

Little Silver

NEWSLETTER



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February 2021

Facebook Live with Mayor Neff

Monday, February 8th

6:00 pm

Message From Mayor

Just a couple helpful hints and news items this month, as we continue to deal with COVID-19 and the vaccine distribution effort.

First, the big snow at the end of January bypassed our little town (the benefit, or the curse, of being a 'shore town'), but let's assume for safety's sake that we'll eventually get hit by a major snow storm.

Please be prepared, and help others prepare:

1. Make sure you are signed up for **emergency alerts**. To do so, please go on www.littlesilver.org, click on the Emergency Services button at the top of the page, and then click on Two River Alert – Code Red Notifications in the drop-down box. Or call borough hall for assistance.
2. Our public works department has sufficient equipment, manpower and resources to respond to even the heaviest snow. However, public works cannot clear 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.
3. Please help out our all-volunteer Fire Department by clearing any **snow-covered fire hydrants** in your neighborhood.
4. If you use gas power, clear snow from your outside **dryer vents and the gas meter** to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide infiltration – a tip courtesy of your all-volunteer LSFD.
5. Please **report power outages** to JCP&L at 1-888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877), or by going to www.jcp-l.com and clicking on the "view or report outages" link. Calling the police to report an outage may distract them from responding

to emergency situations.

As to **COVID-19**, there is always a delay in writing the Message to the time it is then published and received by residents, so I hesitate to post much that may be substantive at the moment, but might not so be a week from now.

I can, however, say that state and federal officials continue to work to improve vaccine distribution, and that the Borough is doing what it can to put out new information and assist those who may be baffled by the process. In that regard, please do what you've been asked to do for nearly a year to prevent the spread, and take the initiative to stay on top of efforts to get everyone vaccinated. We'll try to help by posting new developments on the website, littlesilver.org, and on Facebook, and sending out fliers when appropriate. Any emergent development will be put out by Code Red alerts (see above).

In communications this past month, we have received numerous letters, and a really nice Facebook post, thanking **our first responders (police and our volunteers)** not only for their professionalism, but for their kindness and compassion. This year, Tom Smith will lead our fire department, Don Niles will again serve as chief of our fire police, and Chris Faherty will head up our EMS. Please think of our first line workers, and support them whenever possible.

Next, two Borough Council news items. First, partially in response to a recent region-wide emergency response to a home in town, the council is **considering an ordinance** requiring landlords to register with the town, and imposing a bond obligation on the homeowner upon two tenant convictions arising from tenant activity. It's certainly not a large-scale problem here, but the proposal is intended to enable the town to better communicate with landlords, and act if a problem situation arises.

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Borough Calendar

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

Monday, February 8th
6:00 pm: Facebook Live
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, February 9th
8:00 pm: Rec Meeting Virtual

Friday, February 12th & Monday, February 15th
Boro Offices and Recycling Yard closed

Tuesday, February 16th
7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting Virtual

Thursday, February 18th
9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Monday, February 22nd
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, February 23rd
8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting Virtual

Wednesday, February 24th
7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Virtual

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Second, a Council committee will soon form to begin coordinating the **Borough's celebration of its 100th birthday in 2023**. Some of you have mentioned to me that you'd like to be involved, and if others would like to help, please call Borough Hall and we'll put you on a list.

In another nice improvement at low cost, our **Public Works** department has taken down the old fake wood paneling in the Courtroom (painting over it wasn't working well) and is sheetrocking, painting and touching up its walls. Their timing works well, since the room is closed to meetings during the pandemic. It's really coming together!

Lastly, in speaking with police **Chief Dan Shaffery** this week, I was advised that – yet again – **a luxury car was stolen**, aided, in part, by a key fob left inside. We're a safe town, but an occasional target for luxury car thieves. I wrote almost the same thing two years ago – please take our chief's advice to lock up your valuables, including your cars, and help keep us all safer.

On behalf of the entire governing body, we wish you a safe, warm, and happy February. 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



Facebook Live with Mayor Neff

Monday, February 8th

6:00-6:30 pm

Tune in live on our Borough of Little Silver Facebook page to ask Mayor Neff questions.

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January – October

Brush may be placed to the curb at any time during this 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 **BRUSH ONLY** runs January through October.

Library News for February

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.

Songs and Silliness with Mr. Jon-A Virtual Event February 6 at 10:00 am

Join multiple Parents' Choice Award winning Mr. Jon and Friends for a musical comedy show! Mr. Jon and his funny friend, George the Monkey will have you dancing and laughing for a silly interactive musical time for the whole family! Available on the Monmouth County Library's Children's page.

Wellness Series Part 2- Drive Yourself Calm, Not Crazy with Veronica Scanlon Zoom Program (email littlesilverlib@gmail.com for link)

Friday, February 19 at 11:00 am

This Zoom workshop is filled with learning and tools specifically designed for those who want more calm, clarity and connection in their everyday lives.

In this workshop, we'll learn how to trigger the calm response in order to regain mental clarity and emotional balance by tapping into limbic calming techniques that work from the inside out.

- Learn how to meet the demands of your day without falling into overwhelm by keeping your biochemistry calm and resilient.
- Regain mental clarity and emotional balance by tapping into limbic calming techniques that work instantly.
- Discover the tricks to shift back into calm after you've lost your cool and are spiraling down.

Preschool Take and Make Crafts switch out weekly and can be found on our front table.

A selection of **jigsaw puzzles** is also available to borrow on our front table, which will be quarantined upon return.

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**
- **Museum of the American Revolution**
- **New-York Historical Society**

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



REC NEWS

2020-21 Off Season Update

Dear Two River Little League Community,

While the current state of COVID is concerning at many different levels, **we are optimistic that we will move forward with a season this spring.** I want to make sure that all of you understand that we are **not guaranteeing** anything at this point, but we feel confident enough about the possibilities to begin meaningful planning.

On or about the 1st of February, we expect each of our 5 towns to begin registration for baseball. This is a month later than usual for most and will obviously lead to a condensed turn around period once signups are complete.

I do think it would be prudent to give all of you a sense of our **very tentative** schedule this spring:

March: Coaches meeting on Monday 3/15, practice begins according to individual town regulation, SPRING BREAK (3/27ish-4/5ish, some earlier)

April: Season begins in earnest @4/6

May: If possible, Jersey Shore BlueClaws night on a Thursday, All-Star tryouts prior to Memorial Day Weekend (no games over the holiday weekend, 5/28-31)

June: Playoffs from 6/1-6/12, All-Stars begin typically either 6/18 or 6/25

Again, this timeline is meant to be helpful but is **far from set in stone.** Like everything else since last March, we will ask everyone to give us whatever flexibility you have left in your family schedule and souls! As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns as we move along.

On Behalf of the TRLL Directors,

Chuck Jones, President

Baseball and Softball Registration

Baseball and Softball Registration is OPEN for grades K-8th!! Please register no later than **February 16th.**

There will be no charge at registration, fees will be assessed once the season is confirmed to start. Players can be registered via the Borough Website under Recreation and Sports. Coaches are always appreciated and can be registered when you sign up your players.

Any questions please contact claido@littlesilver.org

Did you know...?

The Little Silver Free Public Library was established by resolution at a meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 22, 1926. County Librarian, Miss Eleanor Randall, and Mrs. Robert Rothwell, Principal of the Little Silver School, had appeared before the governing body, requesting establishment of a public library. The first library was located on the second floor of the old Firehouse at 16 Church Street, and was open for three hours, one day a week.

The Woman's Club of Little Silver adopted the library as an extra activity, providing volunteers and soliciting donations of books.

The library remained in the Firehouse until December 1935, when the Borough Council relocated its offices and the library into the recently-vacated old school, renamed Borough Hall. In 1960, the library moved upstairs to larger quarters in the Borough Hall.

In April 1964, Mayor Charles W. Stephens presented the Council's proposal for converting the vacant Borough garages into a new town library. Construction of the new building/conversion began in August 1964, and at a cost of \$24,954, the new Little Silver Free Public Library was completed. In 1966 the library was incorporated as an Association Library, eligible for state and federal aid.

Over the years, an additional 3,600 square feet have been added, with a children's area, technology center with computers, and a comfortable, quiet reading area. Library services are now available six days a week (in non-Covid times) for a total of 46 ½ hours a week.

The Little Silver Library has come a long way during its 95-year history!

Information source: littlesilverlibrary.org/history

Traffic & Safety Tip

Home Address Number Visibility and Guidelines

Home address visibility is important for many reasons. Not only will the food delivery person find your house easier, but so will mail carriers, utility services and emergency responders. The most important reason to make your home address number visible is so that Fire, Police and EMS can find your house quickly if they ever need to. In the event of an emergency, every second counts! Making sure your address is visible day and night is a crucial way that you can ensure that emergency responders will be able to find you. take a few moments to install house numbers or examine existing address numbers. Be sure that the numbers are easily read from the street.

Little Silver Community Garden Accepting Applications

It may not look like it outside right now, but it won't be long until the 2021 gardening season is in full swing again.

Community Garden plots are assigned annually on a first-come, first-serve basis for a \$50 annual fee. Previous plot-holders have first choice to participate again but must sign up between February 16th and March 1st.

On March 2nd, any unclaimed plots will be open to new applicants. Information and applications will be available in the Borough Hall vestibule beginning February 12th.

Turn in application with payment by mail or drop off in basket in Borough Hall vestibule at 480 Prospect Avenue.

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739

732-842-2400

www.littlesilver.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/BoroLittleSilver/

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

2021 Little Silver Environmental Day

Saturday, March 20th from 9 AM-12 PM

Women's Club of Little Silver

111 Church Street in Little Silver

Mark your calendars! Paper shred truck, electronics recycling, gently used clothing for upcycling, composting workshop, used children's book collection, local "green" display tables, FREE seedlings giveaway, and more! Compost bins available for \$35 purchase; however, preorder is needed. Email Bonnie Akey bonw@aol.com and pick up bins on 3/20.

Save your electronics (anything with a plug), gently used clothing, paper shredding!

Electronic Waste Collection – "anything with a cord", including televisions, will be accepted and properly recycled by Monmouth Wire and Computer Recycling, Inc. Please call (732) 922-3320 or www.computerreclamation.com for more information.

Monmouth County Residents can always bring their televisions to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center to be properly recycled. Call 732-683-8686 for info.

Used Clothing Collection- The Mission of Trenton will be collecting gently used clothing.

Document Shredding—by SafeGuard Document Destruction providing on site residential document destruction. The truck will accept paper (staples/paper clips OK), books (hard and soft cover), NO PLASTIC. Truck has capacity of 12,000 lbs. and will depart when full. Residents only—no businesses please.

TAX OFFICE REMINDER:

First quarter property taxes are due February 1st. There is a ten (10) day grace period for payments to be in-office.

Any payments received after February 10th will incur interest back to the first of the month.

Please note: An after-hours drop box is available, located next to the police dispatch window, with 24-hour access.

