

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 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.