipal purposes tax bill this year.

However, taking into account any change in an individual property's assessment, the actual municipal purposes tax on any given property could go up, stay the same, or go down.

As most of you know, Monmouth County towns are part of a pilot program where the County now looks at the assessments on a yearly basis, rather than every ten years. The benefit is that costly town-wide revaluations are avoided, and those wide swings in property valuations every ten years have now given way to periodic tweaks in an effort to keep assessments in line with fair market value, as the state Constitution requires.

The pilot program is not a perfect system, but one in which the Borough is required to participate.

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Message From Mayor Neff (continued)

Generally, your municipal purposes tax – which covers municipal services such as police, public works, borough administration, and municipal capital projects and improvements such as road maintenance – accounts for just over a quarter of your total property tax.

The remainder of your property tax payment is attributable to local school taxes, regional high school taxes, a penny open space tax, and the county tax.

Taxes are a complex subject. As always, if you have questions on your own property's assessment or the method by which assessments are reached, you may contact our Assessor's office at Borough Hall, or click on www.littlesilver.org to find answers to a list of frequently asked questions.

Next, I'm pleased to report that a free exercise program for our seniors met with a great response in April. If you are interested in attending the next session, please contact resident Corinne Thygeson at thygeson@comcast.net, or call 732-383-5017. Thanks again to Corinne and our Recreation Department for looking to broaden our offerings to seniors and others.

May has much in store, and I would encourage you to review this Newsletter and our website for schedules of events. In particular, our businesses are having their sidewalk sales on May 14, 15 and 16, during which our library will have a book sale in front of Borough Hall. Please come out and shop local!

And of course we'll have our Memorial Day parade, starting at 8:30a.m. near the Willow Deli and winding down to Memorial Park, where we will formally honor those who died in battle. Little Silver has lost five young men to war, so please come join us in remembering their sacrifice, and that of their friends and families.

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.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you a strong and steady stride into summer.

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

Brush Collection Schedule - May 2015

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>
May 4 - 10	May 11 - 17	May 18 - 24

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

GRASS CLIPPINGS NOT PERMITTED AT LANDFILL DO NOT PLACE TO CURB



Return Clippings to Lawn

It is recommended to leave grass clippings uncollected on the lawn so they contribute to soil organic matter and help supply important nutrients.

- Adopt a mowing schedule to keep clippings short enough to filter through growing grass.
- Remove only one-quarter to one-half of the grass length during mowing, recommended height is 3-4 inches.
- Don't allow lawn grass to double its height between mowings
- Clippings are not a cause of thatch in lawns. Rather, thatch is formed primarily from a dense accumulation of grass roots and stemmy materials, often from over-fertilization.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Mulching blades can also be installed on standard mowers, check manufacturer's instructions.

Grass Clippings Can Help Gardens

- Grass clippings can be used as garden mulch, best when dried in the sun for a day prior to use. Clippings can be spread on garden soil to help check weed growth, reduce soil loss and moderate soil temperatures.
- As a precaution, do not use grass clippings from herbicide or pesticide treated lawns until after two grass cuttings have been made.
- Clippings can serve as a source of organic matter and important nitrogen for growing healthy plants when incorporated into the garden.

Rec's Busy Spring Season

The cool wet Spring has not stopped lacrosse, softball and baseball from offering exciting competitions and special activities. For the first time, girls playing softball in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to try out for the Two River Little League All Stars, competing against other Monmouth County teams.

With a large lacrosse registration, players has been practicing with top notch trainers and collegiate coaches as well as participating in tournaments geared towards rec level teams.

Little Silver will be sending four 11 & 12 year old baseball teams to play a double header against each other at the world famous Williamsport Little League Stadium on May 9th.

The 6th Annual Rec Coaches' Appreciation Dinner was held at the Little Silver Fire House on May 1. All supporters of our rec program, as well as coaches and their assistants, and program sponsors attended the dinner prepared by the RBR Culinary Club under the supervision of Chef Peter Roskowinski. The Little Silver Spirit Award was presented at the event. The dinner is funded by the private Little Silver Rec Foundation.

Rec Summer Camp will be held daily beginning June 29, 8:00am-Noon, behind Markham Place School and ending August 6. The six week program is for children grades 1-8, and the youngest children must have completed kindergarten. Online registration begins June 1 with complete information in June Newsletter.

Seniorcize continues every Thursday, 9:00am at the Woman's Club. Have fun and move to your favorite music from the 50's and 60's with exercises designed to increase muscular strength, flexibility, balance, and range of movement.

This 8 week free program is a combination of aerobic, flexibility, and resistance (strength) training, all done in a fun-filled environment! Handheld weights, elastic tubing with handles, and six-inch inflatable balls are used for resistance. If you prefer, a chair can be used for seated and/or standing support.

For more information or to register contact Instructor Corinne Thygeson at thygeson@comcast.net or 732-383-5017



MEMORIAL DAY
Parade and Ceremony
Monday, May 25

Parade lines up at 8:15a.m.
at Parker Avenue-Willow Drive.
Step off is 8:30a.m.

Ceremony is 9:00a.m. at Memorial Park

Please join the community in
honoring those lost in battle

Little Silver Public Library

Friends of the Little Silver Library Sidewalk Sale

Thursday, May 14, 10:00-4:00 pm

Friday, May 15, 10:00-4:00 pm

(both days in front of Borough Hall)

Saturday, May 16, 10:00-1:00 pm
(inside the library)

The Library will be participating in the Little Silver Sidewalk Sales, hosted by the Little Silver Business and Professional Association. For sale will be gently used books, books on cd, dvds and childrens' titles. Look for our tables in front of Borough Hall.

In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held inside the library. Come find your summer reads while supporting your library!

"Store and Order"

Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 pm

Little Silver resident, Eilen Hipper of Store and Order, LLC, will share her tips and tricks to end clutter and restore order for a more peaceful life.

For more library news and programs, visit
www.littlesilver.lib.nj.us

**Little Silver
Borough Hall**

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
732-842-2400
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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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
hosted by
Little Silver Volunteer Fire Co.
in association with
Builders General, Inc.



Monday, June 15
Old Orchard Country Club

7:00am Registration with continental breakfast
9:00am Shotgun start
1:30pm Awards Luncheon

\$175 per player

Hole Sponsorship: \$100

To benefit
Chrissy Memorial Scholarship
T.J. Bruno Memorial Scholarship

**For information contact
Kevin Tuohy at 732-822-6130**

**Seniors of Little Silver
Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 1:00pm
Woman's Club Building**

The entertainment Committee has engaged a musical group that will present music from the Forties, Fifties and Sixties.

All Monmouth County Seniors are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

For more information call Elaine at 732-842-4005.

**Reminder:
Property Taxes Due May 1**

- **In person:**
Borough Hall, 480 Prospect Avenue, Monday - Friday, 8am to 4pm
- **Mail:**
Tax Collector, Borough of Little Silver, 480 Prospect Ave., Little Silver, N.J. 07739
- **After hours:**
Drop box at Police Station (side door of Borough Hall), on wall next to Dispatcher's window. (Note: No cash is accepted in the drop box. Payments dropped off after close of business will be credited or posted to account the following business day.)
- **Credit Card:**
www.littlesilver.org, click on menu tab "Pay Taxes Online"