

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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Message From Mayor

By the time you read this, the LSPD's National Night Out will have been (we're sure) a success, a couple paving projects will have been completed, and the borough will be looking toward the dog days of August and (believe it or not) the start of school in September.

In the meantime, the Borough Council has passed a formal resolution supporting a grant application to fund improvements at Sickles Park, and is discussing a tree-preservation ordinance meant to prevent the wholesale removal of trees prior to a building project.

And of course we've got concerts coming up and events at the Library and Parker Homestead, which has been very active in recent months, and continuing into the fall.

At Sickles Park, the Council is seeking a county grant to fund a substantial portion of the park improvements, including the addition of a scaled-back parking lot adjacent to the playground, and the reconfiguration of the current lot and roadway to make the area safer.

The proposal has been a topic of discussion for several years, and we appreciate the county's consideration of our application to help bring it to fruition.

Regarding the tree ordinance, the Council had a productive public discussion at a recent meeting. All kinds of options were kicked around, including requiring an inexpensive permit to remove a tree more than 6 inches in diameter (or perhaps another size limit) at breast height, and restricting the total percentage of trees that may be removed from a property in some circumstances.

No ordinance has yet been introduced, and neither of the above possibilities were agreed upon. The discussion is likely to continue at future meetings, and we will keep everyone informed.

Next, and because it's August and hurricane season, I have to risk sounding like a broken record (remember records?): please sign up 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 also call borough hall or CodeRed directly at (866) 939-0911 for assistance.

You'll get prompt notification of everything from serious traffic issues, to road closures, to potentially life-saving news and instructions in an emergency.

Doing so will not only protect you and your family, but will assist the LSPD and our volunteer emergency teams, who at this writing planned on hosting one of the town's best community events on August 1 - National Night Out.

Our thanks to everyone for bringing us all together on the fields behind Borough Hall for some food and cool beverages, fire department and EMS demonstrations, crime prevention tips, emergency vehicles, slides, games, a DJ, and more. We hope everyone enjoyed meeting our hard-working, professional, and friendly community police department and volunteers.

Lastly, my yearly reminders at this time: 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, as you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Borough Calendar

Tuesday, August 1st

6:00 pm: National Night Out

Thursday, August 3rd

9:00 am: Municipal Court

7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Saturday, August 5th

10 am- 1 pm: Post Office Museum Open

Tuesday, August 8th

8:00 Recreation Meeting

Monday, August 14th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Thursday, August 17th

9:00 am: Municipal Court

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00 pm Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 24th

7:00 pm Traffic & Safety Meeting

Tuesday, August 29th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Congratulations to the 11U West boys

for capturing the NJ State Title with back-to-back wins over Morristown - an amazing accomplishment for these boys, and the entire Two River community they represent!

Next up - 11U East Regionals in Beverley, MA beginning August 1st against the State Champs from CT, NY, MD, PA, ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, and Washington DC. Good luck boys and continue to play like Champions!

The LS stars of the show:

Carson Christie

Jack Haarsgaard

Tyler Salvo

Braeden Shields

Ned Dobish

Jack Reid

Hudson Sanborn

Jack Shields

Please remember: Dogs **MUST** be on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times in public places

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Please also remember the Parker Homestead, which is open to visitors on Sundays, noon to 4 p.m., with tours led by our hard-working trustees. See the new apple orchard, learn a little about this property dating to 1650, and find out all that's coming up at this historic (although air conditioned) landmark.

The Homestead will also be hosting an antique car show on August 13 from 8 to 2, which is always a family-friendly hit.

And please remember that our recreation department is always busy, as you'll see elsewhere in this message, including a concert by local musical standout The Wag on August 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. on the patio behind borough hall.

As always, borough hall is available to take your calls with questions or concerns (see our new hours posted in this newsletter), 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 cool runnings this August.

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

New Borough Hall Hours

The office hours at Borough Hall will be as follows:



Mon-Wed 8 am to 4 pm
Thursday 8 am to 7 pm
Friday 8 am to 12 pm

Please note the Police Department, Department of Public Works, and the library hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, contact Borough Hall at 732-842-2400. Thank you.

Environmental Commission

Guided Meditation in the Garden

Every Monday from 6 pm- 6:30 pm

Little Silver Community Garden on Harrison Avenue

Free 30-minute community meditation for anyone who wants to start, strengthen, or maintain their meditation/mindfulness practice. Facilitated by local practitioners, this practice will work on reducing stress and providing a sense of calm and balance, all while in a lovely local garden setting.

Please bring a chair or blanket

The Little Silver Environmental Commission continues to encourage folks to take care of the trees on their property. An average mature tree drinks 1000 gallons of water a year (many drink far more) and that is water that doesn't go into our storm drains or onto (or into) our property. Make certain that the mulch at the base of your trees is not mounded (or "volcanoed"), since that keeps the bark constantly moist and fosters decay. We are hopeful that Little Silver will adopt some protections for excessive tree removal. If you want to be involved, please contact your members of council or contact Bonnie Akey of the Environmental Commission at BonW@aol.com

From the Tax Department

Property tax bills were mailed to all residents in mid-July. The 2023 tax rate is 1.800 per \$100 of assessed value. The grace period for the third quarter taxes has been extended to August 18th. 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. Property tax information is available at littlesilver.org under the Pay Taxes icon. Payments can be made in person, by mail, by drop box in the Police vestibule, or online.

Little Silver Night Out at the BlueClaws!

Friday, September 1st

7:05 pm

Watch Police Chief Halpin throw out a first pitch!
 To buy tickets, visit <https://fevo.me/little-silver>
 or scan the QR code below

\$12 Reserved Seats (2 and under free)

\$17 Boardwalk Bundle Tickets (includes reserved seat, hot dog, soda, novelty ice cream, & Boardwalk game ticket)





PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL
"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

COME OUT
AND
MEET YOUR POLICE!!

POLICE · COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

AUGUST 1, 2023
6:00 PM - 9:00PM

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

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January- October

Brush may be put to the curb at any time during this 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 1st through October 31st

Reminder: DO NOT place bamboo to the curb with your brush. It is an invasive species that chokes out native plants and threatens biodiversity. Even though cut, it can grow new roots with the right amount of water and shade, which could cause problems in brush collection locations.

Traffic & Safety Tip

August is National Traffic Awareness Month, and it's time to remind ourselves of the importance of safe driving. First established in 2002, National Traffic Awareness Month has since been a time to raise awareness about traffic safety issues and educate drivers on how to stay safe while on the road.

Encourage Traffic Safety Rules

Encouraging friends and family to adhere to traffic safety rules is a great way to easily participate in National Traffic Awareness Month. This is also a great way to be a responsible citizen and a safe motor vehicle operator.

Pay Attention to the Roads

Whether it's due to your cell phone, other passengers, or the radio, it's easy to become distracted while driving. It's very important to keep your focus on the road at all times to ensure the safety of yourself and others who may be sharing the road with you.



Parker Homestead-1665

The Parker Homestead is now open for tours every Sunday from 12-4 pm

Annual Car Show
 Sunday, August 13th
 8 am- 2 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
- *Monmouth Museum
- *New-York Historical Society
- *The Frick Collection
- *Museum of the American Revolution



Call the library for details.

Library News



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

French Lessons w/ Nathalie Decker

Mondays, 4:00- 5:00 pm (August 7- September 18): Nathalie Decker returns to teach beginning French. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary. No registration is required.

Watercolor Class with Carol Bruno

Wednesday, August 16 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm: Join us for Carol's class when we will learn how to paint a starfish. No experience is necessary, but registration is required. Please call the library to sign up.

Movie Matinee

Thursday, August 17 at 1:00 pm: A plucky 11-year-old named Margaret finds her life on the cusp of change as her family uproots from the heart of the city to a quiet suburban neighborhood. Margaret must then navigate the ups and downs of adolescence. Based on the novel by Judy Blume.

Rated PG-13. Run time is 111 minutes. No registration is required.

Love, Death and Betrayal: The Anna & Vito Genovese Story Presented by John Barrows

Thursday, August 24 at 11:00 am: John Barrows, editor of Monmouth Timeline Inc., will present the life and times of Anna and Vito Genovese and their ties to Monmouth County. No registration is necessary.

Children's Programs:

Registration required for all events; call between 10 am and 5:30 pm. Story time reservations can be made the Thursday before. Please choose one session per week and call if you are unable to attend.

Outdoor Storytime on the Borough Lawn!

*Please bring a beach towel or blanket to sit on

*Storytime will be held indoors in case of inclement weather

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

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 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, August 1, 22, & 29 from 10:15-10:35 Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!

Family Story/Craft Time: ages 2+ (w/ caregiver)

Tuesdays, from 11:00-11:30 am:

August 8: Pineapple Craft

August 22: Craft Closet Cleanout

August 29: LEGO ® Party!- Read a story and free-build something fun!

SPECIAL IN-PERSON EVENTS!

Illustrator visit from Morgan Spicer!- Ages 3+ (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, August 1 from 11-11:30 am: Join local book illustrator and artist, Morgan Spicer! Have fun listening to a story, followed by a special drawing activity!

Yoga Storytime- Ages 3+ (w/caregiver)

Tuesday, August 8 from 10:15- 10:45 am: Join reading specialist and certified yoga teacher Molly Fox, in an interactive mind/body story time with yoga poses, stretches, and deep breathing. Bring a yoga mat/towel and dress to move! Registration required.

Outdoor Bubble Party Fun!- Ages 2+ (w/caregiver)

Tuesday, August 15 from 10:30-11:30 am: Celebrate the summer with an interactive outdoor bubble party! No registration required.

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/BoroughLittleSilver/

Constant Contact:

Text **LITTLESILVER**
to **22828**

Business Hours

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

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

Preschool Yoga Expanding HoriZens Yoga

Wee-Zen Yoga & Creativity
Ages 3-4

Woman's Club

Wednesdays, Sept 13- Oct 18
1-1:45 pm

\$160 Registration Fee

Yoga mats will be provided

Come join us for a fun and healthy activity for the mind, body, and heart. Each week we will have fun while we explore yoga through storytelling, playful poses, games, crafts, imagination, creativity, positive messages, laughter, and relaxation!

Registration on Community Pass

Exercise classes

Available to LS residents at The Woman's Club:

Pilates with Paula: Tuesdays at 9 am

Pilates Plus with Paula: Fridays at 9 am

One time drop in - \$10

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

Registration form available at the class



Save the Dates:

Little Silver Night at the Blue Claws: September 1st
Chief Halpin will throw out a first pitch!

Little Silver 5K
October 1st

Comedy Night w/ Denny Moore: October 6th

Walking Club

Mondays 9:00 am,
Borough Hall
bfleischer@verizon.net
or 732-842-4644

Mah Jong

Thursdays, starting
September 7th from
1-3 pm at the
Woman's Club

Concerts on the Green

The Wag
Thursday, August 24th
7-8:30 pm

Patio behind Borough Hall



Gunk (and other bands TBD)
Thursday, August 31st
6 pm

Patio behind Borough Hall

Tennis

All tennis courts reservations now made at littlesilver.playbypoint.com
PlayByPoint is a free app

Group Paddle Boarding and Kayaking

Love going out on the water but wish you had a group to enjoy it with? Join Billie McNally on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at various locations! This will not be for lessons, but the opportunity to meet new friends and spend time paddling or kayaking with others. (weather permitting)

You must bring your own vessel.

To join the email list or for any questions, please reach out to Billie directly - billiecrawford@hotmail.com



Fall Sports Sponsors Needed! Reach out to Carlye at claido@littlesilver.org if you would like to support our Recreation programs.

Follow Little Silver Recreation on Facebook to stay up to date on activities

Did you know...?

All new firefighters spend 200 plus hours at the fire academy training to become firefighters. Training is provided at no cost and takes approximately five months at either the Middletown Fire Academy or the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Graduating members are NJ State certified firefighters, as well as First Responders.