

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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November 2022

Message From Mayor Neff

An active October and November are always hallmarks of fall in Little Silver, and this year is no different.

Downtown, our storefront windows are painted with seasonal scenes, Halloween decorations (soon to come down) proliferate, and the holidays (bringing new decorations) are just around the corner.

Amid all that activity, a wonderful effort to assist one of our littlest residents came together, Public Works has the town looking sharp, we've added two new police officers, a \$35.9 million school referendum passed, and for you Facebookers, a final Facebook Live session with a departing council member is in the works.

And to help fuel all that activity with a little caffeine, we had 'Coffee with a Cop.'

First, of course, **Election Day** arrives on November 8. If you haven't already voted early (Oct 29- Nov 6, 10 am-8 pm Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm Sun at the Woman's Club), be sure to visit your local polling place starting at 6 a.m. Please call the clerk's office with any questions about the process.

Likewise, our **Veterans Day service** is scheduled for Memorial Park at 9 a.m. on November 11. It just takes a moment to stop by and acknowledge the sacrifice and service required to protect our right to vote.

When you stop by, you'll notice that Memorial Park is in perfect condition, so please help our public works folks maintain the rest of the town by refraining from putting out brush and limbs until January 1. As usual, we've gone to **leaf collection only from November 1 until December 30, 2022 – if you mix in brush and limbs, your pile won't be picked up.**

Also looking good are our various parks and fields, which have received a boost from the **Love Your Park volunteer litter collectors**. The program is a great way for students to earn service hours, by the way: interested students should email our recreation director, Carlye Laido, at claido@littlesilver.org.

And speaking of students, as this newsletter was going to print, the state executive branch had proposed (again) **eliminating funding for The SOURCE**, an invaluable service at Red Bank Regional High School that provides mental health

counseling and other critical resources to those most in need at RBR.

The Source is a long-time resource at RBR and is integrated with its community, many of whom would otherwise go without support. We urge you to go to www.thesourcerbrhs.org to learn more, and for information on contacting your local Legislators and the Governor's office to oppose the proposed change.

Next, we'd like to welcome the two newest members of the **Police Department, Officers Michael T. Morgan and Christopher T. Gilmore**. They round out a department which has some outstanding senior leadership, headed by Chief Paul Halpin, balanced by a youthful squad of newer officers.

Please wish them all well. The department will continue to reach out to the community, as it did in October, with its successful, well-attended **Coffee with a Cop** event at Turning Point.

As to the **school referendum**, with 57 percent of the vote, voters approved a \$35.9 million package (taking advantage of some significant state aid), which will fund interior and exterior renovations at Point Road and Markham Place schools.

And the **community event**? Softball teams, neighbors, friends and teachers came to Borough and Library fields on a perfect fall day to assist little **Avery Cuffari**, just two years old, who has a rare form of liver cancer.

Avery's mom, Ashley, is a first-grade teacher at Point Road School, and reports that Avery is bravely confronting her illness after a recent operation and continuing therapy.

The one-pitch tournament was a huge success and supported by so many in the community. Those unable to attend may go to Avery's **Go Fund Me page** if they wish. Please extend mom and dad (John) and little Avery your very best wishes and encouragement when you see this Little Silver family in town.

Other successful events in October included the Little Silver Fire Department's annual **Halloween Parade**; the **Little Silver PTO's Little Silver 5K** – one of their biggest fundraisers; the **Parker Homestead's Fall Festival**; the **CROP** walk; and the Environmental Commission's **Environmental Day**, which helped us clean out our attics,

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, November 3rd

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

Saturday, November 5th

10:00 am-1:00 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Tuesday, November 8th

Borough Hall & Recycling Yard
Closed for Election Day

Friday, November 11th

Borough Hall & Recycling Yard
Closed for Veterans Day
9:00 am Veterans Day Service at
Memorial Park

Monday, November 14th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting
8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th

7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 17th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th

Borough Hall & Recycling Yard
Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, November 28th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission
Meeting



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 4th
4 pm

Borough Hall
A special guest will be making
an appearance

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garages and basements, and to learn about the environment.

Events continue at the Parker Homestead, where you can have your **holiday card photo** taken as part of a fundraiser and attend a **Holiday Open House**. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Lastly, **Corinne Thygeson** is finishing up the last of two terms on Borough Council. Corinne led efforts to improve our communications, especially electronically and on social media, and will co-host a Facebook Live session on December 5 at 6:15 p.m., just before the start of the regular Council meeting.

Tune in to ask questions, offer a comment or to wish Corinne well. If you're not on Facebook, the Library (our awesome, wi-fi ready, comfy Library) may put it on, as they have in the past.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. 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

Plant with a purpose: Even as we enter the colder months, it's a good time to create a plan for our outdoor spaces. Consider adding native plants to your landscaping. Native plants are local flowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, and vines that occur naturally in our area. Many have thrived here for centuries. Why are they beneficial? In brief, native plants benefit the homeowner, the garden, and the biodiversity of the local area. They require no chemical fertilizers or pesticides since they are naturally adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. They are more drought and disease resistant and require less watering. Your garden may be less prone to invasive species. Native plantings attract populations of beneficial insect species, butterflies, and pollinators which help our gardens and us. Follow the Friends of the Little Silver Environmental Commission on Facebook as native planting ideas and featured species are explored.

Environmental Day: Even though we haven't received our tonnage reports yet, the LS Enviro Day on Oct. 15th was a success. We had at least 220 cars attend, and a lot of electronics, clothing, and paper kept out of the landfill. We sold several composters, The League of Women Voters registered new voters, Jersey Shore Thunder sold Delicious Orchards pies to support their trip to Cooperstown, and Sickles showed us compostable pots and fall lettuces for planting. We had a local branch of Citizen's Climate Lobby to inform people of the issues surrounding climate change and what they can do to help our planet, we gave out stuff sack reusable bags, RBR Environmental Club demonstrated a project they have been working on, Nora Monaghan showcased her amazing nature photography from around LS, and we had a table of artistically arranged Mandala tiles that Karen Faherty Rosen constructed from plants and flowers she collected during the year.

We'd love to have local residents attend our monthly **meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M.**

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 Boro Hall for pick up.

Traffic & Safety Tip

THANKSGIVING TRAVEL TIPS

SOURCE: NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance being traveled.
- Put that cell phone away; distracted driving causes one-quarter of all crashes.
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you.
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly heavy snow.

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 on **November 30th at 7 pm in The Woman's Club**. For questions, email LittleSilver100@gmail.com

Veterans Day Service

Friday,
November 11th
9 am
Memorial Park



Fall Rabies Clinics

Wed, Nov 2nd Fair Haven Firehouse 7-8 pm
645 River Road

Wed, Nov 9th Rumson Public Works Garage 7-8 pm
80 East River Road

Sat, Nov 12th Little Silver Firehouse 10 am-12 pm
543 Prospect Ave



Dogs must be on a non-retractable leash.

Cats must be 1 to a carrier.

Animals must be supervised by an adult.

For more information and application form (must be filled out prior), visit <https://mcrhc.org/services/rabies-clinics> or call 732-493-9520

Application Form can be found on the above website's page by clicking the red words "Rabies Vaccination Certificate Application Form" in the middle of the page.

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 1st through December 30th

Parker Homestead-1665

Fall/Holiday Portraits



Join a professional photographer for your Family Holiday pictures at the Parker Homestead. This was extremely popular

last year. It is a fundraiser for Friends of Parker Homestead.

Dates: Saturday, November 12th 9 to 11 am or
Saturday, December 3rd 1 to 3 pm

Contact: Cara Donoghue at caradonophoto@gmail.com or
908-208-7288

Price: **\$150** with a \$60 deposit due at booking, which includes a 15-minute outdoor shoot and five images

40% of proceeds benefit Friends of Parker Homestead-1665, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preservation, education, and the community.

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

or call: **877-658-2972**

Property taxes are due November 1st, with a 10-day grace period. Payments must be received in office by Thursday, November 10th to avoid incurring interest. A drop box is available in the Police vestibule and is open 24 hours.

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 library will be closed on November 8 for Election Day and closed starting November 14 through November 30 for insulation upgrades. During this time, library materials may be returned to the book drop. Phone calls will not be answered/forwarded. Please follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram for reopening updates.

For immediate library services, visit the Eastern Branch Library on Route 35 in Shrewsbury, 1-866-941-8188, where you are eligible for a free library card (with resident identification) if you don't already have one.

Adult Program: Medicare Updates with Les Taylor
Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00 pm

Les Taylor from Bankers Life will review Medicare updates for 2023. Open enrollment runs until December 7. Come with your questions. No pre-registration required.

Tween Program (Grades 5+): Gnomefest
Thursday, November 3 after school

Stop by the library to decorate a fall-themed gnome ornament or take one home. No prior registration is required.

Children's Programs:

No programs scheduled on November 8, 15, 22, or 29

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)

Tuesday, November 1 from 9:30- 9:50 am

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

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

Tuesday, November 1 from 10:30-11 am

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

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

Tuesday, November 1 from 11:30 am-12 pm

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

Take' N Make Crafts

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

Special Events!

Read to the Dogs: All ages welcome (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, November 1 from 3:30- 5 pm

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

Virtual Event

Gobble and Groove with Miss Jolie! – A Virtual Family Show: All ages welcome

Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 am

Join Miss Jolie and her ukulele online for a high energy event filled with music, stories, and lots of silliness! Everyone will be dancing, singing, clapping, snapping, and stomping along to her original songs! Premieres on the Monmouth County Library [Kids page](#) slideshow. Can't make it? Watch any time after the premiere!

Recreation News

For more information, contact Carlye at claido@littlesilver.org or 732-842-2400

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
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

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
No registration required.

All kayaks stored at Santelle Park must be removed by November 15th.



Last call for **Basketball Registration!!** Teams are now forming, roster spots are no longer guaranteed. Register online.

Exercise classes available to Little Silver residents at The Woman's Club:

Pilates with Paula: Tuesdays at 9 am (no class on November 1st, 8th)

Cardio, Core, & More: Contact cmthygeson@gmail.com for more info & schedule. Virtual sessions available.

Does your child need volunteer hours?



Do they love their town and the parks? Volunteer to help the Rec Dept keep the town and parks clean of garbage. Contact claido@littlesilver.org to set up a schedule and earn volunteer hours while enjoying the beautiful weather!

Sponsorships are still available. Please reach out to claido@littlesilver.org if you would like to support our recreation programs.

Be sure to stop by Sickles Playground to check out our latest StoryWalk® book, "In the Middle of Fall" by Kevin Henkes.

Note from Little Silver Fire & EMS

Christmas Tree Sales

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

Hours (weather dependent):	Mon – Friday	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".

An ongoing national Christmas Tree shortage and record-setting inflation are placing more pressure on this fundraiser than ever before. Recall, your support is tax-deductible and will help keep our volunteer Fire & EMS services an important part of our community. There are many organizations that are 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 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 from **November 1st through December 22nd**.

For questions, contact event chairperson Chris Faherty at lsfidsantaruns@gmail.com.

Did you know...?

Election Day is the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. Voting on Tuesday, rather than Monday, sidestepped religious complications. "Given that voters from remote areas had to travel overnight to poll, it did not seem appropriate to require them to travel on Sunday, the Sabbath for most Christians." Lawmakers prevented Election Day from falling on November 1st by selecting the first Tuesday after the first Monday, which "took into consideration the fact that many merchants used the first day of the month to tally their books from the previous month." (<https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R46413.pdf>)