

Little Silver

NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

This month, some sad news, a request for volunteers, and a little amateur poetry about the town.

But first, I want to recognize the recent efforts of our police and emergency volunteers, resulting in a number of thank-you letters and emails. Without going into great detail, suffice it to say that residents appreciated the professionalism, the compassion, and the way in which our police, fire and EMS personnel all worked together in difficult circumstances, in one instance saving a life.

We're fortunate to have such devoted professionals in town. We have a number of new police officers, and we hear that EMS has 12 new recruits this year, so we'll be in good hands moving forward.

As to the sad news, we lost Ray Webb and Judy Dorn in January. Ray was a lifelong member of the Fire Company and a volunteer at Riverview Medical Center. He will be greatly missed, and we extend our condolences to his sons Keith and Casey and the entire family.

Judy was involved in so many ways during her time in Little Silver that it's hard to know where to start. From a room mom to a volunteer with her church, the PTO and the first aid squad, Judy was an ever-present force in town. We extend our condolences to her husband Dan, their daughters Cassie (a teacher at RBR), Nancy and Sarah, and the Dorn family.

So as to the request for volunteers, let Judy's and Ray's volunteerism be your inspiration, and sign up to help the Little Silver Shovels program, which assists seniors and others with sidewalk and driveway snow shoveling. The program is a great way for middle- and high-schoolers to get service hours and make new friendships in town. It's easy: just email littleilverhelpers@gmail.com.

Or, if history is more your thing, we're looking for ideas and people to serve on a committee or otherwise volunteer to assist in organizing our 100th birthday celebration next year. Please call borough hall at (732) 842-2400 or

email Councilwoman Stephanie Brannagan at sbrannagan@littlesilver.org if you're interested in helping out.

Lastly, the amateur poetry. Every year I've put together a rhyming look-back and look-forward for the January reorganization meeting. Here's this year's effort.

2022 POEM

'Ok, now what?' seemed to be, a frequent exclamation,

This past year challenged us here in town, and all across the nation.

We started with vaccines and hoped, to halt the COVID harms,

The borough helped with testing sites, and getting shots in arms.

We opened up, the masks came off, especially in the summer, then delta led to omicron, so we're virtual tonight – a bummer.

But this won't last, it's just a spike, so let's take stock, review,

A look back shows, Little Silver's got, the strength of all of you.

We were hurt by loss that's true, Chet Apy, Steve Strauss, Joan Peer,

Tom Reardon, Catherine Wright, Harriet Luckenbill, all left too soon, we fear.

Their legacy of service, though, continues to inspire,

We see it in our volunteers, and in every borough hire.

The Police Department welcomed four new officers last year, Lewandowski, Colao, Ibarra and Wilton, we're pleased to have them here.

Sergeant Gibson and Captain LaBruno, retired after serving our town,

Chief Shaffery will follow shortly, we'll miss having them around.

In finance Laura Geraghty retired, AJ takes her place,

Kim Jungfer also gave us notice, Kevin Burke will join the race.

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, February 3rd

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

7:00 pm: Planning Board Mtg Virtual

Monday, February 7th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, February 8th

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting Virtual

Friday, February 11th

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard Closed

Tuesday, February 15th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Mtg

Thursday, February 17th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Monday, February 21st

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard Closed

Tuesday, February 22nd

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting Virtual

Wednesday, February 23rd

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting Virtual

Thursday, February 24th

7:00 pm: Planning Board Mtg Virtual

Monday, February 28th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting Virtual

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**Tom Smith, Don Niles, Chris Faherty, will again lead our emergency teams,
They're volunteer professionals, talent bursting at the seams.**

**We lost strong members of the Planning Board, Kathy Smith and Vera Hough,
Though Paul Perfetto chairs it now, Joe and JT joined, they're tough!**

**John Heidema was our naturalist, watching foxes, owls and more,
The spotted lanternfly stopped by: "Stomp on it!" was the roar.**

**We loved our parks, and built kayak racks, Recreation led the way,
And at Parker Homestead, an old new kitchen, with spoons and a grant, to help us pay.**

**New businesses braved the climate, Pancho and Chocolate Bar are here,
We said no to rec marijuana - police issues, and schools so near.**

**Firefighter Rocky, trekked the Appalachian trail,
and 9/11 hit its twentieth year, sadness still, but we prevail.**

**In town our events were in person, our races, ceremonies and more,
National Night Out, and Veterans Day, our Tree Lighting for sure.**

**Little Silver hosted early voting, and we pushed the buttons in person,
No virtual graduations to steal the fun, an academic celebration.**

**Our court came back, we kept litigants well, Judge Jim and Janice led the way,
Though some virtual proceedings will continue, it's a new electronic kind of day.**

**Infrastructure week? That's not enough, it was infrastructure year,
Installing sidewalks, paving roads, making drainage problems disappear.**

**Water mains and sewer lines, dug up, replaced, they're new now,
Your patience through it all was great, but there's more to do, somehow.**

**In our schools our students excelled, Kevin McCarthy led the way,
The best GPA at RBR, he's at Notre Dame today.**

**And Creative Writers at the high school? They got published – no mean feat!
They're Fantastical Stories on Amazon – should have asked them to write, this poem, for me.**

**Our electrical inspector, Nick Fabiano, voted best in the state entire,
And Paul Duncan is an Eagle Scout, to which all Scouts do aspire.**

**Our Public Works crews publicly worked, their talents on display,
New courtroom decor, and a Pet Trail bridge, new gardening boxes, by the way.**

**At the library Anita opened the doors, held storytime for our tykes,
And StoryWalk graced our playgrounds, where big kids rode their bikes.**

**5G is coming, our law is strong, we'll control it where we're able,
And we're 99, next year 100 - let's party! We'll set the table.**

**With Don and Chris, and Kevin and Mike, Stephanie and Corinne,
Your Council is tops, pulls out all the stops, smart, devoted and thoughtful, they've been.**

**So we're confident moving forward, the talent is all around,
And our residents make, serving all of you great, Little Silver: our hometown.'**

Now that your literary IQ has been lowered (hopefully, your Little Silver IQ has been raised just a little), on behalf of the entire Borough Council, we wish everyone a safe winter season. Please do not hesitate to call Borough Hall with any questions at (732) 842-2400, or reach out to me directly at bobneff80@gmail.com, or my home phone, (732) 576-8595.

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

Traffic & Safety Tip

Super Bowl Sunday is almost here, but we continue to be on the same team when it comes to keeping each other safe

Little Silver Traffic and Safety reminds you that Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. This year, the Big Game falls on Sunday, February 13, 2022. If your night involves alcohol outside your home, plan for a sober ride home. If you're hosting a party, take care of your guests.

Prepare for a Safe Huddle

If you plan to attend a party, make sure your evening includes a plan for getting home safely. Follow these safety tips, and you'll be on your way to being an MVP.

- You know the rules: It's illegal to drive drunk. Before you head out to a Super Bowl party, make a game plan that includes a sober driver — someone who will not drink at all, and will safely bring you home.
- Make sure your designated driver is actually sober. If he or she decides to drink unexpectedly, call a sober ride.
- Don't let friends (and fans) drive drunk. If someone at your party has been drinking, help arrange a safe way for them to get home, too.
- When you ride home with your sober driver, make sure you — and your driver — wear your seat belts. It's your best defense in a crash.

Hosts

If you are hosting a Super Bowl party, be sure all your guests have a sober ride home.

- Ask your guests to designate their sober drivers in advance.
- Encourage your drinking guests to pace themselves, eat food, and drink plenty of water.
- Serve a selection of nonalcoholic drinks.
- Do not serve alcohol to minors. If an underage person drinks and drives, the person who provided the alcohol can be held liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver. In fact, you can face jail time if you host a party where alcohol is served to people under the age of 21.



BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January through October

BRUSH may be put 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 1 through October 31.

Recreation News

Summer Rec Counselor Applications now being accepted until March 1, 2022

Applicants must have completed 9th grade and be available the entire six week camp from June 27th through August 5th. Since there are only a few spots open each summer, work experience with children in highly recommended. Applications are available online under the Summer Rec tab on the Recreation website: <http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/>

Summer Rec registration will begin June 1st on the Community Pass website.

Kayak/SUP Racks at Santelle Park!



We have 32 spots available for Little Silver residents only. Please register no later than Monday, February 28th as spots will be assigned via a lottery system on Tuesday, March 1st. You may store your kayak/SUP from March 15th – November 15th; any vessel left behind will be removed by the Borough. Placement of a kayak or paddleboard at Santelle Park is done at the owner's risk; the Borough assumes no responsibility.

One registration per household

Visit our website <http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/> or the following link to enter the lottery: <https://forms.gle/CCVikPo5vUGrXfLg9>



Little League Baseball & Softball

Last Call! Rosters being formed

Register Online at www.littlesilver.org

Library News for February

The library is temporarily closed due to the spike in Covid cases, however, curbside pickup is available.

Follow us on Instagram and/or Facebook for updates on opening status. **Please call the library at 732-747-9649 to request books or DVDs. Patrons may also place holds on the library's website through our online catalog by logging in with the library card number and searching for a title and placing a hold.** You will be notified when the item is ready for pickup. A limited selection of jigsaw puzzles will be available in the foyer.

New Museum Pass to Historic Village of Allaire- Thanks to the Friends of the Little Silver Library for providing a pass to the Historic Village of Allaire located on Atlantic Avenue in Farmingdale, NJ. The pass provides for complimentary admission on General Admission days valid for two adults and two children under age 18. Call the library to check it out.

Celebrate virtually and "Take the Library to Your Child"! Book Reading and Drawing Event with Mike Ciccotello! Saturday, February 5 from 10:00- 10:45 am

Join us on Zoom for a fun, interactive, and family friendly read-aloud and drawing session with Little Silver author and illustrator Mike Ciccotello! He is the author and illustrator of many children's titles, as well as the host of Draw with Mr. Mike, a drawing show for children. He will read his book, "Beach Toys vs. School Supplies" and teach us how to draw characters from his book!

Please have paper and pencil or crayons ready at home to draw with.

Advance registration is required beginning January 15; Can't make it? Watch on-demand through March 5 on the Monmouth County Library Kids page.

Virtual Storytimes

Miss Danya shares songs, fingerplays, stories and crafts on Little Silver's YouTube channel: littlesilverlibrary.org/children/

Take 'N Make Crafts will be available for pickup on the table in foyer of library.



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

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

Little Silver Environmental Commission

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

COMMUNITY GARDEN

LITTLE SILVER COMMUNITY GARDEN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

It may not look like it outside right now, but it won't be long until the 2022 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 14th 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 11th.

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

Little Silver Shovelers

If you are interested in helping or in need of a shoveler due to age or health complications, please call 732-383-5017 or email LittleSilverHelpers@gmail.com

If you are already a volunteer, we will be in touch shortly to confirm your interest in continuing to help.

TAX OFFICE REMINDER:

Tax Office closed to the Public

Property taxes are **due February 1st** with a 10 day grace period. Payments must be received in office by Thursday, February 10th to avoid incurring interest.

Payment Options:

1. Mail tax payment to the Borough of Little Silver, Tax Collector's Office, 480 Prospect Avenue, Little Silver, NJ 07739
2. A drop box is available in the Police Vestibule. This is open 24 hours.
3. Utilize online bill pay with your Financial Institution.
4. Online at the Borough's website, littlesilver.org. Please be advised there are fees associated with paying on the Borough's website.

2022 Little Silver Environmental Day

Saturday, March 19th 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, and more! Compost bins available for \$35 purchase; however, preorder is needed. Email Bonnie Akey bonw@aol.com and pick up bins on 3/19.

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.

Did you know...?

Our first Police Officer was Fred Ziegler who was appointed as our first Chief of Police and served as Chief from 1930 to 1960.