

**A review of 2020 seems sadistic, some might say**

**Are you kidding, maybe crazy? Why rehash a single day!?**

**'Tis true that sadness came to town, we lost folks who meant a lot,  
Mayor Litwin and Howard Hayden, Chief Bob Stout, John Clark, Hal Scott.**

**Service was their legacy, like the daffodils Marghi O'Dell left behind,  
Bob Sickles senior's passing, brought our farming past to mind.**

**The pandemic, of course, was tough to take, with its orders, guidelines, and masks,  
And it struck some low, so we say a prayer, for the health of those in its grasp.**

**But up stepped Little Silver Helpers, to help us get along,  
With meals, donations, and drive-by brigades, their support was deep and strong.**

**Our police and first responders, and front line workers all,  
Donned PPE (what's that, we asked) – and answered every call.**

**The borough, too, kept working, it never missed a beat,  
Our zooming guru Kim, let planners, council, commissions meet.**

**The Judge, and Janice Swaggerty, kept our courtroom dramas moving,**

**And Colleen kept our planners working, due process kept improving.**

**CFO Laura handled tax collections, in a contactless new routine,  
With Patrice's help, she budgeted well, and counted every bean.**

**Our rec department plugged along, Carlye sorted out the orders,  
Some teams played on, though some did not, or stayed within our borders.**

**COVID kept some things remote, but sometimes we said 'no way,'  
The Easter Bunny and Santa were live, with emergency vehicles leading the way!**

**We cheered our heroes, with Light the Night, placed signs that gave our thanks,  
The PTO gave us holiday lights, that raised morale, throughout our ranks.**

**We voted by mail, and mourned remotely, our soldiers on Memorial Day,  
But Environmental and Veterans days, were live, we're pleased to say.**

**Our downtown businesses took a hit – who's to say which store's essential?  
Outdoor dining helped out some, but restrictions were sure consequential.**

**Curbside service also ruled, at one of our great institutions,  
Our library's pickup and drop off routine, was among Anita's solutions.**

**And some got to know our department of health, just what's this contact tracing?**

**Dave Henry and crew, with so much to do, not the usual Board of Health pacing.**

**We lit our big tree, this past holiday, and continued to deck all the halls,**

**Father Jim, Mother Val, and Rabbi Sagal, looked heavenward to help us make sense of it all.**

**In town our projects never stopped, like sidewalks, parking lots and more,**

**The Silverside train crossing? Smooth as silk! Markham and Branch were restored.**

**A new building for our public works, restrooms built at Challenger Field,**

**On Branch, a grant for crossing signs - so cars will know to yield.**

**A sidewalk contract was awarded, for Pinckney, Prospect, Kings and more,**

**'Though the pandemic and weather have stalled, for now, the pending concrete pours.**

**For our walkers and runners and those who tread trails, public works sure served up a treat,**

**A new boardwalk and bridge through phragmites, the huge savings was certainly sweet!**

**Historically speaking, the Parker Homestead, in a vote without reservation,**

**Won the county's award - we'd say 'well of course!' - for historical preservation.**

In our schools Carolyn Kossack retired, first taking on the virus,  
Then Mike Ettore took up the fight, to remotely scholastically guide us.

Jack Massaro and Ryan McCue, were sworn in to the LSPD,  
They'll help with the traffic safety campaign, with signs, and talks, you'll see.

To help with that effort, police reached out, to those who do good deeds,  
A radar speed sign, with a Give Back Grant, will slow our drivers' speeds.

When scammers struck banks, our police struck right back, bringing charges of  
possession and theft

Perps ran from our guys, but had nowhere to go, not right, not straight, not left.

This year our police will wear cameras, an initiative two years in creation,  
Protection for all, with justice the goal, continued PD innovation.

Lieutenant Halpin, put in his papers, by Zoom a fair-the-well,  
For twenty nine years, his kind disposition, served our town so well.

In planning we saw a departure, too, John Chimento is stepping down,  
The chairman for decades gave his time and his talent, to preserve the look of our  
town.

From two cases to two hundred thirty, we're still working to 'flatten the curve,'

**But vaccines are beginning to make the rounds, volunteer troops continue to serve.**

**EMS Chief Joey Calao, led his team of first responders,**

**Masks and gloves and booties on - call them the above- and-beyonders.**

**Chief Peter Giblin and the LSF, they turned out every time,**

**And Chief Niles took care of the fire police, securing the perimeter line.**

**This year Don Niles is back in charge, Chris Faherty's on first aid,**

**And Tom Smith is leading the LSF, though none of them are paid.**

**Of course, don't forget, the admin stuff, that goes with volunteering,**

**Liz Giblin and Dan Kelly are our presidents – they're pretty good, we're hearing.**

**On Council, there was a change this year, Mr. Healy served us well,**

**Then Ms. Keenan stepped up, in COVID times, she'll have some stories to tell.**

**Now Mr. Brennan will take the dais, at least in a virtual way,**

**It's a hard-working group, and we're lucky to have, our council leading the way.**

**So we say no, a look-back's just right, don't let COVID be so all-defining,**

**Because in every cloud that came our way, lived a Little Silver lining.**

**From AJ, Mike and Don, and from Corinne and Chris and Kevin,**

**We wish you health and cheer this year, in our little (silver) slice of heaven.**