

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

Promotions, a new addition, cell tower news, National Night Out, a concert and more to follow during this busy summer season.

First, we're pleased to advise that Stephanie Brannagan has joined the Borough Council. Mrs. Brannagan comes to the governing body with experience on the Board of Education and other volunteer efforts. Welcome Stephanie!

Stephanie will serve out the term of retiring councilman AJ McNally, who we welcome as our new CFO, Treasurer and Tax Collector. Lots of outstanding community service from AJ and Stephanie.

On the same evening our new councilwoman was sworn in, the meeting room was full of family and colleagues supporting Frank Salerno and Peter Giblin, both of whom were promoted to sergeant on the Little Silver Police Department.

Peter's dad Shannon, a former LSPD chief, pinned his son with the sergeant's badge worn by Peter's grandfather, Harold, continuing a valued Little Silver tradition. Sgt. Salerno and Sgt. Giblin are both long-time residents and volunteer first responders, in addition to their service on the LSPD.

If you see our new sergeants in town, please congratulate them on their well-deserved promotions.

While we're on the subject of the LSPD, the department has worked really hard to put together the return (after COVID knocked it out last year) of National Night Out on August 3 from 6-9 p.m. behind Borough Hall and on the Markham Place fields. This is a great town gathering, with free food and beverages, fire department and EMS demonstrations, crime prevention tips, emergency vehicles, slides, games a DJ, and more.

Please bring family and friends and come out to meet our hard-working, professional, and friendly community police department.

Next, Verizon plans to reduce the number of radio head units on its cell tower platform from nine to six, and to increase the number of antennas from six to 12. Our understanding is that the radio frequency output would remain significantly below the federal guidelines, and that no new equipment would be placed on the school side of the platform, which would remain empty.

While there has been some disagreement with Verizon about whether it must submit a formal site plan for approval at a public hearing, the governing body has reached an agreement with Verizon in which Verizon has consented to file a development permit application with the Zoning Board official. If this application does not meet all the requisite criteria, a public hearing will be required. The date of this public hearing will be posted as soon as it is confirmed.

In addition, another carrier, AT&T, has expressed an interest in locating their equipment on the tower. The borough has advised that it is not interested in further encumbering the tower, which also supports the town's critical emergency communications antennae.

Lastly, communications carriers are beginning to place 5G equipment in some towns. While that has not occurred yet in Little Silver, the law regarding the very limited ability of towns to influence the placement of such equipment is in flux, with a proposal that would further limit a town's say likely to be considered again in the fall by the New Jersey Legislature, according to news reports.

Little Silver and its professionals are closely monitoring these developments, at a time when demand for these telecommunications services is ever increasing, and will seek to maximize its ability to have some control over 5G placement in town, and to enforce its rigorous telecom ordinance wherever possible.

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Borough Calendar

Tuesday, August 3rd
6- 9 pm: National Night Out

Thursday, August 5th
9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual
7:00 pm: Planning Board
Meeting

Monday, August 9th
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 10th
8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

Thursday, August 19th
9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

Monday, August 23rd
8:00 pm Shade Tree
Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 25th
7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 26th
7:00 pm: Traffic Safety
Meeting

Reminder: sign up for
Constant Contact (text
LITTLESILVER to 22828)
and **Code Red**
(LittleSilver.org and click
on Emergency Services)

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In other news, the number of new COVID cases here and elsewhere has ticked up slightly over the past couple of weeks. Please get vaccinated, if you haven't already. The town periodically puts out information about vaccination sites, and our health commission has arranged for free vaccination clinics, but it is relatively easy to get an appointment, which can often be handled by a quick call to your pharmacist.

Little Silver continues to ask those entering our public building who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask for everyone's comfort and safety.

With respect to sidewalks, roads and other infrastructure, I want to thank everyone for your patience regarding the closure of a lane and, at times, both lanes on Silverside. Between the new sidewalks, paving and striping by the borough, and the work being done by the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority (the sewerage authority) installing new pipes, it was sometimes challenging to keep in mind that these temporary inconveniences do indeed lead to long-term improvements.

Switching gears, just a reminder: if the summer heat's too much for an outdoor adventure, or if indoor activities are more your thing, please don't forget about the borough Library, located on Prospect Avenue next to Borough Hall. Air conditioning, wifi, a breezy patio, and so much more await readers of all ages. And their child-oriented offerings are second to none.

And lastly, the John Luckenbill Pops Band has kindly offered to perform a free concert at the Gazebo on Markham Place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day weekend). The rain date is Monday, September 6 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Luckenbill's family has deep roots in Little Silver, and we're fortunate to have this very accomplished band – which performs at multiple shore venues and around the state – pay us a visit. The concert will also memorialize John's mom, Harriet, who passed away in March this year, and who enjoyed attending the concerts put on by John, and before him his dad, John Sr., who was a long time music teacher and band leader from Little Silver.

Bring a blanket or chair and come listen to one of the finest bands you'll hear anywhere, and take part in Little Silver's rich musical history.

In closing, this is my regular reminder during hurricane season to register with CodeRed for emergency notifications. If you haven't done so already, visit www.littlesilver.org, and click on the CodeRed button on the left side of the home page, or pick up a registration form in borough hall. You can call borough hall or CodeRed directly at (866) 939-0911 for assistance.

As always, borough hall is available from 8 to 4 to take your calls with questions or concerns, or I can be reached at bobneff80@gmail.com, or at my home phone at (732) 576-8595. On behalf of the governing body, we wish you the best of everything this August.

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

Little Silver Environmental Commission

If you've walked around town with your dog, we hope you've noticed that there are 4 new stands with biodegradable bags for dog waste. They are located at the entrance to the boardwalk on Prospect, the entrance to Memorial Park between Willow and Prospect, on Eastview on the way to the train station, and at the beginning of the dog walking trail (Cooper's Loop) between the Community Garden and Parker Homestead. Please make sure you put the used bags in the trash cans located near each stand.

We are getting ready for a Fall Environmental Day on Saturday, October 16th. We will be upcycling gently used clothing, electronics (anything with a plug), and will have a shredder truck for papers that you wish to destroy. We plan to have tables inside the Woman's Club with giveaways and workshops. There will be reusable bags and LED light bulbs from the EC. The Shade Tree Commission plans to distribute seedlings and we will have composters for sale. We will have local gardener answer questions about organic garden pest control. If you know of any person or group that may want to participate, please contact Bonnie Akey at BonW@aol.com

As one of the first municipalities to ban the use of plastic bags, straws, and Styrofoam, we'd like to remind you to bring your own reusable bag when you go shopping in Little Silver...or anywhere. Let's all do what we can to protect our Earth.

The Environmental Commission is always interested in your input and participation. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We anticipate moving from a Zoom format (link available on the Borough website) to in-person this fall. And we're always on the lookout for folks who might want to be members in the future.

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January – October

Brush may be placed to the curb at any time during this time period.

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



Collection of **BRUSH ONLY** runs
January through October.

Traffic & Safety Tip

August is National Traffic Awareness Month

Safety Tips for Senior Pedestrians:

- Use sidewalks and paths
- Walk **against** traffic
- Wear bright clothing during the day
- Wear lights and reflectors for night walking
- Use crosswalks
- Put the cellphone away

Reminder:

Please dispose of pet waste and pet waste bags properly. There are 4 new stands around town with biodegradable bags for dog waste. Please make sure you put the used bags in the trash cans located near each stand or bring them home with you to your own trash. Please do not leave pet waste or bags in brush piles.

PARKER HOMESTEAD- 1665

Grand Reopening

Sunday, September 19th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Annual Classic Car Show: 9-1

Annual 1864 Vintage Base Ball game: 12 - 4

Parker Homestead Open House,
including restored 1930 kitchen: 10 - 3

From the Tax Department

Property tax bills will be mailed to all residents at the end of July. The 2021 tax rate is 1.974 per \$100 of assessed value. The grace period for the third quarter taxes has been extended to August 25th. Any payments received after this date must be charged interest back to August 1st. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 732-219-0812 if you do not receive a bill.

All 2020 delinquent property taxes and 2020 unpaid water and sewer balances are slated for tax sale on September 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Little Silver Borough Hall. As required by law, a notice will be published in the newspaper for four consecutive weeks prior to the sale. Names will not be deleted after the original publication.

There is an afterhours drop box for tax payments in the Police Department vestibule available 24/7.

Library News for August

Welcome to StoryWalk®!

Grand Opening: Saturday, August 7 at 11:00 am by Markham Playground

Join us and meet the author, Mike Ciccotello

Little Silver Library has collaborated with Little Silver Recreation to bring StoryWalk® to our community! StoryWalk® is a way for children to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from our first book, "Beach Toys vs. School Supplies" by Little Silver author, Mike Ciccotello, are mounted onto signs proceeding from Markham Place playground around the gazebo. The signs are numbered and will direct you to the next pages in the book. The StoryWalk® book will change several times throughout the year

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson."

Robert Rogers Puppet Company magical *Just So Stories LIVE Zoom Puppet show!*

Saturday, August 7 from 10:00-11:45 am

Experience the classic adaptation of animal stories through use of his handmade puppets!

Robert is an accomplished theater producer, director, playwright, and designer who makes stories come alive! Advance registration required beginning July 24; the Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the program. Can't make it? Watch on demand through September 30 on the Monmouth County Library's Kids page.

Outdoor Storytime with Miss Danya

Tuesdays at 11:00 for Toddlers (ages 2-3) and at 11:45 Family (ages 3-6)

Please call the library to sign up for either storytime. If weather is inclement and storytime is cancelled, you will be notified.

Summer Reading Program-Tails & Tales

The Summer Reading Program continues through August 15. There are reading groups for all ages. Sign up for your Beanstack account on the library's website and earn reading rewards. Adults may stop into the library for the reading bookmark log.

We kindly ask that if you are not vaccinated to wear a mask while visiting the library.

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

- **American Museum of Natural History**
- **The Frick Collection**
- **Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum**
- **Museum of the American Revolution**
- **New-York Historical Society**

Call the library at 732-747-9649 for details on how you can reserve passes.



Recreation News

Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
732-842-2400
www.littlesilver.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/BoroLittleSilver/

Business Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Borough Directory

Emergency: 9-1-1
Borough Hall
732-842-2400

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

Tax Collector
732-219-0812

Tax Assessor
732-842-7039

Zoning Officer
732-842-0261

Municipal Court
732-842-3881

Board of Health
732-493-9520

Public Library
732-747-9649

Fire Department
(non-emergency)
732-741-0934

Friday Night Flag is coming to Little Silver!!



Introducing a co-ed flag football program for grades K-4 on Friday nights in September and October starting September 10th. Sessions will be clinic-based as we teach the sport, with scrimmages included each week. Visit <http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/> for registration information.

FREE Pre-Season Co-Ed Soccer Clinic for grades 1-4 hosted by CBA Varsity Soccer Players. Sunday mornings August 1, 8, 15, and 22 – 8am for 1st and 2nd grade, 9am for 3rd and 4th grade. Please register online at <http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/>



Fall Soccer – Coaches needed! Teams are being formed now, but we do not have enough coaches to provide an enjoyable season for the children. To coach, please email claido@littlesilver.org



Fall Field Hockey – Beginner and advanced players in grades 5-8 welcome. We are lucky this year to have Lauren Messano of Buff Brides to Be running our clinics.



Sponsors needed! If you would like to sponsor a team with a suggested donation of \$200, please contact claido@littlesilver.org



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
LITTLE SILVER
POLICE NJ

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"
COME OUT AND MEET YOUR POLICE!!

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

AUGUST 3, 2021
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

BEHIND BOROUGH HALL / MARKHAM PLACE FIELDS

FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES
FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATIONS
CRIME PREVENTION TIPS
EMERGENCY VEHICLES
SLIDES
GAMES
DJ

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: a.smith@littlesilverpolice.org

Did you know...?

This summer, over 330 children in 1st through 8th grade were registered for Summer Rec Camp, one of Little Silver Recreation's longest-running programs. It is a six-week program that runs from the end of June through the beginning of August. Campers participate in games, sports, and arts & crafts.

A lot of our campers end up becoming counselors as they get older!