

Little Silver

NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

Of all the things that make Little Silver a special place, its residents are what turn a nice location into a real home town.

So among the news items to follow will be a tip of the hat to some of our friends, neighbors, and public servants. See if you recognize them.

First, however, my yearly reminder: it's the start of what is predicted to be an **above-average hurricane season**, so please be absolutely sure you are signed up – and if already signed up, that your contact information is current - with our **Two River Alert system**, also known as Code Red.

Our emergency messaging system can be life-saving, but it can also help you navigate around town, or alert you to critical safety or health issues. For instance, those who are signed up knew that the water main on Willow that burst at the end of May forced the closure of a key road over the course of two days, and were able to avoid the area.

So please, if you are not enrolled, go to www.littlesilver.org and click on the Emergency Services tab at the top of the home page, or the Code Red button at the bottom left of the home page. You may also call 866-939-0911 or borough hall for assistance.

And speaking of emergencies, the borough in May recognized **recently-retired LSPD Chief Dan Shaffery**. Chief Shaffery served his entire law enforcement career here in Little Silver, and was for more than ten years chief of our superb department.

In addition to being devoted to providing our residents with a professional, cutting-edge and caring police department, the Chief was also something of a tech whiz, and often consulted with various borough departments about enhancing our technical capabilities.

Friends and colleagues gathered at the end of May in Borough Hall to wish Chief Shaffery well, and present him with a resolution offering our thanks for a job well done, and a career well spent. We extend our best to Dan, Steph and the girls in the future.

In **Environmental Commission news**, the EC was excited to announce the receipt of an ANJEC grant to install a **rain garden at**

Challenger Field. The grants are hard to come by, so we want to congratulate Bonnie Akey and her team for their persistence over the years.

Rain gardens are depressions often planted with grasses or flowering perennials, and are a cost effective and attractive way to reduce runoff, help filter pollutant and provide food and shelter for butterflies and songbirds.

In addition to the coming rain garden, Challenger and our other parks will soon be **equipped with new AED** (automated external defibrillator) devices – an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible. Some current AED devices – for response to a cardiac issue – were outdated, and two new locations will be added, so please look for those when you visit our open spaces.

We also strive to keep students safe in our schools, and in cooperation with other sending districts, station an officer at Red Bank Regional High School.

Our current **Student Resource Officer is PO Andrew Smith**, who recently helped save a life using his advanced emergency response training.

Police Officer Smith, with school security Officer Daniel Hedden, responded to a student who had suffered a significant laceration. PO Smith recognized the wound as a life-threatening arterial bleed, and applied a high and tight tourniquet as our EMS squad responded.

We recently recognized both men during a Borough Council meeting. Thank you Andrew, Officer Hedden, and all those in Little Silver who are there when we need them most.

In a less dramatic but no less important development over at the high school, we're pleased to announce that **Carter Costic of Little Silver is the valedictorian** in the RBR graduating class of 2022.

Carter, who will be studying computer science at Princeton University in the fall, is a member of a number of honor societies and has received many honors. He recently won first place in the Database Design and Applications competition held by Future Business Leaders of America, moving on to compete against 200 students across the country.



Borough Calendar

Thursday, June 2nd
9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

Saturday, June 4th
10 am – 1 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Monday, June 6th
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Meeting

Thursday, June 9th
7:00 pm: Planning Board
Meeting

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

Thursday, June 16th
9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual
7:00 pm: Markham Place
Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 19th
6:00 pm Red Bank Regional
Graduation Ceremony

Monday, June 20th
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Meeting

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

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

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

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We congratulate Carter on his outstanding achievement, and wish all of our graduating seniors well; they should all be especially proud of graduating after facing the added challenges of a pandemic during their high school days.

In other scholastic news, we were sad to learn that **Point Road School Principal Doctor Pam Albert Devine will be retiring** at the end of the school year.

Doctor Albert has been an extraordinary leader and educator during her tenure in Little Silver, always encouraging, always interested, and always devoted to her students. She will be sorely missed, but we know the magic of social media will help us all stay in touch with this great friend to so many in town.

We were also sad to learn that **John Heidema will be moving to Maryland** after many years in Little Silver, where he serves on the Shade Tree and Environmental commissions.

In addition to his knowledgeable contributions to those groups, John was something of an unofficial town naturalist, and we were pleased to periodically post his emails about his travels on our trails and around town, where he helped educate us about the plants, animals, and ecosystem around us. Recently, John shared a video of a **big bald eagle enjoying fish for lunch** high up on the branch of a tree near one of our creeks.

Even if you don't know John, you might recognize him as the gentleman with longish white hair, sometimes walking his dog, but most often with a string trimmer or hedge clipper, walking our open spaces, and improving them so that others could more easily enjoy what John so clearly loves.

We wish John and Karen well in their new location, and thank him for his many years of service.

John would occasionally visit the **Parker Homestead**, which has been extraordinarily busy with a successful car show, Scout campouts, visits from our second graders, and more. In May, **Boy Scout Jack Clausing and crew planted 12 apple trees at the Homestead**, bringing back to life the orchard that used to occupy the property.

The **Homestead will be open for visits and tours** every Saturday in June, July and August, so please take advantage and stop by this historic treasure dating to 1665.

Our **Library has also been busy**, and we look forward to the **improvement of its outdoor patio** in the near future, with the addition of a pergola and replacement of the patio surface, using our open space funding.

The patio adds much to the Library's function as a quiet, wifi-enabled gathering place. We encourage everyone to stop by, pick up a library card, and enjoy the many offerings and advantages of membership.

Lastly, please keep an eye out on July 2 as our emergency services hit the road, boots in hand, in a **'boot drive' to raise funding** for these all-volunteer groups. Members will be at various intersections around town, so please drive safely.

Remember, these are the folks who spend untold hours training, practicing, and responding to us when we need them. Hint: these boots get heavy with change, so folding money helps lighten the load. Of course, the smallest contribution is appreciated, so please do what you can when you see their friendly faces.

The governing body wishes you all a safe and pleasant 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

Boy Scout Spaghetti Fundraiser



Little Silver Boy Scout Troop 126 would like to invite you and your family to join us for a Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Sunday, June 5th from 5-8 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church**. \$12 per person includes spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread & salad. Proceeds will help support our High Adventure patrol get to Philmont Scout Ranch this summer. For more information, email Sean.R.Power@outlook.com

Red Bank Regional Class Reunion

Graduation Classes from 1980-1989

Saturday, September 10th, 2022 at Donovan's Reef

Ticket sales begin early June.

For more information, visit <https://rbreunion80s.com/>

Little Silver is Turning 100!

100
years

Mark your calendars! The Borough of Little Silver is turning 100 in 2023!

We will be celebrating June 24, 2023.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting will be **July 20th at 7:00 pm** in the Little Silver Woman's Club.

For questions, email LittleSilver100@gmail.com



Parker Homestead-1665

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

Starting June 4, the Parker Homestead will be open every Saturday for visitors and tours from 10AM to 2 PM. Please stop by 235 Rumson Rd for a visit to this treasure of LS.

Traffic & Safety Tip

Summer is here, 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:

1. **Find a safe crosswalk.** Teach your child to look for a marked crosswalk. If they can't find a marked crosswalk, have them find corners with stop signs where drivers already have to stop.
2. **Utilize the electronic crosswalk signs whenever available.** Show your child how to press the button and wait for cars to stop.
3. **Never cross if a car is parked too close to the intersection.**
4. **Never cross between parked cars.** Drivers can't see your child.
5. **Show your child how to wait patiently.**
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.

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.

Environmental Commission

The Little Silver Environmental Commission is proud to say that Little Silver has been granted an **Environmental Defense Fund Fellow**. He will be working in Borough Hall to help us find sustainable and economical ways to use energy in municipal buildings. This will be several weeks during the summer and we're eager to hear what strategies and recommendations are generated (no pun intended) by this graduate student who is trained in this area.



Mindful Meditation in the Community Garden (on Harrison Avenue across from Sickles Field) will be restarting on Monday, June 6th from 6-6:30 pm. Bring a comfortable chair and a water

bottle. The group will be guided by an experienced therapist and will gather at the "bottom" (east side) of the garden. We will meet every Monday evening throughout the summer with the possible exception of Monday July 4th which is TBD.

Start accumulating electronics, gently used clothing, and paper to be shredded **Environmental Day**, which will be back in October.

LSEC was notified by ANJEC that **we received a grant for a project to install a rain garden along the parking lot at Challenger Field**. The supplies for this will be covered by the grant, but we will be reaching out for community volunteers to make this happen. Keep watching for notifications asking for your help. These small grants are very difficult to get and it's quite an accomplishment.

Just another thing to make Little Silver and our environment even better!

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

- American Museum of Natural History
- Cooper Hewitt
- The Frick Collection
- The Historic Village at Allaire
- Monmouth Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- New-York Historical Society



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

Library News for June

Adult Program-Shell Decoupage Wednesday, June 22 at 11:00 am

Create your own shell trinket dish using decoupage, decorative napkins and gold leaf paint. No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided. Registration is required as space is limited. Please call the library at 732-747-9649 to sign up.

Tween Program-Sea Glass Art Ages 10+

Thursday, June 9 from 3:00-4:30 pm

Stop by after school to create an art project using sea glass collected from the Jersey shore. No sign up is necessary.

Outdoor Storytime on the Borough Lawn!

Outdoor Storytime Guidelines:

- Advance registration is required and implemented in case storytime is held indoors due to inclement weather.
- To register, call between 10:00 am- 5:30 pm.
- Please call if you are unable to attend.
- Please bring a beach towel or blanket to sit on.
- Please choose one session a week.

Baby/Toddler Tales- Ages 1-3 1/2

new time at 9:30

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 at 9:30, 10:30, or 11:30 am

Join Ms Danya for stories, songs, and fingerplays! Take 'n Make craft kits will be distributed at the end of each program. *see below for special events*

Special Event!

Join **Snapology** for a STEM based creative play program!

Ages 2 and up

Tuesday, June 21 from 11:30-12:15 pm (held inside)

Space is limited. Please preregister beginning June 14.

Special Musical Event!

Sing, dance, and move along to the music of **Peas and Carrots!**

All ages welcome!

Tuesday, June 28 from 9:30-10:20 am (held outdoors)

Please pre-register beginning June 21. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside.

Indoor Family Story/Craft Time

All ages welcome!

Tuesday, June 14, 21, and 28 at 3:30 pm

special event June 7

June 14- Ocean Scenes

June 21- Paper plate fish craft

June 28- Turtle Decorations

Gyotaku Fish Printing with WILD Jersey!

Ages 5 and up

Tuesday, June 7 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Space is limited. Please pre-register beginning May 31.

Dress for mess! Kick off the Summer Reading program and learn the art of Japanese fish printing with Debbie Hadley!

Recreation News

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
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

The Muse Art Camp

June 20, 22, 24

9 am- 12 pm

Grades K-6

\$140 per artist

Little Silver Woman's Club

All materials supplied

Registration must be made in

person at Little Silver Borough

Hall or via email at

(CLaido@LittleSilver.org)

Cardio, Core, & More

Cardio, Core & More offers fitness for adults with exercises using hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and six-inch inflatable balls, which are provided to participants at each class.

All exercises can be modified and performed in a chair. Please contact

cmthygeson@gmail.com

for more information & schedule.

Virtual sessions available.

Pilates With Paula

Check out our Pilates class at **9 am** on **Tuesday** mornings at The

Woman's Club! Please bring your own mat, towel, and water. Taught by certified instructor Paula.

Free class for LS residents only

LS Community Blood Drive

Organized by Rory Fleming

Date: July 14, 2022

Time: 2pm - 7pm

Location: Women's Club

111 Church Street, Little Silver

You can book an appt today at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org>

More information on how to give or volunteer your time coming in the next few weeks.

REC REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1st

Make sure to advance child's grade to September grade

SUMMER CAMP: 6 WEEKS

June 27—August 5, 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/ls/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- \$35

Choose: Two 30-minute lessons for 6 weeks- \$70

Parents must choose lesson time/day.

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

SUMMER GIRLS' SOFTBALL

For girls entering grades 2-5 and grades 6-9

Contact: claido@littlesilver.org

FREE instructional clinics every Monday night, 6:00 pm, at Library Field beginning June 27 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.

Registration Online beginning June 1st

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

Did you know...?

In 2000, the Markham Place baseball and softball teams were created as parent-funded programs under the Little Silver Recreation umbrella.