

## Mayor Message May 2016

**Little Silver Day is coming, a new special needs registry has been created, we have lots to look forward to in May, and much was accomplished in April. More about all that shortly.**

First, however, I am saddened to again begin the message by noting the passing of one of our volunteers, former Little Silver Fire Chief Dan McGuire. Dan, who was only 57 years old, was also past president of the Little Silver Fire Company.

Dan leaves behind his wife Melissa and children Thomas and Katherine. We extend to them our condolences, and hope they take some comfort and pride in their husband's and father's outstanding service to his community.

We also hope that Dan's passing causes us all to reflect on the effort and sacrifice of all of our emergency services volunteers, and their families. Thank you Chief McGuire for answering the call to service.

April saw the completion of the installation of new sidewalks and access points on Church Street, and more improvements are scheduled for Prospect Avenue.

It is always difficult to predict a start and finish date for these improvements, but we are all anxious for them to come to fruition. In particular, we can expect the county to make some drainage improvements at the corner of Church and Prospect, preceded by some necessary subterranean utility work at Markham and Prospect.

By the time this Newsletter comes out, this work might already have begun. As it proceeds, we will try to get word out as quickly as possible about road or lane closures.

Once that work is finished, new light stanchions at the pedestrian crossings at the Kings/Prospect/Willow intersections will be installed, followed by the paving of Prospect in the downtown area. The paving is a long time coming, but we appreciate everyone's patience as issues with respect to the crossing improvements – a joint project involving the borough and the county - are worked out. We think the safety benefits will make the wait worthwhile.

Other upcoming improvements include replacement of a gas line on Branch between Rumson and Brookside, and replacement of a water main on Crest and Heights Terrace. Again, we will assist the utility companies in providing notice as soon as it can reliably be provided about these temporary travel disruptions.

In school news, Red Bank Regional High School has selected a new superintendent, Dr. Louis Moore, who comes to us after serving as principal of Ramapo High School since 2007.

We welcome Dr. Moore, and we bid farewell to Thomas Pagano, who had been serving on an interim basis. Mr. Pagano was a pleasure to work with, and we look forward – as the host town to our excellent high school – to working with Dr. Moore.

Next, I want to remind everyone once again of the first Little Silver Day. Scheduled for June 25 from 3-10 p.m. on Borough Field, the day will be filled with kids' activities and games, multiple concerts, great food, and great fun for residents of all ages, shapes and sizes. Please visit [www.littlesilverfoundation.com](http://www.littlesilverfoundation.com) to learn more about the event, and about sponsorship opportunities.

Before that, of course, May brings our Memorial Day parade and ceremony. As usual, the parade steps off at 8:30 a.m. on Memorial Day from the corner of Willow and Parker, and ends at Memorial Park. We're excited to have the Red Bank Regional High School Marching Band this

year to help us observe the unofficial start of summer, but more importantly to honor our war dead.

Whether or not you attend our parade and ceremony, please remember the young men from Little Silver who lost their lives in battle: Richard L.J. Conner and Henry G. Woodruff in World War I; John R. Toomey, a paratrooper killed during the Rhine jump in World War II; Tom Firth, who died in a gun battle in South Vietnam in 1965; Jordi Grez, who was killed by an IED in Iraq in 2005; and Tinker Dorn of Shrewsbury, killed by sniper fire in South Vietnam, and whose brother Dan, a long time Little Silver resident, has assisted in our ceremony for many years.

In police news, our Police Department and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department have teamed up to launch a special needs registry. This voluntary, confidential program allows citizens with disabilities or special needs to register their vital information, including a photograph, so that first responders are aware before responding that special care or a special approach might be required.

For more information or to register, please go to [www.MCSNRNJ.org](http://www.MCSNRNJ.org) or call 732-431-6400, ext 118, or contact Officer Peter Gibson at the Little Silver Police Department at 732-747-5900.

And last, please remember to follow the brush and limb schedule, which you'll find in this Newsletter and on [www.littlesilver.org](http://www.littlesilver.org) – doing so helps assure timely pickup, and keeps our roads safe for bikers and others. And please make sure your landscapers are properly registered with the borough, as required.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you a happy journey toward the summer 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](mailto:bobneff80@gmail.com).

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