November 2019

There are lots of short news items this month, some important upcoming events, and a selection of noteworthy accomplishments by our residents to mention.

Jumping right in to borough news, October brought the completion of the **Branch Avenue sidewalk project**. We appreciate everyone’s patience while this needed work was being done.

In a related positive development, the town has been approved by a fifty-percent-interest-free state loan program to fund the remainder of this town-wide safety initiative to **improve, repair or install certain sidewalks**, now at a considerable savings.

Continuing our regular practice, as these projects move forward, any property owner directly affected by any sidewalk work will be invited to a meeting to review and comment on the plans. Completion of the sidewalk on the north end of Prospect to Harding Road is likely to be the next task, but we will continue to push out information as the initiative progresses to accommodate public input.

The town has also recently undertaken some **basic maintenance projects**, including replacement of the cupola atop Borough Hall, which was in disrepair, replacement of deteriorated trim around the building’s exterior, and renovation of the bathroom in the Library.

Coming up, the borough is discussing **adding parking spaces at Sickles Park**, along with restructuring the entrance on Rumson Road to accommodate the new spaces. We will be seeking grant funding for a large portion of that work.

And yes, the new **Welcome to Little Silver signs** have now been installed. Thanks to Nora Monaghan and Jackie Mery for the beautiful designs. Check out the welcoming heron as you enter Little Silver from the Gooseneck Bridge.

Lastly, with respect to **brush and limb pickup**, the borough believes it can more efficiently pick up that material without the restrictions of a zone schedule. So, beginning January 1, 2020, we will no longer require that brush and limbs be put out only during certain times, but will allow them to be put out to within three feet of the curb at any time between January 1 and November 1 of each year.

Importantly, brush and limbs will not be picked up, and may not be put to the curb, between November 2 and January 1. That is, and will continue to be, the time period in which leaves may be put to the curb and picked up, again at any time.

We hope this change will better serve the four goals of successful brush and limb pickup: service to our residents; roadway safety; keeping storm drains clear; and aesthetics. Please continue to make sure that piles are placed more than 10 feet from any storm drain.

Coming up on November 2, the Environmental Commission is hosting a **Nature Trails Clean Up** from 9 a.m. to noon, ending with pizza at the Woman’s Club. All are invited, and kick-off at 9 is at the entrance to Little Silver Park on Willow Drive.

Gloves, bags and hand sanitizers are provided, with refreshments for all. The rain date is November 3, same time. More information is on the borough Facebook page and in this newsletter.

Also in November: **Election Day**. Please vote on November 5, no matter your party affiliation or non-affiliation. Please call borough hall if you’re not sure where to cast your ballot.

And please join us for a brief **Veterans Day ceremony** on November 11 at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park to recognize the service of Little Silver’s veterans.

By the way, veterans are among those volunteers who conduct tours of the Nike missile site on Sandy Hook at Parking Lot L. The tours run on occasional weekends from
April to November. Nuclear-tipped surface-to-air defense missiles were housed and ready for action on Sandy Hook in the event of nuclear attack on New York City until the mid-70s. More information is on the National Park Service, Gateway National Recreation Area website.

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And to finish up, we note the recent accomplishments of some of our residents.
First, a shout-out to the Women’s Club of Little Silver. This service and social group gathered and donated 700 evening gowns to Cinderella’s Closet at Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakewood. The non-profit thrift store serves the spouses and families of service men and women, and store volunteers traveled to Little Silver last month to recognize the Women’s Club for the large donation. Nice job!

In the world of sports, Little Silver’s own Chris Gotterup won the NJSGA open golf championship over the summer. Congratulations to this Rutgers University junior, who of course plays on the Rutgers golf team!

And not to be outdone, the RBR girls’ tennis team won the school’s first sectional championship in October. They went on to upset six-time Tournament of Champions winner Milburn before falling to Northern Highlands in their first state championship match. Congratulations, ladies!

In the civics category, former Little Silver Mayor Gordon N. Litwin is being honored this month for his service as chair of the Hackensack Meridian Health Board of Trustees (think Riverview and Jersey Shore medical centers, and others). Congratulations to Mayor Litwin!

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Looking back to October, successful events included the Little Silver Fire Department’s annual Halloween Parade and the Little Silver PTO’s Little Silver 5K – one of their biggest fundraisers, this year celebrating its 26th anniversary.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. If you have any concerns, please call borough hall at (732) 842-2400, or contact me directly by calling my home phone at (732) 576-8595, or emailing me at bobneff80@gmail.com.