The downtown lights are up, our tree lighting ceremony is on the way, and a bevy of great, family-friendly holiday traditions return to Little Silver this month! And we have some borough news to share as well.

But first, a couple reminders.

First, the borough does not (and can not) pick up brush and limbs in November and December. Please don’t risk a visit by code enforcement by putting them out. You may place leaves at the curb any time during those two months.

Second, if we happen to have a snow fall, please bring all cars in off the street so that the plows can do their work. Public Works tells me we’re well supplied with salt and brine, so please do your part to help make travel safe. If we get a large snow fall, please consider clearing the snow from your local fire hydrant. Our all-volunteer fire department can always use the help.

So back to the holiday department. Coming up:

**Our Tree Lighting**, with music and a special visitor and post-ceremony treats, outside Borough Hall on Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m. A great tradition!

**The Little Silver Business and Professional Association’s annual horse and carriage rides** on Friday, December 15, starting at 5 at the firehouse. The LSBPA is a terrific part of the borough, so please be sure to do all your shopping here in town.

**The Parker Homestead’s open house** on Sunday, December 10, from 1-4, with tours, decorations, live music, and more. Travel back in time to Little Silver holidays from 1665 onward and celebrate the fourth year that this historic treasure has been open to the public.

**The Fire Department’s sale of trees**, wreaths, garland and sundries at the Little Silver Firehouse. The firehouse is again decorated in grand style, so please come out and support our volunteers.

In ongoing borough news, the Borough Council will participate in a **safe streets** program to explore ways to make Little Silver even friendlier to bikers and walkers. That will be a lengthy process, so please stay tuned for more news on that front.

In addition, the Council recently engaged in a discussion about extending the sidewalk on Prospect Avenue, which currently stops short of Crest Drive, all the way to Harding Road. That, along with some other proposed **sidewalk improvements** in town, would be
an expensive project, and while the town continues to seek grant funding to continue to improve its sidewalks, it will also explore other funding avenues, and is considering a referendum next year to gauge the public’s support for, and willingness to fund, various sidewalk improvements.

Again, that is an ongoing discussion, so please stay tuned.

And speaking of staying tuned, we will soon provide yet another way to do just that. In the coming weeks, we will begin hosting periodic Facebook Live sessions for those who have questions about borough issues of all kinds. We will get a date and time out shortly.

Lastly, I want to thank all those who came out on a very chilly Veterans Day to honor our veterans. Charley Novara, eighth grade singer extraordinaire, serenaded us with the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America, our Scouts raised a new flag, and Pastor HyunHui Kim of the Embury Methodist Church offered a moving invocation in recognition of the service of our veterans and their families.

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah, and a healthy holiday season no matter what you might celebrate. 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.