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Borough Hall**

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www.littlesilver.org

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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
(non-emergency)
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
(non-emergency)
732-741-0934



December 1, 2020

The North Pole

Dear Children of Little Silver,

My elves are busy getting ready for our big day! I know you have been very good this year, especially since it has been tough with school sometimes at home, and some sports and activities being cancelled.

But - don't worry. The Little Silver Fire Dept. will be giving Rudolph and my reindeer a break on Christmas Eve and driving me around town while I wave hello from the fire truck.

Keep up the good work and be kind to others all the time. Listen to your parents and teachers as we all get through this together. Go to sleep early on Christmas Eve so I can leave you gifts.

Mrs. Claus and I are very proud of you.

Sincerely,

Santa

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



Mayor
Robert C. Neff Jr.

Council Members

Donald S. Galante
Stephanie Keenan
Michael Holzapfel

A.J. McNally
Christian Smith
Corinne Thygeson

Administrator / Clerk
Kimberly Jungfer

December 2020



Borough Calendar

Thursday, December 3rd
9:30 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

7:00 pm: Planning Board
Virtual

Sunday, December 6th
5:00 pm: Virtual Tree Lighting

Monday, December 7th
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, December 8th
8:00 pm: Rec Meeting Virtual

Thursday, December 10th
7:00 pm: Traffic Safety
Meeting Virtual

Wednesday, December 16th
7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Virtual

Thursday, December 17th
9:30 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

Monday, December 21st
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting Virtual

Friday, December 25th
Boro Offices and Recycling
Yard closed for Christmas

Monday, December 28th
8:00 pm: Shade Tree
Commission Meeting Virtual

Friday, January 1st
Boro Offices and Recycling
Yard closed for New Year's
Day

Monday, January 4th
7:30 pm: Mayor & Council
Reorganization Meeting Virtual

Virtual Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 6th at 5 pm

A link will be sent out via Constant
Contact and will be available on our
Facebook page and website.

Message From Mayor Neff

We have lots of news to share this holiday season, so let's get right to it.

COVID-19? Yes, it's still here, and muscling its way through town, as it is everywhere, so let's address that up front.

At this writing, there have been 126 cases in town since March, with a rise in new cases over the past few weeks. Even our cautious and protected first responders haven't escaped the virus, so we're continuing to ask everyone to abide by the governor's orders – masks where social distancing is impossible, limited indoor and outdoor gatherings, and frequent hand washing.

Please, just do it, if not for you, then for your friends, family and neighbors. Economically, fewer cases mean a reduced chance that the state will issue further restrictions. Treatment continues to improve, vaccine development is moving forward, and better days are fast approaching, so please don't let up.

So on to some very good news and some upcoming events.

We've been looking to put lit 'pedestrian crossing' signs at Branch and Markham for some time, so we were excited to learn this week that the state Department of Transportation has granted our application for an \$80,000 grant to fund the project. This is a key crossing across a busy county road for students going to school or recreation events, and for those headed to and from downtown.

We know from our experience installing the lit signs at the Willow/Kings/Prospect intersection that these projects take time. It will mean cooperation with our friends in county government, and work with our professionals to do this properly.

So the flashing signs won't be going in next week, but they're coming. And when they arrive, please use them. Even with the availability of the signs, which are activated by the touch of a button, some pedestrians and bicyclists don't take advantage of the added visibility they provide.

Thanks to our Traffic and Safety Committee and all those who helped to advocate for that funding. We will continue to consider other locations as financing is available. In a related development, the weather is frustrating our attempts to move forward full steam with our sidewalk project. If you have a question about its status, please call borough hall.

Looking back, November saw the recognition of our veterans at a ceremony in Memorial Park. Thanks to our guests, Father Jim Grogan and Rabbi Doug Sagal, for making that observance so meaningful.

In the same vein, on December 19, we will place wreaths at our monuments in tribute to our service men and women who will be missing from holiday celebrations. Their service, sometimes in dangerous or brutal conditions, should inspire all of us as we grapple with our own challenges. Please think of them, and the sacrifice it takes to protect our country, when you see the wreaths in Memorial Park.

As we head into a busy holiday season, many have seen that our lamp posts downtown are already decorated and lit for the holidays. Unfortunately, we can't gather in person this year for the tree lighting, but the Borough will post the lighting of the tree on December 6, accompanied by the voices of our student chorus and the best wishes of the town for a happy and safe holiday season.

Of course, many have seen that a Christmas Tree Forest has sprouted at the Firehouse! There is no better way to thank our volunteers for their service than by purchasing your tree and other decorations at the fire department's socially distanced, safe sale.

And please help out our PTO by signing up for the Lights of Little Silver self-guided tour of

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our decorated homes and businesses. Tour tickets are available through December 4 (the date of the tour) and can be purchased at littlesilverpto.org/lights. Lots of great displays going up all around town!

One last COVID-related item. Our beloved library remains closed to in-person visits due to health and safety considerations, but is incredibly active on-line and is open to pick up and drop off books. Anita O'Brien and her staff miss everyone and wish everyone a happy holiday, and hope to be back in person soon!

And lastly, as we head toward the winter season in general, Public Works is well supplied with salt, brine and plows. In the event of a large snowfall, please consider helping out our Fire Department by **clearing the snow from your local fire hydrant**.

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah, and a healthy holiday season no matter what you might celebrate. 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

LS Fire Company No. 1

Hope this message finds you safe and healthy. On behalf of all our volunteers, I want to thank the residents for their continued support.

"Say Goodbye to 2020" Super 50/50 Fundraiser

The winning ticket will be pulled December 31st @ 4PM. Tickets are \$20 each and will be sold on our website www.littlesilverfd.org and by our volunteers throughout the community. What a great stocking stuffer - a chance to win a lot of money and help the community during difficult times.

Keeping the Community Safe during the Christmas Tree and Wreath Fundraiser

Health and safety for our residents and first responders is paramount. A safe experience has been created with yard expansion, monitored entrance/exit, hand sanitizer stations, outdoor cashiers, and of course social distancing when possible. **To protect everyone, all residents & volunteers are required to wear a mask on the tree lot and property.** This long-time tradition is always a very large undertaking, but this year we are asking our members to do even more. We are hopeful the community comes back to support this critical fundraiser.

Christmas Eve Santa Visits will be Different

As most now sadly realize, Christmas Eve Santa Visits cannot be the same this year because of COVID. We know how special this tradition is to so many Little Silver families - as well as the countless volunteers that make it possible every year. Updated Format: from 3:30 to 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve the Fire Department will be driving Santa around (on the top of the fire truck) to wave hello to the children of Little Silver. Our trucks will not be stopping. Registration via our website will be open through December 22nd. We have included a note from Santa in this newsletter & encourage you to read it to your kids.

October Call Report:
LS Fire Dept: 24 Calls
LS EMS: 47 Calls
LS Fire Police: 11 Calls

Library News for December

Happy Holidays from Little Silver Library!

Curbside pickup continues. Please call us at 732-747-9649 to request an item or place a hold on our online catalog found on our website at www.littlesilverlibrary.org.

To celebrate the season, there will be a selection of **jigsaw puzzles** available to borrow on our front table, which will be quarantined upon return. **Adult coloring sheets** will also be offered.

Jump Into Dinosaurs with Jumpin' Jamie!

Join us for an interactive puppet show and original dinosaur inspired music event that will get everyone dancing and singing! Premiering December 12th at 10:00 am and will be available for on-demand viewing through January 12.

Preschool Take and Make Crafts switch out weekly and can be found on our front table. Look for a Holiday Craft Surprise starting the week of December 14.

Residents may check out the following museum passes with a Little Silver library card in good standing:

- American Museum of Natural History
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Complex
- Monmouth Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- New-York Historical Society

Call the library at 732-747-9649 for details on how you can reserve passes.

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves only: November 2nd - December 29th

Zone 1 Zone 2

Leaves may be raked to the curb at any time during this scheduled time period.

- Reminder:**
- *No grass clippings are to be placed to curb for pickup.
 - *Do not mix brush and leaves
 - *Do not place within 10 feet of a storm drain



Collection of LEAVES ONLY runs November 2nd through December 29th.

Most importantly, we have proudly collected *thousands* of pounds of non-perishable food donations during this event in years past and locally delivered all of it Christmas Eve morning to those in need. We are unable to safely collect food donations this year. Please take the time to donate non-perishable food to local causes such as Lunch Break, JBJ Soul Kitchen, and the Salvation Army.

Visit our www.littlesilverfd.org & www.littlesilverems.org to learn more, volunteer, and donate to our collective cause. Thank you for your support.

Daniel M. Kelly, President Little Silver Volunteer Fire Co. #1

Did you know...?

Over 106 tons of recycling materials were recycled at our Public Works Recycling Yard from January to November 2020. This tonnage does not include any materials from curbside pick-up.

The Little Silver Shovelers is now being managed by the Little Silver Helpers.

If you are interested in helping or in need of a shoveler, please e-mail LittleSilverHelpers@gmail.com or call 732-383-5017. If you are already a volunteer, we will be in touch shortly to confirm your interest in continuing to help.

Calls With Santa!



It's a COVID Christmas! Santa will be making personalized phone calls to Little Silver children on December 15th and 16th with **registration required by December 7th**. Please visit our website for the registration form and additional information or contact claido@littlesilver.org

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CAT/DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Animal Information

Cat Dog

Hair Length: Short Medium Long

Spayed/Neutered: Yes No

Cat/Dog Name: _____

Sex: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Color: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Owner Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Street: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please do not mail pet license form with payment prior to Jan 1st

CAT & DOG LICENSES DUE JANUARY 31

During the month of January, Borough Ordinance requires the licensing of all cats and dogs. Licenses can be obtained by mailing them in or dropping the proper documents and payment in the "Pet License" box in the vestibule at Borough Hall. Licenses will be returned in your self-address stamped envelope. Cat and dog owners who fail to obtain or renew a license by January 31, 2021 will be subject to a \$5 late fee.

The State requires each municipality to conduct a dog census in the spring. Pet owners who have not obtained a license by that time will be issued a summons by the Police Department, which carries a \$20 fine.

Licensing Instructions

Fees: \$12 for cats/dogs spayed or neutered
\$15 for cats/dogs not spayed or neutered

Submit veterinarian's certificate of spaying or neutering, and proof of rabies inoculation.

PROOF OF RABIES INOCULATION MUST BE SUBMITTED

Dog owners: Renewals for 2021 dog licenses must have a rabies expiration date of **November 1, 2021 or later**.

Note: Borough auditor requires separate banking accounts for cats and dogs. Therefore, when submitting your payment, please write a separate check for cats and dogs.

To apply for license:

Submit:

- Check(s) payable to "Borough of Little Silver" or exact change
- Certificates indicated above (certificates will be returned with license)
- Completed application
- Stamped, self-addressed envelope

Mail to/drop off at: Borough Hall

**480 Prospect Avenue
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Attn: Pet Licensing**

If you no longer own a cat or dog, contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 732-842-2400 or e-mail skavendek@littlesilver.org. Leave your name, pet's name, and address so it can be removed from the database.