

Little Silver

NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

Town news and a Little Silver love story to follow, but first, a note of thanks.

Exactly one year ago, I wrote the March Message during a sunny, warm, and snow-less Saturday in late February: softball, lacrosse and baseball players filled our fields, bikers and dog-walkers were everywhere, and spikeball players (no jackets) were spiking away behind Borough Hall.

The snow-removal budget was untouched: no overtime, no dwindling sand supply, no exhausted public works employees.

And nowhere in the Message was any mention of the novel coronavirus. We weren't using phrases like 'social distancing' or 'herd immunity.' There had been some cases in Seattle, but lockdowns were unheard of, people were going to school and work, and COVID-19 hadn't come to Little Silver. Remember those pre-pandemic days?

What a difference a year makes.

When the pandemic did strike home ten days later, we recalled that we're Warriors, equipped for anything, and that's held true, with countless examples of selfless acts that eased the burden. And the snow? Our public works department has handled the snow storms this past month in stride, clearing our roads and making way for (almost) business as usual.

So as the vaccine supplies increase, and we look forward to living our lives with something approaching normalcy, take a moment to realize how far you've come in a year, how hard you've worked, and how well you've handled not just the piles of snow, but the rigors of day-to-day life during a long national emergency.

But **please also be patient with a frustrating and sometimes baffling start to the vaccine effort**, follow the daily changes in that process (we'll help where we can), and in the meantime continue to do all those things you've been doing to keep yourself and others safe, and to slow the spread. The number of new cases is decreasing in Little Silver and elsewhere, but we're not quite there yet, we're told.

So **thank you** for all you've done, and all you'll continue to do. As Seton Hall University's

motto extoles, in the Latin: *hazard zet forward*.

As 2020 drew to a close, so did the long tenure of **John Chimento** on our Planning and Zoning Board. John's service began in the 1970s, on the Zoning Board, and continued when the planning and zoning boards were combined.

During that time, John brought both experience and common sense to board decisions. At the time of his retirement, he served as the Board's chairman, presiding over a number of controversial applications with professionalism. Applicants, objectors, and the public were all assured of a fair opportunity to state their case with Chairman Chimento at the helm.

So we want to extend (we're sure to John's great embarrassment) the Borough's thanks for those many evenings spent away from his personal life, and in service to our residents. If you see him (maybe at the beach) please wish the Chairman well. Thank you, Mr. Chimento!

Looking forward, **Saturday, March 20 is Environmental Day**. From 9 a.m. to noon, the Environmental Commission will accept electronics for disposal (anything with a plug), paper for shredding, and gently used clothing and children's books for donation. Further details are in this newsletter.

This is a hugely popular event, held in the Womans Club parking lot, and we thank the EC for setting it up every year. Mask-wearing and social distancing will be required.

In Borough Council news, **it's budget time again**. Our CFO, Laura Geraghty, advises that municipal spending will remain relatively flat, thanks to sound departmental management, despite COVID-related costs.

The Borough has worked with the County to obtain reimbursement for expenses directly related to COVID, and will continue to do so. Some significant grants and a state low-interest loan program have also helped the Council manage our expenses. A spending package is expected to be introduced this month

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, March 4th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual
7:00 pm: Planning Board Virtual

Monday, March 8th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, March 9th

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, March 16th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting Virtual

Thursday, March 18th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Saturday, March 20th

9 am- 12 pm Environmental Day
Woman's Club

Monday, March 22nd

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, March 23rd

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting Virtual

Wednesday, March 24th

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Virtual

Thursday, March 25th

7:00 pm: Traffic Safety Meeting Virtual

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The former Fort Monmouth property continues to be redeveloped, and Little Silver is monitoring the various proposals. Presently, a commercial/retail/office complex is proposed for the parcel running along the western side of Oceanport Avenue, from Parker's Creek up to the main entrance.

If you wish to learn more about that application, we have posted the notice on our Facebook page and on the website at littlesilver.org. Please note that there is a sign-up process in Oceanport if you wish to be heard by the Oceanport Planning Board on any of the applications, as detailed in the notice.

Lastly, a Little Silver love story.

Sean and Suzanne Power have deep roots in Little Silver, having met at Point Road School as fifth graders. Thirty years ago, before they were married, Sean carved their initials in a tree inside a big heart in the woods in town, behind Suzanne's mom's house on Willow Drive. Years passed, and they enjoyed watching the initials transform on their walks through the woods, and eventually during their walks to Grandma's house. But then Superstorm Sandy knocked down the tree, and the couple was never able to recoup the piece of the tree with that big heart. Years passed.

Recently, during a woodland stroll, Suzanne randomly flipped over a big piece of bark on the ground near their old tree - and there were the initials, intact, along with most of the heart. Here's a picture of the surprising find:



We wish many more years of love and happiness to the Powers (we hear a fresh set of initials has appeared, and that the old initials are being preserved), and to all of you. Little Silver can be a magical place.

With a nod to Ogden Nash, we wish you a pleasant 'month of wind and taxes.' 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.

Library News for March

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.

Also, please follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram for the latest updates.

Wellness Workshop - March 12th, 11:00 am

How full is your "Well" of Wellness?

In the third and final workshop of our wellness series, Veronica Scanlon and Lisa Walsh will provide you with a framework for thinking about your wellness and ways to maximize it. As we've learned over the past year, our wellness is at the cornerstone of our health and is within our control. This workshop will give you practices and tools to help you fill your "well" of wellness! Please email the library at littlesilverlib@gmail.com and the Zoom link will be emailed to you.

"Code a Sandwich" - Introduction to Coding- Ages 7+ Friday, March 19th, 2:30-3:00 pm

Join us on Zoom for an interactive program and learn how to think like a computer! Apply basic concepts of coding and computer programming with Miss Jodi! Have fun building a perfect PB+ J sandwich following specific instructions from the participants. Advanced registration is required on Monmouth County Library Children's page; the Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the event.

Can't make it? No problem! A recording will be available for on demand viewing until April 30.

Burple, Fizz, Whipple

Saturday, March 20th, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join us as Rand Whipple from Box of Light Digital Arts Studio performs a virtual LIVE performance of Burple, Fizz, Kaboom! This fantastic performance entertains and engages the audience with an interactive STEM based event.

Advanced registration required beginning March 1 on Monmouth County Library's Eventkeeper on the Children's page. The access code will be emailed to the registered participants the day before the event.

Can't make it? A recording will be available March 22 through March 26 on the Monmouth County Library Kids page.

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

Thank you to our incredibly generous community for helping Little Silver Recreation and Little Silver Helpers collect 350 Valentine's Day cards that were delivered to:

Monmouth Medical Center

Arbor Terrace in Shrewsbury

Sunrise Assisted Living of Shrewsbury

The Chelsea in Shrewsbury

Sunrise Assisted Living of Lincroft

Your kindness was greatly appreciated by the hospital patients and every single resident at the four assisted living facilities.

Please look for additional information on the baseball and softball season throughout the month.

Any questions please contact claido@littlesilver.org

Education Foundation of Little Silver Needs Your Help



Did you know that the Education Foundation of Little Silver (EFLS) approved over \$115,000 in Grant requests for this school year, with \$90,000 of those dollars directly contributing to virtual learning? Please consider becoming a sponsor or making a donation to the EFLS in 2021. To date, the administration and teachers have submitted over \$100,000 in requests for next school year. Please go to efls.org to learn more.

Traffic & Safety Tip

Follow the signs and Push the button!!

The flashing crosswalk lights are an improvement on the traditional signs because they use high-intensity LEDs, which are exceptionally noticeable for drivers during the day and night. These can improve driver yield rates up to 96% and reduce crashes by 47%. This is only effective if pedestrians consistently use them. Please do your part to keep Little Silver a safe place to walk and bike by the taking advantage of these traffic safety devices.

Did you know...?

So far in 2021, the Public Works Department has put 2,000 gallons of brine on Little Silver roadways.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is on for March 27th with a rain date of March 28th. Modifications will be made to keep the event fun and safe for everyone, times will be staggered to allow for safe distancing. Please visit <http://www.littlesilver.org/lr/Recreation/> for information and required sign up. Masks will required to participate and the Bunny will be available for photos.



Are you looking for an exercise class that you can do from home?

Cardio, Core & More offers fitness for older adults with exercises designed to increase cardio and muscular strength, flexibility and resistance training.

Classes are taught using Zoom and take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday normally at 11:00 am.

If interested, please e-mail Corinne Thygeson at thygeson@comcast.net.



Mailing Indicia

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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

Little Silver Community Garden Accepting Applications

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.

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.

In an effort to assist our residents, here are some sites and phone numbers where you can register for vaccines. Due to limited supply and high demand, you may have to make several attempts to reach a person or sign up.

<https://covid19.nj.gov> State of New Jersey

www.visitmonmouth.com located at Brookdale Community College

hackensackmeridianhealth.org/covid19 locations in Holmdel, Neptune (732) 897-7926 and Red Bank (732) 741-2700

centrastatevaccine.com located in Freehold

vnachc.org locations in Asbury Park (732) 774-6333, Freehold (732)-294-2540, Red Bank (732) 219-6620, Keyport (732) 888-4149

cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine 888-300-4419 (best to call from 12 am to 5 am) locations in Hazlet and Highlands

rwjbh.org/covid19vaccine locations in Long Branch and Lakewood

ohinj.org located in Neptune (732) 363-6655

riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier locations in Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury, Hazlet Port Monmouth, Neptune and Manasquan

vaccines.shoprite.com locations in Morganville and Hazlet