

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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December 2021



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 5th
4 pm at Borough Hall

Please join us at the festivities! Santa will be on a firetruck to say hi but will not be doing any personal visits in Borough Hall this year.

Message From Mayor Neff

The message gets short shrift this month because of all the news elsewhere in this newsletter, so I'll keep it brief.

First, please join us at our tree lighting on December 4 to kick off that most wonderful time of the year. We expect a special visitor if everyone's been good! Details on the website.

In addition, our Wreaths Across America observation on December 18 recognizes our service men and women who can't be with us during the holidays. It's an important nod to the sacrifice so many families have made.

During these and other holiday observances, please remember that COVID is still with us, and that the number of new cases continues to rise at this writing. We've all got COVID fatigue, but please continue to follow the CDC guidelines and do what's necessary to keep everyone healthy. It's common courtesy, if nothing else, and your friends and family will thank you for doing the right thing.

Next, as the weather gets colder, our Little Silver Shovelers group is looking for volunteers to help our seniors and others who have difficulty shoveling their driveways and sidewalks. Students, get your service hours! Anyone interested in helping out should email littleSilverhelpers@gmail.com or call (732) 383-5017.

As to the proposed overflow parking lot near the Sickles Park playground, and the related straightening of Harrison Avenue, those plans are being reviewed and revised after the Borough Council heard public comment at a recent meeting. The intent is

to keep our young athletes and families from having to cross Harrison during crowded events.

Please stay tuned for further discussion if you have an interest in that issue.

And lastly, we have been blessed with an excellent police chief in Dan Shaffery, who has spent his entire career in Little Silver, and with a terrific hands-on administrator in Kim Jungfer.

Both are retiring early next year, and we're going to miss them. If you see them around town, please wish them well, and thank them for a difficult job well done. We will formally thank both of them in the near future.

We were fortunate to have had extraordinary candidates for their positions, so the decisions were not easy, but we are very pleased to welcome Kevin Burke as our new administrator/clerk, and Lt. Paul Halpin as our new police chief.

Both will take their positions later next year, and we'll report more about them in the near future.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you a peaceful, joyous holiday 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

Reminder:

Please **DO NOT** put electronics, construction materials, or appliances out at the curb for garbage or recycling.

Wreaths Across America

On Dec 18, 2021 at 12:00 pm, Wreaths Across America will be at Memorial Park to remember and honor our veterans through the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.



Borough Calendar

Thursday, December 2nd

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

Sunday, December 5th

4 pm: Tree Lighting

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After Tree Lighting: Post Office
Museum Open

Monday, December 6th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 9th

7 pm: Traffic Safety Meeting

Tuesday, December 14th

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th

7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 16th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Monday, December 20th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 21st

7:00 pm: Board of Health Mtg

Thursday, December 24th

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard
Closed

Monday, December 27th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission
Meeting

Friday, December 31st

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard
Closed

Monday, January 3rd

7:30 pm: Mayor & Council
Reorganization Meeting

Recreation News



Calls With Santa!

It's another COVID Christmas! Santa will be making personalized phone calls to Little Silver children on December 14th and 15th with

registration required by Dec. 6th. Please visit the Rec website <http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/> for the registration form and additional information or contact claido@littlesilver.org.

At this season for giving thanks for all our blessings, the Little Silver Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who supports our recreation programs including:

- Mayor, Borough Council & Administration
- LS Public Works Department
- LS Board of Education
- Business & Family Sponsors
- Coaches & Coordinators

All volunteers who give their time for our children
Thank you and have a very Happy Holiday Season!

Traffic & Safety Tip

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

Sobering Statistics:

- During the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday periods in 2019 alone, there were more drunk-driving-related fatalities (210) than during any other holiday period that year.
- Although it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2019, one person was killed every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads.
- Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk when involved in fatal crashes. In 2019, 21% of male drivers were drunk, compared to 14% of female drivers.
- Of the traffic fatalities in 2019 among children 14 and younger, 19% (204) occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

Celebrate with a Plan

Always remember to plan ahead if you will be celebrating.

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact **Little Silver Police Department**.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

Little Silver Environmental Commission

Happy Holidays from the Environmental Commission

Driving through Little Silver during this fall, it's impossible not to admire how colorful the trees were into late November. Much of Little Silver was built on the former Lovett Nursery property so we had a jump start on beautiful trees. The Environmental Commission has been studying the other wonderful aspects of trees and why they're so important to our quality of life. We encourage you to trim and feed your trees so that they can benefit you and your home.

Did you know....?

- Trees remove pollution from the atmosphere (U.S. Forest Service)
- One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people (North Carolina State University)
- Forested watersheds provide quality drinking water to more than 180 million Americans (U.S. Forest Service) New York City's water comes from such a watershed, and they have won regional water taste competitions (N.Y. City Department of Environmental Protection)
- Trees lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade. Shaded surfaces may be 20-45 degrees cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded materials (U.S. EPA)
- In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of carbon dioxide produced by a car driven 26,000 miles (European Environment Agency)
- And our personal favorite-Trees are increasingly recognized for their importance in managing stormwater runoff. Their leaf canopies help reduce erosion caused by falling rain. They also provide surface area where rainwater lands and evaporates. Roots take up water and help create conditions in the soil that promote infiltration.

Little Silver Shovelers

If you are interested in helping or in need of a shoveler due to age or health complications, please call 732-383-5017 or email LittleSilverHelpers@gmail.com

If you are already a volunteer, we will be in touch shortly to confirm your interest in continuing to help.

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves only: November- December

LEAVES may be raked 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 **LEAVES ONLY** runs
 November 1 through December 30.

LITTLE SILVER GARDEN CLUB

The Little Silver Garden Club has begun its 2021-22 season! The club will continue several community-oriented projects as they move through the year. Creating small arrangements for assisted living residents will occur monthly, with the completed designs being donated to a local facility in Tinton Falls. In December, the club will again hold its Greens Workshop. Table-top designs will be created and given to Borough offices. Members will also decorate the boxes at the Little Silver train station in holiday greens and bows!! Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9 am, and guests are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Diane Primavera at 732-643-8546

Did you know...?

Manufacturing paper and paperboard with recycled materials uses up to 68 percent less energy than virgin paper materials.

Little Silver Fire/EMS Tree & Wreath Sales

Sales began Friday, November 26th

Hours: Mon – Friday	4PM – 8PM
Sat/Sun	9AM – 7PM

The tree yard has been expanded so more than 275 Frasier and Douglas Fir trees will be on display for everyone to find the perfect tree. Sizes range from 5' to 12'+.

Please park vehicles in a white-lined space (yellow spaces are for first responders) and enter by the rear of the lot.

As you may know, there is a national Christmas tree shortage once again, so please don't wait to come buy your tree, hand-decorated wreaths, and greens. There are many organizations that are not getting trees, so we expect to sell out fast!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to helping you find the best tree and wreaths for your family to enjoy during the Christmas Season.

Christmas Eve Santa Visits

Once again, Santa will be visiting us on Christmas Eve! From 3:30 to 5:30 PM, the Fire Department will be driving Santa around lights and sirens (on the top of the fire truck) to wave hello to the children of Little Silver. Registration is required and will be open on our website www.littlesilverfd.org through December 22nd.

The health of our first responders is critical; our countless event volunteers are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to resume in-home present deliveries in 2022.

For questions, contact event chair Chris Faherty at lsfdsantaruns@gmail.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 December

Please be advised that face masks are required when visiting the library. While the library is open, we also offer pickup of materials in the foyer.

Happy Holidays from the Staff of
Little Silver Library!

The library will be closed:

Friday December 24	Saturday, December 25
Friday, December 31	Saturday, January 1

Indoor Baby/Toddler Storytime- Ages 1 -31/2 years (w/ parent/caregiver)
Tuesdays, December 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 10:30-11:00 am OR 11:30-12:00 pm

Join Ms. Danya for stories, songs, and fingerplays!

Family Fun Storytime-All ages (w/ parent/caregiver)
Tuesdays Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 3:30-4:00 pm

Join Ms. Danya for exciting stories and pick up fun take-home crafts!

In- person Storytime Guidelines:

- Due to limited space, *registration for Storytime is mandatory each week*, starting the Thursday prior to Tuesday Storytime, by calling the library between 10:00-5:30 pm at 732-747-9649.
- Masks are required for everyone above the age of 2 while inside the library. Please call if you are unable to attend.
- Please choose only 1 session per week.
- Thank you for social distancing.

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

Virtual Storytimes

Your favorite children's librarians share songs, fingerplays, stories, and crafts on Little Silver's YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/Littlesilver>

Virtual Children's Programs:

Jumpin' Jamie's Music Show!

All ages

Premieres Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 am

Join us for an original fun filled event, featuring songs from "Kindie rock" musician Jumpin' Jamie!

Everyone will be rocking, rolling, and dancing all over the house!

This exciting show premiere is on the Monmouth County Library's Kids Page.

Join Yasu Theatre in a Japanese Magical Journey

LIVE Zoom

Grades K- 5

Saturday, December 4 from 10:00-10:45 am

Prepare to be amazed and dazzled by an exciting storytelling show! Stories come to life incorporating Japanese folktales with origami and magic tricks. Children can use their skills and master the art of origami animals!

Advance registration required beginning November 23; the Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the program. Can't make it? Watch on-demand through January 4.

CAT & DOG LICENSES DUE JANUARY 31

During the month of January, Borough Ordinance requires the licensing of all cats and dogs. Licenses can be obtained at the Borough Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm, by mailing them in, or using the "Pet License" drop box in our vestibule. Cat and dog owners who fail to obtain or renew a license by January 31, 2022 will be subject to a \$5 late fee. The State requires each municipality to conduct a dog census in the spring. Pet owners who have not obtained a license by that time will be issued a summons by the Police Department, which carries a \$20 fine. **If you no longer own a cat or dog, contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 732-842-2400 and leave your name, address, and pet's name so it can be removed from the database.**

Licensing Instructions

Fees: **\$12** for cats/dogs spayed/neutered
\$15 for cats/dogs **not** spayed/
 neutered

Submit veterinarian's certificate of spaying or neutering if not previously submitted.

**PROOF OF RABIES INOCULATION
 MUST BE SUBMITTED**

Dog owners: Renewals for 2022 dog licenses must have a rabies expiration date of **October 31, 2022 or later.**

Note: Borough auditor requires separate banking accounts for cats and dogs. Therefore, when submitting your payment, please write a separate check for cats and dogs.

To apply by mail:

Enclose:

- Check(s) payable to "Borough of Little Silver"
- Certificates indicated above (certs will be returned with license)
- Completed application
- Stamped, self-addressed envelope

**Mail to: Borough Hall
 480 Prospect Avenue
 Little Silver, NJ 07739
 Attn: Pet Licensing**

To apply in person:

Submit:

- Check(s) payable to "Borough of Little Silver" or **exact** change
- Certificates indicated above
- Completed application



DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

Animal Information

Cat Dog

Hair Length: Short Medium Long

Spayed/Neutered: Yes No

Dog/Cat Name: _____

Sex: Male Female

Breed: _____

Age: _____

Color: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Owner Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Street: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please do not mail pet license form with payment prior to Jan 1st

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