

# Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Council Members

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Administrator / Clerk  
Kevin J. Burke, Jr.

December 2022

## Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm at Borough Hall  
Music & a visit from Santa



## Menorah Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
6 pm at Borough Hall  
Music, Refreshments, and Dreidels



Join Mayor Neff and Councilwoman Thygeson on Facebook Live on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. If you do not have Facebook, you can view the session in the library.

## Message From Mayor Neff

The December message is typically pretty short to leave space in the newsletter for other information, so this is an abbreviated list of news items and a wish from your Governing Body for a joyful holiday season.

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

The following week, on December 11 from 1-4 p.m., the Parker Homestead, decorated by the Garden Club and our Point Road students, will host an open house featuring food, drink and the Embury Church carolers.

Afterward, there will be Santa hayrides and a food drive at the Fire House from 6-8:30 p.m. Please bring at least two non-perishable items to donate.

In addition, our Wreaths Across America observation on December 17 at 11 a.m. recognizes our service men and women who can't be with us during the holidays. Join us at Memorial Park to recognize the sacrifice so many families have made.

And on December 21, at 6 p.m., a Menorah lighting ceremony will be held at Borough Hall. All are welcome.

All that fun means the weather is getting colder, and that means 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](mailto:littleSilverhelpers@gmail.com), or call (732) 383-5017.

In Borough news, regular readers of the Message will recall that I solicited comments over the summer on whether to permit leashed dogs in some or all of our parks and open spaces. There were lots of responses, pro and con, and the Borough Council has placed the issue on its agenda for Dec 5.

There are no formal proposals at this time to change the current ordinance, and the agenda item is meant to solicit further input on the issue.

In other council news, a Facebook Live session featuring outgoing councilwoman Corinne Thygeson, previously scheduled for December 5, has been rescheduled to 6:15 p.m. on December 19. Non-Facebookers may view the session in the Library. Further information will be posted as the date approaches.

The council also recently heard from Mark Aikins, a resident who has proposed forming the Little Silver Endowment Fund, a 501c3 entity that would assist with financing the borough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration next year, and in funding discrete projects, such as recreational or safety equipment benefitting all residents.

It is a new concept that is not intended to interfere with current borough charitable groups or fundraising; instead, it will focus on town-wide improvements that the borough might otherwise not be able to afford.

Those with interest in the Fund, and potential contributors, may call Borough Hall with any questions as the endowment fund is being organized.

Over at our beloved Library, we're pleased to advise that it will soon reopen after being closed for insulation installation. Check the library's Facebook or Instagram for updates. We're hopeful that the insulation and other tweaks to the HVAC system will end the

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## Borough Calendar

### Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm: Tree Lighting  
Post Office Museum open after

### Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

### Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm: Traffic Safety

### Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

### Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

6:15 pm: Facebook Live  
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

### Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00 pm: Menorah Lighting

### Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

11:00 am: Recycling Yard closes  
12:00 pm: Borough Hall closes

### Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

Recycling Yard Closed

### Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Boro Hall & Recycling Yard Closed

### Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission  
7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

### Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm: Environmental  
Commission Meeting

### Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am: Recycling Yard closes  
12:00 pm: Borough Hall closes

### Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Boro Hall & Recycling Yard Closed

### Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm: Reorganization Meeting

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unpredictable performance of the heating and cooling system during extremely hot or extremely cold weather.

And down at Santelle Park, we're pleased to advise that a grant-funded replacement of the dock is now complete, along with installation of a kayak-boarding station. We're hopeful that the new synthetic floating dock will serve our residents long into the future.

Further improvement at the Park, including installation of a restroom facility, are in the works.

Lastly, our police department has worked closely with our schools and state authorities for many years to keep our children safe, including preventing and responding to a shooting event. Much of that work is done out of view of the public, in order to keep confidential the most sensitive components of those procedures, so that they are not known to those who might use that knowledge against our students.

However, we can say that, in November, an inspection by a state department at Red Bank Regional High School led to accolades by the inspectors, who were impressed by the measures the LSPD has taken there, in conjunction with the school.

The LSPD, our schools, and others will continue this productive partnership and all efforts to promote our students' safety.

And lastly – and not least, as the news is elsewhere in this newsletter – please visit the Fire House for your holiday decorating needs, including trees, wreaths, and other decorations. Proceeds benefit our all-volunteer emergency services, who are always there for us.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you all peace and happiness during the holidays. As always, if you have any concerns, please call borough hall at (732) 842-2400, 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

## Environmental Commission

Compost doesn't sound like the most glamorous of subjects, but it does solve a multitude of problems. From gardening, to cooking, to yard clean up, to space saving, and all the way up to saving the Earth...compost is royalty. I've been composting for more years than I can recall, though in recent years I've begun to utilize the end product more than just allowing it to become one with the Earth. When I first began my adventure with composting, I used an open bin (hardly more than stakes wrapped in screening) and used it primarily for things that were, in a word, reusable by the local wildlife. It was not unusual to see a squirrel racing across our backyard with a bagel in its mouth. Because the bin was open, I was reluctant to put certain items in lest they be strewn everywhere by the other (besides my family) inhabitants of the property. So, the contents were somewhat limited and often didn't break down or ever become the soil that we were hoping it would be.

**Monmouth County** actually **subsidizes** composting by offering **Earth Machine Composters** at a very reduced rate. It's a win/win. You generate great soil, and all that lovely vegetative matter stays out of the land fill. The **Little Silver Environmental Commission** offers them on our biannual environmental days, but if we get enough interest, they can be ordered throughout the year. Just contact Bonnie Akey at BonW@aol.com

## Traffic & Safety Tip

Don't spend your holidays behind bars. 🚗 If you've been drinking, call a sober friend, ride share, or taxi to get you home safely. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

## Note from Little Silver Fire & EMS

### Christmas Tree Sales

The tradition continues with our 36<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas tree and wreath fundraiser beginning the day after Thanksgiving.



Hours (weather dependent):  
Mon – Fri 4PM – 8PM  
Sat/Sun 9AM – 7PM

More than 275 Frasier and Douglas Fir trees, hand-decorated wreaths, grave blankets, pine roping, and crosses will be available. Tree sizes range from 5' to 12'+ and wreath sizes 12" to 48".

There are many organizations no longer selling trees, so we expect to sell out just as fast as last year!



### 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 to wave hello to the children of Little Silver. Registration is required and will be open on our website [www.littlesilverfd.org](http://www.littlesilverfd.org) from **November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

For questions, contact event chairperson Chris Faherty at [lsfdsantaruns@gmail.com](mailto:lsfdsantaruns@gmail.com).

## No-Knock Stickers

The Borough instituted an ordinance in February 2020 regarding no-knock solicitation. The registration form to join the no-knock list is on our website. Window stickers will be given. If you have already registered, stickers are available in Borough Hall for pick up.

100  
years

## Little Silver is Turning 100!

Mark your calendars!  
The Borough of Little Silver is turning 100 in 2023! We will be celebrating June 24, 2023.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting will be **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. For questions, email [LittleSilver100@gmail.com](mailto:LittleSilver100@gmail.com)

## Mayors' Hall of Fame

**Congratulations to Mayor Neff** on his induction into the 2022 Mayors' Hall of Fame!

Induction in the Mayor's Hall of Fame recognizes mayors who have selflessly guided their communities through the good times and troubled times with little recognition of their sacrifice. They must also be currently serving as mayor in at least their 10<sup>th</sup> cumulative year; Mayor Neff has been mayor since 2011.

## 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<sup>st</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>



## Parker Homestead-1665

### Annual Holiday Open House

We are finally able to get back to our traditional event with the Little Silver

Garden Club decorating our four fireplaces, the Embury Church carolers entertaining us with Holiday music, and indoor decorations by students from Point Road School. Please come for warm cider and cookies.

**Sunday, December 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

## DON'T THROW AWAY OLD SNEAKERS



They can be recycled!  
It can take 30-40 years for sneakers to fully decompose in landfills.  
We have a solution: we will make sure they get recycled or reused.

The Little Silver Woman's Club is collecting used sneakers with laces. No holes or tears please.

There is a drop box in front of the Woman's Club at 111 Church St. Please feel free to drop off your gently used sneakers at any time.

**Notice from the Tax Office:** New Jersey residents will receive filing information mailers for the 2019 ANCHOR-Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters-property tax relief program. The ANCHOR program replaces the Homestead Benefit program and expands the amount of property tax relief while boosting eligibility to twice as many homeowners and includes tenants. The deadline for filing an ANCHOR application is Friday, December 30, 2022.

For more information visit:

[Nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml](http://Nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml)

or call: 877-658-2972

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

- American Museum of Natural History
- Cooper Hewitt
- The Frick Collection
- The Historic Village at Allaire
- Monmouth Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- New-York Historical Society

Call the library for details on how to reserve passes.



## Library News

For library questions/program sign up, call 732-747-9649

**The following programs will be offered provided construction is completed and the library is reopened. For latest updates, follow the library on Facebook or Instagram.**

### Adult Program: Watercolor Painting with Carol Bruno

**Wednesday, December 14 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm OR**

**Thursday, December 15 from 10:30 am -12:30 pm**

Little Silver artist, Carol Bruno returns with a gnome-themed Holiday watercolor painting class!

Please call the library to sign up for either session. Registration is required and all supplies will be provided. No experience is necessary.

### Tween Program (Grades 5+): Holiday Craft

**Thursday, December 8 after school**

Stop by the library after school to make a fun holiday craft! No prior registration is required.

### Children's Programs:

*Registration required for all events; call between 10 am and 5:30 pm.* Storytime reservations can be made the Thursday before and Special Events reservations can be made a week in advance. Please choose one session per week and call if you are unable to attend.

### Baby Storytime: Ages 6-24 months (w/ caregiver)

**Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 9:30- 9:50 am**

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

### Toddler Tales: Ages 18 months-3.5 years (w/ caregiver)

**Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 10:30-11 am**

Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!

### Family Fun Storytime: All ages welcome! (w/ caregiver)

**Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 11:30 am-12 pm**

Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, and more!

### Indoor Family Story/Craft Time: ages 4+ (w/ caregiver)

**Tuesday, December 20 at 3:30 pm:** Reindeer Craft

**Tuesday, December 27 at 3:30 pm:** Bubble Wrap Winter Tree Art

### Take' N Make Crafts

Seasonally themed kits, available in the children's room.

### Special Events!

#### Read to a Dog: All ages welcome (w/ caregiver)

**Tuesday, December 6 from 3:30- 5 pm**

Grab a good book and come read to a therapy dog at the library!

*After registering, you'll receive a time slot; please arrive 10 minutes early to pick out a book.*

#### Mrs. Claus' Holiday Show: All ages welcome (w/ caregiver)

**Tuesday, December 13 from 3:30 pm – 4:30**

Join Kit's Interactive Theatre for a very special, interactive, holiday performance!

Registration is required and will begin Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Program held at Woman's Club, 111 Church Street

### Virtual Event

#### It's a Jolly Holiday! – A LIVE Zoom puppet show: All ages

**Saturday, December 10 from 10:30 - 11:15 am**

Experience a magical puppet show from Robert Rogers Puppet Company, featuring handmade marionettes. Advance registration required beginning December 1; the Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants. Register on Monmouth County Library Children's page. Can't make it? Watch on demand after Dec. 10.

## Recreation News

For more information, contact Carlye at [claido@littlesilver.org](mailto:claido@littlesilver.org) or 732-842-2400

### Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue  
Little Silver, NJ 07739  
[www.littlesilver.org](http://www.littlesilver.org)

#### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/BoroLittleSilver/](http://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

### Adult Sports Available!

#### Adult Soccer

Thursdays  
9pm – 10pm at Point Road School

#### Adult Volleyball

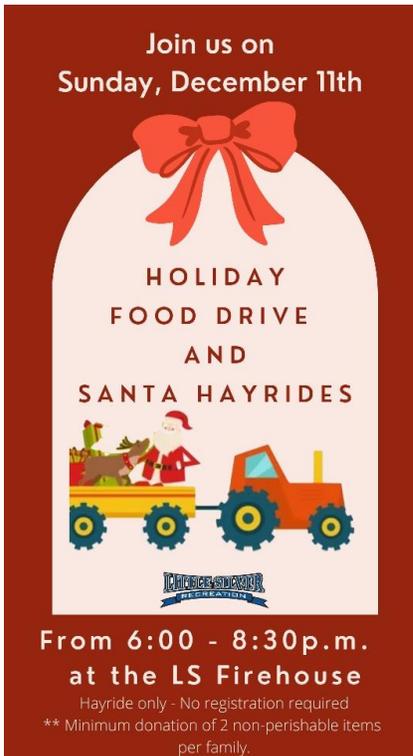
Thursdays  
8pm – 10pm at Markham Place School

#### Adult Basketball

Mondays & Wednesdays  
8pm – 10pm at Point Road School

### Menorah Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
6 pm  
Borough Hall



Join us on  
Sunday, December 11th

HOLIDAY  
FOOD DRIVE  
AND  
SANTA HAYRIDES

From 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
at the LS Firehouse

Hayride only - No registration required  
\*\* Minimum donation of 2 non-perishable items per family.

Come take a horse and carriage  
hayride with Santa!  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30 pm**

Minimum donation of  
2 non-perishable items per family

### Exercise classes

Available to LS residents at The Woman's Club:

**Pilates with Paula:** Tuesdays at 9 am

**Cardio, Core, & More:** Contact

[cmthygeson@gmail.com](mailto:cmthygeson@gmail.com) for more info & schedule. Virtual sessions available.

**Pilates Plus with Paula:** Fridays at 9 am

Pilates Plus is a system of exercise using free weights, balls, bands, and rings designed to improve physical strength, flexibility and posture along with enhancing mental awareness.

One time drop in - \$10

5 pack of classes - \$40

10 pack of classes - \$70

Registration form available at the class

### Walking Little Silver

Walking Little Silver is a new group that will walk every street and trail in town. We will meet on Monday mornings at 10 AM and plan on walking about two miles.

Our first meeting will be at Boro Hall on Monday, Dec. 12 at 10 am. The first walk will cover Woodbine, Silverton, Cross, Tabor and Rustic Terrace.

We will start promptly at 10 AM, so please arrive a few minutes early, and wear comfortable shoes. And don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Barbara Fleischer

[bfleischer@verizon.net](mailto:bfleischer@verizon.net) (h) 732-842-4644 (c) 908-461-3071

### Blood Drive

Little Silver Recreation is excited to partner with the American Red Cross to host our second blood drive of what we hope will be many. Please consider joining us this January to help give back to the community in a truly life changing way; since each donation can save up to 3 lives. Our goal for this blood drive is to recruit more Little Silver Residents and perhaps a few NEW donors! Organized by Jamie Fleming and Lydia Jain

Date: **January 6, 2023**

Time: **12pm - 5pm**

Location: **Woman's Club**  
111 Church Street, Little Silver

You can book an appt today  
at <https://rcblood.org/3UG0080>



### Did you know...?

All active firefighters spend countless hours training, drilling, preparing, and maintaining equipment on a regular basis. All fire company members are also responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the firehouse, attending regular meetings, serving on committees, and participating in fundraising events.