

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor Neff

Affordable housing, graduations, safety, an important LSPD event, a concert, and puppy love have been topics of discussion lately; following are updates on those topics and more, along with some seasonal reminders to help keep everyone safe.

First, flags are sprouting everywhere and Independence Day is right around the corner; celebrations and summer fun will rule the day. But the Borough wants everyone to be safe, and to be courteous to your neighbors at the same time.

As our police chief, Paul Halpin, will tell you, if the fireworks you've got aren't the type you can purchase legally in local stores, they're likely outlawed.

So as we celebrate our great heritage, please heed the annual advice of the LSPD: be courteous and respectful of your neighbors; be alert to the danger of brush fires; guard against injury to yourself and others; and be prepared to be charged if caught with illegal fireworks.

In short: have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

Next, a couple Affordable Housing items. The Borough is actively looking for potential partners to construct a statutorily compliant affordable housing residence on the newly-acquired property on Birch Avenue. Please contact Borough Hall if you are aware of any interested parties.

Please note that this would require a party experienced with construction of a residence that would then be occupied only by residents who qualify under the state's affordable housing laws, where occupants are often identified by lottery. Such partners are often 501c3 charitable entities or non-profits.

Similarly, we continue to look for residents in the large-lot residential zones interested in constructing accessory apartments restricted to income-qualifying residents as defined by our affordable housing laws. The borough recently increased its subsidy for the units, so please call borough hall if you are interested.

Thank you for helping us to comply with our state-mandated requirements under our affordable housing laws and Supreme Court rulings.

On a positive note, you know it's June when social media and our schools fill with news of graduates. Our fourth graders have 'moved up,' our eighth graders and high school seniors have graduated, and our college graduates are celebrating well-earned degrees.

And all did it during a pandemic, when so many were learning virtually and struggling with a new way of life, especially in 2020 and 2021.

So, a special congratulations to all these students on their accomplishments, resilience, and perseverance,

with thanks to the educators, parents, and others in their support system.

We wish all of our graduates a bright future, and as always encourage them to lend their talents, time, and education to their communities.

As we move forward into July and August, please remember our air-conditioned, WiFi-ready Little Silver Library, and its great reading-ready patio. Stop in to check out its many offerings.

Likewise, please remember that the Parker Homestead is open on Saturday afternoons for tours or just a visit. Learn about this historic treasure dating to 1665.

Or take a walk on our many trails, and keep an eye out for the birds, wildlife, and plant life unique to our area.

And don't forget upcoming special events – a concert by the Little Silver Creek Band on July 28 behind Borough Hall at 7 p.m., and National Night out on August 2, between 6 and 9 p.m. behind Borough Hall. Details on both events are elsewhere in this newsletter.

And of course, the next planning session for the Borough's 100th birthday next year: come one, come all to the Woman's Club at 7 p.m. on July 20th and bring your best suggestions and a willingness to pitch in, all in the name of a little birthday fun.

Next, a couple regular but important reminders.

First, if you haven't done so already, please sign up for our Two River Alert (Code Red) program. This is the best way to get critically important borough information, especially in an emergency, and particularly if the website is not accessible.

If you are already signed up, please check to make sure your contact information is up to date. To do so, go to littlesilver.org, and click on Emergency Services at the top of the page, and then click on Two River Alert – Code Red Emergency Notifications, or click on Code Red on the left side of the home page. You can also call (866) 939-0911 for assistance.

Second, please do NOT put grass clippings out at the curb. They will not be picked up. Make your own arrangements to dispose of them, or simply don't collect them.

And lastly, wherever you may walk your dog, please pick up its waste. Failure to do so may result in a summons. We've noticed the problem to be particularly bad in the vicinity of Santelle Park. It's basic courtesy, after all.

So, the puppy love issue: to allow leashed dogs (and cats and other pets) in all our parks and on trails, or not? That is the (perennial) question.

Periodically, a resident will call police, advising that a dog is being walked illegally in a park, most often when not leashed.

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Borough Calendar

Monday, July 4th
Borough Offices and Recycling Yard Closed for Independence Day

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

Monday, July 18th
6:30 pm: Special Workshop Meeting re: LS Board of Ed Referendum
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Thursday, July 21st
9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Monday, July 25th
8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 27th
7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting

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Most residents, it seems, are unaware that we have an ordinance that, read broadly, forbids walking your dog in Borough parks and other tracts of land. Sickles Park, in fact, is posted as not allowing dogs. You can look it up, as they say, on littlesilver.org. It is ordinance 23-3(m).

It is an ordinance often honored in the breach. I bring my own dogs over to the Parker Homestead periodically for a leashed walk. Upon reviewing the ordinance, perhaps I shouldn't be doing that.

In any event, the issue was recently discussed at a Council meeting, and the Council has been asked to rethink the ordinance, and perhaps to clarify where dogs (and cats and other pets), can and can't be walked.

You can call Borough Hall to offer your opinion, attend a Council meeting, email me at my email contact below, or let Council members know your thoughts. To be clear, no modifications have yet been formally proposed, and any that are will be the subject of formal public notice and a formal public hearing. Considerations include public health (some pet owners are their own worst enemies, failing to pick up after their pets), the recreation events held on the fields, the fact that not everyone is a dog lover and that some are afraid of them, and the simple desire to bring a favorite pet along for a walk.

Talk amongst yourselves, and get back to us.

Lastly, we anticipate that this newsletter will come out after July 2, when our first responders will be conducting a 'boot drive' around town.

If the newsletter reaches you in time, please contribute what you can – our volunteer men and women spend untold hours training, practicing, and honing their skills so that they're ready to respond at a moment's notice.

If not, please consider making a donation anyway. Our volunteer squads are one of the main reasons our town is as safe and special as it is.

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish you the best that summer at the Shore has to offer. 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

From the Tax Department

Property tax bills will be mailed to all residents at the end of July. All 2021 delinquent property taxes and 2021 unpaid sewer and water balances are slated for tax sale in September. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 732-219-0812 if you have any questions.

DON'T THROW AWAY OLD SNEAKERS



They can be recycled!
 It can take 30-40 years for sneakers to fully decompose in landfills.
 We have a solution: we will make sure they get recycled or reused.

The Little Silver Woman's Club is collecting used sneakers with laces. No holes or tears please. There is a drop box in front of the Woman's Club at 111 Church St. Please feel free to drop off your gently used sneakers at any time.

LS Community Blood Drive

Organized by Rory Fleming
 Date: July 14, 2022
 Time: 2pm - 7pm
 Location: Women's Club
 111 Church Street, Little Silver



You can book an appt today at <https://tinyurl.com/lldonateblood>

More information on how to give or volunteer your time coming in the next few weeks.

Little Silver Recreation is excited to partner with the American Red Cross on July 14th to launch the first of what we hope will be many blood drives. We'll be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way since each donation we collect can save up to three lives.

RBR Student and Little Silver resident Rory Fleming is leading the blood drive. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CAFAF2FA1FB6-little>

Little Silver is Turning 100!



Mark your calendars! The Borough of Little Silver is turning 100 in 2023! We will be celebrating June 24, 2023.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting will be **July 20th at 7:00 pm** in the Little Silver Woman's Club.

For questions, email LittleSilver100@gmail.com

Red Bank Regional Class Reunion

Graduation Classes from 1980-1989
 Saturday, September 10th, 2022 at Donovan's Reef
 Ticket sales happening now.
 For more information, visit <https://rbreunion80s.com/>

Parker Homestead-1665



OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
 Parker Homestead will be open every Saturday for visitors and tours from 10AM to 2 PM.

Please stop by 235 Rumson Rd for a visit to this treasure of Little Silver!



Traffic & Safety Tip

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January through October

BRUSH may be put 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 1 through October 31.

Environmental Commission



Mindful Meditation in the Community Garden (on Harrison Avenue across from Sickles Field) is on Mondays, 6-6:30 pm. Bring a comfortable chair and

a water bottle. The group will be guided by an experienced therapist and will gather at the "bottom" (east side) of the garden. We will meet every Monday evening throughout the summer with the possible exception of Monday July 4th which is TBD.

Little Silver currently has Sustainable Jersey Fellow Nakul working with the Borough to better track the Borough's energy usage and prepare documentation to submit for various programs to include an energy audit; explore various funding streams to assist the Borough with replacing aging HVAC systems in Borough Buildings, and the feasibility of placing electric vehicle charging stations within the Borough. Among other things, Nakul will help with documentation for grants, submit applications for NJCEP programs, and set up an energy tracking and management system.

We will be starting our rain garden at Challenger Field in the next few months, thank you to a grant from the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions.

Start accumulating electronics, gently used clothing, and paper to be shredded at **Environmental Day**, which will be back **October 15, 2022**.

Next Environmental Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 7 pm

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

- American Museum of Natural History
- Cooper Hewitt
- The Frick Collection
- The Historic Village at Allaire
- Monmouth Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- New-York Historical Society



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

Library News

For library questions and to sign up for programs, call 732-747-9649

Library will be closed Saturday, July 2 and Monday, July 4

Adult Program- Arm Candy Beading for Adults Monday, July 18 at 6:00 pm

Arm Candy Beading returns with a program for adults to create a summer-themed bracelet.

Registration is a must as supplies and space are limited. Please stop by or call the library to sign up.

Adult Program-Watercolor with Carol Bruno

Wednesday, July 20 from 1:00pm-3:00 pm OR Thursday, July 21 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Little Silver artist, Carol Bruno, returns to guide us through a beach scene watercolor painting. No experience is necessary, and all supplies are provided. Please call the library to sign up as space is limited.

Outdoor Storytime on the Borough Lawn!

Outdoor Storytime Guidelines:

- Advance registration is required and implemented in case storytime is held indoors due to inclement weather.
- To register, call between 10:00 am- 5:30 pm.
- Please call if you are unable to attend.
- Please bring a beach towel or blanket to sit on.
- Please choose one session a week.

Baby/Toddler Tales- Ages 1-3.5

Tuesdays July 5, 19 and 26 at 9:30 am or 10:30 am

Join Ms Danya for stories, songs, and fingerplays! Take 'n Make craft kits will be distributed at the end of each program.

Indoor Family Story/Craft Time- All ages welcome!

Tuesday, July 5 from 11:30 am-12:00 pm

Make your own popsicle craft!

Special Musical Event: Peas & Carrots!

All ages welcome!

Tuesday, July 12 from 9:30 am-10:20 am

Sing, dance and move along to the music of Peas and Carrots! Please pre-register in person or by phone beginning July 5. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside.

Special Event-Shark Week Storytime!

Tuesday, July 12 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us for a shark-themed storytime and learn all about these amazing creatures! Our guest visitor will talk about sharks, answer questions, and show everyone real shark teeth! Please pre-register either in person or by phone beginning July 5. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside.

Special Event-Snapology (ages 2+)

Tuesday, July 19 from 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Join Snapology for a STEM based creative play program! Please pre-register in person or by phone beginning July 12.

Special Event-Stage a Story (ages 3+)

Tuesday, July 26 from 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Join Stage a Story for an interactive workshop program of *The Wide Mouthed Frog!* Children can join the fun and be part of the storytime experience. Please pre-register either in person or by phone beginning July 19.

Recreation News

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

Little Silver Borough Hall

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Little Silver, NJ 07739
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

Summer Art Camp with the Muse

August 8, 10 and 12



Registration information available:

<http://littlesilver.org/ls/Recreation/>

Cardio, Core, & More

Cardio, Core & More offers fitness for adults with exercises using hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and six-inch inflatable balls, which are provided to participants at each class. Classes held at The Woman's Club. All exercises can be modified and performed in a chair. Please contact cmthygeson@gmail.com for more information & schedule. Virtual sessions available.

FALL SOCCER GRADES K-8

Saturday games in September & October

Coaches always needed and appreciated

Avoid \$100 late fee by registering by July 15th

Make sure to advance child's grade to September grade



FALL GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY GRADES 5-8

Beginner and advanced players welcomed

Avoid \$100 late fee by registering

by July 15th



Adult Co-Ed Soccer

Tues/Thurs 6:30 @ Sickles Park

No registration required



Pilates With Paula

Check out our Pilates class at

9 am on Tuesday mornings

at The Woman's Club! Please bring your own mat,

towel, and water. Taught by

certified instructor Paula.

Free class for LS residents only



Little Silver night at the Blue Claws



Friday, September 9th

Mayor Neff will be throwing out a ceremonial first pitch. Little Silver's own Jackie Rogers will be singing the National Anthem & God Bless America. For tickets: <https://fevo.me/Little-Silver>

Little Silver Creek Band

Thursday, July 28th at 7 pm

Patio behind Borough Hall

Little Silver Creek Band is an original folk rock/bluegrass/ Americana band and consists of members Dave McCarthy (guitar, vocals and harmonica), Jeff Dalton (banjo and vocals), Heidi Sheehan (violin and vocals) and John Rafferty (guitar, harmonica and vocals).



Did you know...?

The Fire Department of Little Silver has been serving the borough since 1906 with 100% volunteer staff.