



THE VILLAGE BULLETIN

Winter
2025

Message from Mayor John A. Smith



Mayor John A. Smith

Happy New Year, Silverton! I am honored to serve as your Mayor and am eager to welcome 2025. We have some exciting things happening in the Village, including tremendous activity around development and improvements.

This year, a Wawa store will break ground at

the intersection of Montgomery and Stewart roads, bringing new jobs and convenient services to our community. I am excited to welcome this iconic establishment to Silverton and look forward to its opening in late 2025 or early 2026. Ag47 Residential has been approved for another 120-unit building on Montgomery Rd., which will provide more housing options in Silverton within the next two years.

Silverton also saw some exciting business activity and new investment in 2024. Big Papa's

expanded and moved to a neighboring building; Proud Hound Coffee broke ground on its building expansion; The Oaks Church renovated and opened at 6969 Montgomery Rd.; and Kinley-Kemp Funeral Home and Transform Cincy opened on Montgomery Rd. I want to welcome the new businesses and thank all our businesses for their presence and continued investment in Silverton. We look forward to supporting these local companies and seeing the contributions and positive effects they will have on our community.

We enjoyed an inaugural season of performances and movies at Silverton's newest gathering spot, Silverton Town Commons. Opened last April at the corner of Montgomery and Plainfield roads, the venue hosts live music, outdoor movie nights and stage shows ... all free to the community. I encourage you to take advantage of these family-friendly events and activities. Be sure to save the 2025 calendar of events from this bulletin. I am always thrilled to have the Village put on these events for the community, and I look forward to seeing you there.



Mayor Smith and Village leaders celebrate the opening of Silverton Town Commons.



Community members enjoy live programming at Silverton Town Commons.

Tax Update & Community Funding

EARNINGS TAX SEASON

It's time to start gathering your tax documents. The Village follows the federal deadline for annual tax filing: Tuesday, April 15. Silverton requires all residents to file taxes annually. Alycia Boggs is the Village's Earnings Tax Specialist. She can be reached at **(513) 936-6244** or by emailing a.boggs@silvertonohio.us. Don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Did you know that the Village uses the Regional Income Tax Agency? RITA is a statewide agency that provides a shared service for tax collection and administrative services. It operates under a regional council of governments and has provided this cost-effective option for over 50 years.

OPERATING LEVY RENEWAL

The Village of Silverton has an operating levy, which was first approved in 2001. This levy is for general operating expenses and is a portion of what is paid on property taxes. The levy has a four-year term and will expire at the end of 2025. This levy will be on the ballot for May and is a renewal, so it will not raise property taxes.

The levy was approved for 5.0 mils in 2001. Given the amount of time since first approved, the effective mils on a residential property currently is 2.5 mils, which equals \$74.00 for \$100,000 of property value per year.

Your Village at Work

The Public Works Department has been hard at work maintaining our roads, public spaces and parks and collecting your leaves and brush, among other things. Winter is an especially critical time for our crews to be ready to handle the snow and ice for safe travel in the Village. New for this year is a brining system for pre-treating roads for ice and snow events. Public Works Director Jason Webber applied for and received an Ohio EPA grant for this system. Although it's not

effective for every winter weather event, it will be a welcome addition, saving on salt usage and clearing time in the right conditions.

In the event of inclement weather, please remove your vehicle from the street, when possible. This makes it much easier and safer for our snowplow trucks to move around tight locations and clear the roads. While our Public Works drivers recognize this is not always possible, they greatly appreciate your consideration of this request, especially when visibility is limited.

When the seasons change, please keep in mind that the Village's Public Works crew also picks up leaves and brush left at the curb every Wednesday. Brush collection begins in January and runs through October 15, at which time trucks will be outfitted with leaf vacuums and convert to leaf collection until December 15. If you have questions about these services or other Public Works operations, you can contact Public Works at **(513) 936-6230** or j.webber@silvertonohio.us. Learn more at: silvertonohio.us/public-works/.



The Village's Public Works team members clear a catch basin on Sampson Ln. following the winter storms.

Safety in Silverton



Lt. Robin Reid

Silverton has a new District Commander! Lt. Robin Reid was named the District 4 Commander in October 2024 and has spent recent months prioritizing community service and integrating the deputies with Silverton.

Along with community service, the Village and Sheriff's Office are focusing on increased traffic safety in 2025. Hopefully, you have seen the

speed signs on various streets and more deputy patrols the last few months. Silverton is a great walking community, and the Village wants to encourage and protect that activity and promote walking to the business district.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles and remove keys and any valuables. Crimes involving automobiles are on the rise, so avoid making your vehicle an easy target. District 4 of the Hamilton Co. Sheriff's Office can be reached for non-urgent matters at **(513) 792-6572** and its Dispatch Center can be reached at **(513) 825-2280. Please call 911 in an emergency.**

Infrastructure Improvements

The Village completed several road-improvement projects in recent years with help from state and local grant funds. The Montgomery Rd. signal project, which replaced all the traffic signals and resurfaced pavement on Montgomery Rd., was completed in October 2023. In cooperation with the city of Deer Park and Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW), the water main along Plainfield Rd. from Diehl Rd. in Silverton to Galbraith Rd. in Deer Park was replaced. That undertaking wrapped up in October 2024.

Thanks to a federal grant, the remainder of Plainfield Rd. will undergo road construction later in 2025 as utilities, sidewalks and roadways will be rebuilt between Montgomery and Blue Ash roads. Plainfield Rd. will be designed to help pedestrian movement and encourage motorists to traverse the area at lower speeds. In addition, new sidewalks will be poured, and new traffic signals will be erected at Blue Ash and Montgomery roads. A right-turn lane also will be added on Plainfield Rd. heading north into the Montgomery Rd. intersection. These improvements will be extensive and take more than a year to complete, so residents should



Crews tackled lane grinding along Plainfield Rd. in front of Meier's Wine Cellars.

expect detours on Plainfield Rd. for a majority of the work.

Finally, thanks to additional grants—SORTA and state funds, respectively—more infrastructure improvements are slated in the coming year. Section Rd. will be resurfaced in late spring/early summer between Montgomery Rd. and Ohio Ave. Meanwhile, later in 2025, Silverton Ave. and Holman Cir. will be resurfaced. These projects will be done in cooperation with GCWW as water mains in these areas will be replaced.



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VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor John A. Smith

Vice Mayor Mark Quarry

Council Member Idella Thompson

Council Member Franklin Wilson

Council Member Dottie Williams

Council Member Shirley Hackett-Austin

Council Member Britt Born

The Village of Silverton

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Village Main Number **(513) 936-6240**

Administration

Shelter Rental

Zoning

Earnings Tax **(513) 936-6244**

Property Maintenance **(513) 936-6233**

Public Works **(513) 936-6230**

Fire District **(513) 791-2500**

Non-Emergency Police **(513) 825-2280**

Emergency **911**

Want to Get Involved?

Consider serving a vital role in shaping and managing the growth, development and land use for businesses and residential properties within Silverton by volunteering on the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals. In addition, the Fire District Board has resident and business members while our Board of Tax Review considers appeals to the Village's earnings tax assessments.

Silverton can only be great with the involvement of our businesses and residents. Please contact the Village Manager at **(513) 792-6560** to learn more about these volunteer opportunities.