

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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February 2023

Message From Mayor Neff

Some upcoming projects, three cheers for our police and EMS, and the yearly poetic snapshot of our town mark this month's Message.

As to the projects, the town is considering, and has funding for, improvements at both Santelle Park, and Sickles Park and its entrance.

At Santelle, the proposal includes restrooms, pickleball courts, an extension to the dock, a small shelter for our rescue boat, and some benches along the waterfront; the current parking lot, tennis courts, basketball court and tot lot would remain.

At Sickles, a proposed new parking lot that drew fire two years ago has been altered to preserve trees and bring it further off Rumson Road while still preserving its purpose – eliminating the need for overflow parking across Harrison Avenue (the entrance to Sickles) and the resultant crossing of that busy roadway by children on their way to sporting events on the fields.

In addition, the easterly entrance to the park, off Rumson Road, would be widened and become the only entrance to the park, Sickles Market and the Parker Homestead. The westerly entrance would be closed and become green space.

Both proposals will be discussed at a February 27, 2023 meeting of the Borough Council at 6 p.m., and the public is invited to attend and comment. The intent is to make Sickles Park a safer place, and to enhance our beautiful riverfront park.

As to the accolades, police officer Jack Massaro was recognized for his professional response to a health emergency, de-escalating the situation and enabling EMS to treat a patient at Red Bank Regional High School, where Officer Massaro is the school resource officer.

In addition, Officer Scott Lorensen was appointed Team Leader for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Maritime Emergency Response Team.

And we received a nice call from a resident who was very thankful that our EMS and police not only responded to a call, but that EMS then accompanied the resident during treatment and advocated for her, resulting in the diagnosis of a long-standing issue.

We're thankful for everyone's efforts, and proud of all of our volunteer first responders and police.

Lastly, the snapshot. Here's this year's poetic effort at the January reorganization meeting to look back at 2022 and anticipate events in 2023. The intent is to inform and appreciate – but don't look for it in any great poetry anthologies.

2023 POEM:

China's protests, Putin's missiles, Argentina's brilliant win;
at home, inflation, Musk buys Twitter, and
Southwest's holiday tail spin.

In New Jersey no more COVID orders, and no more
masks in schools;
plastic bags banned, new Parkway tolls, and confusing
marijuana rules.

Closer to home, from Smith to Pallone, a new
congressman's in town;
and across Parkers Creek, Netflix has plans, to bring
Hollywood to Eatontown.

Through it all, we stayed "Little" Silver, thanks to
everyone here tonight,
Our hundredth birthday comes this year, the coolest
town will do it right.

We'll be missing some, of course – Judge Peer, Chief
Webb, Mayor Bruno;
We lost EMSer Judy Dorn last year, and Fire Chief Jim
Jiminaro.

We honor their efforts, by doing what's right, when
serving our small town;
We'll think of them often, recall them fondly, and try
not to let them down.

Retirements also came our way, Sandy Wells, Kim
Jungfer, Dan Shaffery,
Kevin Burke and Chief Paul Halpin have the lead, in
2023.

New hires welcomed all around, Craig Marshall's our
finance guy;
and Gabrielle Cimiluca's in court - stop by and tell her
hi.

The police department said farewell, to Rob
Chenoweth and Michael Lahey;
Senior officers, who will be missed, saving lives, and
protecting us daily.

New to the roster, are three fine officers, bad guys
should be a'feared;
Israel Dunning, and Michael Morgan, and Christopher
Gilmore are here.

Tom Smith, Don Niles, and Chris Faherty, led our
emergency teams last year,
This year Chris is back for more, joined by Anthony
Rocky Nolin and Rob Duncan, we hear.

These volunteers train, they practice and respond,
battling calamity,
So thank you members of our Fire Police, our EMS,
and the LSFJ.

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, February 2nd

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual
7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Saturday, February 4th

10:00 am-1:00 pm: Post Office
Museum Open

Monday, February 6th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Monday, February 13th

Borough Hall & Recycling Yard
Closed

Thursday, February 16th

9:00 am: Municipal Court Virtual

Monday, February 20th

Borough Hall & Recycling Yard
Closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21st

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting
8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission
Meeting

Tuesday, February 28th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission
Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 11th

Fire Dept. St. Patrick's Day Party

To report street light outages,
visit FirstEnergyCorp.com and
click on Request Services (from
the 3-bar menu at the top left)
and then Report Lighting Problem

Constant Contact

Sign up for Constant Contact to
stay in touch with announcements
from Borough Hall!
Text **LITTLESILVER** to **22828** to
get started or sign up on our
website (bottom left of the
main page)

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Do we mention COVID, I guess that we should, it seems to be sticking around; With RSV and the flu, good Lord! - everyone's had something, we've found.

So be courteous, be tolerant, just try not to spread what you've got; Get vaxed if you'd like, get tested, and be sure to wash your hands - a lot.

We fixed stuff this year, a bridge, a train crossing, a trail through the wood; A pedestrian crossing was lit up on Branch, Pinckney was paved and lined as it should.

Creatively financed, we have a new dock, at Santelle Park, come and see; We're shooting for restrooms and pickleball courts there, in 2023.

Parker Homestead won grants, has a kitchen and orchard, and a classroom in one of its barns; Getting WiFi this year, so much more in the works, history lives on Little Silver's old farm.

Our environmentalists won a Bronze award, and twice held environmental day, And Shade Tree cared for our trees, but without, John Heidema, who sadly moved away.

This isn't your father's recreation department, which has baseball and softball and more, But also concerts and courses for adults, Carlye and team are the best at the shore.

Our planners were busy, Colleen helped us through, we've a ten-year plan in place; And this year they'll consider a Dunkin and more, as applications proceed apace.

Our library could sometimes be hot in the summer, and in winter could sometimes be cold; But tweaks and insulation made the climate just right, for Anita and patrons young and old.

Police reached out, gave us coffee with cops, and National Night Out? Great job! So please pay attention when they say lock up your cars! - and PLEASE, remove your fob.

Superstorm Sandy's tenth anniversary, reminded us to sign up for Code Red; Affordable housing was in the works - a property and ordinances, plans moving ahead.

Public Works fixed up the building, we're privileged to be in tonight, "We can do that," Director Gannon says, our guys have the talent, and might.

Paving, and drainage and picking up leaves, installing new water mains too, And building on safety improvements, the defibrillators at our fields are new.

Our schools remained the best in the state, the voters approved in the fall, But Mr. Nolan retired, Pam Albert did too, we'll miss them, they gave us their all.

We'll miss Janice as well, after years in the courts, and AJ serving in finance, On the council Mrs. Thygeson vacated her seat, Doug Christensen's taking a chance.

Now with Don and Mike, and Kevin and Doug, and Stephanie and Chris, Our council's got new blood AND experience, a combo that just can't miss.

So we wish all of you Happy New Year, and this year Happy Birthday as well, Little Silver's the best - hey, you've tried all the rest - we'll make more great stories to tell.

On behalf of the entire Borough Council, we wish everyone a safe winter season. Please do not hesitate to call Borough Hall with any questions at (732) 842-2400, or reach out to me directly at bobneff80@gmail.com, or my home phone, (732) 576-8595.

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

Environmental Commission

COMMUNITY GARDEN

It may not look like it outside right now, but it won't be long until the 2023 gardening season is in full swing again. Community Garden plots are assigned annually on a first-come, first-serve basis for a \$50 annual fee. Previous plot-holders have first choice to participate again but must sign up between February 14th and March 1st. On March 2nd, any unclaimed plots will be open to new applicants.

Information and applications will be available on our website under "Forms" and in Borough Hall beginning February 10th.

Turn in application with payment by mail or bring into Borough Hall at 480 Prospect Avenue.

2023 Little Silver Environmental Day
Saturday, March 25th from 9 AM-12 PM
Women's Club of Little Silver
111 Church Street in Little Silver

Mark your calendars! Paper shred truck, electronics recycling, gently used clothing for upcycling, composting workshop, and more! Compost bins available for \$35 purchase; however, preorder is needed. Email Bonnie Akey bonw@aol.com and pick up bins on 3/25.

If interested in having a table at the event, please contact Bonnie Akey at bonw@aol.com by 3/15.

Electronic Waste Collection - "anything with a cord",

Used Clothing Collection- The Mission of Trenton will be collecting gently used clothing.

Sneaker Collection- LS Woman's Club will be collecting used, good condition sneakers

Document Shredding—by SafeGuard Document Destruction providing on site residential document destruction.

Notice from the Tax Office:

Property taxes are **due February 1st** with a 10-day grace period. Payments must be received in office by Thursday, February 10th to avoid incurring interest. **Payment Options:**

- Mail tax payment to:
Borough of Little Silver
Attn: Tax Collector's Office
480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739
- * A drop box is available in the Police Vestibule; open 24 hours
- * Utilize online bill pay with your Financial Institution.
- * Online at the Borough's website, littlesilver.org. Please be advised there are fees associated with paying on the Borough's website.

The tax Department cannot accept post-dated checks due to State Statute. Please date your check accordingly. Thank you.

NJ ANCHOR Program filing dateline has been extended until February 28, 2023. For more information, **call: 877-658-2972** or visit: Nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush only: January- 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 1st through October 31st



Little Silver is Turning 100!

The Borough of Little Silver is turning 100 this year! Parker Homestead will be hosting a champagne toast to the Borough at 2 pm on March 19th. The town will be celebrating June 24, 2023. If you would like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting will on **February 23 at 7 pm in Borough Hall**. For questions, email LittleSilver100@gmail.com

Little Silver Shovelers

Volunteers needed! If you are interested in helping out or need help with shoveling, call **732-383-5017** or email littleilverhelpers@gmail.com



Parker Homestead-1665

Parker Homestead will be closed for January, February, and March due to unpredictable weather.

Traffic & Safety Tip

On Super Bowl Sunday, Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Only one team wins Super Bowl, but if you drive drunk, you lose. Everyone should know by now that it is illegal to drive impaired. In 2020, there were 11,654 people killed in drunk-driving crashes. Drunk driving can have a range of consequences, including the possibility of causing a traumatic crash. These crashes could cause you, someone you love, or a total stranger to suffer serious injuries or even death.

Responsible behavior

BEING A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER IS SIMPLE: IF YOU ARE DRINKING, DO NOT DRIVE.

1. Plan your safe ride home before you start the party; choose a non-drinking friend as a designated driver
2. If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and help them arrange a sober ride home.
3. If you drink, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, ride-hailing service, or a sober friend
4. If you're hosting a party where alcohol will be served, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
5. Always wear your seat belt- it's your best defense against impaired drivers.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

Library News

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

Adult Program: French Lessons with Nathalie Decker
Mondays, February 6, 13, 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm
 French lessons for beginners continue through February.

Movie Matinee

Wednesday, February 16 at 1 pm

Join us for a rom-com set in Bali starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney.

Tween Program (Grades 5+): DIY Valentines

Wednesday, Feb. 8, Thursday, Feb. 9, Friday, Feb. 10 after school

Stop by the library after school to create your own Valentine's Day card and decorations. Bring your creativity. All supplies will be provided. No prior registration is required.

Children's Programs:

Please note: Times have changed. Due to the popularity of toddler story time, a second session has been added.

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

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

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 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, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 10:15-10:35 am OR 11:00-11:20 am

Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!

Indoor Family Story/Craft Time: ages 4+ (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, February 14 at 3:30 pm: Valentine Hearts craft

Tuesday, February 21 at 3:30 pm: Snowy Day craft

Tuesday, February 28 at 3:30 pm: Mittens craft

Take' N Make Crafts

Seasonally themed kits, available in the children's room.

Special Events!

Read to a Dog: All ages welcome (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, February 7 from 3:30- 5 pm

Grab a good book and come read to a therapy dog at the library!

After registering, you'll receive a time slot; please arrive 10 minutes early to pick out a book.

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
- Monmouth Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- New-York Historical Society



Call the library for details.

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/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

Adult Sports Available!

Adult Soccer

Thursdays
9pm – 10pm at Point Road School

Adult Volleyball

Thursdays
8pm – 10pm at Markham Place School

Adult Basketball

Mondays & Wednesdays
8pm – 10pm at Point Road School
No registration required.

Kayak/SUP Racks at Santelle Park!

32 spots available for LS residents only. Register by Feb. 28. Spots will be assigned via a lottery system on March 1. You may store your kayak/SUP from March 15 – Nov 15; any vessel left behind will be removed by the Borough. Placement of a kayak or SUP at Santelle Park is done at the owner's risk; the Borough assumes no responsibility. **One registration per household.** Visit our website or the following link to enter the lottery: <https://bit.ly/3wpAtWM>

Walking Club

Mondays 10 am, Borough Hall
bfleischer@verizon.net or 732-842-4644

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

Cardio, Core, & More: Contact cmthygeson@gmail.com for info & schedule. Virtual sessions available.



Summer Rec Counselor Applications now being

accepted until March 15th. Applicants must have completed 9th grade and be available the entire six week camp from June 26- August 4. Work experience with children highly recommended. Applications available online under the Summer Rec tab on the recreation website: <http://littlesilver.org/ls/recreation/>

Easter Egg Hunt

March 25th (Rain date March 26th)
9 am- 12 pm
Sign up available in March

Tennis

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

Summer Rec

Registration will begin June 1st.

Thank you to the community for showing up to our Blood Drive in January! Thanks to you, the Red Cross collected 35 units of blood from 32 donors. We are looking to schedule another drive soon, so be on the lookout! Thank you again LS! -Jamie Fleming and Lydia Jain

BOROUGH WIDE GARAGE SALE MAY 6TH AND 7TH



The Borough will be holding its second town-wide **Garage Sale Weekend May 6th and 7th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Residents will not be required to obtain a permit for the event but will need to call Borough Hall at 732-842-2400 to register their address. *All condominium, townhome, and estate residents must first contact their management/associations for prior approval.* The Borough will advertise the event in The Two River Times, on Facebook, Constant Contact, Electronic sign and the Borough website. Maps of all registered addresses will be available at Borough Hall, the Library and on the Borough website two days prior to the event. **Registration will be from April 1st through April 30th.** Registrations received after the 30th will not be included on the map.

Did you know ...?



Little Silver's first police officer and Chief of Police was Fred Ziegler; he served as chief from 1930-1960. Chief Ziegler's first official borough police vehicle was a motorcycle, as seen in this undated photo.