

Little Silver

NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

From Monarchs to sidewalks, from COVID to Halloween, to the return of Parker Homestead events and more – we're in full fall swing here in Little Silver.

First, though, a **shout out to the LSF and the LSEMS**: our volunteers always train and respond to every call, and have now beefed up a specialty skill – swift water rescue.

Little Silver is flood-prone, as Sandy and prior hurricanes have taught us, and the ability to respond when the waters rise, or when accidents happen in the Shrewsbury River and its tributaries and estuaries – can be critical.

So thanks to LSF Fire Chief Tom Smith, Lt. Stephen Campbell, and firefighters Mike Very and Jim Marrin, and to LSEMS Chief Chris Faherty, and EMTs Tony Zajac, Anna Balto, and Ed Christensen for undergoing the extensive training required to respond professionally and safely. Thanks also to former LSF Chief Mike Welsh and firefighter Matt Suszka for taking a refresher.

Our all-volunteer services tell us that **Sea Bright Fire Rescue** let our volunteers borrow their boat for the training, and it's great to see towns helping each other out. We're grateful for everyone's involvement, and for their efforts to keep us safe in all kinds of emergencies.

Looking back briefly, **the Parker Homestead** came to life in September with a car show and an old-time baseball game, bringing out a large crowd on a beautiful day. The new kitchen with its checkerboard floor looked great!

The Homestead is guaranteed to transport you to Little Silver of old (really old, in some case, like 1650), so please look for more Homestead events, including a **search for historical treasures** in the trailers behind the Homestead, from 11-2 on October 16.

That event, by the way, follows **Environmental Day** that morning at the Women's Club, beginning at 9, where you

can donate used clothing, dispose of electronics, shred paper, learn about composting, and more. The event is organized by our Environmental Commission, which will direct you upon arrival.

All are welcome to these two very popular events, which are more fully described elsewhere in this newsletter.

As to **Halloween**, we are continuing to encourage everyone to be courteous when trick or treating, and to respect those who do not wish to participate – new cases of COVID continue to pop up in Little Silver, as elsewhere, at a rate of one or two a day (17 new cases from September 10 to September 23, for instance).

As was done last year, **one-side-of-the-street parking** will be posted on Sunnycrest and in the surrounding vicinity in order to discourage out-of-town and out-of-neighborhood drop-offs, and the attendant crowds, in this popular area.

Little Silver continues to **encourage vaccination** where advised by your doctor, and testing when concerned. Our health department posts information about vaccination and testing clinics, and we note that a booster vaccine is now available to those 65 and over, and those at high risk.

For the safety and comfort of our employees and the public, please continue to wear a mask in our public buildings if you are not vaccinated, until further notice.

With all of this outdoor activity, most have probably noticed that the Monarch butterfly migration is on – but did you know that Monarchs are endangered? You can learn more about that at **our Library**, which has featured selections on the topic. The library and its wi-fi equipped patio are open, so please come visit and learn about its many fall offerings.

As to **the sidewalks project**, it is nearing completion, with the repair or replacement of the sidewalk on Seven Bridges Road, and the extension of the sidewalk all the way to Silverside, in progress.

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Borough Calendar

Saturday, October 2nd

10 am- 1 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Monday, October 4th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 7th

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

Monday, October 11th

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard
Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 12th

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

Saturday, October 16th

9 am – 12 pm: Environmental
Day

Monday, October 18th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 19th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Mtg

Thursday, October 21st

9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

Monday, October 25th

8:00 pm Shade Tree
Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 27th

7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 28th

7:00 pm: Traffic Safety Meeting

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With the **planned elevation of a portion of Seven Bridges on both side of the small bridge near Paag**, which is a persistent flood area, the replacement of some of that sidewalks will abide that project, presently scheduled for next year.

The sidewalk project has focused on routes to school and downtown, has been funded with a low- and no-interest loan, and is intended to make Little Silver safer for pedestrians.

Next, a couple **perennial reminders**.

First, as the leaves start to come down, the Borough moves to **leaf-only collection in November through December**. Please be sure to separate leaves from brush when putting them to the curb.

Brush and limb collection will resume on January 1.

Second, it's still hurricane season. For that reason and others, please be sure to sign up with our **Code Red emergency system to receive phone, email and text emergency notifications and instructions**.

If you're not signed up, or to update your contact information, go to littlesilver.org and click on Emergency Services at the top of the page or Code Red on the left side of the page, or call borough hall for assistance. Also known as the Two River Alert System, Code Red is the best way to stay abreast of emergency notifications.

And third, fall breezes have a way of pushing litter under hedges, blowing it down the street, and creating little deposits in various locations around town. We're encouraging everyone to **refrain from littering**, as always, but we're also asking everyone to keep their properties picked up.

When properties fall short, we will send code enforcement out to issue a warning, and then a summons if necessary. The borough tries to keep its properties picked up as well, so we understand the constant battle. Please everyone 'pitch in,' as they say.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you all a happy and healthy fall season. 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.

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

Halloween "Trick-or-Treaters Welcome" and "No Trick-or-Treating Here" flyers will be available again on our website (LittleSilver.org) to print and post on your door if desired.

Reminder: sign up for **Constant Contact** (text LITTLESILVER to 22828) and **Code Red** (LittleSilver.org and click on Emergency Services)

Little Silver Environmental Commission

Little Silver Environmental Day

Saturday, October 16th

9 am-12 pm



Little Silver Environmental Day

Saturday
October 16, 2021
9AM - 12PM

The Woman's Club
111 Church Street
Little Silver

- On-Site Paper Shredding
- Electronics Recycling
- Gently Used Clothing Collection
- Children's Book Collection (pre-K-12)
- Composting Q&A
- Garden Tips
- Community ECO projects
- Tree saplings
- Eco-friendly give-aways

Earth Machine Composter
Email Bonnie Akey- bonw@aol.com to pre-order \$35 Earth Machine Composter for pick-up on October 16.

This event will follow guidelines for safety
Please wear a mask

PARKER HOMESTEAD- 1665

Trailer Archeology and Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 16

11 AM to 2 PM

Little Silver Environmental Day

Please help us find treasures in the trailers and clean-up the property. All activity is outside. All ages are welcome.

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January - October

Brush may be placed 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 **BRUSH ONLY** runs January through October.

Traffic & Safety Tip

October Is National Pedestrian Safety Month

As the end of Daylight Saving Time approaches and the nights get longer, the risks for pedestrians increase. From September to February, over 30% of pedestrian fatalities occur between 6 p.m. and 8:59 p.m. This October, NHTSA is launching the first National Pedestrian Safety Month with the goal of increasing awareness about pedestrian safety.

5 Walking Safety Tips

1. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If one isn't available, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
2. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
3. Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians, and look for cars in all directions, including those turning. If neither are available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely and watch for traffic as you cross.
4. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
5. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.

5 Driving Safety Tips

1. Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
2. Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk. And, never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
3. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see and stop for the crossing pedestrians.
4. Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street. Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
5. Be extra cautious when backing up—pedestrians can move into your path.

Library News for October

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.

Please note the library's after-school policy:

We encourage students to use the library as a resource, but will not be able to serve as a place for congregating. Please be aware of the following guidelines which are in place for the health and safety of everyone:

1. Masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.
 2. While public computers and tables will be limited, all Chromebooks will be available.
 3. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
 4. Do not enter the library if feeling sick.
- Social distancing must be observed and, therefore, the library reserves the right to limit the number of people.

Outdoor story time will continue throughout October. Please call the library at 732-747-9649 to sign up your child. Please indicate if you prefer Toddler (ages 2-3) from 11:00-11:20 or Family (ages 3-6) from 11:45-12:05).

Weekly Take and Make crafts continue to be offered in the children's room as well as at Outdoor Storytime.

Creepy Crawly Lizards- Ages 3 and up Saturday, October 16 11:00-11:45 am via Zoom

Join the Lizard Guys for a fun filled LIVE Zoom animal show!

Advance registration is required beginning October 2; the link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the program. Can't make it? Watch on demand through November 16.

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.

Recreation News

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

This Sunday, the LS5K returns in person after a virtual hiatus last year. The day begins at Red Bank Regional High School at 8:45 am with a Kid's One Mile Fun Run followed by the adult 5K at 9:30 am. Kiddie Dashes will close out the race portion of the day and will be open to children PreK - 4th. There will be some fantastic local businesses and 5K sponsors attending and fun and games for all. Please come down to the high school and cheer on your runners!
Go Warriors!

Recycling

#5 recyclables are accepted in with your recycling. Examples of #5 recyclables are yogurt cups, sour cream containers, and margarine containers. All recyclables need to be rinsed out prior to being recycled.



Little Silver 5K

The Little Silver 5K will be held on October 3rd at RBR.

The following roads will be closed from approximately 9 am to 11 am for the race:

Ridge Road/Harding Road (from Hance Rd to Prospect Ave)
Prospect Ave (from Harding Rd to Rumson Rd)
Rumson Road (from Prospect Ave to Hance Rd)
Hance Road (from Rumson Rd to Ridge Rd)

Please visit www.littlesilver5k.com for more details

Red Bank CROP Walk

October 17th
1 pm

Red Bank Regional High School

Visit

crophungerwalk.org/redbanknj/
to register or start a team

Did you know...?

The annual Halloween costume parades for borough children sponsored by the Little Silver Fire Department began in the 1960s.

Little Silver Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 24th
1 pm

Line up begins at 12:30 pm
Rumson Road Tennis Courts

We ask that families remain distanced when possible.

Refreshments will NOT be served this year due to Covid and parade participants should disperse after the parade.

HALLOWEEN CURFEWS:

Saturday, October 30th (Mischievous Night): **7:00 PM**
Sunday, October 31st (Halloween): **8:30 PM**