July, 2018

There were maroon robes, white jackets, and gowns. There were flowers, balloons, speeches and even a drone-borne graduation cap. And of course there were tears, laughter, and bright smiles as our high school and eighth grade students graduated, with pomp and circumstance, under blue skies. It must have been June. We’re lucky to be served by such competent school systems, and indeed it was remarkable to hear the plans of our Red Bank Regional High School students as they move out into the world to jobs, colleges big and small, and life beyond high school. From the United States Marine Corps to Ivy League institutions, our students are well prepared for the next step. This year at RBR, Willow Martin was recognized as the salutatorian and the graduate from Little Silver with the highest GPA, and there were so many other awards, firsts, and recognitions that we’d need ten newsletters to recognize them all. To our graduates: congratulations, and all the best in your next adventures. Remember us here in your hometown, and please share your abilities and your great education with your community, wherever you may travel.

Coming up, the Parker Homestead on July 7, at noon, will host an old time baseball game (played by 1864 rules) at Sickles Field, and the Homestead will be open from 11 to 3 that day, where you can tour this historic landmark and see its collection of 1909 baseball cards (Ty Cobb!) and other sports memorabilia unique to the Homestead. A cake replica of the Homestead will be shared by all, and there will be a 50-50 to help support the Homestead’s efforts. Everyone welcome! Also on tap for July is the first scheduled Planning and Zoning Board hearing on the bar-restaurant application, presently scheduled for July 19th. The applicant, Brickwall at Little Silver, is seeking approval to build on the old shoe store site between the NJ Transit parking lot and Brave New World. The application is the result of a public referendum approving the borough’s first liquor license for such an establishment. Also, as summer heats up, remember our air-conditioned, wifi-ready Little Silver Library. The library conducts an excellent reading program for kids and adults, plus other activities. Stop in, sign up (or sign the kids up and pry them from their electronics for awhile), and treat yourself to the simple pleasure of hiding out with a favorite book. Next, this is my regular reminder to sign up for our Two River Alert (Code Red) program. In an emergency, this is the best way to get information updates from the borough, and otherwise to obtain information that might be of critical importance, particularly if the website is not accessible. This is hurricane season, so please take a minute to sign up, or if you are already signed up, please check to make sure your contact information is up to date. To do so, go to littlesilver.org, and click on Emergency Services at the top of the page, and then click on Two River Alert – Code Red Emergency Notifications. You can also call (866) 939-0911 for assistance. Lastly, we hope everyone had a great time at Little Silver Day. Thanks to all those who spent so much time putting together the event (and cleaning up), and to the Little Silver Foundation and its sponsors.

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish you all the best that the Two River area has to offer at this time of year. 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.