

Every once in a while an image will perfectly capture a moment, and sometimes the spirit of an entire town.

So before I even begin this message, I want to suggest that you visit the Little Silver Fire Company's facebook page, and check out the photograph of former Chief Walt Stearns dancing with Margaret O'Dell to the calliope music being played during the Memorial Day parade on Willow Drive.

If you missed the parade and the ceremony afterward in Memorial Park, I hope the photo inspires you to come join us next year for the unofficial start to summer, and to honor our fallen soldiers, particularly our sons from Little Silver.

Little Silver has lost seven young men to war since World War I. Their names, and those from Little Silver who served during wartime, are on the monuments in Memorial Park. Please think of them and their families often.

June, of course, brings the official start to summer. Our eighth graders will be graduating from Markham Place School soon, and our high school seniors are planning out their futures. We wish them all well.

With the early summer also comes great walking weather, so please be reminded of Police Chief Dan Shaffery's request to all motorists: watch out for pedestrians, and be sure to stop when they are in the cross walks. They have the right of way.

In fact, we're hoping that walking through the downtown area become easier, and safer, now that the borough has been awarded a \$200,000 grant for the repair of sidewalks on Prospect Avenue and Church Street. In addition, the Borough Council has been discussing ways to improve safety at the intersections of Prospect, Willow Drive and Kings. An application for assistance from a fund focused on safe travel to our elementary schools may help.

On June 14, please stop by the Fire House to celebrate the arrival of our ladder truck, which replaces an old and unsafe pumper. It has already been called into service a number of times. The LSFd plans a family-friendly celebration from 4 to 10 p.m. Details can be found at littlesilverfd.org.

Over at the Little Silver Library, June kicks off summer reading, and librarian Anita O'Brien invites children, tweens and adults to participate in their always-successful summer reading program. Win a prize! More in this newsletter, at the Library, and on their website.

You'll also see in this newsletter that registration for the recreation department's summer camp is open. Many of our children will be excited to learn that Tim Russiniello, our popular "Mr. Russ" from Point Road School, will be directing the camp this year. Sign up the kids and get them out from behind their electronic gadgets by logging on to littlesilver.org or stopping in at Borough Hall.

Looking back briefly, I want to thank Marty Ryser and his family for donating and installing a beautiful patio behind the recreation and storage building looking out onto the borough fields. It is a perfect tribute to Marty's dad, Butch, who recently passed. Marty, thank you.

Thanks as well to Danny Maguire, who landscaped the other side of the same building, along with the area by the fence along the new borough parking lot. Danny's Eagle Scout project helped beautify the town, and puts him in line to become the fifth Maguire brother to become an Eagle Scout. Their collective service to our community is remarkable.

Thanks also to Mayor Tommy Lange and his eighth-grade colleagues for taking over for a day in May during Student Government Day. Teacher BJ Olsen does a terrific job with the program, which gives our students a close-up look at the workings of

municipal government. I can safely say that we've got a group of smart, informed students who will take good care of our future.

I'd also like to thank our Parker Homestead - 1665 Inc. trustees, who held a second successful open house at the historic property in May. They planted a Red Oak in honor of New Jersey's 350th birthday, and the Parker Homestead's 349th birthday. Look for barn renovations to begin soon, and a fundraiser by this terrific non-profit coming up in September.

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. On behalf of the governing body, have a healthy, happy and safe summer.