

Message from the Mayor

As usual, in order to make room in our Newsletter for important, start-of-the-year information, the *Mayor's Message* is taking January off. It will return in February. In the meantime, please call Borough Hall or visit www.littlesilver.org or our Facebook page to find out about upcoming events or other town information.

We do have a couple quick notes on some house-keeping and emergency issues, and a note of thanks:

- 1) New COVID-19 cases continue to rise more rapidly than we've previously seen, both here and in the surrounding area, so please continue to wear your mask, socially distance, wash your hands, and follow the state's emergency orders. Wide distribution of vaccines is coming, and we do see some normalcy on the horizon in the coming year, so PLEASE don't let up now.
- 2) Please be considerate and shovel or salt your sidewalk as may be called for by inclement weather. The town clears some school and main walkways, but cannot by any stretch of the imagination clear the majority of our sidewalks. Likewise, please remove cars and any limbs or brush from the street when snow is forecast, as required to make way for plowing. And if you've got a fire hydrant nearby, please help our volunteer fire department by clearing any snow cover.
- 3) Please be sure you are signed up for emergency alerts, or give a New Year's gift to a neighbor or friend and make sure they are signed up. Go to littlesilver.org and click on Emergency Services, and then Two River Alert – Code Red Notifications, or call 866-939-0911 or borough hall for assistance. Be prepared!
- 4) The governing body at its last meeting of the year recognized the service of Stephanie Keenan, who stepped in at the beginning of the pandemic to fill a vacant Borough Council seat through the end of 2020. Ms. Keenan took the oath in socially-distanced fashion in her backyard, and worked hard to help guide the Borough through the rocky events of 2020. Thank you Councilwoman Keenan!

On behalf of your council members - Don Galante, Corinne Thygeson, AJ McNally, Chris Smith, Mike Holzapfel, and the incoming member, Kevin Brennan – and your entire Borough Team, we hope your holiday season was healthy, merry and bright, and we wish all of you a Happy New Year!

Robert C. Neff Jr.

Mayor, Borough of Little Silver