

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Borough Calendar **February**

February 1
Property Taxes Due

Thursday, February 4
9:30am Municipal Court
7:00pm Planning Board

Saturday, February 6:
Post Office Museum Open
10am to 1pm

Monday, February 8
6:30pm Council Workshop
8:00pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 9:
8:00pm Recreation Committee

Friday, February 12:
Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
Borough Offices and
Recycling Center Closed

Monday, February 15:
Presidents' Day Holiday
Borough Offices and
Recycling Center Closed

Thursday February 18:
9:30am Municipal Court

Monday, February 22:
6:30pm Council Workshop
8:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 24:
7:00pm Environmental Comm.

Thursday, February 25:
7:00pm Planning Board
7:00pm Shade Tree Commission

Message From Mayor Neff

I'm writing this on Sunday morning, right after the big snow. The town is beautiful beneath its new white blanket and a bright blue sky - quite a change from 24 hours earlier.

The full-moon nor'easter had blown in with some dire predictions, so I'm happy to report that Little Silver came through with minimal (though hazardous) flooding, and no injuries or property damage, after receiving nearly two feet in 30 hours or so. Jonas was non-stop, with heavy snow, high winds, and tides that challenged all of New Jersey.

During the course of the storm, I was privileged to ride with our officers in one of our (free from the DOD) humvees, which easily navigated the deepest flood waters, capable of reaching any resident in distress. I also stopped at the fire house on Saturday night, along with Councilman Galante, to see how our volunteers were doing.

And that provides the basis for this month's message: With each passing year, I am more convinced that our EMS, our Fire Department, and our Fire Police - all entirely volunteer - are not only trained and equipped to handle any emergency that comes our way, but that they also, as residents, feel that they have a personal stake in each and every call, making them the best possible emergency responders for our town.

That means we are all in good hands when disaster is knocking at the door. And I have to say that our public works men - some of whom had been up for more than 20 hours straight, working to clear the roads during a relentless storm that kept wiping out their hard work - showed remarkable resilience and good humor under some seriously trying circumstances. I would put

them up against any town when it comes to clearing out the ice and snow.

So less than ten hours after the snow stopped falling, the hill behind Markham Place School is full of sledders, kids are playing in the snow, shovelers are shoveling, JCP&L is working on the last of the two downed wires we experienced (with very few outages), and Public Works is working to restore our roads, parking lots, and school access ways to normal.

And some of our police officers, unexpectedly called into duty all weekend, were getting a well deserved break.

So much goes into preparing for storms that most people never see: conference calls with the Governor and his cabinet, the County Office of Emergency Management, and our local police and planners; and planning and communication among our emergency workers, our Administrator, our Police Chief and his officers, and the editor of this Newsletter, Linda Goff (who promptly posts all the latest information on littlesilver.org). I don't have the space to thank everyone by name, but I hope everyone knows that their efforts are appreciated.

And that includes our residents, by the way. You all heeded our warnings: Stay off the roads and let our police and public works men do their jobs; anticipate power

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Message From Mayor Neff (continued)

outages by fueling and testing generators, and by otherwise having a plan in place should the lights go out; bear with us when we cancel garbage collection and close the recycling yard, in order to maintain safety and clear road ways. We know that's not always easy. It's inconvenient. But it is necessary. So thank you all. Heck, some of you even posted your appreciation on Facebook, suggesting that our guys working out in the storm be offered a cup of coffee, or water, or a wave of thanks as they came by. That's community.

All that said, nothing is ever perfect, and your governing body and all who work for the borough are always looking for ways to do something better. So this is an invitation to call or email me or Borough Hall with any suggestions or complaints. If you don't tell us, we may not know. My contact information is below.

This is also a call to continue to support our efforts, even after a storm. The borough can't shovel every sidewalk. If you have a sidewalk, please include it in your snow removal efforts, particularly if you are on a school route, or on a route to the train station or downtown. Please continue to act and drive cautiously in the ice and snow. And as one of our firefighters advised, if you use gas power, clear your dryer vents and the gas meter to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide infiltration.

Lastly, if you have not already done so, please go to www.littlesilver.org and follow the directions for signing up for the Two River Alert System, also known as Code Red. It is the most efficient and direct way for the town to communicate emergency information to everyone in an instant. If you have any difficulty signing up, please call Borough Hall for assistance.

In other matters, in addition to the information in the yearly poem read at the Reorganization Meeting (and posted on the website), I would like to let everyone know that the County has been good enough to select Little Silver for a \$121,000 grant to improve our recreation fields. Our Recreation Director, Doug Glassmacher, looks forward to putting that to good use.

I'd also like to let everyone know that, according to Zippia (not really sure what that is), Little Silver is one of the ten happiest towns in New Jersey (ranked number 5). We on the Governing Body hope that applies to all of you.

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.

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



Brush Collection Schedule February 2016

Reminder: Branches must be no more than 4' in length and 12" in diameter

Place brush at curb for collection following week:

<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>
Feb 1 - 7	Feb 8 - 14	Feb 15 - 21

Copies of complete collection schedules available at Borough Hall or online at www.littlesilver.org

Single Stream Recycling February Schedule

Zone 1	Feb. 2 nd & 16 th
Zone 2	Feb. 3 rd & 17 th
Zone 3	Feb. 4 th & 18 th

Volunteer Opportunity Little Silver Environmental Commission

Learn more about the Commission at www.littlesilver.org

Interested residents should contact

**Environmental Commission Chair
Bonnie Winters Akey at bonw@aol.com**

RECREATION NEWS

**LACROSSE, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL
REGISTRATION LAST CALL!**

SIGN UPS FOR SPRING SPORTS

PLAYER DRAFTS FEB. 18

ROSTER SPOTS NOT GUARANTEED AFTER DRAFTS

www.littlesilver.org

Girls' Softball Going Pink

This spring Little Silver girls will be playing on softball teams with names like the "Pink Cadillacs", "Pink Flamingos", "Pink Panthers" and other pink names to promote breast cancer awareness and honor breast cancer survivors. Uniforms will sport the pink ribbon including pink visors and socks. The softball teams ranging in age from kindergarten through 18, play in the Two River Little. For more information and to register visit the rec page at www.littlesilver.org.

**For sponsorship opportunities contact
DougGlassmacher@gmail.com**



SENIORCIZE IS HERE!

**Little Silver Woman's Club
Thursdays, 9:00am**

**For More Information
Contact Instructor Corinne Thygeson
thygeson@comcast.net or 732-383-5017**

Have fun and move to your favorite music from the 50's and 60's with exercises designed to increase muscular strength, flexibility, balance, and range of movement. This **free** program is a combination of aerobic, flexibility, and resistance (strength) training, all done in a fun filled environment! Handheld weights, elastic tubing with handles, and six-inch inflatable balls are used for resistance. If preferred, a chair can be used for seated or standing support.

LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Mindfulness Meditation for Stress and Anxiety Relief
Friday, February 26 at 1:00 pm**

Meditation has been shown to reduce anxiety, agitation and stress, calm the nervous system, increase compassion, and promote relaxation and inner peace. Experience the enjoyment of meditation and learn some simple mindfulness practices with Carol Palmer, BA, Monmouth Medical Center. Please join us!

New Museum Pass!

A free pass to Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ is now available for checkout at the library. Use your library card for free entry for up to four people per visit. Stop by the circulation desk for details.

For more library news and updates, visit
www.littlesilverlibrary.org

Environmental Day

**Saturday, March 19
9:00am to 1:00pm**

Woman's Club Building

This free event is open to the public, hosted by Little Silver Environmental Commission.



- ◆ Electronic Waste Collection (TVs accepted for \$10 charge)
- ◆ Used Clothing Collection
- ◆ Document Shredding
- ◆ Composting Workshop *see details below
- ◆ LS Community Garden Information
- ◆ Environmental Displays
- ◆ Guided tours of Little Silver's Nature Trail
- ◆ Gifts and prizes

**Composting Workshop is free of charge. Participants wanting Earth Machine backyard composter (\$35 each) must order by March 11. To order contact*

Bonnie Winters Akey at bonw@aol.com

**More information and details at
www.littlesilver.org**

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
732-842-2400
www.littlesilver.org

Business Hours

Monday — Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Borough Directory

Emergency: 9-1-1

Borough Hall
732-842-2400
Police Department
732-747-5900
Tax Collector
732-219-0812
Tax Assessor
732-842-7039
Zoning Officer
732-842-0261
Municipal Court
732-842-3881
Board of Health
732-493-9520
Public Library
732-747-9649
Fire Department
732-741-0934
Newsletter-Website Editor
littlesilvernews@verizon.net

Little Silver Community Garden Accepting Applications

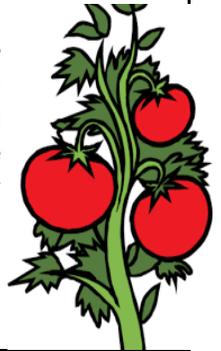
It may not look like it outside right now, but it won't be long until the 2016 gardening season is in full swing again! The Environmental Commission is busy getting ready to open the community gardens for another successful growing season.

Little Silver Community Garden offers interested gardeners an individual garden plot. Garden plots are assigned annually on a first-come, first-served basis for a \$50 annual fee. Previous plot-holders have first choice to participate again, but must sign up between February 1st and February 12th.

On February 16th any unclaimed plots will be open to new applicants.

During last year's season, in addition to the healthy, natural vegetables and lovely flowers participants grew, the Community Garden shared over 125 pounds of produce with Lunch Break in Red Bank to help feed the hungry. The Community Garden is located behind the Parker Homestead, near Sickles Market.

Information and application forms are available to download at www.littlesilver.org



CHILI COOK-OFF
Sunday, February 28
4:00 to 6:00pm
Hosted by
Embury United
Methodist Church
To Benefit
Little Silver EMS

Anyone interested in entering their chili, call Michelle Welsh 732-620-1799 by February 19. More information at

www.littlesilverfd.org

or

RSVP to attend and judge
www.emburyumc.org

Little Silver Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 9:00am

Featured Presentation
"Attracting Birds to Your Backyard"

Floral Design Competition
"Teahouse of the August Moon"

Oriental design suitable
for afternoon tea

Guests are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of others, discuss garden and nature topics, horticulture and design displays.

For information contact
Katharine McCleary, 732-747-4891