

55 Years Serving His Community



Assistant Chief Larry O'Brien, known simply as OB to his friends and family, is the longest standing member of the Silvis Fire Department. After 55 years of dedicated service to his community, he has decided to retire from the fire service. OB joined the department in 1963; six months later he married his loving and understanding wife, Pat. Throughout the years OB worked his way through the ranks to Assistant Chief and trained many firefighters along the way. Over the years, he answered more calls for help than anyone could count and holds the department close to his heart. The City of Silvis and it's residents thank OB for his dedication to service. OB is a true local hero who over the years put the needs of the community above and beyond his own.

Left: Dave Rice, Aaron Bromeland, Jake Pirmann, Lupe Vargas, Evan Hillyer, Greg Hart, Mike Walz, Joe Carleton, Larry O'Brien, Josh Fox, Darrin Armstrong, Mark Hungerford, Jacob Wright, John Winters, Carl Burney, Matt Comeaux.
Photo by Lisa Hungerford



New Parking Coming To Downtown

The City of Silvis recently acquired the properties at 116 9th Street and 119 8th Street with TIF redevelopment dollars. Demolition of both properties will be nearing completion, an estimated 50 new public parking spaces will take its place. "Increased parking near 1st Avenue will help open the door for additional growth in the older retail sector," says Mayor Carter, adding "Silvis has made investments in the streetscape, LED lighting, façade programs, along with TIF to attract new business and it's beginning to pay off." The traffic count on 1st Avenue averages 12,000-15,000 vehicles per day according to Illinois DOT. The advantage 1st Avenue has over other older neighboring cities is traffic, says Carter. He considers 1st Ave. "a diamond in the rough, but only the visionaries will recognize it."

Renovations With A Dash Of BBQ Sauce



William Strickland has big plans for an old iconic building in the 800 blocks of First Avenue. Mr. Strickland, owner of Strickly Southern LLC recently purchased the old iconic American Café. Renovations of the three-story building estimated at \$300,000. His plans include six apartments and two commercial storefronts. Strickly Southern BBQ's commercial kitchen location will be in the back half. Strickland says "a neighboring city had many more buildings to choose from, but Silvis was a much better choice. Silvis is much more organized and is making improvements, and I live here, so it just made sense to keep local."



Budget talks are just around the corner and its time to have your voice heard. We have all listened to the catchphrase, "we would love to do this, but it's not in the budget." Let's be proactive. Perhaps you have a suggestion or a concern. Please email your ideas or concerns mcarter@silvisil.org.



Mark Copeland was recently appointed to Deputy Police Chief. Police Chief Mark Vanklaveren created this new position within the department. Mark joined the department in March 2000. He began his career as a patrol officer before assigned to Quad Cities Metropolitan Enforcement Group (QCMEG) 2002. In 2009 Mark was assigned to Investigations, 2013 certified Field Training Officer (FTO) and in 2016 promoted to Sergeant. Mark received extensive certifications including lead homicide certification as well as a juvenile forensic interviewer. He has conducted numerous investigations, internal, burglary, robbery, sex offenses, and financial crimes.

He is currently a member of the Rock Island County Integrity Task Force and a 1999 Western Illinois University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Mark is married to his wife Stephanie and has two daughters, Hannah fourteen, and Callie nine.



Aldi grocery store, located at 1210 18th Street, Silvis is planning a \$1.2 million expansion and renovation at their current location. The development and improvements are expected to begin in late fall with no disruptions of services.

Fire Prevention



This four-legged friend was rescued by the Silvis Fire Department earlier this year. As we enter into the winter season, we

need to be mindful of the hidden dangers associated with house fire during the winter months. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, 40,000 pets die every year in house fires. The National Fire Protection Agency reported 3,515 human deaths in 2017, the second most common cause of house fire was heating. Please refrain from attaching an extension cord or any other device to a space heater, space heaters are designed to plug directly into a wall outlet. Also, keep other combustible materials clear from a space heater at all times.



McGehee Center is available for rent year round. Contact the City Clerks office for

reservations (309)792-9181

Silvis Burn Line

792-3454

No burning allowed on Sunday



Pet of The Month

Astrid is a 2 year old female British Bombay Cat. Hobbies include: fetch, attacking ankles, tag, hiding milk caps, exploring the

basement, and showering under the tub faucet.

Submit your pet photo to: mcarter@silvisil.org

Sec. 78-36 Snow Removal Ordinance



(a) The occupant of the property abutting the public right-of-way or the owner thereof if said property is vacant, or any person acting as the agent of either, shall have the following duties in relation to said public right-of-way.

1. To remove within a reasonable time from the portion of any public sidewalk abutting said property of snow and ice.
2. To refrain from putting, pushing, blowing or otherwise depositing any snow removed from the public sidewalk or private property upon any improved public roadway.

(b) For the purpose of this section, "reasonable time" shall mean as follows: Within 24 hours after cessation of snowfall, or if a snow fall ceases in the nighttime hours, within 24 hours after rise.

(c) It shall be unlawful to pile snow in such a manner as to hinder the sight of motorist.

Navigating with a snowplow becomes increasingly difficult when waste bins are left in the alley. The Public Works Department asked if you could please remove your waste bins from the alleyways after they have been dumped.

Thank you



Fire Dept. Monthly Drawing Winners

\$300 Annette Hillyer, \$50 Pat Covemaker, \$50 Saul Nache, \$25 Linda Kleint, \$25 Cylvia Soliz, \$25 Cindy Heart, \$25 Steve Reader



Main Street Christmas in Silvis \$10,000 Winner

Paul Loqui!

Betty Covemaker \$1000 Winner

Les Oney \$500 Winner

Thank you so much for participating in this years Christmas Holiday Raffle

New Business!



1009 1st Avenue

Double your pleasure double your fun! There's not 1 but 2 new businesses in Silvis and both under the same roof. Sisters Melissa and Amy Moreno, with the help of their family, have recently relocated their businesses from East Moline to the town they

were born and raised. Together they have owned Extreme Tanning for 10 years and Healthy Twist for 2 years.

Extreme Tanning offers standup and lay down beds along with spray tans. Their spray tans last approximately 5-7 days and they are happy to customize a color that is right for you. Stop by to check out the selection of tanning packages. Melissa and Amy also offer a student discount so make sure to bring your proof to take advantage. . Please keep in mind you must be at least 18 years old to use the beds but not for the spray tans.

Now let's get into Healthy Twist. They specialize in protein shakes that are absolutely delicious, I promise, you will not be disappointed! These shakes are the consistency of ice cream but contain 24 grams of protein and 21 vitamins and minerals. With every shake you purchase you also get a tea and a shot of aloe vera. The tea has only 5 calories but your body burns 85 drinking it and the aloe is great for your stomach. If you end up loving these shakes as much as I do there's a deal for you. Prepay for 9 and get the 10th free. They have over 30 flavors so there's something for everyone. The most requested flavors are Salted Nut Roll (my personal favorite), Peanut Butter and Jelly, and Purple Rain. Parking is available on the streets in front and behind the shop as well as the parking area next door. If you have a large order or are short on time call ahead and they'll be happy to get your order ready for you to minimize your wait time. The hardest part of the shake shop is deciding your flavor.

Melissa and Amy are a dynamic duo who you must stop in and meet. Make sure to check out the new addition to Silvis and as always, support our local small businesses. One last thing, for every 3 people you refer you receive a free shake, so don't forget to tell them Laci sent you.

By Laci Weber

Hours: Mon. 12-4pm, Tues-Thur. 8-4pm, Sat. 9-Noon, Closed Friday and Sunday (309)755-5411



Mayor Carter and Alderman Josh Dyer recently attended the 105th IML annual conference in Chicago. The city officials thank the residence for the opportunity.