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Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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June 2021



Borough Calendar

Thursday, June 3rd

9:00 am: Court Virtual

7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting Virtual

Monday, June 14th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 15th

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Thursday, June 17th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Wednesday, June 23rd

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting Virtual

Monday, June 28th

8:00 pm Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Borough Hall is reopening to the public on June 1st. The Mayor and Council will take their place at the dais on June 14th for the first in person Council meeting since March of 2020 and our committees will begin to hold their meetings at Borough Hall. The groups who use the Woman's Club on a regular basis will have their meeting location back and the Library will be open on a limited basis. Welcome back, we missed you.

Traffic & Safety Tip

Summer is here and school is out which means more children walking and on bikes. Please make sure your child understands the rules for crossing the street.

Rules to cross the street safely:

Some of the important rules for your child to know are:

1. **Your child needs to find a safe crosswalk.** Teach your child to look for a marked crosswalk. This makes it a lot easier for drivers to see them. If they can't find a marked crosswalk, have them find corners with stop signs where drivers already have to stop.
2. **Following proper street safety rules,** such as obeying traffic signals and utilizing crosswalks is essential.
3. **Never cross if a car is parked too close to the intersection.** A driver always needs to see your child.
4. **Never cross between parked cars.** Drivers can't see your child.
5. **Show your child how to wait patiently.** Children need to learn to be patient to be safe.
6. **Cross the street without your phone or ear buds.** Our eyes and ears need to be ready to look and listen for cars and phone and ear buds distract from that.
7. **It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners,** using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Safety tips for drivers:

As a driver, you can take steps to make it safer for children walking near the road. These steps include the following:

1. **Reduce your speed,** especially in residential neighborhoods and school zones. Be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly..
2. **Check for children** when backing out of a driveway or parking space. Also, look for children who may suddenly dart out into the road.
3. **Don't be distracted** while driving. Don't use a cell phone, eat, or play with the radio while driving.
4. **Stop completely at stop signs.** And don't cover the crosswalk.
5. If you see a situation that might be dangerous for pedestrians, report it to your local police department.

Let Your Actions Speak as Loudly as Your Words

Did you know...?

In the late 19th-century, Little Silver used to be a summer retreat town with visitors from New York, who would come down on the Patten Line steamboats. They would enjoy swimming in the Shrewsbury River.

Message From Mayor Neff

Lots going on in town, but first, some 'almost-back-to-normal' news.

At this writing in late May, 'reopening' is the word of the day.

We've just had a successful outdoor, in-person Student Government Day.

We're looking forward to an in-person Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to honor those killed in battle.

We're expecting to reopen the Library and Borough Hall, including the Courtroom, to the public, on June 1. Further details are in this Newsletter.

We're anticipating an active summer, especially outdoors, and more often than not, without mask requirements, especially for vaccinated people, both outside and inside. Summer Camp registration begins June 1.

Our graduates are scheduled to walk, in person this year, to receive diplomas earned during a difficult – to say the least – school year.

And the state has just released Order 242, which is somewhat confusing, but which clearly lifts many of the restrictions that had been in place for over a year. It can be found at <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-242.pdf>.

So as we spread our wings again, please remember those who helped get us here – our medical workers, our volunteer EMS, fire department, and fire police, our Police Department, Little Silver Helpers, administrators and teachers, parents of school children forced to adapt to trying circumstances, and so many others – and of course please remember those we lost to COVID-19.

Please also continue to pay attention to any additional state orders, which Little Silver follows, as it must, and especially to the available vaccine advice and availability. Even home-bound residents can arrange to be vaccinated, and some vaccines are being approved now for younger residents. And please, if you haven't shopped or dined locally recently, acquaint yourselves with our

shops and restaurants. They're open for business.

In retirement news, one person who assisted us during the pandemic by budgeting and recouping COVID-related expenditures, **Laura Geraghty**, will be leaving us on June 30. Laura has been our CFO, tax collector and treasurer for many years, and worked in our finance office for many years before that.

Laura was extraordinarily knowledgeable, and her work in all things financial has helped keep Little Silver running smoothly for years; our consistently positive audits and sound fiscal position are due in large part to her hard work.

We will miss Laura's advice, always accompanied by a friendly smile. Please, if you find yourself in Borough Hall after June 1, or have a moment to call, please wish Laura well in retirement with her growing (grandchildren!) family.

Next, it's that time of year: our Board of Health is sharing information about **ticks, mosquitoes, and sun protection**. Please look for details in Borough Hall and on the website. In addition, information on ticks, mosquitoes, and other summertime pests can be found at <https://bit.ly/3tC953I>.

Over at the **Parker Homestead**, the kitchen renovation is proceeding, and the trustees plan to have a grand reopening in September. If you'd like to help fund the renovation, which is being done on a shoestring and elbow grease, go to the Homestead webpage and purchase a personalized wooden spoon, which will be hung in the kitchen.

As to the **various projects proceeding around town**, sidewalk work has concluded on Prospect and Rumson, and very nearly on Pinckney, and will begin soon on Conover and Eastview to complete the link to the train station from Silverside. After that, sidewalk repairs will begin on Point, Harding, Seven Bridge, and Kings, hopefully to be completed over the summer and prior to school opening.

Sidewalk and curb repair on a large

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480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739

732-842-2400

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

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portion of Silverside will begin shortly as well, with repaving to follow.

As to additional repaving, the remainder of North Sunnycrest is also expected to be done this summer, along with the repaving of the lane on North Rivers Edge that was dug up due to the NJNG project. NJNG will also spot-repair some areas on that street. In addition, various drainage repairs around town are slated for the summer.

Regarding the long-standing water main replacement project near the Red Bank border, that is essentially complete, with restoration of the staging area continuing, under the observation of our Public Works Department. The water company will also be repairing areas of Salem, Standish and Alden where the road was dug up due to the main replacement.

Additional road paving projects to begin in late fall (barring any issues) will be the subject of public bidding once the specifications are complete, hopefully in July.

Looking back, with Memorial Day in the very recent past, it seems fitting to remember the heroism of Little Silver resident and **Air Force Captain Thomas B. McDerby**. Thirty five years ago, he and three crew members were killed when their jet tanker crashed near the former Howard Air Force Base in Panama. Captain McDerby had steered his failing craft away from a village, likely saving many lives.

We are proud that Captain McDerby called Little Silver home, and honor his legacy of service to his country.

Lastly, at the risk of being repetitive, every household and business should be signed up to receive **emergency alerts**. If you are not enrolled, PLEASE go to www.littlesilver.org and click on the CODE RED button to the left of the page. You can also call (866) 939-0911 or borough hall for assistance. June is the official start of hurricane season. Please do it.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you all a safe, happy and healthy summer season. 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

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.

Environmental Commission

Clean Ocean Action/Rally for the Rivers
June 5th 9 am-12:30 pm
Victory Park in Rumson

Little Silver Environmental Commission

The Little Silver Environmental Commission was officially commissioned via ordinance in 2004. Our job is to “protect, develop, or use natural resources including water resources within the territorial limits of the borough”. This covers a lot of “territory” including, trails, local wildlife, plants, and trees, as well as the waterways that “silver” our town.

Some of our major projects include the plastic bag, styrofoam, and plastic straw ban in Little Silver. This was done in conjunction with a group of local citizens whose concerns corresponded to our goals. Before New Jersey had a statewide ban, Little Silver was one of the first municipalities to be on board with this issue.

We also sponsor and set up environmental days for recycling non mandated articles (Electronics, clothing) as well as paper shredding and sale of county subsidized composters. In a typical year, we have many participants inside the Woman’s Club who promote and teach a variety of Earth-friendly ideas such as composting, organic gardening, water barrel usage, seedling distributions, as well as vendors with ideas about energy savings or clean energy usage. We also invite one of our favorite local friends, Parker Homestead 1665, to tell residents about this precious historical “resource.” During this Covid year, we were able to hold to outdoor and socially distant events in October and again in March. We are hoping to hold another one on October 16, 2021. Let’s hope for good weather.

The Little Silver Environmental Commission (LSEC) is responsible for the Little Silver Community Garden and this year we have an official garden manager who is a member of the Borough Green Team and a Rutgers Master Gardener. He helps people get their plots ready, deal with garden pests, makes recommendations about plantings, and monitors our water systems, fencing, and mowing schedules. We are grateful to Bob Sickles, who since our inception, has graciously donated water from his wells to keep us up and running.

We are also working on a Tree Preservation component to the Little Silver Master Plan, which is scheduled for revision this year. This has been many years in the making and we are eager to see it come to fruition.

We also apply for grants. Did you know that last summer we had an EDF Fellow from the University of Michigan who helped us to look at our municipal buildings and energy bills to make recommendations for energy savings?

We also monitor our trails (huge shout out to our DPW for their efforts in trail maintenance) and keep “watch” over wildlife in the area. One of our members puts out a frequent email on what he sees about town. If you’d like to be a part of that chain, get in touch with us and we can add you to the email list.

We meet every month on the 4th Wednesday at 7 pm (currently) via Zoom. Look for the link on the borough website, since we always love input and fresh ideas.

Recreation News

REC REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1st

MAKE SURE TO ADVANCE CHILD’S GRADE TO SEPTEMBER GRADE

SUMMER CAMP: 6 WEEKS

June 28—August 6, M-F, 8:00-Noon

Rumson Rd. Tennis/Basketball Courts

\$95 nonrefundable registration

No proration for vacations

Children Must Be Entering First Grade

Registration begins June 1st via Community Pass website or LittleSilver.org/lis/recreation

SUMMER CAMP TENNIS LESSONS

Same time, dates, ages as above camp, 6 weeks

Small group lessons max 4 children

Choose: One 30 minute lesson for 6 weeks

Choose: Two 30 minute lessons for 6 weeks

Parents must choose lesson time/day.

www.littlesilver.org/lis/recreation for more information.

SUMMER GIRLS' SOFTBALL

For girls entering grades 6-9

Contact: claido@littlesilver.org

FREE instructional clinics every Monday night, 6:00pm, at Library Field beginning June 28 with the goal of having fun developing the softball skills necessary to play on a competitive level. *Skill clinic followed by scrimmage games.*

Registration online beginning June 1st

FALL SOCCER GRADES K-8

Saturday games in September & October

Coaches always needed and appreciated

For more information, contact claido@littlesilver.org

Registration Online beginning June 1st

Avoid \$100 late fee by registering before June 30th

MAKE SURE TO ADVANCE CHILD’S GRADE TO SEPTEMBER GRADE

FALL GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY GRADES 5-8

Beginner and advanced players welcomed.

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

- American Museum of Natural History
- The Frick Collection
- Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space 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.

Library News for June

Please note: the library will be closed June 8th.

The library reopens Tuesday, June 1

Safety guidelines have been implemented to ensure a safe environment for patrons and staff. The library will be open for walk-through visitors and encourages patrons to grab-and-go. Front table pick up will also be available.

HOURS open to PUBLIC:

Monday: 12:00 pm-7:30 pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Fri: 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Patrons and staff must adhere to the following safeguards:

1. Do not enter the library if feeling sick.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available at the door.
3. There is a limit of 5 patrons at any one time.
4. There will be a 30 minute time limit per patron.
5. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
6. Daily newspapers, magazines, computers, Xerox/Fax machine, children’s play items and onsite programming are not available at this time.
7. Public restroom will not be available
8. All returned items must be placed in the foyer Book Drop.

We look forward to seeing you again!

AARP Fraud Watch Network via Zoom

Tuesday, June 8 at 1:00 pm

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is working to empower you in the fight, with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud. Fraud presentations cover a range of topics including: FWN Basic Presentation, Cyber Safety, Protecting Your Digital ID/Dark Web, Government Imposter Scams, Identity Theft, Investment Fraud, Medical Identify Theft, Online Romance Scams.

Please email the library at littlesilverlib@gmail.com and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

Outdoor story time starts Tuesday, June 15

Outdoor story time will be held behind the Recreation building. Due to limited space, please call the library between 10 am-4 pm to sign up starting every Thursday prior to Tuesday story time.

Social distancing & masks are required (ages 2 and up). Please bring a beach towel to sit on.

11:00-11:20 Toddler Storytime – Ages 2-3 yrs w/ parent/caregiver

Family Storytime- Ages 3-6 yrs w/ parent/caregiver 11:45- 12:05

Take-’n-Make crafts will be provided for patrons to take at end of program.