

Two long-awaited construction projects were completed in September, and we expect more progress – and a number of traditional Little Silver events, including our parade full of ghosties and goblins - in October.

But first, let me be the first to use the word “poop” in the newsletter. Apologies to the parents of any giggling children who might read this.

Ordinances sometimes work: they provide leverage when a persistent violator gets out of hand. But honestly, the use of simple courtesy really should preclude the need for the passage of yet another law that requires attorney review, public hearings, and then enforcement.

The topic? Proper disposal of the doggie droppings your pet creates during his or her walk.

Virtually everyone is very good about picking up after Fluffy. But for some, apparently, the temptation to then drop the bagged mess into the nearest neighbor's garbage can, rather than carry it home, is just too much.

I actually received two calls about this last month. I'm not saying it's a trend, but I did offer to put a simple reminder in the Message: pick it up, and then take it home, please. Your neighbor shouldn't have to bring a can in from the curb with someone else's deposit stinking up their garage until the next pick up, and it shouldn't take an ordinance to make that happen.

So thanks for your help with this. On to less olfactory matters.

At this writing, the Borough Council was scheduled to vote on September 26 on a resolution authorizing a bid process for the town's first bar/restaurant liquor license.

This has been a work in progress, as the governing body has struggled with the ramifications, both legal and practical, of putting out to bid a license that will allow, for the first time, the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. Issuance of a single license was approved by the voters last year by referendum.

We encourage all interested bidders to visit borough hall for a bid package, and for certain qualification procedures that will be required. Formal legal notice will also be posted, and by the time you read this, may already have been published.

Strict deadlines will be set, and it is likely that the bid will take place this year.

Looking back, September saw the completion of the barns behind the Parker-Sickles Homestead, which was financed in large part with a county grant.

The Parker-Sickles Homestead 1665 Inc., the charitable group raising funds to complete the preservation, has also finished preserving most of the first floor of the home, and is looking for donations and grants to begin work on the second floor.

PSH 1665 Inc. will hold a ribbon cutting including county and state dignitaries, and provide tours of the barns and the beautiful Parker Homestead itself on Sunday, October 16 from 11:30 to 1:30.

This historic property dating to the 1600s has been open more and more frequently to the public, including during a well-attended antique car show on the homestead's front lawn in September. Keep an eye out for future community events at this historic, educational and picturesque gateway to the Rumson Road area that includes recreation fields, nature trails, a playground, and the Community Garden.

In addition, September saw the completion of the bathroom facilities behind the firehouse, just in time for use during the fall recreation season. Thanks to the LSFDP for working with us to get this done.

Also in September, Little Silver again 'went gold' in recognition of Pediatric Cancer Research Awareness Month. A special thanks to local moms Beth McLoone and Gerri Daneman, and others, for their efforts to seek greater funding for a disease that has afflicted so many of our children.

Looking forward, October offers a number of favorite town-wide events, including the annual Halloween Parade sponsored by the fire department on Sunday, October 23 at 1 pm. The all-volunteer LSFD does a great job with this, and their cadets will serve cider and donuts at the firehouse after the parade. Line up at the tennis courts on Rumson Road. Rain date October 30.

And the Little Silver PTO's Little Silver 5k – one of their biggest fundraisers - takes place on Sunday, October 2, starting on Ridge Road near the high school. Check www.littlesilverpto.org for further information.

On behalf of the governing body, we hope to see you all at these great community events, and we wish you all a happy and healthy Fall season. 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.