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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

**LIBRARY HAPPENINGS**

**Music Play Patrol for Preschoolers**  
Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00 am

Join us for a fun filled Zoom music class with Music Play Patrol! This 30 minute class will have everyone moving and interacting during our virtual music storytelling class. Tuesday, September 22 from 10:00-10:30 am. Please send all registrations with parent/caregiver name, child's name, phone number, and email address to [littlesilverlib@gmail.com](mailto:littlesilverlib@gmail.com) Space is limited.

**Curbside Pickup Continues**  
Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Call the library at 732-747-9649 to request an item or place a hold on our online catalog found at [littlesilverlibrary.org](http://littlesilverlibrary.org). We will call you to make arrangements for pickup.

**Cinderella's Fairy Godmother**  
Premiere: Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am  
Program is for K-3rd grade

The program combines history, improvisation, dance and music where audience members are cast right into the show! In "Cinderella's Fairy Godmother", Cinderella is about to marry the Prince, but her Fairy Godmother appears with a riddle to be solved first. Join in the hilarious search for the answer. Sing, dance, hide from the Giant and much more...

Link to the program can be found at: <https://monmouthcountylib.org/>

**Little Silver Environmental Day**

The Little Silver Environmental Commission will be holding its annual Environmental Day on Saturday, October 17th, from 9-12. This event features on-site paper shredding, a used clothing collection truck and a truck for electronics recycling. Composters (Earth Machines) are for sale for \$35. Composters must be ordered in advance by emailing Bonnie Akey at [BonW@aol.com](mailto:BonW@aol.com).

This is an outdoor event that will follow social distancing guidelines. Please remember to wear a mask. Location is the Little Silver Woman's Club, 111 Church Street, Little Silver

**RECREATION NEWS**

The Recreation Department is happy to announce that we will have a soccer program this fall. Of course it will not be the traditional program as we are used to, but we will be able to get the kids out on the fields to run around and get some fresh air. Pick up style games will be held on Saturday mornings - schedule will be based on the cohorts assigned by the schools. More details will be released as soon as possible. Registration is still open for anyone who has not yet signed up and would like to join us.

Please feel free to reach me at [claido@littlesilver.org](mailto:claido@littlesilver.org) if you have any questions

**Little  
Silver  
NEWSLETTER**



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September 2020

**Message From Mayor Neff**

Little Silver had lots going on this August - even with the restrictions still in place due to the pandemic – and we anticipate a busy late-summer season.

As to COVID-19, thanks for everyone's continued observance of the governor's orders and restrictions, whether you agree with them or not. Little Silver's total number of positive tests since March is now at 50 – with new cases having noticeably slowed, as has been the case around Monmouth County.

That said, please continue to follow the by-now-familiar advice to wash your hands, socially distance, and wear masks where distancing is not possible. For those who feel sick, contact your doctor. And *please cooperate with contact tracers* – the information is confidential, will not get you in trouble, and will help to slow the spread.

Because of the pandemic, our **students will begin school** with new restrictions and practices. We wish them well and have consulted with school leaders to make sure that the town can assist wherever possible.

**Our new superintendent, Mike Ettore**, is upbeat and determined to give our students the best possible experience.

Class will be in person at the high school and our local schools four days a week, in split session, so please watch for our walkers and bikers, know that drop off will begin again in September, and *drive safely*.

One more COVID-19 note: please continue to **patronize our businesses** whenever possible. We have a new shop, The Chocolate Bar, where Hoffman's Ice Cream used to be on Oceanport Avenue, all our restaurants and delis are open, and many of our restaurants have outdoor dining. You can find it all here in Little Silver!

By way of a quick August wrap-up, **our police were particularly busy**. Investigating multiple transactions being conducted at an ATM at Santander Bank, officers discovered part of a states-wide scam involving debit cards. Some suspects fled, additional suspects were identified, and all seven were apprehended and charged with counts ranging from theft to narcotics possession.

Once again, our police worked hard with surrounding towns, and with county, state and federal agencies, in a successful effort to protect us. Nice going!

And **our first responders were kept busy** at the end of July, and into August, with storm-related calls. It is so easy to take for granted what these volunteers do for us – so please don't. Even with large-scale fund-raising efforts put on hold during the pandemic, our EMS, fire department, and fire police are out at all times of the day and night, often in adverse or threatening conditions, putting themselves at risk to respond at a moment's notice to a distress call.



**SEPTEMBER  
Borough Calendar**

**Thursday, September 3rd**  
9:30 am: Municipal Court  
Virtual  
7:00 pm Planning Board  
Virtual

**Saturday, September 5th**  
Post Office Museum  
Closed

**Monday, September 7th**  
Boro Offices and Recycling  
Yard Closed

**Tuesday, September 8th**  
8:00 pm: Rec Committee  
Virtual

**Monday, September 14th**  
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council  
Regular meeting - Virtual

**Thursday, September 17th**  
9:30 am: Environmental  
Commission Virtual

**Thursday, August 27th**  
7:00 pm: Traffic Safety  
Virtual



So please remember the hard work and personal sacrifice, recognize the hundreds of hours of training, and support our volunteers whenever possible.

Also in August, the infamously cavernous **railroad crossing on Silverside** was repaired, and is now smooth as glass. It's worth driving over just for the new experience! Our thanks to NJ Transit for getting that done, and for granting our request to extend the crossing a bit to accommodate a future pedestrian crossing to facilitate walking access to the stores along Fairview.

In other projects, we expect to begin the paving of the **large train station parking lot** shortly, and to being the construction of the missing link section of **sidewalk on North Prospect**, from roughly the Crest Drive area to Harding Road. In addition, **Silverside is set to be paved**, hopefully in October, and a number of drainage issues around town will be addressed in the 2020-21 road program.

These projects are being funded in large part with a combination minimal/no interest loan through a state program that Little Silver qualified for, in an effort to reduce their impact on the tax bite.

Again, looking ahead, the well-known **Little Silver 5K** is scheduled to take place in a virtual fashion this year, from October 4-11. To register and log your miles for this great race and PTO fundraiser, go to [www.littlesilver5k.com](http://www.littlesilver5k.com). Kids too!

And for information regarding the upcoming **recreation soccer and field hockey** season (to be kept entirely within town, adhering to CDC guidelines and state protocols, and following school cohorts), please check elsewhere in this newsletter.

Next, perhaps with more people staying home, I've had an increase in calls from people who notice what might be thought of as little things, but which can really make a big difference: some folks not **picking up after their dogs**, or putting their **garbage cans out before 6 pm** the night before, or **discarding a mask** in a parking lot or out a car window (hard to believe, but it happens).

Small courtesies go a long way when so many of us are home, and these are all ordinance violations. Thanks for thinking of your neighbors – and avoiding the embarrassment of a fine!

In that same vein, the extensive **brush and limb pickup by public works was performed flawlessly after the big storm**, but not without some unneeded difficulty. Our guys never complained, and tried to work around it, but it was pretty noticeable: many residents or their landscapers failed to adhere to the requirement that limbs be cut to 4 foot lengths and

be 12 inches in diameter or less. Larger items require residents to make private disposal arrangements, such as stump grinding or mulching. Those requirements are meant to protect both our workers and our equipment.

Please make of note of it, not just for large scale limb and brush disposal after storms, but for your spring and fall cleanups as well. No one wants a summons, so please make sure it's not even an issue.

And speaking of public works, our former administrator, **Mike Biehl**, reminded us the other day that we had not acknowledged **the death of our former public works supervisor, John Clark**, in the newsletter. While we wrote of about it on Facebook in May, when John passed, the demands of the pandemic prevented a broader recognition, for which we apologize.

John was a wonderful guy who devoted so much of his life and career to Little Silver. We hope he is somewhere listening to The Allman Brothers Band (maybe the live version of Whipping Post), and we extend our deepest condolences to John's family, his former colleagues in Little Silver, and his more recent friends at Ryser's Landscape, where he had second career.

We also recently lost resident **Marghi Odell** after a battle with cancer. She planted hundreds (thousands?) of daffodils along our trails and in the woods near her home on Willow, and often offered suggestions to improve safety in the area. Her high kick at a Council meeting during her ongoing treatments was pure Marghi, as was her beautiful dance with Walter Stearns, calliope playing on her front yard, during every Memorial Day parade. Our condolences to her husband Tom Billy and daughter Victoria on the loss of this spirited, community-minded lady.

Lastly, please remember to **register with the census**. The deadline is September 30, 2020. It's easy – just to <https://2020census.gov> and follow the directions. Help Little Silver get an accurate count, which can assist with grant or aid applications.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish everyone a happy end of the summer, and good health as fall approaches. 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](mailto:bobneff80@gmail.com).

### LITTLE SILVER VOLUNTEER 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 patience and support during these trying times. While the pandemic curtailed our social and professional lives, it certainly has not slowed the number of emergency calls throughout town. To make things more interesting Mother Nature seemed to put forth additional challenges for the community.

The month of July call report:

LS Fire Dept	42 Calls	1 Drills 229.6 Hours
LS EMS	37 Calls	264 Year to Date
LS Fire Police	19 Calls	2 Drills 96 Hours

During the July 23rd storm volunteers responded to 16 different fire calls from 8PM – midnight. Since then there have been 57 calls making it the busiest few weeks in a decade. EMS answers hundreds of calls each year. Astoundingly EMS has answered every emergency call in 2019 and 2020 without the need for mutual aid from any surrounding towns. Fire Police spent countless hours in the roadways directing traffic and keeping drivers from hitting downed live wires during the storms these past few weeks

As you can see, there is a need to add to the ranks so we may continue to serve the community. There are numerous hours of training (same as paid departments), but it is a rewarding experience. I am proud to report (2) cadets (sons of a life member) were sworn into the FD last month, and they have been training with the engineers each Monday evening when the vehicles and equipment are maintained and serviced.

As you know, our volunteers spend a considerable amount of time fundraising. Unfortunately, our annual St. Patrick's party was postponed and eventually cancelled for this year. Kevin Brennan, chair of the St. Patrick's Day event since its inception, and his committee spent countless hours preparing, and more so unwinding the plans a few times. Our sponsors have been beyond gracious throughout the years, and we are extremely appreciative of their continued support. In the end, Kevin and the committee agreed the event would have to wait to ensure the safety of the community and volunteers.

As you can imagine our Boot Drive is postponed indefinitely, but our Fund Drive is in progress, and we appreciate every donation received from the mailing. The Christmas tree and wreath order has been placed so we will be unloading more than 800 trees the week of Thanksgiving. Tree farms are closing all over the country, and other challenges are raising costs for growers which gets passed along to us. Rather than eating leftovers, we will attempt to open Friday after Thanksgiving. This year trees will be trimmed as they are opened to make our own grave blankets, centerpieces, and door swag. The yard and lot will be set up the few weeks prior with additional staked trees so folks can stay a safe distance from one another. The yard expansion will add time and expense so we are hopeful the community will come back to support this annual fundraiser.

A special thanks to the LS Helpers – their support, dedication, and relentless efforts have been incredible to witness.

Regardless of the pandemic, number of emergency calls, and lost fund-raising opportunities, our volunteers are here to serve the community. We are a 100% all volunteer organization consisting of your neighbors and friends.

Please visit our websites [www.littlesilverfd.org](http://www.littlesilverfd.org) & [www.littlesilverems.org](http://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 Company No. 1

### BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS, PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES ARE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Since March of this year, when COVID 19 caused a shutdown the Mayor and Council have continued to hold public meetings via Zoom. Municipal Court has continued to hold court sessions and the Planning Board resumed meetings in June, both via Zoom and many of the Borough committees are starting to meet again on this virtual platform. If you would like to virtually attend any of these meetings, login or call in information can be found on the Borough website, [www.littlesilver.org](http://www.littlesilver.org), the Borough Facebook page and Constant Contact. You can always call Borough Hall at 732-842-2400 to find out meeting dates or check the Borough website for upcoming meetings.