

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

An important school referendum, some critical emergency management information for non-techies, the departure of a long-time employee, a family-friendly fall festival and other seasonal fun, coffee with our cops, two road closures and much more are in the news.

Plus, a potential tax break, so please read on.

Let's begin with the referendum. The Board of Education is asking for voter approval of a \$35.9 million improvement project – \$12.2 million of which would be covered by state aid – to make functional, sustainable, infrastructure and classroom renovations.

The Board and administration have worked hard to get the word out and answer questions, and have posted an excellent informational page, with project details, timing, frequently asked questions such as the tax impact, and more on its website, littlesilverschools.org. Please educate yourself and cast an informed vote on October 6.

As to the emergency management information, the borough has worked hard to get everyone signed up to receive emergency alerts on landlines, phones and computers, and by text, email and reverse 911 calls.

With October marking the 10th anniversary of the arrival of Superstorm Sandy (also known as Frankenstorm for its pre-Halloween timing), with its evacuations, flooding, and destruction, all we need to do is look back to understand the importance of receiving information about emergencies.

The Office of Emergency Management is therefore encouraging everyone to sign up for Code Red notifications. To make that easier for those who might not be tech savvy, **this Newsletter contains a cut-out** that can be filled in and brought to the Police Station, so that residents who aren't comfortable signing up on a phone or computer can get some assistance signing up and make sure they receive notifications that they can access. You can also go to littlesilver.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page, where there is a large Code Red sign-up box where you may sign up. If you have further questions or require assistance, you may also call Borough Hall for direction, or call the police department at (732) 741-5900, and ask for Sgt. Peter Giblin or Lt. Greg Oliva. Thanks

to our excellent emergency management team for helping to get this information to every resident.

And the **tax break**? If your 2019 income was less than \$250,000 and you owned and lived in your home in NJ, you may be eligible for a **property tax rebate**. To learn more, click on <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/home.shtml>. You can also call 1-888-238-1233 with questions.

This is a state program, so Borough Hall will not have additional information. Honestly, I found the instructions somewhat confusing (although that might just be me), so please have some patience with the process. Letters regarding the program are being sent out by the state through the first week in October, and the filing deadline is December 30, 2022.

Next, if you're looking for some fun this Fall, the Parker Homestead is hosting a family-friendly **Fall Festival on October 23** from 1-4 p.m. Make some apple cider, decorate pumpkins, play some Colonial-era games on the big front lawn, and just enjoy this historic landmark.

Or head to the Markham Place Gazebo on October 2 to listen to **the music of the Tired Starlings** from 2-4 p.m. That would be after the **Little Silver 5K** that morning (watch for road closures or participate and help out our PTO in this popular fund raiser).

And of course, please don't forget **Environmental Day from 9-noon at the Woman's Club on October 15**, where you can donate used clothing and sneakers, dispose of electronics, shred paper, learn about composting, and more. The event is organized by our Environmental Commission, which will direct you upon arrival.

And that departing employee? **Janice Swaggerty, our long-time Municipal Court clerk** (more than 17 years, right Janice?) has taken a position in Atlantic Highlands, much closer to home.

Janice is one of the most experienced clerks in New Jersey, and we'll miss her professionalism and her efficient, knowledgeable and courteous manner when dealing with those involved in the court system and, of course, with those who have been issued a summons and might not be

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Borough Calendar

Saturday, October 1st

10:00 am-1:00 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Monday, October 3rd

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Thursday, October 6th

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

Monday, October 10th

Borough Hall & Recycling Yard
Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 11th

8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Thursday, October 20th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Monday, October 24th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission
Meeting

Wednesday, October 26th

7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 27th

7:00 pm: Traffic & Safety Meeting

Little Silver School District

Referendum Info: If you have not done so, please review the info on the District's referendum landing page:

<https://tinyurl.com/45e5jebv>

Thursday, October 6th is the date of the vote. Please follow us on social media for more info and forward any questions to lsreferendum@littlesilverschools.org

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the most cheerful customers around. We wish Janice well in her new position and thank her for her many years of service and friendship.

Next, two important announcements about upcoming road closures. Due to unforeseen circumstances, **White Road will be closed** 9 am October 6 and reopen at 7 am October 11 to fix issues with the track and repave the crossing. Presently, Monmouth County plans to **mill and pave Pinckney Road** from October 24 to October 27. During that time, the road will be closed to through traffic, with accommodations for local residents and school buses.

The Borough will be putting out additional information as the date approaches, and will advise if the date is changed, which sometimes happens with these public projects.

In the realm of public safety, the Borough continues to support efforts to **combat the rash of car thefts**, where thieves target high-end vehicles, often with key fobs left in the car

Our police recently recovered one such vehicle, and at this writing the Borough Council was scheduled to vote to support a package of legislation that would increase penalties for the leaders of these rings and reform the often-lenient bail laws that release the thieves almost immediately if they're caught.

In the meantime, of course, and at the risk of sounding like a broken record, please don't leave your key fob in your vehicle, or leave it running, even for a minute.

If you'd like to discuss this issue or others with our community-minded officers, please come to the Turning Point on **October 7 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for "Coffee with a Cop."** No speeches, just a chance to chat with our officers in an informal setting.

Last, a perennial reminder: as the leaves start to come down, **the Borough moves to leaf-only collection in November and December**; brush and limbs will not be picked up.

Please help out Public Works crews comply with the requirements of our collection facilities and do not mix brush or limbs in with the leaves. Collection of brush and limbs will resume on January 1.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you all a happy and healthy Fall season, and a Happy Halloween! Please watch out for the goblins and ghosts as they trick or treat. 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

LS 5K

October 2, 2022

8:45 am: Kids' One Mile Fun Run

9:30 am: Adult 5K

After 5K: Kiddie Dashes
(PreK-4th grade)



The following roads will be closed from approximately 9 am to 11 am for the race:

Ridge Road/Harding Road (from Hance Rd to Prospect Ave)

Prospect Ave (from Harding Rd to Rumson Rd)

Rumson Road (from Prospect Ave to Hance Rd)

Hance Road (from Rumson Rd to Ridge Rd)

Please visit www.littlesilver5k.com for more details

A Note from The Fire Company:

Christmas is coming! Soon it will be time to get your tree, wreaths, and decorations. The Little Silver Fire Company has been the source of quality trees, wreaths, and other decorations for over forty years. Half the fun of the season is selecting from our array of quality items and enjoying the unique experience with us. Stay tuned for the starting date and schedule of sales times. Don't forget us!



Parker Homestead-1665

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

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 LS treasure!

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 23

1-4 PM

We will have apple cider making, pumpkin decorating, colonial games on the lawn and other surprises. A super fun fall event!



Little Silver is Turning 100!

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 on **October 26th at 7 pm** in Borough Hall.

For questions, email LittleSilver100@gmail.com



A message from Office of Emergency Management

Not signed up for Code Red? Please consider doing so, as it is our way of alerting residents of important safety updates or emergency alerts. This system is free and is vital to getting you info as quickly as possible.

We are reaching out to our older community members, in an effort to assist those unable to sign up on their own. Filling out this quick information cut-out, our OEM will sign you up for code red.

Once completed, please return to the Police Dispatch desk at anytime.

Any questions, please feel free to reach out to our emergency management coordinator, Sergeant Peter Giblin or Lt. Gregory Oliva at 732-747-5900.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number (land line or cellphone. If cellphone, please also provide the cell phone carrier): _____

Email address (if applicable): _____

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January- 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** ends
 October 31st

Environmental Commission

Environmental Day

The Little Silver Environmental Commission will be hosting Environmental Day on October 15th from 9 am-noon at The Woman’s Club. The event flyer is below. In addition to paper shredding, electronics recycling, and sneaker & clothing collection, there will be local groups featuring their environmental projects, ideas and products. League of Women Voters will be registering people to vote. Thanksgiving pies will be available to order to support a local baseball team. If interested in having a table at the event, please contact Bonnie Akey at bonw@aol.com.



LITTLE SILVER ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Saturday, October 15th, 2022
 9am- 12pm
 The Woman’s Club— 111 Church Street—Little Silver

Featuring.....

- On-Site Paper Shredding**
- Gently-Used Clothing Collection**
- Household Electronics Recycling**
- LS Womans Club Sneaker Collection (with laces, good condition)**

***Composters for Sale**

Environmental displays and more!

***Email Bonnie Akey — bonw@aol.com to pre-order \$35 Earth Machine Composter for pick-up on October 15th**



This is an outdoor and indoor event that will follow guidelines for safety. Masks recommended.

Library News

For library questions/program sign up, call 732-747-9649

Adult Program: Painting Fall Ceramic Figurines Thursday, October 27 at 1:00 pm

Join us for some fall fun painting your choice of either an owl or pumpkin ceramic figurine. We will supply the paint, you supply the creativity! Pre-registration is mandatory as supplies are limited.

Tween Program: Painting Ceramic Sugar Skull Figurines Thursday, October 20 at 3:15 pm

Let’s paint and decorate ceramic sugar skulls. We will supply the paint and decorations. Pre-registration is mandatory as supplies are limited.

Children's Programs:

Registration required for all events; call between 10 am and 5:30 pm. Storytime reservations can be made the Thursday before and Special Events reservations can be made a week in advance. In case of inclement weather, outdoor events will be held inside. Please choose one session per week and call if you are unable to attend.

Outdoor Baby/Toddler Tales: Ages 1-3.5 (w/ caregiver) Tuesdays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 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

Special Events!

Plush Pumpkin Friend from Noah’s Ark Workshops! Ages 4 and up (with parent/caregiver) Tuesday, October 11 from 3:30- 4:15 pm

Pre-registration is mandatory as supplies are limited. Please call the library to sign up.

Magic, Myth and Monsters: Halloween Event! Ages 4 and up (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30-4:15 pm

Woman’s Club- 111 Church Street

Join Steve Woyce for a fun- filled magic show packed with comedy, props, puppets, and more!

Take’ N Make Crafts

Seasonally themed kits, available in the children’s room.

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 for details on how to reserve passes.

Notice from the Tax Office: New Jersey residents will receive filing information mailers for the 2019 ANCHOR-Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters-property tax relief program. The ANCHOR program replaces the Homestead Benefit program and expands the amount of property tax relief while boosting eligibility to twice as many homeowners and includes tenants. The deadline for filing an ANCHOR application is Friday, December 30, 2022.

For more information visit: [Nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml) or call: 877-658-2972

Recreation News

For more information, contact Carlye at claido@littlesilver.org or 732-842-2400

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

Adult Sports Available!

Adult Soccer

Thursdays
9pm – 10pm at Point Road School

Adult Volleyball

Thursdays
8pm – 10pm at Markham Place School

Adult Basketball

Mondays & Wednesdays
8pm – 10pm at Markham Place School
No registration required.

Exercise classes available to Little Silver residents at The Woman’s Club:

Pilates with Paula: Tuesdays at 9 am (no class on October 4th, 25th, November 1st, 8th)

Cardio, Core, & More: Contact cmthygeson@gmail.com for more info & schedule. Virtual sessions available.

Basketball

K-8th grade basketball registration open
October 1st

Concerts on the Green

Tired Starlings

October 2nd, 2-4 pm
(rain date 10/9)
Markham Place Gazebo



Does your child need volunteer hours?

Do they love their town and the parks? Volunteer to help the Rec Dept keep the town and parks clean of garbage. Contact claido@littlesilver.org to set up a schedule and earn volunteer hours while enjoying the beautiful weather!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for LS Night at the Blue Claws! Thank you to Mayor Neff, Jackie R., Chief Halpin, and Patrolman Massaro for representing our community!

Traffic & Safety Tip

Safety Tip for Drivers:

On Halloween, there will likely be more pedestrians on the roads and in places where they are not expected. Slower speeds save lives.

Safety Tip for Pedestrians:

Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.

Halloween Parade



Sunday, October 23rd
(rain date October 30th)
1 pm

Line up begins at 12:30 pm
Rumson Road Tennis Courts

HALLOWEEN CURFEWS:

Sunday, October 30th (Mischievous Night): **7 PM**
Monday, October 31st (Halloween): **8:30 PM**



Red Bank CROP Walk

October 16th
1 pm

Red Bank Regional High School

Visit crophungerwalk.org/redbanknj/ to register or start a team

The Little Silver school used to be located on Prospect Avenue in the building that would become the Borough Hall when Markham Place School opened in 1934. The current Borough Hall building was built in 1966 and replaced the Victorian-era schoolhouse.

Did you know...?