

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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June 2023

Message From Mayor Neff

A squelched bamboo fire, the brave rescue of a drowning pup, a promising new police officer, the retirement of one of our long-time, well-known public works employees, and an ambitious upgrade to our sewerage infrastructure make the news this month.

And wasn't there something else? Oh yes, right –

WE'RE HAVING A BIG 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 24th! As if you didn't know ...

Councilwoman Stephanie Brannagan, her team of volunteers, all of our volunteer services and borough departments, and others have been hard at work putting together the party that will mark Little Silver's voyage into its second century as the special little family town that it is.

Food and drink, games, activities for all ages, music by some terrific local talent, a fireworks display, and more will mark the big event on the fields behind Borough Hall, scheduled to begin after the opening parade, which steps off at 3 p.m.

Little Silver residents past and present are welcome. Sponsorships are still available. Find out more elsewhere in this newsletter, and at littlesilver100.com. See you there!

One of the departments that has been especially busy preparing for the big celebration is **Public Works**. One resident and veteran public works employee, however, will be able to just enjoy the event – this time, others will be doing the prep work.

Nick Hubbard, a long-time resident, former Fire Chief (how many years, Nick?) and for many years the big man you may most frequently have seen operating the tall loader picking up brush and limbs, has retired after 38 years with the department.

Please wish Nick well when you see him, along with his wife Cathy, son Nick Jr. and daughter Melissa. Nick's efforts, sometimes under harsh conditions, have helped our DPW make Little Silver a safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable place to live. Congratulations!

Over at the Police Department, **new officer Matthew McGrady** has joined the LSPD, bringing

the department to a full complement of officers.

Officer McGrady has a bachelor's degree in business from Rutgers University, began his policing career in Spring Lake (he was born and raised in Spring Lake Heights), and most recently worked as a full-time Class II officer for the Colts Neck Police Department.

Chief Paul Halpin Welcomed Officer McGrady at his recent swearing-in ceremony, where he was surrounded by family and colleagues.



The chief noted Officer McGrady's exceptional skills, unwavering dedication and genuine compassion. Please welcome Officer McGrady when you see him around town.

Regarding the fire department, many of you noticed the relatively tall flames from the **bamboo fire** near Prospect and Point in May. **The LSPD, EMS and Fire Police responded**, and the department was able to knock down the fire without damage to property.

Thanks to our professional volunteers, and back up from surrounding towns, for your quick response and willingness to put yourselves in harm's way to keep us safe.

And not just us – our pets, too.

One of our **fire department's cadets, Brady Walsh**, recently pulled a drowning German Shepard mix named Loki from the frigid waters of the Navesink River, saving Loki's life.

Brady, 17 and a junior at RBR, initially jumped in and swam out to him, but realizing he might end up needing a rescue himself – this was in March - swam back to shore and procured a paddleboard, and returned to the water to retrieve Loki and bring him safely to shore. Both were exhausted and seriously chilled.

Brady was honored with his own day, as proclaimed by County Commissioner Ross Licitra (also the executive director of the SPCA) at a recent Borough Council meeting, and with a resolution from the Borough Council. And the 200 Club will honor Brady and others at an upcoming dinner.

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, June 1st

9:00 am: Municipal Court

7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th

Primary Election Day

Monday, June 12th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th

8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Thursday, June 15th

9:00 am: Municipal Court

Tuesday, June 20th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Saturday, June 24th

3 pm - 9 pm: LS 100th Anniversary Parade and Celebration

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Post Office Museum Open

Monday, June 26th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting



Congratulations to all
Little Silver 2023
Graduates!

SAVE THE DATE

June 24th
Little Silver's 100th
Anniversary Celebration!

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We're proud of Brady and all our volunteer cadets in town. Thinking Brady might be a good candidate for the new **Swiftwater Rescue team** put together by the LSF and EMS.

And the sewerage project? As many of you know, the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority has for some time been planning the **replacement of a major interceptor line running under Pleasure Bay** from Oceanport to the sewerage treatment plant in Monmouth Beach.

The installation, to be run in an 8-foot diameter tunnel 90 feet under the bay, is part of an \$111,180,000 upgrade of lines and pump stations that is scheduled to begin this month with the staging of equipment.

The project, which has been in the planning since the discovery of a cracked pump station wall after Superstorm Sandy, is funded through a very low interest program established with state and federal funds. It is scheduled to be complete in mid-2026.

This badly-needed upgrade is likely to require the first increase in rates to residents in the Authority's member towns (Little Silver is one) in 22 years, from \$360 a year to \$400 a year in 2024. The TRWRA is keeping the Borough informed, and we will pass along any news as the project proceeds.

As we move toward summer, our **Library** has lots planned. This air conditioned, wi-fi ready facility – with a beautiful patio looking out onto our fields - is such a hot bed of activity I don't even know where to begin – books and periodicals, of course, but also presentations, classes, movies, museum passes, clubs – something for everyone, of every age.

If you haven't been, please stop in and say hi to Anita and her crew, get a library card, and find out what you've been missing.

And please also remember our **Parker Homestead** – Keith Wells and his team schedule regular tours, events, lectures, and more. The second floor is now restored, the barns are open – one housing a premier classroom – and the Homestead has regular summer hours.

Please visit parkerhomestead1665.org for more information. And while at this national historic site dating to 1665, please visit the pond and walk the adjacent wooded trails.

Looking back to May, there were many successful events, including a **town-wide garage sale; Student Government Day; our Memorial Day parade and ceremony; and the Ridge Road Run for Suicide Awareness.**

As always, after recognizing those who lost their lives in battle, including seven from Little Silver, on Memorial Day, please remember the heroism of Little Silver resident and **Air Force Captain Thomas B. McDerby**. Thirty five years ago, he and his crew were killed when their jet tanker crashed near the former Howard Air Force Base in Panama. He was 29 years old and had steered his failing craft away from a village, likely saving many lives.

Captain McDerby was not killed in battle, and therefore technically is not one of those honored on Memorial Day, so please take a moment and reflect on the perils of military service, even in peacetime. We are proud that Captain McDerby called Little Silver home.

Lastly, at the risk of being repetitive, every household and business should be signed up to receive **emergency alerts**. If you are not enrolled, PLEASE go to www.littlesilver.org and click on **Two River Alert** under the **Emergency Services** directory at the top of the page, or call (866) 939-0911 or borough hall for assistance.

June is the official start of hurricane season, so please get that done.

On behalf of the Governing Body, all the best for a happy and healthy summer season, and congratulations to all our graduates! 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

100
years

Little Silver is Turning 100!

Little Silver is turning 100 and we will be celebrating on Saturday, **June 24, 2023!**

Don't miss your chance to buy Little Silver Anniversary merchandise! The town is offering commemorative t-shirts, cups, blankets and more. To buy the celebratory merchandise, go to www.littlesilver100.com
Parade kicks off at 3:00 pm, followed by a big celebration at 4:00 pm behind Borough Hall

Environmental Commission

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

The first (we're hoping there will be more) **rain garden has been installed** on Little Silver property. It was done with a grant from ANJEC and a lot of help from our DPW, as well as community residents and businesses. It's at the entrance to Challenger Field and if you haven't seen it, go take a look. It was a real town/team effort.

Our **Community Garden** is at capacity and up and running. Most gardeners have begun to plant their "crops" A huge thank you to our DPW who have taken on the task (after 8 years of garden volunteers) of mowing the common unplanted areas. It looks great in there. The second graders from Point Road School came on May 19th and planted their pollinator gardens. Sickles donated flats of marigolds and cosmos for their gardens. They look great and attract bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. We're pretty proud and we invite you to visit. The only thing we ask is that you close all gates tightly behind you. We have state of the art fencing to keep critters out and opening the gates invites them in.

Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker!

Earn \$300 per election for June Primary Election or November General Election. Must be a Monmouth County Registered Voter.

For more info, call 732-431-7802 x 7150

Pie Baking Contest

Saturday, June 24th

To enter, email LittleSilverWomensClub@gmail.com by 6/10/23

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

Traffic & Safety Tip

Summer is here, which means more children walking and on bikes. Please make sure your child understands the rules for crossing the street.

Rules to cross the street safely:

- Find a safe crosswalk.** Teach your child to look for a marked crosswalk. If they can't find a marked crosswalk, have them find corners with stop signs where drivers already have to stop.
- Utilize the electronic crosswalk signs whenever available.** Show your child how to press the button and wait for cars to stop.
- Never cross if a car is parked too close to the intersection.**
- Never cross between parked cars.** Drivers can't see your child.
- Show your child how to wait patiently.**
- Cross the street without your phone or ear buds.** Our eyes and ears need to be ready to look and listen for cars and phone and ear buds distract from that.
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners,** using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.



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.

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

Tuesday, June 13 at 3:30 pm: Fabulous Fish

Tuesday, June 20 at 3:30 pm: Ocean Scene

Tuesday, June 27 at 3:30 pm: LEGO® Party! Story & free-build

SPECIAL IN- PERSON EVENTS!

Author Visit from Matty Guiliano- Ages 5 and up (w/caregiver)

Tuesday, June 6 2 from 3:30- 4:45 pm: Matty Guiliano, author of My Name is Musky, will drop by to talk about writing, his books, and his ferret!

Pease and Carrots Band- All Ages (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesday, June 13 from 9:30- 10 am OR 10 am- 10:30 am: Enjoy the music while singing, dancing, and clapping along!

Library News



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

Adult Program: Beginning Mah Jongg Classes

Every Monday, from 1:00-3:00 pm: Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Mah Jongg? Join us every Monday afternoon to learn how from Mary Tokanos. No prior registration or knowledge is necessary.

Felt Flower Workshop with artist Abigail Rumph

Thursday, June 15 at 1:00 pm: Learn how to create your own felt flower. Abby will teach us how to make a felt rose. All materials will be provided, and no experience is necessary. Glue guns will be used. Please call the library at 732-747-9649 to register and space and supplies are limited.

Caregiver Preservation & Self Care Facilitated by Kat Verdi, Certified Caregiver Coach

Friday, June 16 at 11:00 am: The objective of this stimulating workshop is for caregivers to *relax* and step away from their everyday responsibilities and turn their attention to a canvas, a paint brush, color palette and create! You may share the triumphs, the challenges, the disappointments, the accomplishments or simply a place to vent and reset to carry on one day at a time. Kat will end the session with an Expressive Meditation & Healing Art Session. Please call the library at 732-747-9649 to register as space and supplies are limited. Class is 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Four Amazing Geniuses from Little Silver, with John Barrows

Thursday, June 22 at 11:00 am: John R. Barrows, editor of MonmouthTimeline.org, the illustrated history of Monmouth County, will take a look at four overlooked yet amazing geniuses who all called Little Silver home: the father of radio astronomy, the inventor of the silicon solar cell, the foremost breeder of hybrid plants in the history of American horticulture and a woman who broke stereotypes while winning awards and dozens of patents related to military photography. Let's celebrate the 100th anniversary of Little Silver and learn about some of our own brilliant inventors!

Movie Matinee

Wednesday, June 21 at 1:00 pm: Four sisters learn about love, life, and loss as they grow through their young womanhood against the backdrop of post-Civil War America. At the heart of the family is the headstrong Jo who aspires, above all else, to forge her own path. Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott.

Tween Crafternoon (Grades 5+): Decoupage a Trinket Tray

Thursday, June 8 at 3:00 pm: Let's get creative and decoupage a seashell with a decorative napkin to create a one-of-a-kind trinket tray. Registration is required as supplies are limited.

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, June 6, 13, 20, & 27 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, June 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 10:15-10:35 am OR

11:00-11:20 am Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!

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/

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

Summer **basketball**
Free girls' **softball** clinic-Mon nights

Fall soccer, field hockey, & flag football

All registration begins June 1st
<https://bit.ly/3MGJFyQ>

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.

June 26, 27,28- Second Grade
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

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

All Pilates classes through June 10 will be held at the Markham Place Gazebo, weather permitting

Cardio, Core, & More with Corrine: Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Virtual sessions available.



Blood Drive

Thursday, July 13

1-6 pm

Woman's Club



Book an appt at

<https://tinyurl.com/givebloodls>



Summer Rec

Registration is now open!

<https://bit.ly/3MGJFyQ>

Tennis

All tennis courts reservations now made at

littlesilver.playbypoint.com

PlayByPoint is a free app

Walking Club

Mondays 9:30 am, Borough Hall.

bfleischer@verizon.net

or 732-842-4644

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.

A note to the Little Silver Community...

As I begin my retirement after 25 years working as the school nurse at Markham Place, I would like to thank all of you. The opportunity to be part of your children's lives has been immeasurably rewarding for me. It is so amazing to watch them grow from little fifth graders to ready for high school- eighth graders. I miss them all very much.

I also wanted to thank you for supporting me through personal challenges and the nightmare that was COVID.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to engage in conversations with your adolescents frequently. Social media is challenging for our kids.

Their safety and self-esteem are often threatened by online dangers. They may seem like they think they know everything, but they are dearly hoping for guidance and encouragement.

Take good care,
Laura Redmond

Some of Little Silver's early families and businesses include:

The Parkers: Joseph and Peter Parker originally settled the area, and their original homestead at 235 Rumson Road has been declared a state historic site.

The Sickles: Harold and Elsie Sickles acquired land and opened a wholesale truck farm in 1908. The land was acquired from Harold's mother, who was related to the Parkers. Transitioning from seasonal to year-round in 1998, Sickles Market is today a successful specialty garden and food market.

Little Silver Bottle Shop: Established in 1944, the iconic wine & spirits shop is the oldest continually-running retail business in the borough.

Did you know...?