

# Silvis News



## Phipps Prairie Park Nearly Triples In Size

City officials recently took action to purchase acreage adjacent to Phipps Prairie Park. Phipps Prairie Park currently measures at ten acres and will nearly triple in size with an additional eighteen acres. The nature trail walkways expand to twenty-eight acres of walking trails and natural wildlife. The city purchased the additional eighteen acres for \$200,000. The Silvis Park Board will be formulating a walking path design for the additional eighteen acres.



## Park Place Villas Ready For Showing

According to realtor Kathy Massa from Mel Foster, Park Place Villa's ready for showing with four models to consider. Price ranges are from \$203,000 to \$215,000 per villa. The new development is located on Avenue of the Cities across from Ray's Barber Shop in Silvis. For any further questions regarding Park Place Villas, contact Kathy Massa 309-314-6696.



## New Chief

John Winters was sworn in as the new Silvis Fire Chief on June 5th by Mayor Matt Carter. An interview panel was commissioned by Mayor Carter consisting of one Silvis business owner, Silvis City Administrator, then current Silvis Fire Chief, Assistant Silvis Fire Chief, Colona Fire Chief, retired State Fire Marshal, neighboring Moline professional firefighter, and Silvis Chair of Personnel. After conducting candidate interviews for the position of Fire Chief, the commission recommended John Winters.

Chief Winters has been with the Silvis Fire Department since February 2005. His training and education include Advance Technician Firefighter, Fire Officer I and II, Hazardous Materials Technician, Hazardous Materials Incident Command, two Associates degrees from Black Hawk College in Accounting and Fire Service Officer along with a Bachelors Degree from Western University.

Chief Winters is married to Minnie Winters and has three children and six grandchildren.



## Hibbs Field Near Completion

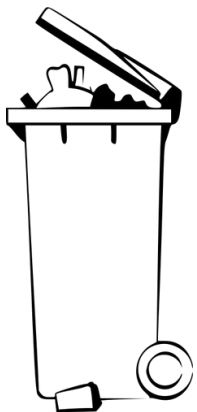
Hibbs Field located at 121 16th street is nearing completion. The ball field had been reduced in size to accommodate increase parking along with new fencing, and a reduced field exists for increased child safety.



## New Main Street Director

Silvis Main Street Board names a new director, Amanda Sherwood. "I am enjoying my new position as Director of Silvis Main Street, and I hope to bring some fun activities to Silvis as well as some new excitement to our downtown Main Street area," says Director Sherwood. Mrs. Sherwood is married to Mike Sherwood and four children. Mrs. Sherwood is a graduate of United Township High School and worked for Walgreens for 25 years.

Running out of space? An additional trash can is available through a direct subscription with Republic. Please contact Republic 563-332-0050, and you will be billed directly thru Republic.



**Please Slow Down In School Zones**



## Egg Parlor

Egg Parlor is the latest creation of Mitch Kdriu, a self-made businessman, and creative entrepreneur. The breakfast and lunch establishment is expected to open in late 2018 offering fast, fresh, and casual dining. Location will be next to Ray's Barber Shop along Avenue of the Cities in Silvis.



The Silvis Fire Department and the Silvis Masonic Lodge #898 are partnering to install combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

for Silvis residents. The Masonic Lodge, located at 1304 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Silvis, will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. The proceeds from this breakfast will be used to purchase the new detectors. Silvis Firefighters will install these detectors during the month of October, which is fire prevention month.

To qualify for the free detectors you must be a Silvis resident and own your own home. Recipients must also meet one of the following categories: age 65 or over, disabled, or a veteran.

If you are interested in receiving up to 3 free detectors contact Chief Winters at the Silvis Fire Department at 309-792-4815.



### Silvis burn line 792-3454

Natural vegetation burning is allowed till dusk, weather permitted. Monday-Saturday.

No burning allowed on Sunday. Recreational fires are allowed Monday-Sunday. Please call the burn line before you strike a match.



### Silvis Police Department Community Center

The Silvis Police Community Center is available for all civic groups within the community. Please contact the Silvis Police Department to reserve for your next event 309-792-1841.

### Silvis Building Inspector

Silvis Building Inspectors office hours Monday-Friday 8-9am & 12-1pm

309-792-9181



### Fall Volleyball Leagues

Sign-ups for fall co-ed volleyball leagues have begun. If you have a full team or would like to join in with the others, please contact the Silvis City Clerk's office 792-9181. Volleyball games will be at George O. Barr gym on Wednesday evenings.



### Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat scheduled for October 31st from 5-8pm. The Silvis Optimist will be hosting the Optimist Club annual weenie roast at Schadt Park from 6-8pm. The Optimist club will provide hot dogs and pop along with a warm fire to roast hot dogs. A costume judging contest will also be part of the Halloween festivities during the weenie roast. The entire event is free to the public.



### Main Street News

#### Silvis Main Street Holiday Cash Raffle

##### Tickets:

Drawing will be held for the \$10,000

"Christmas in Silvis"

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Early Bird Drawing will be held:

Labor Day \$500.00

Halloween \$500.00

Thanksgiving \$1,000.00

Purchase your ticket at City Hall

For \$20.00

August \$100 Winner Dave Criddle



### SFD Raffle Winner

#### July

\$300 Linda Sheldon

\$50 Blaine Scott

\$50 Nate Johnson

\$25 Linda Kleint

\$25 Ed Steinhouser

\$25 Gene Leibovitz

\$25 Dick Leibovitz



Ray's Barber Shop has become the latest new business in Silvis located at 1211 Avenue of the Cities. Business hours Mon-Tues. 9am-6pm, Wed-Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-4pm, Closed Sundays, or 309-912-7826. The City of Silvis would like to welcome Ray's Barber Shop to Silvis.



Erin Williams, Deb Miler, Rick Miller, Connie Commesser, Mayor Matt Carter

Members of RIALBA, Tavern Owners Association, presented a \$500 donation towards Juvenile Diabetes Research.



### Silvis Public Library

September 4th, 5:30pm:  
Teen Volunteer Night

October 16th, 5:30pm: Jolly Rancher Readers Book Club

October 25th, 6pm: Halloween Story Time Party at the McGehee Center

October 28th, 4-6pm: Silvis Trunk or Treat at the Silvis Public Library Parking Lot



Gold Star FS Inc. located 1601 1st Avenue broke ground with an estimate expansion cost of \$350,000. The new building will house a warehouse and office.

Estimated completion for the expansion mid to end of November.

Since starting Silvis News, I have had fun with its creation. I hope my efforts have helped you, the resident to become more informed. I believe an informed resident feels more connected with the community.

Mayor Carter