

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

A proposed parking expansion, litter alleviation, the best electrical inspector in the entire state, and other notable developments are on tap in town, as Little Silver moves from a busy October to a busy November.

First, as the Newsletter was going to print, **Election Day** was looming. We hope everyone got out and voted using one of the many options available this year. We're fortunate to have that right, and indeed, every vote counts.

If the Newsletter reaches you before election day (November 2), please be sure to visit your local polling place or call the clerk's office with any questions.

This year, we were fortunate to host one of the county's early voting locations, at the Woman's Club, and with the mail in option, there were no impediments to pulling the lever (or, these days, to pushing the button) to make your voice heard.

Next, speaking of the Woman's Club building, kudos to the **Woman's Club of Little Silver**, which has continued its drive to collect evening gowns for donation to **Cinderella's Closet** at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

The non-profit thrift store serves the spouses and families of service men and women, and club members have again worked hard to support it. If you'd like to donate lightly worn gowns, evening shoes, evening bags, or costume jewelry, please call Kathy Doty at (732) 320-6652.

A mention of service men and women, of course, brings us to our **Veterans Day service**, scheduled for Memorial Park at 9 a.m. on November 11.

The importance of the observance, honoring our military, is clear. Please stop to join in our acknowledgment of those who have heard the call to serve, protect and defend our country.

If you do attend the service, you might notice that **Memorial Park** is in pristine condition, thanks to the volunteers who maintain the gardens, but also to the skill and hard work of our **Public Works Department**.

We are fortunate to have outstanding leadership and employees in Public Works, so if you see one of our guys, usually in a bright yellow shirt, please say hello. They'll be out collecting leaves **all over town** (we've gone to **leaf collection only until January 1, 2022**), as the cooler fall weather really kicks in.

Also looking sharp are our various parks and fields, which have received a boost from **volunteer litter-picker-uppers** with our Recreation Department. The new program is a great way for students to earn service hours; if interested, please email our recreation director, Carlye Laido, at claido@littlesilver.org.

Next, we'd like to welcome the newest member of the **Police Department, Officer Joe Colao**. Joe is a former chief of the Little Silver EMS and police dispatcher, and his commitment to Little Silver is unquestioned. We're fortunate to have him, as we are fortunate to have the service of the entire LSPD, so please welcome Officer Colao when you see him around town.

And that **best-in-state electrical inspector? It's Nick A. Fabiano Jr.**, and Little Silver's got him! Mr. Fabiano was chosen for this honor by the Municipal Electrical Inspector's Association for his outstanding contributions to code enforcement and electrical inspection.

The Association and the State of New Jersey recently recognized the honor, which ultimately means that Mr. Fabiano is working hard to make sure our homes and offices and other buildings are as safe as they can be. Congratulations!

Switching gears, a proposal was circulated before the pandemic to **increase the parking available to those using Sickles Park facilities**, including the trail, fields, and playground, and to reconfigure the Harrison Avenue entrance from Rumson Road.

The proposal, which includes a new lot near the playground and southern-most field on the Rumson Road side (to prevent youngsters from having to cross the road when using the current alternative parking across Harrison), is

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Borough Calendar

Saturday, November 6th

10 am- 1 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Tuesday, November 2nd

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard
Closed for Election Day

Thursday, November 4th

9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

7:00 pm: Planning Board Mtg

Monday, November 8th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th

8:00 pm: Rec Meeting

Thursday, November 11th

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard
Closed for Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 16th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Mtg

Wednesday, November 17th

7:00 pm: Environmental
Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 21st

9:00 am: Municipal Court
Virtual

Monday, November 22nd

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 23rd

8:00 pm Shade Tree
Commission Meeting

**Thursday November 25th &
Friday, November 26th**

Boro Offices & Recycling Yard
Closed for Thanksgiving

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scheduled to be discussed at the November 8 meeting of the Borough Council. The Borough has received a grant to put toward any plan that may be approved and welcomes any comments as this safety-oriented plan is developed.

Over at the nearby **Community Garden**, our suburban farmers had a productive season; in addition to enjoying the fruits of their labor, gardeners also distributed over 500 pounds of homegrown produce to Lunch Break.

That's double the output from the Garden's first year – we're fortunate to have this resource for our residents, and happy to see a public benefit to their work.

And next door, at the **Parker Homestead**, which had a successful historical treasure hunt in October, you'll have the chance on November 13 and 27 to have a **holiday card photo** or portrait taken with the Homestead or its outbuildings as a scenic backdrop.

Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for details, and to sign up. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the Homestead.

Last, as I write this, New Jersey is under a state of emergency, with heavy rains and flash flooding. And traffic was just detoured on a Saturday to allow JCPL to trim trees near power lines.

If you were signed up for **Code Red/Two River Alert notifications**, you'd have received emergency notifications and traffic alerts as needed, and likely planned ahead. If you weren't, please go to the bottom left of the homepage of the borough's website, littlesilver.org, and sign up for emergency alerts and general information from Constant Contact. Call borough hall if you require assistance.

Looking back to October, successful events included the Little Silver Fire Department's annual **Halloween Parade**; the **Little Silver PTO's Little Silver 5K** – one of their biggest fundraisers, back in person this year; and the Environmental Commission's **Environmental Day**, which will return in the spring to help you clean out your attics and basements.

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.

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

PARKER HOMESTEAD- 1665

Family Holiday Photo Sessions

Dates: Saturday November 13th and Saturday November 27th

Time: 8 am to 3pm

15-minute photo session

\$150 photo session with a \$60 nonrefundable deposit due at booking

Contact the photographer Mrs. Cara Donoghue at caradonophoto@gmail.com or her cell: 908-208-7288

40% of proceeds benefit the Parker Homestead-1665, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preservation, education, and the community.

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

Little Silver Environmental Commission

Environmental Day on October 16th was very successful. Thank you to the police officers that helped us with traffic flow and other management issues. This year (for the first time) we counted the cars that came through. John Heidema (equipped with a counter device) tallied over 250 cars. That may seem like a lot, but it seemed as though it worked really smoothly. We hope to do it again next Spring (March), so spend the winter cleaning closets and file cabinets, and while you're at it, look for stray electronics that you've decommissioned.

Recently I watched Dr. Suess' *The Lorax* with my grandchildren, and I was reminded again (the book was published in 1971) of the importance of trees. Without them, we would be purchasing our air in bottles. So please think about ways to maintain the health and well-being of trees on your property. They may seem like a nuisance (we have acorns, hickory nuts and beech nuts that fall and require clean up) but they help to preserve our planet. If you have time to read the book or watch the animated, you'll be surprised at how timely it is...

Fall Rabies Clinics

Wed, Nov 3rd Fair Haven Firehouse 6:30-7:30 pm
645 River Road

Wed, Nov 10th Rumson Public Works Garage 6:30-7:30 pm
80 East River Road

Sat, Nov 13th Shrewsbury Boro Hall 10-11 am
419 Sycamore Avenue

Wed, Nov 17th Little Silver Firehouse 6:30-7:30 pm
543 Prospect Ave

Dogs must be on a leash.

Cats must be 1 to a carrier.

Animals must be supervised by an adult.

For more information, application form, dates and locations, visit www.mcrhc.org/rabies-clinics-services or call 732-493-9520



BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves only: November- December

LEAVES may be raked 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 **LEAVES ONLY** runs November 1 through December 30.

Veterans Day Service

Thursday, November 11th
9 am
Memorial Park

Traffic & Safety Tip

Traffic Tip: Have a roadside emergency kit

As we begin the holiday travel season, a reminder that a well-stocked emergency kit makes an emergency situation less scary, so be prepared.

A roadside emergency kit can be a total game-changer in the event of an accident or even something like a flat tire. In addition to a first aid kit, here's what you should pack for your drive:

- Flares
- Work or latex gloves
- Jumper cables
- Antifreeze
- Blankets
- Flashlight
- Tools to change a tire (jack, lug nut wrench, tire iron)
- Ice scraper
- Paper towels
- Duct tape
- Bottled water
- Energy bars
- Gloves, hats, rain protection, warm clothing
- Toilet paper
- Basic first aid kit
- Basic hand tools (screwdriver, hammer, etc.)
- Battery or solar-powered phone charger

Reminder:

Dogs are NOT permitted in borough parks.
You are welcome to bring your furry friends on the Parker Pet Trail.

Did you know...?

Little Silver has 6 trails: Brookside Trail, Creekside Adventure Loop, Creekside Adventure Trail, Little Silver Nature Trail, Parker Pet Trail, and Parker Sickles Walking Trail. Do you know where each of these is? There is a map located in Borough Hall showing all of them!

Library News for November

Please be advised that face masks are required when visiting the library.

While the library is open, we also offer pickup of materials in the foyer.

Medicare & You 2022

Presented by Les Taylor

Wednesday, November 10 at 1:00 pm

Bankers Life agent Les Taylor returns with Medicare updates for 2022. Attend this informative program to get help choosing the coverage option that's right for you. Masks are required.

Indoor Baby/Toddler Storytime!

Ages 1 -3.5 years (with parent/caregiver)

**Tuesdays, Nov. 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10:30-11:00 am
OR 11:30-12:00 pm**

Join Ms. Danya for stories, songs, and fingerplays!

Family Fun Storytime- All ages welcome! (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesdays, Nov. 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 3:30-4:00 pm

Join Ms. Danya for exciting stories and pick up fun take home crafts!

In- person storytime guidelines:

- Due to limited space, please sign up weekly, starting the Thursday prior to Tuesday storytime, by calling the library between 10:00-5:30 pm at 732-747-9649.
- Masks are required for everyone above the age of 2 while inside the library. Please call if you are unable to attend.
- Please choose only 1 session per week.
- Thank you for social distancing.

**Fun with Magic! Ages 3+ with parent/caregiver
Thursday, November 4 from 10:00-10:45 am**

Join Steve Woyce for an exciting and entertaining LIVE Zoom magic show! Have some fun and learn some cool new magic tricks! Advance registration is required beginning October 21; the Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants the day before the program. Can't make it? Watch it on demand through November 30!

Virtual Storytimes

Your favorite children's librarian's share songs, fingerplays, stories, and crafts on Little Silver's YouTube channel:
<http://bit.ly/Littlesilver>

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**
- **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

Our next StoryWalk® is finished! We can't wait to share this great book with you, which inspires people of all ages! Come visit us at Sickles playground! This project is done in partnership with the Little Silver Library. 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.



Sponsorships are still available. Please reach out to claido@littlesilver.org if you would like to support our Recreation programs.

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



Last call for **Basketball Registration!!** Teams are now forming, roster spots are no longer guaranteed. Register online at www.littlesilver.org



Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Saturday Clinics

This instructional clinic takes place at Point Road Gym on Saturday mornings. For 1st and 2nd graders teams will be formed after the winter break for game play. As with all Recreation programs coaches are always needed, without volunteers our programs could not exist. Please register to coach online in your Community Pass family account.

Does your child need volunteer hours?

Do they love their town and the parks? Volunteer to help the Recreation Department keep the town and parks clean of garbage.

Contact claido@littlesilver.org to set up a schedule and earn volunteer hours while enjoying the beautiful weather!



Tax Office Notice

Property taxes are due November 1st with a 10-day grace period. Payments must be received in office by Wednesday, November 10th to avoid incurring interest. A drop box is available in the Police vestibule; it is open 24 hours.

Little Silver Fire Department/EMS Tree & Wreath Sales

Sales begin Friday, November 26th

Sales will continue until all product is sold. Once again there is a shortage of trees, wreaths, and greens, so please don't wait!

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



Sunday, December 5th
4 pm at Borough Hall

Please join us at the festivities! Santa will be on a firetruck to say hi but will not be doing any personal visits in Borough Hall this year.