

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

Some fairly poor poetry will end this Message, but first, some important emergency information, and a little about our emergency volunteers.

Most importantly, don't let the lack of snow – so far – make you complacent. Please make sure you are signed up for **emergency alerts** by going on www.littlesilver.org and clicking on the Emergency Services button at the top of the page, and then clicking on the Two River Alert – Code Red Notifications. If you're already signed up, take a moment a make sure your contacts are up to date.

If you have any difficulty signing up, please call borough hall for assistance. The alert system is the best way to receive emergency notifications quickly by text, email and phone calls.

Next, our public works department has sufficient equipment, manpower and resources to respond to even the heaviest snow. The department even gets to snow-covered sidewalks in some critical pathways in town, including those near schools.

However, public works cannot clear every **sidewalk**. If you have a sidewalk, please include it in your snow removal efforts, particularly if you are on a school route, or on a route to the train station or downtown. Helping out our all-volunteer Fire Department by clearing any **snow-covered fire hydrants** in your neighborhood is also always appreciated.

The LSF, by the way, recommends that if you use gas power, clear snow from your outside **dryer vents and the gas meter** to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide infiltration.

Lastly, please **report power outages** to JCP&L at 1-888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877), or by going to www.jcp-l.com and clicking on the "view or report outages" link. Calling the police to report an outage may distract them from responding to emergency situations.

Speaking of emergency response, the Fire Department in January recognized its outgoing chief, **Mike Welsh**, and welcomed **Peter Giblin** as this year's chief. In addition, the Fire Police recognized outgoing captain **Rick Dill**, and welcomed incoming captain **Don Niles**.

And EMS Chief **Joe Colao** will serve a second consecutive term this year, with **Dan Kelly** again serving as president of the Fire Company. Please be sure to thank these volunteers for their service.

Lastly, during our January reorganization meeting for 2020, the Borough Council allowed me – again – to read some ill-conceived poetry as a reflection on 2019 and a contemplation of things to come. With apologies to those who appreciate great literature, here it is:

No craziness or mayhem, to mark the just-passed year,
We're lucky here in town to say, that things were (pretty much) work-a-day.

Some challenges we faced for sure, 'cause nothin's ever simple,
But all of you, made facing them, some fun – or at least seem doable.

Of course we bid too many farewells, to friends who gave their all,
Bill Cigliano and Tom Pallone, who answered every call,

Senator S. "Tom" Gagliano, Claudia Bruno, and Liz Hanson,
Roger Dolan, too, has left us - we're better having known them.

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Borough Calendar

Saturday, February 1st

10 am – 1 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Thursday, February 6th

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

Monday, February 10th

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

Tuesday, February 11th

8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th

Boro Offices and Recycling
Yard closed

Monday, February 17th

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Yard closed

Tuesday, February 18th

7:00 pm: Board of Health

Thursday, February 20th

9:30 am: Municipal Court
6:30 pm: Special Budget Mtg

Monday, February 24th

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

Tuesday, February 25th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree
Commission

Wednesday, February 26th

7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission

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We hope they're proud of what we've done, and plan to do this year,
Sidewalks, roadways, infrastructure – safety's why we're here.

Our library (and all it offers) received a restroom much upgraded,
And Don and AJ got it done there, when the heating kind of faded.

The cupola replaced at last, other touch-ups here and there,
New signs to welcome out-of-towners - Jackie and Nora got us there.

Nothing rhymes with affordable housing, but we think it's worth a mention,
Our town has immunity from builder's suits, we got the court's attention.

Our friends in the state and county, were there to help us through,
A grant or three, and dredging work, our partnerships ring true.

Facebook Live, and coffee talks, helped us communicate with folks,
We'll keep it up this year – tune in! – Corinne may tell some jokes.

A deep new pond marked Parker's year, the Homestead's really poppin',
From archaeological digs, to musical jams, this historic farm is hoppin'!

Little Maeve the Brave reminded us to all be organ donors,
Her favorite park will soon be home to a statuary honor.

When the year closed out, we lost some folks to retirement's sweet rest,
Mr. G and Lester Mathis - you truly are the best.

Six hundred calls to our first aid squad, we had some medical issues,
Chief Joe and his team, no matter when, saved lives, for that our thank yous.

Our fire department was on the spot, every time that things got hot,
Chief Mike and crew responded well - professionals all, as you can tell.

Our fire police, at every call, secured the scene, to help us all,
You know these folks volunteer their time, so help them out, at fund drive time!

Embury United Methodist Church, turned 150 years old,
If those walls could talk, the stories they'd tell - our town's history, truth be told.

So many help to make our town, a special place to dwell,
Like Walter Stearns' Memorial Day dance with his buddy,
Margie O'Dell,

And Little Silver Shovels help our seniors make their way,
While Trish McDerby remembered vets, some very far away.

Coming up, new parking spaces, at Challenger, perhaps at Sickles,
And this year we're playing kickball, and that paddle game called pickle.

We banned some plastic - our businesses helped – the hope's to keep us green,
The EC picked up litter, and held Environmental Day, in between.

Our Board of Health helped us understand, ticks and lead and such,
Their work is keeping watch for us, we say thanks so much.

And likewise to Traffic Safety, and our folks on the Shade Tree Commission,
Their expertise and time well serves, their public service mission.

Our police locked up the bad guys, some car thieves paid the price,
And they helped catch that pup who was lost and alone – that, and saving lives.

We helped our schools with budget woes, though funding's still elusive,
But RBR, Markham and Point remain, the very best that school is.

Public Works mowed, and cleared the snow, and kept our town pristine,
Their work can be tough, in weather that's rough, we're glad they're on our team.

We'll remember our vets not on monuments yet, and plan a centennial bash,
Much to do coming up, we'll rise to the task, and cut through the balderdash.

So much was done, so much to do, thanks for listening to my poem,
I'm almost done, we've had some fun, and we'll shortly get you ho-em.

So for Corinne and Don and Christian, and for AJ, Mike and Chris,
Happy New Year to you and yours - we hope your 2020's bliss!

On behalf of the entire governing body, we wish you a safe and happy February. 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

Did you know...?

In 2019, our EMS handled 602 calls and covered every in-town call with no mutual aid – one of only two towns in the county to do that. In addition, our fire department handled 225 calls, and our fire police handled 98 calls. This is in addition to hundreds of hours of training, practicing and testing, and to the many other ways these all-volunteer emergency services are involved in the community. That includes the Fire Department’s delivery of two full fire trucks of food to the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve, followed by helping Santa to make 275 visits later that evening. So please consider this during their fund drives!

Rec News

Little Silver Recreation is offering a FREE Finger Knitting Class on Wednesday, February 19th from 1-3pm at the Woman’s Club in Little Silver. Megan Gihool from the Sea Bright Knitting Club will be instructing us on this fast and easy way to knit. If you have your own thick yarn, please bring it with you; if you don’t, Megan will have some extra. Please register at 732-842-2400 or to claido@littlesilver.org

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the community, getting your business name seen at all events, or even just donating merchandise for prizes? We would love to work with you in 2020 to make this possible! Monetary donations and in-kind donations are accepted in exchange for free marketing, social media exposure, and more! Please contact Carlye Laido at 732-842-2400 or claido@littlesilver.org

SUMMER REC CAMP COUNSELORS’ APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED THRU MARCH 31

Applicants must have completed 9th grade and be available for the entire 6 week camp from June 29 thru August 7. Since there are only a few spots open each summer, work experience with children recommended. Applications available at Borough Hall or on rec web site at www.littlesilver.org

Library News for February

Tween Crafternoon

Heart Magnets

Thursday, February 13 at 3:30 pm

Drop in after school and design a heart-shaped magnet just in time for Valentine’s Day. No registration is required.

Watercolor Painting with Carol Bruno

Thursday, February 20, 1:00-3:00 pm OR

Friday, February 21, 1:00-3:00 pm

Local artist, Carol Bruno, returns to paint a winter scene of birch trees. Registration is required as space and supplies are limited. Choose your date and sign up at the library. No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided.

American Mah Jongg

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm

Do you want to learn how to play American Mah Jongg or already know how to play? Stop by on Tuesday afternoons and join in the fun!

For information on other library activities, please visit our website at <https://littlesilverlibrary.org> or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Sign up for the library e-newsletter on our website or Facebook.

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

- **American Museum of Natural History**
- **Cooper Hewitt**
- **Frick Collection**
- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Complex**
- **Monmouth Museum**
- **Museum of the American Revolution**
- **New-York Historical Society**

Passes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis; no holds can be placed.

Due to necessary maintenance work, the library will be closed February 14th and 15th. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Parker Homestead-1665

The Parker Homestead is now closed for the winter after a very busy 2019. We will reopen to the public in April.

Little Silver Community Garden Accepting Applications

It may not look like it outside right now, but it won't be long until the 2020 gardening season is in full swing again. Community Garden plots are assigned annually on a first-come, first-serve basis for a \$50 annual fee. Previous plot-holders have first choice to participate again, but must sign up between February 10th and March 1st. On March 2nd any unclaimed plots will be open to new applicants.

Information and applications forms are available to download on the Borough website at www.littlesilver.org under the "forms" tab.

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
732-842-2400
www.littlesilver.org

Facebook:

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

2020 Little Silver Environmental Day

Saturday, March 21st from 9AM-1PM

Women's Club of Little Silver
111 Church Street in Little Silver

Save your electronics (anything with a plug), gently used clothing, paper shredding!

Electronic Waste Collection – "anything with a cord", including televisions, will be accepted and properly recycled by Monmouth Wire and Computer Recycling, Inc. Please call (732) 922-3320 or www.computerreclamation.com for more information. **Monmouth County Residents can always bring their televisions to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center to be properly recycled. Call 732-683-8686 for info.**

Used Clothing Collection – Lunch Break will accept gently used clothing as well as nonperishable food items for their pantry. www.lunchbreak.org (732) 747-8577

Document Shredding—by SafeGuard Document Destruction providing on site residential document destruction. The truck will accept paper (staples/paper clips OK), books (hard and soft cover), NO PLASTIC. Truck has capacity of 12,000 lbs. and will depart when full. Residents only—no businesses please.

Superintendent Search

The Little Silver Board of Education has selected Strategic Educational Advantage to conduct the search for the next Superintendent of schools. Please go to <https://www.littlesilverschools.org/district/index-superintendent-search> to provide input via an online survey and for information regarding the search process.

TAX OFFICE REMINDER:

First quarter property taxes are due February 1st. There is a ten (10) day grace period for payments to be in-office. Any payments received after February 10th will incur interest back to the first of the month.

Please note: An after-hours drop box is available, located next to the police dispatch window, with 24-hour access.

