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The Silver Grove, KY Community Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Neal Bedel

Dear friends and neighbors,

As we welcome the new year, I want to wish everyone in Silver Grove a happy, healthy, and successful start to 2026. We have much to look forward to in the months ahead, and I'm grateful for the continued pride, engagement, and care our community shows for our city.

As we begin the new year, I want to share an update regarding the former Silver Grove School property. Campbell County Schools has officially declared the building surplus, and the Kentucky State Board of Education has approved the district to proceed with its sale. The property is currently zoned R-1E (Residential One-E) and is listed at an asking price of \$650,000.

There have been several showings of the property, but at this time no sale is imminent. As soon as there is confirmed information to share regarding a new owner or next steps, we will be sure to keep the community informed.



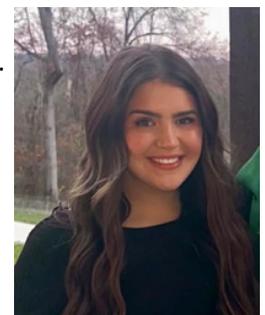
I would also like to take a moment to recognize and thank Jill Fessler for her 17 years of dedication and service to the City of Silver Grove. Jill and her husband, John, have decided to downsize and move to a condo, and with that decision Jill has stepped away from City Council.

Jill's commitment to this city, her attention to detail, and her steady leadership have left a lasting mark on Silver Grove. She has been an invaluable part of our team and will be deeply missed—especially by me, as she often helped keep us all on track.

Thank you, Jill, for everything you have given to our city. We wish you, John, Mike, and your entire family all the very best in this next chapter.

Lastly, I want to welcome Lauren Franzen as our new City of Silver Grove Councilwoman. Lauren was selected by City Council on January 12th to fill the unexpired term of Jill Fessler.

Lauren brings a fresh perspective and strong enthusiasm for community involvement. Her willingness to step forward and serve reflects a commitment to the future of Silver Grove, and her viewpoint adds valuable balance as we plan for both today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities. We look forward to her ideas, energy, and contributions as she joins the Council.



Here's to a great year ahead for Silver Grove!

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Ronda Sandfoss

PROPERTY TAXES: Property Taxes were due December 31, 2025. 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 & SNOW EMERGENCIES: Thank you to residents who followed the Snow Emergency parking plan during the recent storm. Your cooperation helped Public Works clear streets safely and efficiently.

For future snow or ice advisories, please park in driveways whenever possible. If on-street parking is needed during a declared Snow Emergency, park on the south side of 1st-4th Streets and the west side of Ash, Oak, Maple, and Linden Streets. Vehicles not parked in accordance with the plan may be subject to ticketing, with towing reserved for repeat violations, helping keep streets clear and safe for everyone.

STAY INFORMED THIS FLOOD SEASON

As winter transitions into spring, seasonal rains and melting snow can increase flood risk in Silver Grove when Ohio River levels rise and affect Four Mile Creek.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed by monitoring weather conditions and visiting the city's website for flood stage information related to their area. A little preparation now can go a long way in protecting homes and families.

If flooding is anticipated, the City of Silver Grove will share timely updates through social media and Reach Alert and provide resources to support residents.



STAY IN THE KNOW - SIGN UP FOR REACH ALERT

Don't miss important city updates, event reminders, and emergency notices—**sign up for Reach Alert today!**

It's quick, free, and keeps you connected with Silver Grove news right on your phone or email.

Scan the QR code to go straight to the sign-up page. Choose how you'd like to receive alerts—text, call, or email—and you're all set.

Stay informed. Stay safe. Stay connected.



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.

EXPANDED ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Campbell County has expanded Animal Control services, improving response time throughout the county.

With two new officers and a second shift, non-emergency calls are now handled until 10 p.m. daily.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. | Sat 9 a.m.-10 p.m. | Sun Noon-10 p.m.
Emergencies only after 10 p.m. and holidays.

To request service, call Campbell County Animal Services at 859-635-2819.
(Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Sat 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

All other times, contact Campbell County Dispatch at 859-292-3622



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 meeting dates:
February 5 - March 5 - April 2 - May 7

IN MEMORIAM

For those forever in our hearts



In Loving Memory of Jim Elam **October 24, 1952 – October 25, 2025**

Jim Elam's roots ran deep in Silver Grove. His grandfather was "Doc" Elbert, the longtime pharmacist and unofficial town doctor during Silver Grove's early days. His mother, Marion Ritter, dedicated her career to Silver Grove Schools as a teacher and counselor, and Jim himself spent what felt like a lifetime shaping young lives as an educator. A retired teacher from Silver Grove and Campbell County Middle School, Mr. Elam was more than a teacher – he was a coach, mentor, and friend. Known for his remarkable ability to never forget a student, Mr. Elam was equally unforgettable to those he taught. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched--in school, on the playing field and beyond.



Honoring a Life of Service: Karen Cotcamp **October 3, 1949 – January 2, 2026**

A lifelong Silver Grove resident, Karen lived a life defined by service to others. She was a devoted member of Silver Grove Christian Church, where many remember her from Sunday School, the church choir, and her involvement in church ministries. Her spirit of service extended well beyond the church, including 42 years as a volunteer at St. Elizabeth Hospital—the longest-serving volunteer in the hospital's history—and her work as a Supervisor with Disabled American Veterans. Karen will be remembered for her kindness, compassion, and unwavering commitment to caring for others.



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



February 21 | Breakfast with the Mayor
9:00–10:30 AM | City Building

Start your morning with coffee and conversation with Mayor Bedel about what's happening in Silver Grove.



March 29 | Helicopter Egg Drop
1:00 PM | Chief Sayers Park

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



April 25 | Nature Walk & Trail Cleanup
10:00 AM | Catfish Hole Trail

Enjoy the outdoors while giving back—join neighbors for a guided walk and light cleanup along our local trails.



May 25 | Memorial Day Ceremony
3:00 PM | Veterans Memorial

Join us as we gather to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.



June 6 | City-wide Yard Sale
8:00 AM–1:00 PM | No permit needed

Shop, sell, and explore Silver Grove's city-wide yard sale.



June 20 | Touch-A-Truck
10:00 AM–1:00 PM | Chief Sayers Park

Hands-on fun with big trucks and local crews.

LOOKING AHEAD...

More details coming soon

September 19: Silver Grove Heritage Day (tentative date) • **September 26:** Silver Grove Cruise-In

October 24: Chili Cook-Off & Pumpkin Walk • **December 5:** Tree Lighting