

Silvis News

Silvis Police Chief Addresses Community Concerns

The Silvis Police Department, in collaboration with other area police departments, has an ongoing relationship with the NAACP. The partnership lays the groundwork for collective ideas to strengthen police/minority relationships and minimize force encounters.

Silvis, along with other area law enforcement agencies are currently in talks to adopt the “10 Shared Principles” resolution, which addresses devotion to treating everyone, regardless of race, creed religion, sex, and other protected classes, with value and respect.

In 2019, Silvis Police, with the consent and approval of the City Council, implemented a body-worn camera (BWC) program for transparency and accountability.

Currently, state law bans the use of chokeholds unless it is a deadly-force encounter. The Silvis Police Department follows the use of force continuum, which dictates what level of force an officer can use on someone.

Since 2015, Silvis Police Department has conducted yearly training on implicit bias, racial profiling, cultural competency, de-escalation, and mental health awareness.

The police department recently enacted “Use of Force” reports, which allowed senior personnel to track officers’ use of force and aids in accountability.

The Silvis Police Department is currently taking part in focus groups, directed by the NAACP, using street-level personnel to begin a dialogue with members of the minority community and other local stakeholders.

The Silvis Police Department believes in the fair treatment of all and believes in working with our citizens and Council members to control crime. A valued relationship benefits all citizens.



Storm Weather Siren Upgrades

Fire Chief John Winters attended a conference on July 21st with the Rock Island County 911 Board, the National Weather Service, and Federal Signal regarding storm sirens and warnings.

After the 2019 consolidation of police dispatching of Silvis, East Moline, Moline, and Milan, which is now known as QCOMM 911, the board began work on streamlining the emergency warning systems for the four communities.

In the past, QCOMM 911 dispatch would manually set off storm sirens. In some parts of the county, the dispatcher could not set off sirens and would require someone from the fire department to set the sirens off manually.

The Rock Island County 911 Board recently purchased new software and required hardware to provide storm siren system upgrades without manual engagement. The new software will link all 39 sirens in Rock Island County together, two of which are located in Silvis.

The protocol for all dispatch centers is to sound the alarms every 10 minutes as long as a National Weather Service warning is in effect. This can be a difficult task for dispatchers when violent weather strikes with an increase in emergency calls during a storm.

The ultimate goal along with the new upgrades is to provide quicker and more accurate warning sirens, fewer sirens activated in areas not anticipated to be severely affected by weather, and allow emergency dispatchers more time to focus on added calls during severe weather.



Summertime Vegetables Along 1st Ave

A new summertime addition has sprung up along 1st Avenue across from Anchor Lumber 1505 1st Ave.

Sean Cozad, co-owner of the roadside farmers market sells fresh and locally sourced vegetables.

The open-air farmers market is open 9 am– 6 pm every day, weather

permitting all summer long.

It is with the deepest regret, the Silvis Moonlight
Parade has been cancelled for this year.



Amanda Sherwood, Executive Director Silvis Main Street



Time To Get Charged Up

Charged recently opened at the corner of Sixth Street and First Avenue in Silvis. If you're craving a cup of freshly brewed joe on your way to work, or something even more charged to get the day going, Charged drive-thru is for you. Charged also offers Fully Charged and Zero Charged flavored drinks. With an entire page full of different flavors and combinations, you're sure to find something to wake you up in the morning. Charged drive-thru hours are Monday-Friday 6 am – 6 pm, Saturday 7 am – 6 pm, and Sunday 8 am– 3 pm.



La Canasta Bakery and La Michoacana Ice Cream Store Opens For Business

For several months, residents have wondered if, and when, the new Hispanic Bakery and Ice Cream store would open along First Avenue. The store expected to open sooner, but La Michoacana was waiting on a critical piece of machinery to make the ice cream and was required to wait to begin until it arrived, explained Lidia Gonzales, owner.

On any given day, you will now have a chance to experience twenty-five to thirty flavors. Some are unique and can't be found in a conventional ice cream store. La Michoacana has the ability and expertise to produce over two hundred different flavors, and with those kinds of possibilities, who could ever get bored with ice cream? Currently, mango seems to be the hot flavor, says Lidia Gonzalez; but wait, there's more! Along with the two-hundred flavors of ice cream flavor possibilities, they can also produce over two-hundred different flavors of popsicles.

At this point in the article, your blood sugar level may spike, your mouth water with anticipation, and your local dentist grinning from ear to ear, but there is much more than just ice cream and popsicles.



On the bakery side, fresh baked goods produced in house every day, line the glass cases along the wall. Showing up early, rather than later, in the day will ensure the best selection, and it is highly recommended, as some of the most popular items sell out quickly. Currently, the most popular item is Concha and sells out the quickest, said Gonzales.

With cookies, pastries, ice cream, and a gazillion different popsicle flavors, it's no wonder why customers drive as far away as Iowa City and beyond to visit La Canasta Bakery and La Michoacana Ice Cream in downtown Silvis.

Store Hours: 6 am– 10 pm, seven days a week, 917 1st Avenue.



SFD

Silvis Fire Department June & July Raffle Winners

\$300 Sylvia Soliz, Abbey Hillyer, \$50 Kevin Wright, Brian Hillyer, Aaron Bromeland, Michael DeWitte, \$25 Joe Carleton, Art Hernandez, Joe Carleton, Andy Majetic, Jason Fluegel, Mark Carlson, Barry Swanson, Greg Shouse.

Ticket for all twelve months of drawings have been drawn.

In August, the Fire Department will draw a bonus draw of 10-\$25 winners. Each of these winners will be tickets that were not previously a winner in the last 12 months.

Tickets for the next twelve month drawing cycle are on sale now for \$50. Contact the Silvis Fire Department to purchase tickets (309) 792-4815.

Youth Group Asking For Your Help

Epic Youth Group of St. Mark's Anglican Church of Silvis is asking for the public's help. The group collects gently used luggage, blankets, gym bags, and backpacks for Children & Family Services.

During the transition period, when placing a child in foster care, garbage bags generally are used to gather up children's personal items. By using something other than a garbage bag, stress and uncertainty may be reduced in an already traumatic time.

Please call (309) 751-7791 to donate.



Happy Anniversary
Frank's Pizzeria !
Celebrating 65 years in
business August 14th.
Congratulations!



Save the date, August 23rd. Two-person scramble at TPC Deere Run, hosted by Silvis Main Street. Limited space available, get signed-up today by calling (309) 429-9238 or Director@silvismainstreet.org

Proceeds to help support future community events and projects