

October 2015

Not to get too serious right off the bat, but let's start with a news item that just might make a real difference in how you handle, and weather, an emergency.

Recently, residents facing a fire emergency called our volunteer Fire Department's firehouse directly, instead of calling 9-1-1.

The firehouse's direct line is not an emergency line, and is not staffed. As a consequence, the emergency response was delayed.

Both our police and fire departments advise that, in the event of an emergency, including a fire emergency, you must call either 9-1-1 or our police department's direct line, (732) 747-5900. That is the only way to ensure a prompt response and to have the fire department dispatched, even for a carbon monoxide alarm.

Thanks to our volunteer assistant fire chief, Peter Giblin, for passing along that critical information.

In other firehouse news, the annual Halloween parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. Please suit up and gather at the Rumson Road tennis courts prior to the 1 p.m. step off. The rain date is Sunday, October 25.

Cider and donuts await marchers at the parade's end at the Little Silver firehouse on Prospect Avenue, courtesy of the LSFD!

With daylight hours ending earlier, please note the Police Department's Halloween safety instructions, including curfew information, elsewhere in this newsletter and on the town's website, www.littlesilver.org.

In other Prospect Avenue news, we're happy to report that the county expects to repave Prospect Avenue in the downtown area in October. Like any paving project, it will cause some disruption and temporary traffic re-routing. We will post the dates and times as soon as we learn them, and will send out alerts using the town's Code Red/Two River Alert system.

That gives me the chance to again encourage anyone who has not yet signed up for emergency and other alerts to do so by clicking on the Emergency Services button on the top of the littlesilver.org webpage. If anyone has any difficulty signing up electronically, please call borough hall for assistance at (732) 842-2400.

Next, as so many of you know, small towns like Little Silver depend so often on volunteers. As it happens, two Little Silver stalwarts are "retiring," and their example shows just why they're so important.

After many years, Kathleen Hoffman and Don Chamberlin are stepping down from their recreation responsibilities.

From girls lacrosse, to football, to basketball, soccer (including coaching at least one of my girl's teams), baseball, and clinics, the two have put in over 60 seasons' worth of time and effort.

To anyone who is on the fence about volunteering for rec or any other endeavor that serves our schools, our residents or our town, please don't hesitate. Take a breath, and dive right in.

As a former rec volunteer myself, I can guarantee that you won't regret a thing, and that you'll build relationships and memories that will be among the most meaningful you'll ever have. Most of you won't have the time. Do it anyway.

So thank you Kathleen and Don for your service, and may your example inspire the next wave!

As an update to last month's message, FEMA has again – with Little Silver and county support – extended the deadline for the reopening of Sandy-related insurance claims. If you believe your Sandy claim merits another look, you must call (866) 337-4262 on or before October 15, 2015. More information is on www.littlesilver.org.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you a happy, safe – and hopefully spooky, in a good way – Halloween. 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.