

Mayor Message June 2016

Lorraine Ayres would have enjoyed all the activity in town this month and last, including the upcoming Little Silver Day, and the used book sale at her beloved Little Silver library. A library employee for 45 years and then a volunteer until 2013, Mrs. Ayres passed away last month at the age of 93.

Mrs. Ayres had been a town resident for 64 years. Her public service included teaching Navy commanders how to instruct their pilots in the use of the Link Simulator during World War II, and her history was recorded in a book titled *Remembering the 20th Century: An Oral History of Monmouth County, NJ*.

The book is displayed at the circulation desk at the library, which also has a copy of the newspaper article published when she retired: *Library's Human Search Engine Retiring*. "Patrons would love to stop by and chat with Lorraine about the latest happenings in Little Silver," said our librarian, **Anita O'Brien**.

Mrs. Ayres is deeply missed by our library staff and patrons, and all who knew her. Our condolences to her family, especially her children, Richard (of Little Silver), Robert and Linda.

In case you've missed the signs, articles, posts on our website, and mentions in past newsletters, the inaugural **Little Silver Day** is scheduled for June 25 on the fields behind Borough Hall. The committee has been hard at work for months putting together a great day of food and beverages, games, activities, concerts, demonstrations and so much more.

As of this writing, some sponsorships were still available. Please visit **www.littlesilverfoundation.com** to learn more about the event and sponsorship opportunities. Further information, including rules and suggestions, are included in this newsletter.

Please come out to the event (walking or riding bicycles are *STRONGLY* encouraged), join the fun, and help make Little Silver Day the great town event we know it will be!

Next, a couple updates:

First, the utility, drainage and other work in the downtown area of **Prospect Avenue** was proceeding as of this writing. We have been working for some time to insure that any work that will disrupt the road surface is done before the roadway is paved and restriped.

Coordinating all of the work, along with the Church Street sidewalk replacement, has been no mean feat, and we appreciate everyone's patience while we worked with police, Monmouth County (Prospect is a county road), multiple utilities, and contractors to finish what we trust will be a safer and more attractive downtown roadway.

Second, many have asked about the status of the new **retail consumption license** (essentially a bar-restaurant liquor license) to be auctioned by the borough.

The license – it will be the borough's first ever - was approved by referendum last November, and since then the borough has worked with its counsel and others to draft its first ordinance allowing and regulating such an establishment.

Now that a draft has been reviewed by the State, the ordinance will likely be introduced at the June 6, 2016 council meeting, at which time a public hearing will be scheduled. We will post the ordinance on the borough's website once it is ready for introduction.

Once an ordinance is passed, we expect to be able to **publicly auction the license** not too long afterward. It will then be up to the successful bidder to propose an establishment that will conform to the ordinance.

Lastly, two quick pieces of information to help everyone stay safe.

As I mentioned in the last message, our Police are participating in a program that makes sure that emergency responders are aware of any **special needs** of residents before responding to an emergency. Go to www.MCSNRNJ.org or call 732-431-6400 ext. 1188 for more information or to register.

And it bears repeating that every household and business by now should be signed up to receive **emergency alerts**. If you are not enrolled, please go to www.littlesilver.org and click on **Two River Alert** under the Emergency Services directory at the top of the page, or call 866-939-0911 or Borough Hall for assistance.

The system is the quickest way for us to alert you to everything from developments and instructions during emergencies to conditions such as road closures that will help get you through the day.

After a chilly May, warmer weather is ahead, and the Governing Body wishes you all a safe and productive summertime. 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.

See you at Little Silver Day on June 25!

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