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

Ridge Road Run Virtual 5K for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

May 21st – May 23rd

Packet pick up 5/22 RBRHS 10 am – 2 pm

Register by May 7th to guarantee race day t-shirt

<http://www.ridgeroadrun5k.org>



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

Traffic & Safety Tip

Always Remember to Buckle Up the Right Way

Always place the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest and away from your neck, and place the lap belt across your hips, not your stomach. You should never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under your arm. And remember: always buckle up.

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet, many still don't buckle up. Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe to not buckle up. The **Click It or Ticket** campaign focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives.

Did you know...?

Little Silver's Community Garden was started in 2015. And speaking of plants, "May" is likely named for the Greek Goddess Maia, who was a goddess of growing plants.



*Please remain vigilant,
wear a mask, stay at
least 6 feet from
others, wash your
hands frequently, and
avoid crowds.*

*Please visit our
website for vaccine
information.*

THANK YOU!

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



Mayor
Robert C. Neff Jr.

Council Members

Donald S. Galante
Kevin Brennan
Michael Holzapfel

A.J. McNally
Christian Smith
Corinne Thygeson

Administrator / Clerk
Kimberly Jungfer

May 2021



Borough Calendar

Monday, May 3rd
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting Virtual

Thursday, May 6th
9:00 am: Court Virtual
7:00 pm: Planning Board
Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, May 11th
8:00 pm: Rec Meeting Virtual

Monday, May 17th
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting Virtual

Tuesday, May 18th
7:00 pm: Board of Health
Meeting Virtual

Thursday, May 20th
9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

Monday, May 24th
8:00 pm Shade Tree
Commission Meeting Virtual

Wednesday, May 26th
7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting Virtual

Thursday, May 27th
7:00 pm: Traffic Safety
Meeting Virtual

Monday, May 31st
Boro Offices and Recycling
Yard closed

Message From Mayor Neff

From reopening plans, to the budget, to our sidewalk project and more – even a great Mothers or Fathers Day gift! - there's a lot going on in Little Silver.

Where to start? Let's talk COVID right off the bat.

The borough is **actively planning to reopen its buildings** to the public. Most of you know that, over that past 14 months, all of our services have been functioning, and our employees have all been active, working around the restrictions to continue to serve our residents.

Now, with the number of **new cases decreasing** (after a spike), the **number of active cases having gone from 56 to 22** in the last eight weeks as of the end of April, and vaccinations proliferating, we expect to be able to reopen our buildings to the public, although initially in a restricted fashion, in the next month or so. That includes our beloved Library, which continues its pick up and drop off service, and its remote access.

In the same vein, we fully expect to have an in-person **Memorial Day ceremony** to honor our war dead. What, exactly, that will look like is in flux, so please look for updates on Constant Contact, our website, our Facebook page, and sometimes by way of emergency alerts if the situation warrants.

And please keep up the great work everyone's doing to continue to push those COVID numbers down and out.

Looking back to April, the Borough Council adopted its **2021 budget**, with municipal purposes spending staying relatively flat, and a slight decrease in the tax rate. That said, overall spending increased slightly, though well within the two percent cap, and we expect that the owner of an average-priced home might pay a bit over \$60 more than last year in municipal purposes taxes, assuming an average increase in assessment over last year.

We want to thank our budget committee and our CFO, Laura Geraghty, along with administrator Kim Jungfer and all our department heads and volunteer services, for continuing to operate in a taxpayer-conscious fashion. There is an **excellent budget presentation** on the website that explains in lay terms how your tax dollars are spent. It's a yearly challenge, and planning for next year's budget starts now.

As a reminder, the municipal budget accounts for just under a quarter of your yearly tax bill, with the remainder attributable to school and county taxes, and a one-penny open space tax. Those numbers are still in calculation, with the final over-all tax rate likely due out in June.

Also in April, it was Little Silver's turn with the hot-patch machine we share with Rumson. Extending into May, our public works department has been working hard to **tackle some of the monster potholes** that opened up over our harsh winter – amazingly, using nearly 12 tons of asphalt so far! If you are aware of any that require attention, please call the clerk's office.

As to the ongoing **sidewalks project**, the north Prospect installation and Rumson Road replacement are both nearly complete at this writing, with Pinckney next on the list. We'll continue to let residents who are directly impacted by the project (focusing on main pedestrian and school routes) know the schedule as it develops, which is always subject to change.

For detours and lane closures associated with the project, please look for notices on Constant Contact, Facebook, and especially our **emergency alert system, Code Red.**

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If you are not signed up for it, you should be – so please take a moment to do so. Go to the website, littlesilver.org, and click on Emergency Services at the top of the page, or call borough hall for assistance.

Next, the **Parker Homestead** folks are graciously offering a perfect Mothers Day or Fathers Day gift: a wooden spoon with your family’s name (or business name) that will hang in the kitchen of our historic treasure for years to come. Your donation of \$100 will support the kitchen’s renovation, which will also serve as a Welcome Center.

For more information, see the details on the Homestead’s facebook page, or on the website at www.parkerhomestead-1665.org.

And in a slightly different way to help your town: if you own or are aware of a home slated for demolition, please consider contacting our **all-volunteer Little Silver Fire Department** to offer the home for a live drill before it is demolished. The LSFDF trains weekly, and always benefits by being able to use a real home for training and drills. If you’re not sure who to contact, email me and I’ll get you to the right person.

In school news, the **VPA Creative Writing majors** at Red Bank Regional High School have become published authors! Illustrated by Studio Art majors, WonderStories: Imaginative Fables by Fantastical Youth, is available now on Amazon. Congratulations to our students!

Looking forward, the virtual **Ridge Road 5k Run for Suicide Prevention** and Mental Health Awareness will take place from May 21 to May 23. Register at www.ridgeroadrun5k.org by May 7 to guarantee your race-day t-shirt!

In closing, it was terrific, especially after the year we’ve had, to see the **Easter Egg Hunt** return under blue skies (thanks to our recreation department and PBA Local 359), and our ball players back out on the fields in April. Signs of spring and recovery, with some added significance this year.

As we approach Memorial Day, please remember our men and women in uniform, and especially the **young men from Little Silver who lost their lives in battle**: Richard L.J. Conner and Henry G. Woodruff in World War I; John R. Toomey, a paratrooper killed during the Rhine jump in World War II; Tom Firth, who died in a gun battle in South Vietnam in 1965; Jordi Grez, who was killed by an IED in Iraq in 2005; and Tinker Dorn of Shrewsbury, killed by sniper fire in South Vietnam, and whose brother Dan, a Little Silver resident for many years and a U.S. Marine, assists in our ceremony.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you blue skies and sunshine, cool nights, and a safe return to many of our in-person activities. 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.

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

Parker Homestead- 1665

Still wondering what you should get your mother for this Mother’s Day? Want to get something memorable for your mother while supporting your local history site? Well look no further! Become a sponsor of our kitchen renovation by purchasing a **PERSONALIZED WOODEN SPOON** for a generous donation. Your family or business name will be printed on these spoons and displayed in our “retro” kitchen for years to come! Visit www.parkerhomestead-1665.org and click on “Kitchen Renovation” for more information.

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 31



Parade kicks off at 8:30 am at Willow Deli and concludes at Memorial Park
Ceremony to follow at Memorial Park at 9 am

Masks and social distancing requirements will be in place.

Be sure to follow Little Silver’s **Environmental Commission** on Facebook for interesting gardening and environmental tips and information.

Search “Friends of Little Silver Environmental Commission” and “Like” their page to follow.

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.

Recreation News

REC REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1st

SUMMER CAMP: 6 WEEKS

June 28—August 6, M-F, 8:00-Noon

Rumson Rd. Tennis/Basketball Courts

\$95 nonrefundable registration

No proration for vacations

Children Must Be Entering First Grade

Registration begins June 1st via **Community Pass website** or LittleSilver.org/ls/recreation

SUMMER CAMP TENNIS LESSONS

Same time, dates, ages as above camp, 6 weeks

Small group lessons max 4 children

Choose: One 30 minute lesson for 6 weeks

Choose: Two 30 minute lessons for 6 weeks

Parents must choose lesson time/day.

www.littlesilver.org/ls/recreation for more information.

SUMMER GIRLS' SOFTBALL

For girls entering grades 6-9

Contact: claido@littlesilver.org

FREE instructional clinics every Monday night, 6:00pm, at Library Field beginning June 28 with the goal of having fun developing the softball skills necessary to play on a competitive level. *Skill clinic followed by scrimmage games.*

Registration online beginning June 1st

FALL SOCCER GRADES K-8

Saturday games in September & October

Coaches always needed and appreciated

For more information, contact claido@littlesilver.org

Registration Online beginning June 1st

Avoid \$100 late fee by registering before June 30th

MAKE SURE TO ADVANCE CHILD’S GRADE TO SEPTEMBER GRADE

FALL GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY GRADES 5-8

Beginner and advanced players welcomed.

Registration Online beginning June 1st

Avoid \$100 late fee by registering before June 30th

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Library News for May

Curbside pickup continues. Please call us at 732-747-9649 to request an item or place a hold on our online catalog found on our website at www.littlesilverlibrary.org.

Please note: The library will be closed on Saturday, May 29th and Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

Penguin Pointers with Jenkinson's Aquarium!
Saturday, May 15 from 10:00-10:45 am via Zoom
Enjoy a unique experience and learn all about African Penguins! Join us on Zoom for an interactive, LIVE look at the world of penguins. Advance registration is required beginning May 1, the Zoom link will be mailed to registered participants the day before the event. Please register at www.MonmouthCountyLib.org/Kids

Learn American Sign Language!
See slideshow on Monmouth County Library's Kids page.
Week of May 10: Learn, sign and sing the ASL alphabet
Week of May 17: Learn signs about your family and friends to share with them
Week of May 24: PURR-fect your sign language skills with animal signs

Preschool Take and Make Crafts switch out weekly and can be found on our front table.

A selection of **jigsaw puzzles** is also available to borrow on our front table, which will be quarantined upon return.

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.

