

# Silvis News

## Porkies Celebrating 35th Years This Month!



## Trunk or Treat Hits Record Attendance

Record attendance at this year's Trunk or Treat held in the parking lot at the Silvis Public Library. The line for the event stretched for nearly two blocks but moved quickly, according to Library Director Amy Fry. The event started at five pm and was scheduled to end at seven pm, but was extended until seven thirty to accommodate all 1269 participants, 800 of which were children. Twenty-six trunks/stations were in attendance, along with free hot dogs and bottled water, and the first 650 received a goodie bag. The Library profoundly appreciates all the donations that made this event so successful.

## Council Set To Discuss Levy



The City Council will consider the 2023 property tax levy during November. The Finance Committee recommended not to increase the 2023 tax levy to the City

Council, which is currently at 1.61%. During the regular council meeting, the council will vote on the 2023 tax levy on November 15th.

## Silvis Police Department Set To Hire



The Silvis Police department is currently accepting applications for Police Officers. If interested, please get in touch with Chief

Mark VanKlaveren 309-792-1841  
[mvanklaveren@silvispd.org](mailto:mvanklaveren@silvispd.org)



## Lost Silvis History

Last week, resident Ron Whipple donated a vintage tool to the city, leading to more questions than answers. The Spark Gap Company, Silvis IL, manufactured the vintage spark plug gaper. If you know of the history of the long-forgotten company. The city would love to hear from you. Please email the Mayor at [mcarter@silvisil.org](mailto:mcarter@silvisil.org).



## Silvis Fire Department Seeking New Recruits

The Silvis Fire Department is currently accepting application for fire fighters.

For further inquires please contact Fire Chief John Winters at [jwinters@silvisfd.org](mailto:jwinters@silvisfd.org)  
 309-792-4815

<https://makemefirefighter.org/listing/firefighter-642>

## Silvis Sweatshirts



Silvis sweatshirts are available at City Hall. The cost is \$25 each—size range from Small to 3XL.



## Honoring Those Who Served

Please join us on November 11th, 11 am at Hero Street Memorial Park as we honor those who have served in the armed forces.

## HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS ACROSS AMERICA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022  
 10AM-11:30AM



HERO STREET MEMORIAL PARK  
 145 HERO STREET  
 SILVIS, IL 61282



Remembering America's Heroes (RAH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Oregon. Learn more online at [rahusa.us](http://rahusa.us).



## Gold Star FS Addition

Gold Star FS on 1st Avenue is nearing the completion of an emergency backup generator to run its entire operation in case of future power outages. TIF assisted in the funding.

## Fall and Winter Park Hours

October 1st-March 31st

8am-8pm





### Pump Track Up and Rolling

The highly anticipated BMX Bump Track took center stage on October 29th for its grand opening with the first rider, Silvis resident Rhett Pavelonis. Rhett competed in the UCI BMX World Championship in France this past summer and held the #1 title in his age class.

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### Pillar Equipment Grows



Pillar Equipment recently pulled a building permit to expand its business. The new addition, 62x82 ft., will encompass over 5000 added square feet, and construction will begin soon.



Charlie

### Public Works Saves Kitten In City Storm Drain

Recently, Public Works employees discovered a lost and frightened 5-week-old feral kitten in a city drain. Public Works staff called Mayor Matt Carter to say, "we have something for you."

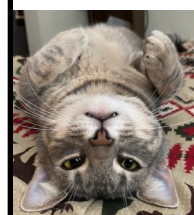
Mayor Carter is no stranger to kittens, especially the wild kind. For the past year and a half, the Mayor has fostered seven stray kittens, and the latest, dubbed Charlie named after Charlie Chaplin because of her very unusual and distinctive mustache, is his eighth kitten.

"I cannot turn a blind eye to something that small and helpless. All I want to do give the little ones a fighting chance. With the current situation with so many cats at the shelter up for adoption, I have taken it upon myself to help in my way", said the Mayor.

The Mayor has fostered seven kittens within the past year, rehoming them to new loving homes in Silvis, Moline, Rock Island, Davenport, Dewitt, and as far away as Des Moines, Iowa. He finds new homes for them through social media postings and word of mouth but asks for nothing in return but unconditional love for the family's latest member.

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# CHRISTMAS IN SILVIS

## DECEMBER 3RD, 2022 12-4pm

Come join us in downtown Silvis for a night full of fun for all!

You can meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus, enjoy some hot cocoa, cookies, kettle corn, crafts and so much more!

### City Hall Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving

Closed: November 24th & 25th

Christmas

Closing at Noon 22nd

New Years

Closed: January 2nd

Closed: December 23rd & 26th