As sometimes happens, we sadly start our message this month with news of the passing of a Little Silver stalwart, in this case **former Fire Chief Richard D. Tetley**.

Chief Tetley was a postal service worker in town for forty years, and well known to many. His son, Bobby, is a former public works employee here, and his family has deep local roots.

Among other things, Chief Tetley was a charter member of the Little Silver First Aid Squad, now the Emergency Medical Service, and was a former special police officer in the borough.

The governing body extends its condolences to his wife, Phyllis, and three children, Karen, Robert and James. Those wishing to may make a donation in Chief Tetley’s memory to the Little Silver Volunteer Fire Department.

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On another somber note - but again a note marked by pride – we want to remind everyone, on the heels of Memorial Day, of the heroism of another Little Silver resident.

Thirty two years ago this month, Little Silver resident and Air Force Captain **Thomas B. McDerby** and three crew members were killed when their jet tanker crashed into a hill near the former Howard Air Force Base in Panama. He was 29 years old.

Members of a nearby housing complex in Panama wrote Tommy’s family a letter expressing their gratitude that he had fought to maneuver the plane away from the complex, and credited him for saving their lives. Captain McDerby’s sister, Patricia, still lives in town, where some of our students know her as a substitute teacher.

We mention this unselfish act as a reminder of the perils of a life of service, and as an expression of pride that Captain McDerby called Little Silver home.

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Next, some updates.

First, Brickwall at Little Silver has filed a formal application to build a **family style bar-restaurant** at the site of the former shoe store adjacent to the large train station parking lot and Brave New World.

Brickwall purchased the liquor license needed for such an establishment, which was issued as a result of a referendum on the topic, after a public auction process. It is the borough’s first and only license.

A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board is scheduled for June 7 at Borough Hall at 7 p.m.

Second, the governing body has passed, after public hearing, a **telecommunications ordinance** that creates a licensing system and notification obligation on the part of any telecommunications company seeking to place its equipment within the borough.

It is the first of its kind in Monmouth County, and we appreciate the county’s assistance and the efforts of our council Telecommunications Committee in preparing it.

In related news, **monitoring** by the borough of the cell tower signal in 17 locations (neighborhood, sports fields and in and around the school) continues to show that it remains well below federal standards, often less than five percent. The results are posted on littlesilver.org.

Third, the governing body is continuing to work with our schools and the local legislative delegation in seeking **reformation of the school funding law**, which drastically underfunds many districts’ state-mandated educational programs, including Little Silver’s. To make your voice heard on that issue, visit littlesilverschools.org for a copy of a letter that can easily be signed and sent to your representatives.
And fourth, every household and business should be signed up to receive emergency alerts. If you are not enrolled, please go to www.littlesilver.org and click on Two River Alert under the Emergency Services directory at the top of the page, or call 866-939-0911 or borough hall for assistance.

The system is the quickest way for the town to alert you to everything from developments and instructions during emergencies to conditions such as road closures that will help get you through the day.

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Lastly, in case you’ve missed the signs, articles, newsletter mentions, or website, Facebook, and Constant Contact posts, the second Little Silver Day is scheduled for June 23 at 3 pm on the fields behind Borough Hall. The Foundation has been hard at work planning a day of food and beverages, games, activities, concerts, demonstrations and more.

As of this writing, some sponsorships were still available. Please visit www.lscfinc.com to learn more about the event, about sponsorship opportunities, and about ticket purchases (which can be made online until June 15). Further information, including rules and suggestions, is included in this newsletter.

Please come join the fun (walking or riding bicycles is STRONGLY encouraged), and help make this a great day in Little Silver.

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The governing body wishes you all a safe and healthy summer season, and offers a hearty congratulations to all our graduates! 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.