The Mayor’s Message is short this month to make room for critical information about changes to the trash, recycling, and brush pickup schedules, as we seek to more efficiently serve our residents and to keep our streets picked up and safe.

So just a few quick items:

First, the borough has now significantly increased its ability to enforce our property maintenance regulations, including the placement of signs, the disposal of brush and limbs, and general property upkeep.

Second, Public Works is well supplied with salt, brine and plows as winter approaches. In the event of a large snowfall, please consider helping out by clearing the snow from your local fire hydrant.

Third, please remember our Tree Lighting, with music by our students, a special visitor for the kids, and post-lighting goodies, outside Borough Hall on Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m.

Fourth, the Little Silver Business and Professional Association’s annual horse and carriage rides are on Friday, December 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse. The LSBPA does a great job with this, so bring the kids, take a trot around town, and be sure to do all your shopping right here in Little Silver.

Fifth, the Parker Homestead’s holiday open house is on Sunday, December 9, from 1-4, with tours, decorations, the Embury Church Carolers, and more. This beautiful, historic site is a picture postcard this time of year.

And last but not least, please patronize your all-volunteer Fire Department’s sale of trees, wreaths, garland and sundries at the Little Silver Firehouse. Your home will look terrific, and your purchase will help our volunteers keep us safe.

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.