



TOWN TALK

The Silver Grove, KY Community Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Neal Bedel

Hello friends and neighbors,

As the school year winds down and we look ahead to summer, there's a lot to be excited about in our community. This issue includes updates on several key projects—from park improvements to sidewalk repairs—as well as a great lineup of upcoming events. Whether you're planning to check out Touch-a-Truck, the SG Heritage Festival, or just enjoy the season around town, we hope you'll stay connected and get involved.

Thanks for being an active part of our growing and thriving city!

YARD OF THE MONTH: MAY THROUGH OCTOBER



We're excited to announce the return of **Yard of the Month**! Each month from **May - October**, we will be recognizing the best yard in the community. Whether it's a blooming garden, a well-maintained lawn, or a unique landscape design, we encourage everyone to participate!

To enter, simply **keep your yard looking its best!** We'll be selecting one winner each month based on curb appeal, creativity, and overall aesthetics. Each month, one winner will receive **\$75 in gift cards** to local businesses.

Winners will be announced on the city's Facebook page on the 1st of each month, so be sure to follow us to see who won and to see the great yards in our community.

We can't wait to see all the beautiful outdoor spaces you create. Let's work together to enhance our neighborhood's curb appeal!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

We're thrilled to announce that **Robby Brown** is this year's recipient of the Silver Grove Student Scholarship!

Congratulations, Robby — we're proud of you and excited to see all you accomplish in the future!

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
— Henry David Thoreau





GARDEN CLUB KICKS OFF ANOTHER GROWING SEASON

The Community Garden is back! Members of the Silver Grove Garden Club have already started planting, and things are looking green and promising.

This year, we're hoping to take it a step further with a weekly farm stand to share fresh, local produce with the community. More details to come as the season progresses!

Interested in getting your hands dirty (in the best way)? We'd love to have you join the Garden Club! Give us a call at 859-441-6390, and we'll connect you with the group.



ARBORETUM IS TAKING ROOT

Phase 1 of the Silver Grove Arboretum is underway! Thanks to \$45,000 in funding from New Riff and other foundation grants, the old baseball field at Morscher Park will soon be transformed. Phase 1 includes grading the land and bringing in fresh soil to prepare for a beautiful, community-focused green space.

Once complete, the Arboretum will offer opportunities for outdoor learning, public events, trail connections, and peaceful places to gather and explore.



TRAIL DAY AT CATFISH HOLE TRAILS

On April 26, we hosted our first Trail Day at the Catfish Hole Trail. Volunteers came together to clean up debris and address damage caused by this year's flooding. Their efforts helped restore access to this natural space and marked the start of ongoing trail improvements.

We're incredibly grateful for everyone who showed up and pitched in. Stay tuned for future trail days and more opportunities to get involved as we continue making the trails safer and more enjoyable for all!



Silver Grove is proud to be part of Southbank Partners—a collaboration of cities along the south bank of the Ohio River, working together to support economic growth and quality of life in Northern Kentucky.

One of Southbank's key projects is Riverfront Commons—a planned 20-mile multi-use trail that will connect communities from Devou Park to Penderly Park. The path will provide safe, scenic space for walking, biking, and outdoor enjoyment.

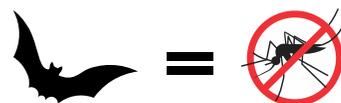
It's an exciting effort to connect our river cities and strengthen the region—and we're proud to be part of it!

FROM RAIN GARDEN TO BAT HOUSES: A FAMILY EFFORT IN SILVER GROVE

A few years ago, a local Eagle Scout, Carter Verst built a rain garden on Ash Street to support native plants and attract pollinators. Now, his younger brother, Cameron, is adding to the effort by installing bat houses.

Bats are great for the environment—they eat tons of mosquitoes and help with pollination. The new houses will give them a safe place to roost, right here in town.

Big thanks to Carter and Cam for helping make Silver Grove greener and a little less buggy!



PAINTING THE TOWN (LITERALLY)

Street painting will begin around town soon! Crews will be **refreshing curbs, crosswalks, and stop bars** to help keep Silver Grove looking sharp and safer for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Please watch for temporary signage and give crews plenty of space while they work. Thanks for your patience as we spruce up the streets!



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS COMING THIS SUMMER!

Phase 2 of the Route 8 Sidewalk Project is finally gaining momentum. Bid packages went out May 15, with construction set to begin this summer. This phase will **replace the worn sidewalks from Four Mile Road to 5834 Mary Ingles Highway**. The new 5-foot-wide sidewalks will include a setback from the road, making your walk through town safer and smoother than ever!

ROAD AND PARK WORK MOVING FORWARD AT GREEN VALLEY

Road paving at Green Valley Trailer Park will begin soon, with Riegler Construction leading the work. The project is expected to wrap up this summer.

At the lake, recent improvements include new benches, trash cans, and a gazebo—funded by New Riff donations and federal ARPA support.

The park also secured a grant to install a trail around the lake. The project is currently under review by the National Park Service and may not begin until 2027, but once complete, it will offer a way to enjoy the park's natural setting.



TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AHEAD

TRAFFIC UPDATE: WEST 3RD STREET IS NOW TWO-WAY!

As of May 1st, the **100 block of West 3rd Street** has officially been converted from a one-way to a **two-way street**.

We know this change will take a little getting used to, so **please use extra caution as drivers adjust**. Watch for oncoming traffic, follow all posted signage, and be patient with one another as the new pattern settles in.

This change is part of our ongoing effort to improve traffic flow and accessibility in town. Thanks for staying alert and helping keep our streets safe!

WHO OWNS THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING? HERE'S THE SCOOP

We've received several comments and questions about the former school building—and we want to clear up some confusion.

When our local school district consolidated with Campbell County Schools (CCS), ownership and control of the building transferred to CCS as part of that process. That means decisions about its use, upkeep, and future plans are currently in their hands—not the city's.

At this time, CCS plans to maintain the building for at least a few more years. When the time comes for them to make decisions about the property's future, we'll absolutely be part of those conversations to explore options that might benefit the town.

We hear your concerns and appreciate your interest—please know we're keeping an eye on it too.

ROUGH ROADS? SPEAK UP!

We know you've noticed the potholes and damaged shoulders along Mary Ingles Hwy and Four Mile Road—a result of heavy truck traffic and years of wear.

Both roads are state-maintained, so repairs fall under the **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**.

Call KYTC6 at (859) 341-2700 or scan the QR code to report issues like potholes, shoulder damage, or general road wear.

The more reports they get, the higher the chance these repairs get prioritized. Let's work together to help smooth the ride in Silver Grove!



STAY SAFE. STAY CONNECTED.

Recent weather reminded us how quickly things can change. From rising water to road closures and power outages, timely updates matter.

REACH ALERT delivers important info straight from the City of Silver Grove—right to your phone or email.

It's quick, free, and helps you stay prepared.

Scan the QR code to sign up today!

WHAT'S A BACKFLOW PREVENTERS?

During the recent flooding event, you may have heard some folks use the term backflow preventer.

So, what is a backflow preventer? It's a plumbing device that helps stop sewage or stormwater from backing up into your home when the system gets overwhelmed. In towns like ours, where rising water can quickly overload sewer lines, it can make a real difference.

It's not a cure-all, but for many residents, it can be a helpful line of defense against future flooding. If you've had water damage, it might be worth asking a licensed plumber if one could help protect your home.



GOT A JUNK CAR

Dave Walker from Walker's Custom Carts is ready to help!

He buys junk vehicles—no title needed—and pays cash on the spot.

Call or text **Dave at 859-991-9398** today and turn that clunker into cash!



SCRAP METAL? OLD APPLIANCES?

Silver Grove resident **Donnie Hancock** is here to help with all your scrap metal disposal needs!

He takes anything metal—appliances, metal sheds, tools, random scrap pieces, and more.

Don't let scrap sit around—call or text **Donnie at 859-462-0904** and get rid of it the easy way.

Quick, Easy, Local!

SMALL TOWN TRUTHS: Living in a small town means your car can break down, and five people will stop - two of them before you even call for help.



SILVER GROVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Join us on **JULY 19** for a full day of hometown pride at the **SILVER GROVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL!**
A celebration of our past, present, and future.

Festival Schedule:

12:00 PM – Parade through town

2:00–10:00 PM – Festival at **Chief Sayers Park**

Throughout the Day – Bingo sessions, Kids Zone, Historical displays, photo booth

3:00–6:00 PM – Live music by **Gary Bertsch & The Blamers**

6:00 PM – **Silver Grove Trivia** (Prizes!)

7:00–10:00 PM – Live music by **The Grateful Dads**

🍴 **Food & Drink:** **Campbell Fire Rescue** will be serving up pulled pork sandwiches and roasted corn, while the **Dari Bar** dishes out nostalgia with coney dogs and ice cream.

Feel free to **BYOB** (no glass, please) and enjoy the day responsibly with friends and neighbors.

Bring your lawn chairs, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy a day that celebrates everything that makes Silver Grove such a special place. We'll see you there!

WANT TO BE PART OF THE FESTIVAL?

Scan the QR code to sign up today!

Become a Sponsor!

Help us bring this celebration to life by becoming an event sponsor. It's a great way to support the community and gain meaningful visibility for your business in the heart of the Grove!

Join the Parade!

Have a classic car, golf cart, business, or community group? We're looking for parade participants of all kinds for our noon kickoff parade. Walk, ride, or roll—just bring the spirit!

Be a Vendor!

Have a product, service, or handmade item you'd like to showcase? Set up a vendor booth during the festival and connect with the crowd throughout the day.

It's free to join, but space is limited—so don't wait!

Volunteer with Us!

We need helping hands for setup, cleanup, the Kids Zone, info tables, and more. It's a great way to support your community and be part of something special.



UPCOMING EVENTS

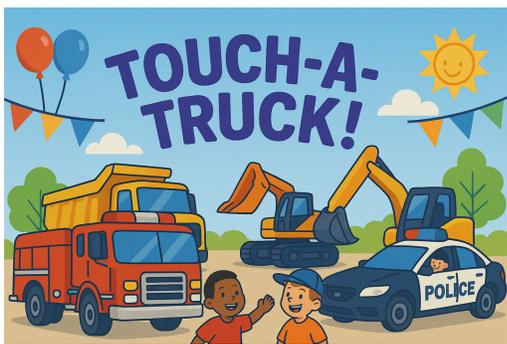
REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday, May 26 • 2:30 PM
Silver Grove Veterans Memorial (Chief Sayers Park)

Join us as we honor those who served with a heartfelt ceremony featuring:

- Placement of wreath at the Veterans Memorial
- Presentation of colors by the CCPD Honor Guard
- National Anthem & live TAPS performance
- Moment of silence

As part of **TAPS Across America**, the event will be filmed by CC Media for local cable broadcast—ensuring our heroes are honored far and wide.



TOUCH A TRUCK - JUNE 14

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM / Chief Sayers Park

Fire trucks, construction equipment, and more!

Kids can climb aboard, honk horns, and even spray a fire hose!

Enjoy live music, giveaways, and hands-on fun for all ages.

CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

NO PERMIT NEEDED!

SILVER GROVE



GET READY FOR A DAY OF HOMETOWN PRIDE!

The **Silver Grove Heritage Festival** is rolling in on **Saturday, July 19** from **Noon - 10PM** at **Chief Sayers Park**.

Come celebrate the people, stories, and small-town spirit that make Silver Grove special!



CAMBELL COUNTY LIBRARY BOOK BUS SUMMER PARKS TOUR

Wednesday, July 23rd

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM / Chief Sayers Park

Visit the Book Bus and take home a free book!

The Book Bus stocks free books for visitors of all ages from infants to adults. All Book Bus visitors are allowed one free book per visit.



FREE HEART HEALTH SCREENINGS

July 24 / 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM / Silver Grove Firehouse

Take a proactive step toward better heart health! The **St. Elizabeth Cardio Van** will be at the Silver Grove Firehouse on Thursday, July 24, offering **FREE** cardiovascular screenings, risk assessments, and educational resources to the community. **No appointment needed**—just stop by!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Silver Grove City Council typically meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM, unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

-  June 4 (1st Wednesday)
-  July 10 (2nd Thursday)
-  August 7

Come be part of the conversation that shapes our community!

RECIPE REVIVAL

Do you remember **Recipe Express**?

It was a beloved cookbook created by the Silver Grove PTA to share and preserve hometown favorites.

The rediscovery of this cookbook—and Kay Gubser’s Pistachio Dessert recipe—is a tasty reminder of the tradition, heart, and history that make Silver Grove special.

Kay is a longtime resident and the proud momma of our city clerk, Ronda Sandfoss. We’re thrilled to bring her dessert back to the table in this edition of *Recipe Revival*.

Pistachio Dessert

- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 stick butter
- 2 c. Cool Whip
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 2 (3.4oz) pkg. pistachio pudding
- 3 c. milk



Blend first three ingredients and press into oblong (9x13) baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Mix 1 cup Cool Whip, powdered sugar and cream cheese and spread over cooled crust. Mix pudding with milk and spread over second layer. Spread remaining cup of Cool Whip over pudding.

FUTURE EVENTS: (details coming soon)

- **Sep. 6:** 1869 Vintage Baseball Game
- **Sep. 20:** Silver Grove Cruise In
- **Oct. 11:** Chili Cook-off (*Tentative date*)
- **Oct. 25:** Pumpkin Hollow Hayride (*Tentative date*)
- **Dec. 1:** Annual Tree Lighting

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

The City of Silver Grove proudly congratulates longtime resident **Karen Cotcamp** for an incredible milestone—**42 years of volunteer service** at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Fort Thomas (formerly St. Luke).

Karen, the hospital’s longest-serving volunteer, was recognized on April 30 at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. Her decades of compassionate service have touched countless lives and exemplify the heart and spirit of our community.

Pictured with Karen is Sonya (Jenkins) Sizemore, Manager of Volunteer Services at St. Elizabeth and graduate of SGHS.

Thank you, Karen, for your decades of service and for representing Silver Grove with such heart!





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DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE IN THIS PHOTO?



You're looking at the 1st Grade Class of 1932 at Silver Grove School—*back when smiles were rare in class photos, but the hearts were big and the stories just beginning*

This sweet slice of Silver Grove history was shared by Christie (Witte) Fillhardt, whose grandmother, Doris Cummins-Witte, is pictured sixth from the right in the front row.