

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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July 2023

Message From Mayor

Please forgive the brevity of this Message. It's been a busy few weeks.

First, of course, a huge **THANK YOU to all our volunteers**, employees, committees, sponsors, our volunteer emergency services and many others for making our **100th Birthday Celebration a huge success.**

It started with a parade under blue skies, segued to drenching rain and thunderstorms for an hour, and then to a sunny, beautiful several hours of fun, food, music, and games, culminating in one of the longest fireworks displays I've ever seen.

If you see **Councilwoman Stephanie Brannagan**, who spearheaded this effort, or any of the members of her sprawling team, please thank them for a job well done.

One nice outgrowth of the celebration: the Little Silver Endowment Fund has a bit of money in the bank to kick off its efforts to fund borough projects that might otherwise not get done.

For a hundred years, we've indeed been fortunate, and have lots to be thankful for. On to the next hundred years!

Next, from last year's Message: 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.

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 and their pets; 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!**

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.

At RBR, it was a privilege to present **Paige Kelly with a resolution honoring her accomplishment as the graduate from Little Silver with the highest grade point average.** She's off to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall, and we're guessing that playing lacrosse is on her list of things to do.

These students all spent two years of their educations under the strictures of a pandemic, so we extend to them a special congratulations for their resilience and perseverance, and wish them all the best for the future.

As we move forward into some hot summer days, 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 Sunday 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 Wag** on August 24 behind Borough Hall at 7 p.m., and **National Night out on August 1**, between 6 and 9 p.m. behind Borough Hall.

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Borough Calendar

Tuesday, July 4th

Boro Offices and Recycling Yard Closed for Independence Day

Thursday, July 6th

7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, July 13th

9:00 am: Municipal Court

Monday, July 17th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Thursday, July 20th

9:00 am: Municipal Court

Tuesday, July 25th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 26th

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting



Golden Resident Betty Hansen (106 yrs)

Thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, and participants for a great 100th Anniversary Celebration!



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Details on both events are elsewhere in this newsletter.

And last, our 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. It's basic courtesy.

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish you the best that the Two River area 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

Message from the Borough Engineer:

Relocating your sump pump discharge to your yard? Borough ordinance prohibits the piping of sump pumps discharge through the curb onto the street. Sump pumps must discharge onto your property and must be at least 10 feet from any property line. Please be mindful of your neighbors and avoid discharging directly toward your side property line. All discharge points should ideally be in your front or rear yard lawn area allowing the water to cascade across the lawn area.

Save the Date: **National Night Out**
 August 1st from 6-9 pm
 Behind Borough Hall/Markham Place Fields

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| Free food and beverages | Slides |
| Fire Department demonstrations | Games |
| EMS | DJ |
| Crime Prevention Tips | Emergency Vehicles |

Come out and meet our police officers!



Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission has completed a rain garden adjacent to Challenger Field. If you're in the area, stop by to admire our work and if you see any weeds or stray grass, feel free to help us maintain it. It was a real community volunteer effort. Thanks to all who helped us. We have been working for several years on some sort of tree preservation in Little Silver that would align our mission with other neighboring municipalities. If you're interested in promoting this, please reach out to the EC at BonW@aol.com

Guided Meditation in the Garden
Every Monday starting June 5th 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

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.

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. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 732-219-0812 if you have any questions.

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

Summer Driving Hazards:

- *Summer construction brings increased traffic
- *Motorcycles on the move
- *Bicyclists can be hard to predict
- *Distracted pedestrians
- *Summer vacationers driving with overloaded vehicles with obstructed windows



Parker Homestead-1665

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

SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENTS!

Minecraft Mania presents...Fairytale Fun! – Grades 3 – 5

Compete in a series of games, challenges, and activities via live Zoom with TD3 Innovative Gaming! No prior experience needed. Please register for ONE fairytale adventure; Zoom links will be emailed to registered participants.

Jack and the Beanstalk: Monday, July 24 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Register on the Monmouth County Library’s Kids page slideshow at www.monmouthcountylib.org beginning July 17.

The Big Bad Wolf: Monday, July 31 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Register on the Monmouth County Library’s Kids page slideshow at www.monmouthcountylib.org beginning July 24.

Library News



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

Adult Program: Mah Jongg Classes have ended for the summer. Stay tuned for fall updates.

Summer Reading Challenges for readers of all ages through August 15th! Get the FREE Beanstack Tracker app OR go to monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org to register or sign into an existing account and start reading/listening to earn rewards! Preschoolers: Join the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* challenge and log books simultaneously to reach both goals! Adults, please stop by the library to pick up your bookmark. Read 5 books and receive a book light.

Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division Presents Mosquitos and Ticks

Wednesday, July 19 at 11:00 am: Biologist Marissa Mascaro, Monmouth County Mosquito Control, will educate us about control and elimination of mosquitos and ticks around the home. Learn about the diseases mosquitos and ticks can cause. No registration is necessary.

Movie Matinee

Thursday, July 20 at 1:00 pm: Join us for this feel good movie that centers on a basketball team training and competing in the Special Olympics under the guidance of an imperfect but dedicated coach Marcus. Rated PG-13. Run time 123 mins. No registration is required.

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

Tuesdays, July 11, 18, & 25 from 9:30- 9:50 am

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

Toddler Tales: Ages 18 months-3.5 years (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, July 25 from 10:15-10:35 Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!

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

Tuesday, July 25 at 11:00-11:20 am: Listen to an ocean-themed story and decorate a seashell!

SPECIAL IN-PERSON EVENTS!

Shark Week Storytime... and more!- Ages 3+ (w/ caregiver)

Tuesday, July 11 from 10:15- 10:45 am: Enjoy shark themed stories and learn all about these amazing creatures! A guest visitor will answer questions and display real shark teeth!

Snapology Indoor STEM Playtime- Ages 2+ (w/caregiver)

Tuesday, July 11 from 11:00- 11:45 am: Engage in creative, educational play with DUPLO® blocks while building preschool skills!

Stage a Story presents Swimmy by Leo Lionni- Ages 3+ (w/caregiver)

Tuesday, July 18 from 10:30-11:15 am: Read, imagine, and perform it, outdoors! Kids can be part of the story time experience!

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

Fall soccer grades K-8 Flag Football grades K-4 Girls Field Hockey grades 5-8

Be sure to advance child's grade to
September's grade

All registration ends July 15th
<https://bit.ly/3MGIFvQ>

Growing Gems, LLC

Summer Creativity Workshops
for children

Join us after Summer Rec at The
Woman's Club until 2 pm. We will
be walking over together for lunch
and art making.

July 10, 11, 12- Third Grade
July 17, 18, 19- Fourth Grade
July 31, August 1, 2- Fifth Grade

We will provide a unique, creative
arts experience fostering self-
expression and enhancing creativity
development through art-making
and group processing!

Please bring a bagged lunch.

\$150 registration fee
Limited space available

Concerts on the Green

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

Patio behind Borough Hall



Tennis

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

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



Blood Drive

Thursday
July 13
1-6 pm
Woman's Club



Book an appt at
<https://tinyurl.com/givebloodls>

Walking Club

Mondays 9:30 am,
Borough Hall
bfleischer@verizon.net
or 732-842-4644

Future Bucs Basketball Camp

July 24-27
9 am-12 pm
RBR Fieldhouse
\$160/player

Boys and Girls
incoming 2nd-8th
graders

Free t-shirt and
basketball for every
player!

For more info,
contact RBR Varsity
Head Coach George
Sourlis at
gsourlis@gmail.com



Program not affiliated
with RBRHS BOE

Future Bucs Co-Ed Soccer

August 7-10

9 am- 12 pm

RBR Varsity Soccer Field
\$115/player
Grades 4-8

W/ Varsity coaches Ashley
Rosenberg and Adam
Merklinger
Register on Community Pass

Program not affiliated with RBRHS BOE

Future Bucs Girls Basketball

July 17-20

K-2nd grade: 9 am-10 am
3rd -8th grade: 10 -11:30 am
RBR Fieldhouse

\$55/player for week OR
\$25/player for day drop in
W/ Varsity Coach JT Truhan
To register, email Carlye at
claido@littlesilver.org

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Did you know...?

In the late 1800's, Little Silver was a summer vacation town with resort homes and hotels on Little Silver Point Road. Summer visitors would come from New York on the Patten Line steamboats, which would dock at the end of Little Silver Point Road. The vacationers would enjoy swimming in the Shrewsbury River. Many early houses in Little Silver were only suited for summer living and had to be later converted to be suitable for year-round living.