



WINTER 2025

TOWN TALK

The Silver Grove, KY Community Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Neal Bedel

Happy New Year! I hope you're all staying warm and safe during these cold winter days.

As we move into 2025, I'm excited about what's ahead for our town and all the opportunities to work together on making it even better.

I'd like to invite you to **Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor** on Saturday, February 22 from 8-10a. It'll be a chance to casually chat, share ideas, and connect over coffee and donuts—on me!

Here's to a happy, healthy, and successful 2025 for all of us.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Ronda Sandfoss

PROPERTY TAXES

Property Taxes were due December 31, 2024. Thank you to everyone who has paid. Delinquent notices will be mailed out in February. If you have any questions, please contact me at 859-441-6390.

WINTER WEATHER

Please assist Public Works in doing the best snow removal job possible by parking cars in your driveway during a snow and/or ice storm advisory. This allows for the fastest, safest and most efficient job for our community. This also keeps the crew from having to pile plowed snow around parked cars.

PROCEDURE FOR SNOW REMOVAL: Hilly areas (Providence Trace and Kay Wright Lane) are the first streets to be cleared. They then proceed to clear the level areas. Please note that Four Mile Road and Mary Ingles Hwy are state roads and not maintained by the City of Silver Grove.



The City of Silver Grove extends our deepest condolences to the family of Judy Holloway, a beloved lifelong resident, who passed away on December 29th.

Her presence in our community touched the lives of many, and her legacy will forever remain a part of our town's story.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

SILVER GROVE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE LEADERS

The Silver Grove Student Scholarship is now accepting applications! This non-renewable scholarship provides high school seniors in Silver Grove, Kentucky, with the financial support they need to pursue higher education.

Eligible applicants must reside in Silver Grove, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, and demonstrate financial need, academic achievement, and a commitment to their community. The award amount varies annually, offering deserving students valuable assistance to help them achieve their educational goals.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your future! Apply today at cityofsilvergroveky.com.



LEAVE A LEGACY WITH BENCHES & TREES



Honor a loved one or create a lasting memory by dedicating a bench or tree in one of our beautiful parks. Benches and trees are now available for dedication at Green Valley Pond Park, Chief Sayers Park, and the future Arboretum.

Each bench includes an 8"x2" cast aluminum plaque for \$1,000, while trees feature a 6"x4" cast aluminum plaque for \$500. Both options follow standard specifications, ensuring a meaningful and timeless tribute.

Contact us today to reserve your spot and make a lasting impact in our community!

RECIPE REVIVAL

If you went to school at Silver Grove, you probably remember the amazing dinner rolls from the cafeteria. They were soft, warm, and honestly the best part of lunch for a lot of us! Over the years, so many people have asked for the recipe, hoping to recreate that little bite of comfort and nostalgia at home.

Eleanor Smith, who worked in the school kitchen for nearly 3 decades, was the mastermind behind these iconic rolls. Now, you can bring that same magic to your kitchen with her recipe. Now, her recipe was made to feed the entire school, so keep in mind, unless you're feeding a crowd, you might want to scale it down.

Time to bake up some nostalgia!



2 pkgs Quick Acting Yeast
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups lukewarm water
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup oil
 2 well beaten eggs
 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour

- Soften yeast in warm water. Add oil, sugar, eggs, 4 cups flour and salt.
- Beat until smooth. Stir in remaining flour.
- You will have soft dough. Cover tightly and store in the refrigerator until needed.
- This does not need to be worked down, only enough to shape as you like.
- Bake at 400 degrees.

DISCOVER OUR LITTLE LIBRARIES: TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK!

Did you know we have not one, but TWO Little Libraries in town? These free book-sharing spots are perfect for readers of all ages. You can find them at the **Community Garden** and outside **Pepperoncini's Pizza**.

The Little Libraries are stocked with a variety of books, free for anyone to take and enjoy. It's a simple way to share the joy of reading with your neighbors. Whether you're looking for a new story to dive into or you've got some gently used books to pass along, the Little Libraries are here for you!

So, next time you're near the Community Garden or Pepperoncini's Pizza, stop by! Grab a book, leave a book, and share the love of reading.



HELP RESTOCK THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Have you seen the Community Cupboard located on W 3rd, in the school parking lot. It's a great resource for our town, built by the students of CCHS to help anyone who might be struggling. But lately, it's been bare, and we need your help to fill it back up!

The idea is simple: **take what you need, leave what you can**. Please consider stopping by to make a donation of non-perishable food items or non-food essentials. Even a little can make a big difference for a neighbor in need.

Below is a list of suggested items that are non-perishable, versatile, and can cater to a variety of needs:

Canned Goods: Vegetables, fruits, soups, and pasta sauces.

Boxed Items: Rice, pasta, mac & cheese, and instant potatoes.

Breakfast Staples: Cereal, granola bars, pancake mix, and syrup.

Proteins: Peanut butter, canned beans, nuts, and shelf-stable milk.

Snacks: Crackers, trail mix, and popcorn.

Baking Supplies: Flour, sugar, cooking oil, and spices.

Hygiene Products: Soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products.

Baby Supplies: Diapers, wipes, baby food, and formula.

Paper Products: Toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues.

Cleaning Supplies: Dish soap, laundry detergent, and disinfecting wipes.

Seasonal Needs: Hats, gloves, or socks in colder months.

Spread the word! Tell your friends and family about the pantry and how they can help.

Together, we can keep this amazing resource stocked and ready for anyone who needs it.

UNDERSTANDING FLOOD RISKS IN OUR COMMUNITY

As winter gives way to spring, the combination of melting snow and seasonal rains poses a significant risk of flooding for communities along the Ohio River, including ours. Flooding in Silver Grove is primarily driven by backwater from the Ohio River, which affects Four Mile Creek. When river levels rise significantly, particularly during heavy rains or rapid snowmelt upstream, the creek may overflow, impacting our community. Understanding the risks and taking proactive measures can help protect your home and your family.

Knowing Your Risk

To help residents better understand potential impacts, we've included a chart on the next page outlining how different flood stages might affect specific areas in our community. Use this information to assess if and when your home could be impacted and to make informed decisions about preparation.

Stay Informed: Monitor weather forecasts and river level updates. Reliable sources include the National Weather Service (NWS) and local news stations.

Prepare Your Home: Elevate important items such as electrical appliances, documents, and valuables. Ensure your sump pump is in good working order. Consider installing backflow valves to prevent sewage backups.

Build an Emergency Kit: Include essentials like water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, batteries, medications, and a first-aid kit.

Understand Insurance Coverage: Verify that your homeowner's insurance includes flood protection. Standard policies typically do not cover flooding, so additional coverage may be necessary.

Community Resources

The City of Silver Grove is committed to supporting residents through these challenges. If flooding is imminent, we will:

- Issue regular updates through the city's website and social media channels.
- Assist with finding shelter for those needing temporary housing.
- Provide resources to help residents protect their properties.

Flooding is a reality for communities near the Ohio River, but with preparation and vigilance, we can minimize its impact. Stay tuned for updates, and take the time now to prepare your home and family.

Together, we can weather any storm.



River Levels vs Elevation @ Intersections in Silver Grove

Intersection	Elevation	River level when street floods
Ash Street @ Chief Sayers Park	486 ft	54 ft
Ash Street @ W 2nd Street	494 ft	62 ft
Ash Street @ W 3rd Street	494 ft	62 ft
Oak Street @ W 1st Street	490 ft	58 ft
Oak Street @ W 2nd Street	498 ft	66 ft
Oak Street @ W 3rd Street	494 ft	62 ft
Oak Street @ W 4th Street	496 ft	64 ft
Four Mile @ 1st Street	494 ft	62 ft
Four Mile @ 2nd Street	498 ft	66 ft
Four Mile @ 3rd Street & Uhl Road	500 ft	68 ft
Uhl Road @ First Bridge	482 ft	52 ft
Uhl Road @ Second Bridge	486 ft	54 ft
Uhl Road @ W 4th Street	496 ft	64 ft
Maple Street @ E 1st Street	494 ft	62 ft
Maple Street @ E 2nd Street	500 ft	68 ft
Maple Street @ E 3rd Street	500 ft	68 ft
Linden Street @ E 1st Street	496 ft	64 ft
Linden Street @ E 2nd Street	496 ft	64 ft
Linden Street @ E 3rd Street	498 ft	66 ft
Mary Ingles Hwy @ Maple Street	498 ft	66 ft
Mary Ingles Hwy @ Four Mile	494 ft	62 ft
Mary Ingles Hwy @ Linden Street	500 ft	68 ft



STAY SAFE THIS WINTER: FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM CCFD1

As temperatures drop, the risk of home fires increases. Campbell County Fire District 1 wants to help you stay safe this winter with these essential tips:

Space Heater Safety: Keep heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials and always turn them off when leaving the room.

Fireplace Precautions: Ensure chimneys are inspected annually and use a sturdy screen to catch sparks.

Smoke Alarms: Test alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed. Don't have a working smoke alarm? CCFD1 offers a free smoke alarm program to help keep your family safe. Contact Lt. See at (859) 635-9255 or jsee@ccfd1ky.com for more information.

Emergency Preparedness: Create a family escape plan and have fire extinguishers readily available. Having fire extinguishers – and knowing how to use them – is critical fire prevention tip to maintain a safe home for you and your family this winter season. When seconds count, having a fire extinguisher nearby is crucial for fire safety and rapid response. Fire extinguishers should be stored where they are easily reachable and in key rooms where there is a higher risk of fires such as the kitchen and garage. For general fire protection, it's best to select a multi-rated fire extinguisher such as an ABC extinguisher.

Practice Candle Safety: When Burning candles for holiday lighting, keep them at least a foot from anything flammable, never leave them unattended and place them out of reach of children. An essential winter fire prevention tip is to make a routine to check that all flames are extinguished before you go to bed or leave the room.

Carbon Monoxide: Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, propane, heating oil, etc. do not burn completely. In a home, heating and cooking equipment that burns fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide incidents are more common during the winter months, and in residential properties. If you heat or cook with such fuels, you should have working carbon monoxide alarms in your house.

Generators: Portable generators are useful during power outages; however, many homeowners are unaware that improper use of portable generators can be risky. The most common dangers associated with portable generators are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution, and fire hazards. According to a Consumer Product Safety Commission report, half of the generator-related deaths happened in the four coldest months of the year, November through February, and portable generators were involved in the majority of carbon monoxide deaths involving engine driven tools. NEVER OPERATE A GENERATOR INDOORS!

By following these simple steps, you can help protect your home and loved ones during the coldest months of the year.

Stay safe and warm!

Rumpke Trash Pick-Up is moving to **TUESDAY**



**Beginning the week of February 3,
Silver Grove's new Rumpke
service day is:**

TUESDAY

1-800-828-8171 | www.rumpke.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to check our social media pages and the community message board at the Post Office for updates on events and other happenings around town.



Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor

**February 22 - 8-10 AM
Silver Grove City Building**

Join Mayor Neal Bedel to casually chat, share ideas, and connect over coffee and donuts.



Helicopter Egg Drop

**April 13 - 1 PM
Chief Sayers Park**

The Easter Bunny will also be hopping by to take pictures with kids and families.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM to address the needs and concerns of our community. Your voice matters, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to engage with the Council.

Upcoming council meetings:

- Feb 6
- Mar 6
- Apr 3
- May 1

SAVE THE DATE (details coming soon):

- TAPS Across America - May 26
- Touch-A-Truck - June 14
- City-Wide Yard Sale - June 21