

# Little Silver NEWSLETTER



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## Message From Mayor

Works in progress, upcoming concerts by truly talented bands, the passing of a revered town leader, a courtesy reminder, and more mark the dwindling summer season here in busy Little Silver.

First, of course, this important yearly entreaty: please keep a careful eye out for **students walking and biking to school as the academic year begins**. With a couple upcoming road projects, please pay close attention to detours or lane closures, and if need be, make extra time for travel. Our kids are counting on you to do your part. And our talented crew of police officers are watching.

And speaking of police, on a sad note, we mourn the passing in August of **former police chief and former fire chief Tom Bruno**. Chief Bruno also served on the First Aid Squad (now the EMS), and in retirement was a fixture in town, often out mowing his lawn and waiving to virtually every resident who passed by.



On behalf of the Governing Body, we offer our condolences to wife Kris and family, friends, and colleagues on the LSF, LSPD and EMS, who honored the Chief with a procession and observances throughout town. His service was exemplary, and he will be missed.

Please remember also to honor the memory of those lost in the **September 11 attack by terrorists** on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane that was commandeered and crashed in Pennsylvania. This area was particularly hard hit 22 years ago, and Monmouth County has declared a holiday on that day and will hold a service in Atlantic Highlands in observance.

As to the works in progress, as I've written here previously, the Borough Council continues to discuss enactment of a tree preservation ordinance, and safety improvements at Sickles Park.

The intent of the **tree ordinance** will be to prevent the wholesale removal of all trees on a lot to make way for new construction, and the removal of certain single, larger trees without a permit. An ordinance is being worked on, and once a version is formally introduced, a public hearing will be scheduled.

The **Sickles Park improvements** include reconfiguration of the current parking lot to allow easier, safer entrance and exit; the addition of 24 parking spots adjacent to the playground (reduced in size & using a pervious surface at the request

of the Environmental Commission); and the removal of the current entrance/exit of Harrison Avenue at Rumson Road to accommodate a new entrance/exit to be located where the current one-way entrance is, extending straight back toward Sickles Market.

Current plans are available for viewing at Borough Hall, and we are working on creating a visual that can be more widely distributed. An application for a county grant has been submitted to help fund the project.

As to the concerts, **Little Silver may soon become known as a music mecca**. First, on Labor Day weekend, and through the generosity of John Luckenbill (John, his dad and mom and family are famous for their musical Little Silver background), his accomplished John Luckenbill Pops Band will be playing at the Gazebo on Markham Place at 7 pm on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The band plays throughout the area and especially at Shore venues throughout the summer. Its repertoire is diverse, including rousing renditions of pop songs, Broadway tunes, medleys, and each of the military service branch songs. Anchors aweigh, my friends!

And on October 8<sup>th</sup>, we're fortunate to have one of the **hottest cover bands at the Shore, The Cliffs**, play behind Borough Hall (rain location Fieldhouse at RBR). I saw them recently, and even guys who haven't danced in years were out on the dance floor. The Black Magic Woman guitar solo alone is worth the price of admission (which is free, thanks to the generosity of the **Little Silver Endowment Fund**).

And speaking of the Endowment Fund, this is a new 501c3 funded by generous donors, designed to help support municipal improvements that the town might not otherwise be able to afford. Much of the recent 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party is an example of its work. Those interested in learning more can contact the Borough Clerk's office or contact me directly at my info below.

Regarding the courtesy reminder: **yes, Little Silver, we have a noise ordinance**. It's been a nice summer, and parties have proliferated, lawns have been mowed, and all kinds of noisy outdoor activity continues to take place. But please be courteous: if that party might go late, if you're thinking of starting that outdoor project involving power tools in the early morning, remember your neighbors, and consult either the Borough Clerk's office or check the ordinance online for timing purposes.

As a couple residents have pointed out, you really don't want your neighbors having to call the police. Avoid the issue entirely and just be courteous.

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## Borough Calendar

**Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Borough Offices and Recycling Yard closed for Labor Day

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am: Municipal Court  
7:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 pm: Recreation Meeting

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm: Mayor & Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 am: Municipal Court

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 pm: Shade Tree Commission Meeting

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm Environmental Commission Meeting

Wishing all of our students and teachers a successful 2023-2024 school year!

### Save the Dates:

**Night out at the BlueClaws**  
September 1<sup>st</sup>

**John Luckenbill Band**  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Monmouth Furnace Base Ball Game**  
September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Little Silver 5K**  
October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Comedy Night w/ Denny Moore:** October 6<sup>th</sup>

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In other news, August's **National Night Out**, courtesy of the LS Police Department, was a hugely successful community gathering. Held on borough fields with food, demonstrations (love that demonstration on the minivan, LSFd!), and more, this annual event was a great way for the town to come together, meet our police and emergency volunteers, and enjoy the food provided by some of our generous local businesses. Great job by all!

Coming up, the well-known **Little Silver 5K** returns this year on Sunday, October 1. To register for, or sponsor, this critical PTO fundraiser, go to [www.littlesilver5k.com](http://www.littlesilver5k.com). Kids too!

And our Environmental Commission will again hold **Environmental Day on October 21**. This increasingly popular event at the Women's Club will take your gently used clothing, dispose of your electronics, shred your paper, and provide various environmental seminars and information from 9-1.

And that fall baseball classic, the old-time **Monmouth Furnace ball game at the Parker Homestead**, is scheduled for September 17 at noon, with the historic Homestead open for tours until 4 p.m. that day.

Lastly, we want to mention a recent meeting of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, attended by local mayors, County Freeholder Director Tom Arnone, and others. We appreciated the invitation to discuss ways that businesses and government can work together to everyone's benefit.

**We encourage all of our business to consider membership in the Little Silver Business and Professional Association or the EMACC, or both.** If you would like contact information, please contact the clerk's office in Borough Hall.

On behalf of the governing body, we wish everyone a happy end of the summer, and good health as fall approaches. 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](mailto:bobneff80@gmail.com).

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

**Notice from the Tax Office: Annual Tax Sale**

All 2022 delinquent property taxes and 2022 unpaid sewer balances are slated for Tax Sale on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**. As required by law, a notice will be published in the newspaper for four consecutive weeks prior to the sale. Names will not be deleted after the original publication. For additional information, please contact the Tax Dept at 732-219-0812.

**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

**Fall Environmental Day**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am-12 pm**  
**Woman's Club**

There will be paper shredding, electronic recycling, and clothing upcycling (for reuse). Start gathering items around your house!

We hope to have activities and interesting ideas for helping the environment as well as the community. If you or someone you know has an idea for a table inside the Woman's Club, please contact Bonnie @ [BonW@aol.com](mailto:BonW@aol.com)

**New Landlord and Business Requirements:**

The State of New Jersey has adopted two new laws that require municipalities to enforce regulations for landlords who maintain rental properties. Landlords are now required by these new laws to (1) maintain certain liability insurance policies and (2) provide a valid lead-free certification for all homes built during or prior to 1978.

ALL landlords and businesses in Little Silver must annually register with the Borough and provide proof of liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions as provided in the statute N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1.

**Friendly Reminder:** Little Silver strives to stay looking clean and well-kept year-round. All residents are responsible for keeping their property properly maintained. Let's keep Little Silver the beautiful town we know and love.

**Little Silver Garden Club**



The Little Silver Garden Club is hosting our annual President's Reception meeting **Thursday, September 14 at 10 am** at the Women's Club on Church Street.

All current, former, and potential new members are welcome to join us!

Regular LSGC meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 9AM. Programs include a variety of speakers, community projects, horticulture, design, and homemade refreshments.

Register today at [littlesilver5k.com](http://littlesilver5k.com)

Sunday, Oct 1, 2023 - 8:45AM



**LS**  
**5K**



**Don't miss the post-race party!**

Sunday, October 1 @ 11AM  
at the Little Silver Firehouse

\$20 for adults | \$10 for children  
\*children 5 and under are free

- Fun for all ages!
- Music
  - Kids games
  - Face painting
  - Balloon animals
  - Jonnie G's food truck + beer & wine



**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  
 \* No bamboo  
 \*Do not mix brush and leaves  
 \*Do not place within 10 feet of a storm drain



Collection of **BRUSH ONLY** runs  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker!**

Earn \$300 per election for November General Election or June Primary Election. Must be a Monmouth County Registered Voter. For more info, call 732-431-7802 x 7150

**Traffic & Safety Tip**

**Back to School Safety Tips:**



Please Slow Down: School days bring congestion: kids on bikes hurrying to get to school, parents trying to drop their kids off before work. It is very important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school.



If You Are Dropping Off: More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location. In school zones: don't double park, don't load or unload children across the street from the school, carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.



Share the Road with Buses: If you are driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 state to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload kids.



Share the Road with Bicyclists: On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights as vehicles. Children riding bikes create problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of a collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.



Share the Road with Young Children: According to the NSC, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4-7 years old and are walking. They are hit by the bus or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.



**Parker Homestead-1665**

**1864 Monmouth Furnace base ball game**  
 Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm

The Parker Homestead will be open for visitors 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
- \*The Frick Collection
- \*New-York Historical Society



**Library News**



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

**French Lessons w/ Nathalie Decker**

**Mondays, 4:00- 5:00 pm (September 11& 18):** French lessons continue. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary. No registration is required.

**"Aircraft Electronic Warfare: A Memoir by a Project Engineer" Presented by Little Silver resident, John Waters along with Jay Waters**

**Wednesday, September 6 at 11:00 am:** Author John Waters published his first book at age 88, "Aircraft Electronic Warfare" which covers his career as a project engineer in the Electronic Warfare division at Fort Monmouth. Learn about Waters' special projects with the Joint Special Operations Command, the Space & Missile Systems Center, NASA, the Navy SEALs, Army Delta Force, and the Army Missile Command. No registration is required.

**Movie Matinee**

**Thursday, September 14 at 1:00 pm:** A close-knit group of four women entering their golden years of life decides to embark on a no-holds-barred luxury excursion to Italy. United by their passion for literature and romance, the women experience a series of madcap adventures while deepening their bonds of friendship. Rated PG-13. No registration is required.

**The Vietnam War, 1956-1975: Presented by Paul Zigo, Founder of WWII Era Studies Institute**

**Thursday, September 21 at 11:00 am:** Military historian Paul Zigo returns to discuss the Vietnam War which was a conflict in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from November 1 1955 to the fall of Saigon, capitol of South Vietnam, on April 30 1975. The war is widely considered to be a Cold War-era proxy war. It lasted almost 20 years, with direct U.S. involvement ending in 1973. The presentation will address how it all began. No registration is necessary.

**Tween Craft: Make a Fleece Blanket for the SPCA**

**Thursday, September 21, after school:** Learn how to make a cozy fleece blanket for a dog or cat at the SPCA! We'll supply all the materials; we just need your help making the blankets. It's a fun activity for a good cause. Space is limited, please call to register. Grades 5 and up.

**Children's Programs:**

**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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 10:15-10:35 OR 11:00-11:15:** Join Ms. Danya for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles!

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

**Tuesdays, from 3:30-4:30 pm:**  
 September 12: Leaf Printing  
 September 19: Apple Stamping (dress for mess!)  
 September 26: Fall Apple Baskets

**Special Indoor Drop-in Craft: ages 2+ (w/ caregiver)**

**Tuesday, September 5 from 1:30-4:30 pm:** Drop by and make a unique masterpiece!

# Recreation News

For more information, contact Carlye at [claido@littlesilver.org](mailto:claido@littlesilver.org) or 732-842-2400

## Little Silver Borough Hall

480 Prospect Avenue  
Little Silver, NJ 07739  
[www.littlesilver.org](http://www.littlesilver.org)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/BoroughLittleSilver/](http://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

### Mah Jong

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

### Concert on the Green

John Luckenbill  
Sunday 9/3  
7pm  
Gazebo

## Blood Drive



October 20<sup>th</sup>  
12-5 pm  
Woman's Club

## Walking Club

Mondays 9:00 am  
For info or to be put on the distribution list, email [bfleischer@verizon.net](mailto:bfleischer@verizon.net) or call 732-842-4644

## Tennis

All tennis courts reservations now made at [littlesilver.playbypoint.com](http://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  
(free for residents)



**NEW! Power Plus with Paula:** Wednesdays at 9 am  
Head to toe body conditioning with free weights, balls, and bands.

One time drop in - \$10

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

**Pilates Plus with Paula:** Fridays at 9 am

One time drop in - \$10

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

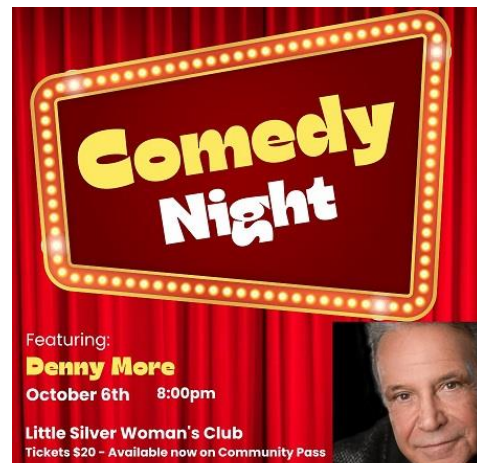
Registration form available at the class. Packages can be used in either class.

## 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 6:30 pm 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 see where the next meet-up will be, check the FB group Little Silver Moms or Little Silver's Recreation page.



**October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 pm  
\$20

Tickets available on Community Pass

For more info:

<https://www.littlesilver.org/ls/recreation/>

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

Did you know...?

The rec soccer program in Little Silver developed rapidly as a popular sport for kids in the early 1970s and remains active today with over 325 players!