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It’s the end of January as I write this, and so far we’ve escaped a major snow storm.

But with the forecast showing a “deep freeze” and snow blowing in from the Midwest, this is a good opportunity to provide a friendly reminder of some emergency and snow-related requests and protocols. More news after this quick message.

Most importantly, please make sure you are signed up for emergency alerts. To do so, please go on www.littlesilver.org, click on the Emergency Services button at the top of the page, and then click on the Two River Alert – Code Red Notifications.

If you have any difficulty signing up, please call borough hall for assistance. The alert system is the best way to receive emergency notifications quickly by text, email and phone calls.

Next, our public works department has sufficient equipment, manpower and resources to respond to even the heaviest snow. The department even gets to snow-covered sidewalks in some critical pathways in town, including those near schools.

However, public works cannot clear every sidewalk. If you have a sidewalk, please include it in your snow removal efforts, particularly if you are on a school route, or on a route to the train station or downtown. Helping out our all-volunteer Fire Department by clearing any snow-covered fire hydrants in your neighborhood is also always appreciated.

The LSFD, by the way, recommends that if you use gas power, clear snow from your outside dryer vents and the gas meter to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide infiltration.

Lastly, please report power outages to JCP&L at 1-888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877), or by going to www.jcp-l.com and clicking on the “view or report outages” link. Calling the police to report an outage may distract them from responding to emergency situations.

Speaking of emergency response, the Fire Department in January recognized its outgoing chief, Nick Hubbard Jr., and welcomed Mike Welsh as this year’s chief. In addition, the Fire Police recognized Rick Dill as both 2018’s chief and this year’s chief. Both Nick and Rick led their departments for the last two years, so if you see them, please thank them for all they’ve done.

At the same ceremony, the LSFD recognized Bob Garrison with its 50-year pin in January. Both the Borough and the state Legislature recognized Bob with resolutions,
and Bob's sons Greg and Matt, and grandson Rob, attended the ceremony. Matt and Rob also serve as members of the LSFD.

Bob's service includes a year as chief of the LSFD in 1974, and fire police volunteer of the year in 1995 and 1996. Chief Garrison was a founder the fire police in the early 1980s. Congratulations Chief Garrison!

Next, the governing body would like to thank all of our residents for paying attention to the notifications leading up to the change last month in the recycling, trash, and brush and limb pickup schedules. Your help made for a smooth transition, so thank you!

Before we sign off, we should mention that police continue to advise residents to lock their vehicles and remove all valuables. Unlocked cars in Little Silver and other towns have been opened and valuables or cash taken, and at least one vehicle was stolen by thieves that struck overnight.

And lastly, please check elsewhere in this newsletter, on our Facebook page, on Constant Contact, or on our website for all of our great town’s February activities and events. Notably, if you need a laugh or two, comedian John Pizzi will perform at the Woman’s Club on Friday, February 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Borough Hall, with a suggested donation of $10.

On behalf of the entire governing body, we wish you a safe and happy February. 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.