

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

After a busy August, Little Silver will soon settle into an equally busy post-Labor Day routine, during which you might ask yourself: did you log as many steps, or miles, as Rocky Kane did this summer?

Read on to find out.

First, however, a request, a reminder, and a commemoration.

The request: at the start of every academic year, we remind drivers to keep a careful eye out for **students walking and biking to school**. This year is no different, and with a couple infrastructure projects still in the works, please pay close attention to detours or lane closures, and if need be make extra time for travel.

In short: our kids are counting on you. Please do your part.

The reminder: **the COVID numbers rose throughout the summer**, in contrast to last summer, when the numbers declined. Our health department, the county, our schools, and others set up and publicize vaccine clinics, and we post the most current information on our website, Facebook page, and Constant Contact.

If you don't find what you're looking for on our sites, call your physician or local pharmacist to schedule a shot. And of course, as with any vaccine, follow your doctor's advice.

And the commemoration: **September 11 marks the passage of 20 years since the attack by terrorists** on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane that was commandeered and crashed in Pennsylvania.

Little Silver and surrounding towns lost residents in the World Trade Center attack, and Little Silver is joining Monmouth County's reflection on the evening of September 11, when the Commissioners are encouraging residents to travel to the oceanfront and help "Light the Shore" in honor of those who died, and of the

sacrifice of so many who responded to the disaster. Details to follow.

Next, this has been an extraordinarily busy **'infrastructure year'** in Little Silver. For those following the progress, sidewalk work has been completed on Little Silver Point Road, Kings Road and the county portion of Harding, with the municipal portion of Harding beginning as we go to press, followed by Seven Bridges Road; the reconstruction of North Sunnycrest is scheduled to begin shortly, if it hasn't already begun by the time this is received; a drainage project on Fox Hill, Woodbine and Cross will begin as soon as a supply issue is resolved; and the water company has completed the installation and restoration of the main replacement in the Rumson Place/Salem neighborhood, with the water company and the town collaborating to repave the disturbed areas in September.

We thank our residents for their continued patience, as repairs or upgrades continue. Our safety-oriented town projects have been funded through a low- and no-interest state loan program to help keep our tax rate stable. **To receive alerts** when projects might result in delays or detours, please call borough hall or click on littlesilver.org to make sure you are signed up for emergency notifications.

In other infrastructure news, Verizon plans to **add six antennas**, and remove three other pieces of equipment, from the cell tower behind borough hall (on the same three sides of the existing platform as existing antennae). They advise that the additions will not significantly increase the RF output, which will remain well below federal requirements. The borough will do its own testing to make sure.

A Planning Board hearing is scheduled on September 9 on the procedures that Verizon must follow in order to obtain the

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, September 2nd
9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual
7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Monday, September 6th
Boro Offices & Recycling Yard Closed for Labor Day

Monday, September 13th
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 14th
8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

Thursday, September 16th
9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Tuesday, September 21st
7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, September 22nd
7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting

Monday, September 27th
8:00 pm Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Reminder: sign up for **Constant Contact** (text LITTLESILVER to 22828) and **Code Red** (LittleSilver.org and click on Emergency Services)

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proper permits; those wishing to be heard are welcome to attend.

It's also been a busy season for **our volunteer first responders**. Please keep our Fire Police, EMS and Fire Department in your thoughts as they continue to respond to every call, and assist other towns, during the pandemic.

With some of their fundraising activities curtailed by COVID, we encourage anyone with the means to make an extra contribution to our volunteers this year. These services continue to train, practice, and recruit new members, and can always use your help.

By the way, you may have met some of our volunteers at August's **National Night Out**, where the Little Silver Police Department held a packed community event on borough fields with food, demonstrations, a helicopter landing and more. Truly the best yet!

Looking ahead, the **John Luckenbill Pops Band has kindly offered to perform a free concert** at the Gazebo on Markham Place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day weekend). The rain date is Monday, September 6 at 7 p.m. Mr. Luckenbill's family has deep roots in Little Silver, and the concert will memorialize his mom, who passed this year.

Bring a blanket or chair and come listen to one of the finest bands you'll hear anywhere and take part in Little Silver's rich musical history.

Also, the well-known **Little Silver 5K** is returning in person this year on Sunday, October 3. To register for, or sponsor, this critical PTO fundraiser, go to www.littlesilver5k.com. Kids too!

And our Environmental Commission will again hold **Environmental Day on October 16**. This increasingly popular event at the Women's Club will take your gently used clothing, dispose of your electronics, shred your paper, and provide various environmental seminars and information from 9-1.

So, about those steps, or miles. **Richard "Rocky" Kane III** (who is a Little Silver firefighter, by the way) spent a summer that we suspect is unique to Little Silver residents - he hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in one shot, from Georgia to Maine.

Miles: 2,193.1 - in 97 days. For those of you who count steps, that's 4,787,318 steps at a 3 mph walk, according to the conversion tables.

Rocky trained for four years in Hartshorne Woods. We hear that his interest in long distance hiking came from his experience with **Little Silver Scout Troop 126**, where he became an Eagle Scout. His Little Silver friends cheered him on and periodically helped to feed him during his journey. Great work!

Lastly, it's always a treat when **a new business opens in Little Silver**, and we're pleased that Pancho has opened next door to Carvel. So, in addition to its other great restaurants, Little Silver now offers Mexican fare - give them a try!

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.

Robert C. Neff Jr.
Mayor, Borough of Little Silver

Little Silver Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission is preparing for our semi-annual Environmental Day on Saturday, October 16th from 9 am-12 pm. As we did last year, we will have clothing upcycling, electronic recycling, and paper shredding in the Woman's Club parking lot. We will also have composters for sale (\$35 for an Earth Machine); you can reserve by emailing Bonnie Akey at BonW@aol.com We will also have vendors and tables inside the building (Covid permitting). Please follow guides in the parking lot to park and come inside. PLEASE wear a mask.

We will have some new additional dog waste stands in town in the next couple of months. We'll let you know where they are located as soon as they're installed.

Our MINDFUL MEDITATION in the Community Garden will continue into September. It meets every Monday evening at 7 pm and as we move into fall, we will up the time to 6 pm beginning September 6th. That date is Labor Day, so be mindful of that 😊. Email Karen Faherty Rosen at lovealways@comcast.net with any questions about Mindful Meditation.

PARKER HOMESTEAD- 1665

Grand Reopening

Sunday, September 19th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Annual Classic Car Show: 9-1

Annual 1864 Vintage Base Ball game: 12 - 4

Parker Homestead Open House,
including restored 1930 kitchen: 10 - 3

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.

Traffic & Safety Tip

Back-to-School Driving Tips for Parents Driving in the School Zone Area:

- Slow down and drive extra cautiously.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- When flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Be prepared for kids to appear in unexpected places, like from between parked cars; if they're on bikes, prepare for them to turn in front of you without looking or signaling.
- If you need to use your phone, be sure you're pulled over safely.
- Watch for kids walking while looking at their phones. One study found that a full 20 percent of high school students cross the street while distracted.
- If possible, carpool to reduce the number of cars at school.
- Don't ever block a crosswalk; it forces pedestrians to go around you and could put them in the path of moving traffic.

THE MILITARY HELP US EVERY DAY, WHY NOT HELP THEM?

The **Little Silver Woman's Club** collects gowns, evening shoes, evening bags and costume jewelry for the military women located at Joint Military Base McGuire-Fort Dix-Lakehurst.

The military women attend three balls a year. To offset the cost, we provide lightly worn:

Gowns **Evening Shoes**
Evening Bags **Costume Jewelry**

All no cost to the women.

How this works: They rent a dress on the base for \$20, which is a refundable deposit until the dress is returned with a dry-cleaning tag. This essentially makes it a free service to our military families.

This project helped the military women create the Cinderella's Closet Building on the McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Base, which displays the gowns and accessories.

To schedule pickup for your donation, contact: Kathy Doty, President of the Little Silver Woman's Club:
732-320-6652.

Please be advised: When you are having a large gathering at your home, we ask that you please notify the Little Silver Police Dept at 732-747-5900 and allow the PD to determine if parking enforcement is necessary for safety purposes.

Library News for September

Please be advised that face masks are required when visiting the library.

While the library is open, we also offer pickup of materials in the foyer.

Stop by the new Storywalk® recently installed at Markham Place playground. The first story is "Beach Toys vs. School Supplies" written and illustrated by Mike Ciccotello, a Little Silver resident.

"The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson."

Outdoor Storytime continues throughout September, weather permitting. Please call the library to sign up.

Fall themed **Take and Make crafts** will be available in the Children's Room and at Storytime.

**Let's Draw Superheroes! - Grades 3 and up
Monday, September 13 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

Enjoy an interactive LIVE Zoom cartooning workshop with award winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski!

Express your creativity and learn how to draw your own superhero characters!

Advance registration required beginning August 23; the Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the program.

The library staff is looking forward to another school year! We encourage students to use the library as a resource but will not be able to serve as a place for congregating. Please be aware of the following guidelines which are in place for the health and safety of everyone:

- 1) Masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.
- 2) While public computers and tables will be limited, all Chromebooks will be available.
- 3) Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- 4) Do not enter the library if feeling sick.

Social distancing must be observed and, therefore, the library reserves the right to limit the number of people.

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.

Recreation News

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS THAT SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN'S REC PROGRAMS

The VanDeBoe Family*Little Silver Travel Basketball*Lauren Dunne – Heritage House/Sothebys*Livingston Physical Therapy*Grand River Supply*Little Silver Carvel*Galkin Orthodontics*Gluck and Walrath*Fresh Personal Training*Tonneman and Connors, LLC*Leon S. Avakian Inc.*Computacenter*Athlete's Alley*SWL Collective*Messano Associates, Inc.*Shamrock Enterprises*The Kane Family*Target Transportation*TideWatch Physical Therapy*Liberty Wealth Solutions*PAZZO*ON Partners*TGI Friday's*Gianni's Pizzeria*LS Police Local 359*The Donohue Family*The Trotte Family*Petcon Builders*Little Silver Fire Department*ShoreShots Basketball*J & S Stark Billing*Oliver L.E. Soden Agency*New Shrewsbury Racquet Club*Allsport NJ*Mary Lou Mannino, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services*Liberty Wealth Management*Two River Pediatric Therapy*Jersey Shore Soccer Trainers*B.C. Electrical Contracting*McOmber, McOmber & Luber, P.C.

If you would like to sponsor a team with a suggested donation of \$200, please contact claido@littlesilver.org

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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 5K

The Little Silver 5k returns in-person this Fall, October 3rd, after being held virtually in 2020 due to the pandemic. This year we are back and are hoping with your community support, it will be our biggest year yet. With the recent influx of folks to the suburbs, specifically our quaint shore town, now more than ever is the time to come out, meet new faces and join hands (figuratively speaking) for what's sure to be our most celebrated race thus far.

Beginning at 8:45 in the morning, there will be various spirited events such as a Kid's One-Mile Fun Run, the 5K and Kiddie Dashes.

For our history fans, 28 years ago the inaugural race was held at Red Bank Regional High School and continues to be a major event for our small town. The 5K was founded by dedicated parents in the Warrior school system who saw an opportunity to raise funding to benefit all students of all ages. New classroom technology, curriculum enhancements and after-school extra-curricular activities are only some of the foundational pillars funds raised are allocated to. Year after year, there has been more awareness, more Warrior pride and undoubtedly more support from Little Silver residents and beyond.

This USATF Certified Race has become the number one fundraiser for the LS PTO and we truly could not continue without the unparalleled support from our incredible following. Thank you and Go Warriors!

Please visit. www.littlesilver5k.com for more details and to register or support today!

Follow us on Facebook & on Instagram @LittleSilver_5k

Mark your calendars:
Red Bank CROP Walk
October 17th
Red Bank Regional High
School

Did you know...?

The Little Silver Grammar School used to be located on Prospect Avenue, where Borough Hall is currently located. It was built in 1899 and used until 1935, when Markham Place construction was completed. Point Road School was constructed and opened in 1959 to support the housing boom of the 1950s.