

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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November 2023

Message From Mayor

An overdue repaving, sharing our librarian, a nice award for the town, and a little bit about our animal services are in the news, along with what seems like a non-stop schedule of events this fall.

First, however, some timely reminders.

From November 1 to January 1, only leaves may be placed to the curb, and piles must be at least ten feet from storm drains. **Brush and limb collection is suspended** during that time.

Failure to adhere to these requirements subjects violators to a summons and fine.

This is a critical health, safety, and environmental issue. Exceptions are occasionally made in the event of a severe storm or high winds with extensive, town-wide tree damage, and will be posted on the borough's website.

A second reminder: **please lock your cars**, even when leaving your vehicle for just a few minutes. Little Silver has been fairly fortunate, according to police Chief Paul Halpin, but car theft is still a local and state-wide issue. Please continue to discourage thieves from targeting our town by locking up.

And a last reminder: **Election Day is November 7**. Early voting extends from October 28 through November 5, and Little Silver is again hosting a location at the Woman's Club. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Election Day, polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact borough hall if you have any questions, but please do exercise this important right.

In paving news, many of you have inquired about the **repaving of the west end of Silverside Avenue** as you approach the railroad crossing, which was torn up due to a sewerage authority project requiring extensive excavation.

We're told that the authority will complete curb-to-curb repaving before Thanksgiving, both there and nearby on Oceanport Avenue, which was disrupted by the same project. Let's hope the weather allows this badly needed repaving to stay on schedule.

In **shared services and library news**, our librarian, Anita O'Brien, will bring her expertise to Fair Haven's library on a part-time basis. There will be no disruption to the service, hours and programs at the Little Silver library.

The shared service with our friends in Fair Haven makes sense for Little Silver from a

financial and professional perspective. We know Anita is up for the challenge, and look forward to hearing about her new project.

In other positive news, the **borough recently received an award from ACCESNJ**, a non-profit that advocates across New Jersey for services and products by the disabled. Little Silver employs a group that hires exclusively among those who have a physical or mental disability, and has been extraordinarily well-served by the friendly, hard-working staff.

If any of you are interested in the services provided by this charitable group that advocates for employment of all persons with disabilities, please check out their website at www.accesnj.org.

And in the critter category, Little Silver, like all towns, has the need for **an officer responsible for the capture and impoundment of at-large pets and the care of injured, trapped or sick animals**. Yes, the proverbial 'dog catcher.'

For some years, now, the Monmouth County SPCA has provided that service for an economical \$425 per month. The Borough in October renewed its contract with the MCSPCA for another year, which prompted this writing to clarify the services provided.

The MSPCA's services do not include ridding private residences of bats in the attic, squirrels in the tool shed, geese on the front lawn, and the like. Those problems are the responsibility of the resident. The MCSPCA may respond to calls from private residents in such instances, but the resident will be charged for the service.

Rather, the MCSPCA responds to public safety hazards and calls about injured, trapped or sick animals, such as those suspected of being diseased. That includes animals whose lives are endangered, or who have bitten or are a danger to people.

The MCSPCA also enforces laws, such as those involving animals running at large, licensing, and dangerous dogs.

If you have a concern about an animal that may be a public health threat or involve an emergency, please call the police department. Questions regarding further clarification of the MCSPCA's services should be directed to the clerk's office.

As to all the activity around town, it started with an **outdoor concert by the Cliffs, food trucks, and a beautiful day** attended by

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, November 2nd

9:00 am: Municipal Court

7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Saturday, November 4th

10 am–1 pm: Post Office Museum Open

Tuesday, November 7th

Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed for Election Day

Thursday, November 9th

9:00 am: Municipal Court

Friday, November 10th

Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed for Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11th

9:00 am: Veteran's Day Ceremony

Monday, November 13th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Tuesday, November 21st

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 23rd and Fri, Nov. 24th

Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 28th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 29th

7:00 pm Environmental Commission Meeting

Save the Dates:

November 11th – Veteran's Day ceremony, 9 am, Memorial Park

November 11th – 10 am-2 pm Vaccine clinic, Woman's Club

December 3rd – Holiday Tree Lighting at 4 pm, Boro Hall

December 8th – Santa hayride from 6 pm – 8:30 pm at LSFD

December 12th – Menorah Lighting at 7 pm, Boro Hall

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hundreds of residents in early October

– our first Festi-Fall.

By the way, that event was sponsored by the **Little Silver Endowment Fund**, a separate charitable endeavor, which held a getting-to-know-you gathering last month to introduce its purpose and benefits. Without competing with other town charitable groups such as the EFLS or our volunteer services, the Fund seeks to raise money to support events or borough improvements that might not otherwise be in the municipal budget.

Donations, gifts and bequests are tax-free, and potential projects include a flag pole at Parker Homestead, a yearly fall festival such as the Cliffs concert, playground improvements, and more. To learn more about the Fund, please contact the clerk's office. A website is coming soon.

Our friends in Rumson have benefitted by such a Fund for years, and we thank them for providing the framework and support for such an endeavor.

Other successful events in October included **Coffee with a Cop**, an informal gathering at the Turning Point with our officers; the Little Silver Fire Department's annual **Halloween Parade**; the **Little Silver PTO's Little Silver 5K** – one of their biggest fundraisers; the **CROP** walk; and the Environmental Commission's **Environmental Day**, which helped us clean out our attics, garages, and basements, and to learn about the environment.

The multiple rainy weekend days stopped only the **Parker Homestead's fall festival**, but the **Homestead has much more upcoming activity**, especially around the holidays. Events and dates are always in this newsletter.

Upcoming events include our important **Veteran's Day service** at Memorial Park on November 11 at 9 a.m. **Veteran Al Doty** has kindly agreed to say a few words; please come take a moment to honor those who have served.

As I finish this up, our **storefront windows are painted with seasonal scenes thanks to our eighth graders from Markham Place School**, Halloween decorations (seems like there are lots of skeletons this year) proliferate, and the holidays (bringing new decorations) are just around the corner.

On behalf of the governing body, we hope everyone enjoys this time of year, and has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! As always, 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.

Robert C. Neff Jr.
Mayor, Borough of Little Silver

Environmental Commission

Environmental Day Apology: Our apologies to all who came to Environmental Day and were unable to shred.

New Shredding Date: There will be a shredding only event on Saturday, **December 9th from 9 am -12 pm** at the Little Silver Woman's Club



Reminder: Little Silver Borough Hall is fully OPEN Thursdays until 7 pm for your convenience!

Traffic & Safety Tip

Daylight Saving Time Change Safety Tips:

Motorists:

- Adjust driving habits and be extra vigilant when watching for pedestrians and cyclists.
- As sunset time gets earlier until the winter solstice, unexpected glare in the west may hamper vision. Keep sunglasses handy and adjust visors as needed. To avoid glare from traffic headlights, use the night setting on the rearview mirror.
- Check all vehicle lights, use headlights, and turn them off at the end of the trip.

Pedestrians:

- See and be seen – drivers need to see you to avoid you.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing streets.
- Wear bright colors and/or reflective clothing at night.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.



Property Taxes Due

Property Taxes are due **November 1st**, with a 10-day grace period. Payments can be made at littlesilver.org, in-person, by mail and Drop Box.



Little Silver Garden Club

The Little Silver Garden Club will be meeting on Thursday, November 9th, 9am at the Embury Methodist Church on Church Street. Cindy Webster, our Club

President, will present a hands-on program of Basic Floral Designs. All current, former, and potential members are welcome to join us.

Regular LSGC meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 9am. Programs include a variety of speakers, community projects, design, horticulture, & delicious homemade refreshments.

TOWER HILL CHURCH

VETERANS DAY PATRIOTIC CONCERT

SUNDAY | NOV 12 | 4PM

Salute and Honor our local heroes!
 Join community singers & the Tower Hill Choir, accompanied by a brass ensemble from West Point for this patriotic concert.

Free and open to the public
www.towerhillchurch.org/events

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves only: November-December

Leaves may be raked to the curb at any time during this period.

- Reminder:** *No grass clippings are to be placed to curb for pickup
 * No bamboo
 *Do not mix brush and leaves
 *Do not place within 10 feet of a storm drain



Collection of **LEAVES ONLY** runs January 1st through October 31st

Library News



For library questions/program sign up, call 732-747-9649

Medicare Updates with Les Taylor

Wednesday, November 8 at 11:00 am: Do you need help navigating the upcoming changes to Medicare? Join us as Les Taylor, Bankers Life, walks us through Medicare updates for 2024. No registration is necessary.

Movie Matinee

Wednesday, November 15 at 1:00 pm: This summer's blockbuster hit featuring the iconic doll and her boyfriend who are having the time of their lives. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Rated PG-13. Run time 116 minutes.

Watercolor with Carol Bruno

Thursday, November 16 at 11:00 am: Watercolor artist, Carol Bruno, returns to instruct us on painting pumpkins for the season. No prior experience is necessary. Registration is required; please call the library to sign up.

Children's Programs:

Baby Story time: Ages 6-24 months (w/ caregiver)

Tuesdays, November 14, 21, & 28 from 9:30- 9:50 am: Join Ms. Danya for stories, songs, and bubbles!

Toddler Tales: Ages 18 months-3.5 years (w/ caregiver)

Tuesdays, November 14, 21, & 28 from 10:15-10:35 OR 11:00-11:20: Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!
 *See below for October 10 and 31 special events!

Family Drop-In Craft Time: ages 4+ (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, November 21 from 1:30-4:30 pm:
 Terrific Turkeys- Have some Thanksgiving fun and make your own unique masterpiece!

Take 'N Make Crafts

Get creative with our seasonally themed kits, available in the Children's Room

School Age Programs: Grades K and up

Tuesdays, from 4:00-4:45 pm

November 14: Cool Clay Owl! Make your own creative masterpiece! Registration is required starting October 31

November 28: Listen to a story and join us for an open session LEGO ® play!

LITTLE SILVER WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS PHOTOS WITH SANTA

WE SUPPLY THE ATMOSPHERE AND YOU SUPPLY THE SMILES



Little Silver Women's Club presents Photos with Santa!

We supply the atmosphere, and you supply the camera & smiles!

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

TIME: 12:00 NOON - 4:00 P.M.

**LOCATION: LITTLE SILVER WOMEN'S CLUBHOUSE
 CHURCH STREET , LITTLE SILVER NJ 07739**

ENTRANCE FEE \$15.00

Proceeds will go toward our Little Silver Women's Club Scholarship for Students at Red Bank Regional

Refreshments available
 Bring Cameras or phones to take pictures with Santa



November 19th from 12-4 pm
 Little Silver Woman's Clubhouse
 111 Church Street
 Entrance Fee: **\$15**

Proceeds will go towards Little Silver Women's Club Scholarship for students at Red Bank Regional

Covid-19 and Flu Shot Clinic



The Borough of Little Silver is partnering with the Monmouth County Health Department to present a Vaccination Clinic for Covid-19 and Flu shots. The date has been set for **November 11th from 10 am-2 pm** at the **Woman's Club**. Please keep an eye out for additional details on the Borough Website or call the Clerk's Office for details.

Residents may check out the following museum passes with a Little Silver library card in good standing:

- *American Museum of Natural History
- *Cooper Hewitt
- *Monmouth Museum
- *The Frick Collection
- *New-York Historical Society



Parker Homestead-1665

Check back in December for holiday events!

Did you know...?

In the 1976 November election, Little Silver elected its first woman to office-resident Virginia Harrison Giersch was elected tax collector with bipartisan support.

Recreation News

For more information, contact Carlye at claido@littlesilver.org or 732-842-2400

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
www.littlesilver.org

Business Hours

Monday – Wednesday:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday:
8:00 am - 7 pm
Friday: 8 am – 12 pm

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/BoroLittleSilver/

Constant Contact:

Text LITTLESILVER
to 22828

Borough

Directory

Emergency: 9-1-1

Borough Hall
732-842-2400

Board of Health
732-493-9520

Municipal Court
732-842-3881

Police Department
(non-emergency)
732-747-5900

Public Library
732-747-9649

Tax Collector
732-219-0812

Tax Assessor
732-842-7039

Zoning Officer
732-842-0261



All kayaks stored at Santelle Park must be removed by Nov. 15th.

Mah Jong

Thursdays, from 1-3 pm at the Woman's Club. All levels welcome!

Veteran's Day Service

Saturday, November 11th
9 a.m. at Memorial Park

Walking Club

Mondays 9:30 am
For info or to be put on the distribution list, call 732-842-4644 or email bfleischer@verizon.net

Snapology Preschool STEM Club (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14
10:30 -11:30 am
Little Silver Woman's Club
\$125
Register @
<https://www.littlesilver.org/ls/recreation/>
Contact claido@littlesilver.org for more info



Growing Gems, LLC



Stayed tuned for a new session of Growing Gems coming soon

Exercise classes

Available to LS residents at The Woman's Club:

Pilates with Paula: Tuesdays at 9 am
(free for residents)

Power Plus with Paula: Wednesdays at 9 am
Head to toe body conditioning with free weights, balls, and bands.

One time drop in - \$10

5 pack of classes - \$40 or 10 pack of classes - \$70

Pilates Plus with Paula: Fridays at 9 am

One time drop in - \$10

5 pack of classes - \$40 or 10 pack of classes - \$70

Registration form available at the class. Packages can be used in either class.



Blood Drive

Next blood drive coming
January 5,
2024



Adult Sports Available!

Adult Volleyball

Thursdays
8 pm–10 pm at Markham Place School

Adult Basketball

Mondays & Wednesdays
8 pm–10 pm at Point Road School

No registration required.

Sponsorships are available. Email claido@littlesilver.org if you would like to support our recreation programs.

Little Silver Fire & EMS Christmas Tree Sales

The tradition continues with our 37th annual Christmas Tree and Wreath fundraiser beginning Friday, November 24th.

Hours (weather dependent): **Opening Day: 10AM – 4PM**
Monday–Friday: 4PM – 8PM
Saturday/Sunday: 9AM – 7PM

Hundreds of Fraser Fir trees, Douglas Fir trees, hand-decorated wreaths, grave blankets, pine roping, and crosses will be available. Tree sizes range from 6' to 12'+ and wreath sizes range from 12" to 48".

Your support is tax-deductible and will help keep our volunteer Fire & EMS services running. There are many organizations that are no longer selling trees, so we expect to sell out just as fast as last year!

LSFD Christmas Eve Santa Visits

Christmas Eve Santa visits are BACK! We're restoring the community tradition, reimagined in a way that's more sustainable for our local heroes.

Registration: residents can sign up to have Santa drive by their home on the fire truck (lights and sirens) to spread Christmas Eve holiday cheer! There is no participation limit.

Lottery System: registrants can opt into a lottery during sign up; 100 lucky homes will be randomly selected for Santa to come inside on Christmas Eve and hand-deliver presents.

New Event Hours: 1:30- 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve

Registration is required and will be open on our website www.littlesilverfd.org from November 15th through December 20th. The lottery will be drawn and winners notified via email on December 21st.

Additional event information can be found on our website. For questions, contact event chairperson Chris Faherty at lsfdsantaruns@gmail.com or 732-977-3509.