

Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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May 2023

Message From Mayor Neff

A new police officer, two new firemen, a budget, and the funding (without impacting the tax rate) of improvements at Santelle Park marked April, with our Memorial Day Parade, a key road closure, and other happenings coming up in May.

And of course, next month, our 100th birthday celebration, with opportunities for sponsorships and the on-line ability to purchase memorabilia in full swing.

So yup, just a little bit going on here in our small town.

First, our **new police officer, Charito Cintron**, who is bilingual: she is a graduate of the Academy of Law and Public Safety, served as a Class II special officer in Avon-By-The-Sea, and has a BA from Montclair State University in Family Science and Human Development, with a double minor in Criminal Justice and Families.

Chief Paul Halpin and the governing body officially welcomed Officer Cintron at her swearing in, attended by friends, family, and distinguished guests. We're very proud to have her, as we are of all of our officers; please extend a warm welcome when you see her around town!



And down the street at the **Fire Department**, two new candidates completed the 196 hours of training required to become a fire fighter: residents **Chase Nicholl and Bill Nitto**.

Many residents don't realize that becoming a firefighter requires such extensive training prior to state certification – and the amount of continued training and practicing required of firefighters once they're on the job.

Little Silver is very fortunate to have these two new firefighters on our all-volunteer squad, so please welcome them if you have the opportunity.

Next, the governing body passed the **2023 municipal purposes budget** in April, following a public hearing.

As reported last month, despite having to deal with more than \$759,000 in cost increases in areas the Borough has very little control over, we were able to leverage prior budgetary cost savings, efficiencies, and attrition to offset almost half the increase to reduce the impact to our residents as much as possible.

With the overall projected increase in property valuation, the municipal tax rate (about 23 percent of your total tax bill) will again decrease this year from 0.422 in 2022 to approximately 0.405 in 2023, meaning that the average property valued at \$790,000 will see a tax decrease of \$134.30, assuming the value remained unchanged. If its value increases at the average rate the Borough is projected to increase for 2023, the owner of the average-priced property valued at \$790,000 in Little Silver would pay about \$164 more this year in municipal purposes taxes.

The overall tax rate will be calculated once the remaining components of your total tax bill (including both school districts and the county) are finalized. Thanks to our Finance Committee, departments heads, our Borough Administrator and Borough CFO for their diligent efforts during this months-long process.

In other Council business, the governing body put the funding in place (using grants and our existing Open Spaces fund in order to avoid a tax impact) for **significant improvements at Santelle Park**, including restrooms, pickle ball courts, additions to the dock, and other upgrades.

We don't presently have a start time for this work, but will keep you updated as the project proceeds.

As to the **BIG PARTY**, please check the **100th Birthday** website at littlesilver100.com or its Facebook page for sponsorship opportunities at several different levels, and to purchase souvenir merchandise such as blankets and prints to help fund the effort.

And please remember to calendar the event, to be held on the fields behind Borough Hall on June 24, 2023, with a rain date of June 25. Food, music, fireworks and more!

Next, a sewerage authority project will result in the **closure of Silverside Avenue at the railroad crossing** for up to a week, presently scheduled to begin May 1. Sometimes these start dates can change at the last minute, so please keep an eye out on the borough website, Facebook page, Constant Contact and emergency alerts for potential changes in the time, and for detour information.

The authority will be repaving Silverside and Oceanport Avenue curb-to-curb once this extensive repair (extending under the railroad tracks) is completed and has time to settle.

Also in May: the annual drive by our friendly letter carriers to **help the hungry**. You can help the **National Association of Letter Carriers** by putting a bag with

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Borough Calendar

Thursday, May 4th

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

Saturday, May 6th

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

Monday, May 8th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th

8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th

7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Thursday, May 18th

9:00 am: Municipal Court

Monday, May 24th

7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 24th

7:00 pm: Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 25th

7:00 pm: Traffic Safety Meeting

Monday, May 29th

Boro Office and Recycling Yard closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30th

8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

May 6th & 7th
Town-wide Garage Sale

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

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non-perishable food items by your mailbox on May 13, 2023.

Your letter carrier will deliver the items to a local food bank. Over the years, this national drive has collected more than 1.67 billion pounds of food, so please help if you can.

Lastly, a couple seasonal reminders.

First, this is **tick season**, so after enjoying our walking trails, fields, and parks, please remember to check yourself, the little ones and pets for these parasites.

If you have questions or want to get a tick tested for disease, our County Commissioners have posted lots of information and answers to frequently asked questions on their website. Go to co.monmouth.nj.us, and search on 'ticks' in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Secondly, **hurricane season** begins next month. Please be sure you are signed up or emergency alerts: click on littlesilver.org to sign up or call boro hall for assistance. The alerts can be life-saving in an emergency, so please don't delay. Here is some additional helpful information on storm preparedness: <https://nj.gov/njoem/plan-prepare/your-kit-plan.shtml>

In closing, as we approach Memorial Day, please remember our men and women in uniform, and especially the **young men from Little Silver who lost their lives in battle**: Richard L.J. Conner and Henry G. Woodruff in World War I; John R. Toomey, a paratrooper killed during the Rhine jump in World War II; Tom Firth, who died in a gun battle in South Vietnam in 1965; Jordi Grez, who was killed by an IED in Iraq in 2005; and Tinker Dorn of Shrewsbury, killed by sniper fire in South Vietnam, and whose brother Dan, a Little Silver resident for many years and a U.S. Marine, assists in our ceremony.

And of course, please come to our **Memorial Day parade**, stepping off at Willow Deli at 8:30 on Memorial Day, culminating in our Memorial Day ceremony at Memorial Park. We hope to see you there.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish you all the best at this time of year. 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

New Borough Hall Hours

Effective May 1st, we will be instituting a pilot program which we believe will be more convenient and beneficial to our residents by adding evening hours one night per week. The office hours at Borough Hall will be as follows:

Monday-Wednesday 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 are not impacted by this program and their hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, contact Borough Hall at 732-842-2400. Thank you.

Pie Baking Contest

Saturday, June 24th

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



Parker Homestead-1665

Weekend in Old Monmouth tour
May 6 and 7 from 11am- 4 pm

Presentation on Julian Abele, a groundbreaking but little known African-American architect who designed The Great Hall at Monmouth University and much of Duke University.

May 15 at 2 pm
Parker Home open 1-4 pm

Annual Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County Car Show

May 20 from 9 am- 1 pm
Parker Home will be open for tours



Little Silver is Turning 100!

Don't miss your chance to be a Little Silver 100th Anniversary sponsor!

Little Silver is turning 100 and will be celebrating on Saturday, June 24, 2023. There are a variety of sponsorship opportunities available to participate and support our town! To purchase a sponsorship, go to www.littlesilver100.com **Don't miss your chance to buy Little Silver Anniversary merchandise!** As Little Silver gets ready to celebrate its 100th Anniversary, the town is offering commemorative t-shirts, cups, blankets and more. To buy the celebratory merchandise, go to www.littlesilver100.com. If you would like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting will on **May 25th at 7 pm in LS Woman's Club**. For questions, email LittleSilver100@gmail.com



Little Silver Golden Residents



Have you lived in Little Silver for 50+ years? Then you are a Little Silver Golden Resident! To participate in Little Silver's June 24th 100th celebration parade with the Antique Motor Club, or to nominate a Golden Resident neighbor, email info@littlesilver100.com

Environmental Commission

We have scheduled the installation of our first Little Silver **Wash Rain Garden** at Challenger Field. This garden is funded by a grant from ANJEC and has been a coordinated effort between LS DPW, LS Recreation, LS Environmental Commission, the borough engineer, and a local Rutgers Master Gardener. Ryser's has donated the sand and soil for planting. Sickles is working on helping us get the plants necessary for completion. We have attempted to schedule this event around holidays, baseball games, and the grant completion date. The installation/work date and time is May 6th at 1 pm. We know this conflicts with the day of the Town Wide Garage Sale, but we hope the later hour will help our volunteers to show up eager to wrap up the day with volunteerism. If you have any questions about this opportunity to help, please contact Bonnie Akey at BonW@aol.com

Notice from the Tax Office

Property taxes are due May 1st, with a 10-day grace period. Payments must be received in office by Wednesday, May 10th to avoid incurring interest.



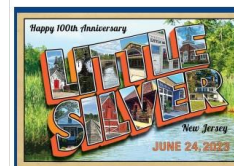
STRIKE UP THE BAND!



JOIN THE RBR ALUMNI BAND



Who: RBR alumni band members
When: Saturday, June 24th, 3 pm
What: March in the Little Silver Centennial parade
How: Call or Email Don Chamberlain



732 915 2378
RBRalumniband@gmail.com

- All ages and levels of play welcome
- No longer have an instrument? We will help you find one
- Twirlers, majorettes and color guard welcome too

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

With the warmer weather upon us, some important reminders with the increase of pedestrian and bicycle traffic:
 Motorists in NJ **MUST** stop for pedestrians in a marked crosswalk. Bicyclists must obey signs and signals and should ride with traffic, using bicycle lanes when available.
 Pedestrians should also follow signs and signals. If there isn't a sidewalk, walk facing traffic as far from vehicles as possible. Use crosswalks and use the crosswalk signals when available.

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

**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.** Maps of all registered addresses will be available at Borough Hall, the Library and on the Borough website May 4th.

Please note: bulk items that are not sold can be put to the curb for **bulk collection on your FIRST garbage collection day** of the week, *for this week only*.

Only three items per bulk pick-up. Electronics cannot be placed to the curb for regular or bulk pick-up, but instead must be taken to the Monmouth County Recycling Center on Asbury Avenue in Tinton Falls, 732-683-8686, along with any appliances or construction material.

Pet Supply Collection

The library will be collecting pet items in support of Monmouth County SPCA in Eatontown during the month of May. We will accept clean, gently used linens such as towels, sheets, fleece blankets and other type of single layer blankets (no pillows, filled comforters or stuffed animals.) We will also accept all types of unopened pet food for dogs, cats, small animals and even wildlife. Please drop off at the library.

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

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.

The Korean War presented by Paul Zigo

Wednesday, May 10 at 1:00 pm: The Korean Conflict has been called America's "forgotten war" but it had a profound impact upon East-West relations during the Cold War. Learn about the aspects of the war and the Armistice that brought it to a halt, an armistice still in place today.

Movie Matinee

Thursday, May 18 at 1:00 pm: A group of friends made it their life-long mission to go to the Super Bowl and meet NFL superstar Tom Brady. Rated PG-13.

Tween Crafternoon (Grades 5+): Craft-Button Bouquet

Thursday, May 11 at 3:00 pm: Stop in after school to make mom a button bouquet for Mother's Day! Call the library at 732-747-9649 to register as space and 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, May 2, 9, & 30 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, May 2 & 30 from 10:15-10:35 am OR 11:00-

11:20 am See below for special event on May 9!

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

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

Tuesday, May 9 at 3:30 pm: Cool Caterpillars-design your own

Tuesday, May 23 at 3:30 pm: Marble Painting

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

SPECIAL IN- PERSON EVENTS!

READ TO A DOG- Ages 5 and up (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesday, May 2 from 3:30- 4:45 pm: Grab a book and read to a therapy dog! Please arrive 10 minutes before your session to choose a book. **One family per session.**

YOGA STORYTIME- Ages 2 and up (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesday, May 9 from 10:15- 10:35 am: Join Molly Fox, MS Ed, reading Specialist and Global Alliance Certified yoga teacher, in an interactive mind/body storytime! Participants interpret the story through yoga poses, stretches and deep breathing. Bring a yoga mat/ towel and dress to move!

BEACH IN A BOX- Ages 4 and up (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesday, May 16 from 3:30- 4:15 pm: Join WILD JERSEY and get to see and touch lots of marine artifacts! Learn about unique animals that live at the Jersey Shore! Registration begins May 9.

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

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th
Parade Step-off at 8:30 am from Willow Dr/Parker Ave
Ceremony at Memorial Park after

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 May 26-June 10 will be held at the Markham Place Gazebo, weather permitting

Cardio, Core, & More:

May 12 -10:30

May 18, 25- 11:30

Virtual sessions available.



Blood Drive

May 13, 2023

9 am- 12 pm

Woman's Club

Book an appt today

at <https://tinyurl.com/givebloods>



Summer Rec
Registration will begin June 1st.

Tennis

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

Walking Club

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

Strategic Planning Meeting Defining Our Future

Help create a vision for the future of our schools, develop a mission, and identify goals necessary to move the district forward.

Saturday, June 3, 2023

8:30 am- 3:00 pm

Markham Place School



Contact: Judy Lyons at 732-741-2188, Ext. 1000 or email strategicplanning@littlesilverschools.org if you are able to join us in this exciting opportunity to assist in shaping the future of the Little Silver School District



runsignup.com/RidgeRoadRun

Did you know...?

Our Police Department has a partnership with Red Bank Regional High School, where we provide a School Resource Officer full time in the high school.

"Another Woman's Treasure"

Little Silver Woman's Club
May 6th and 7th

Rummage sale of new and gently used handbags, scarves, and costume jewelry.

All proceeds will go to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

