

# Silverhill sets rental rates for reopening of Little Hall

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SILVERHILL, Ala. – The Silverhill Town Council voted Monday to approve a rental agreement for the town’s newly renovated Little Bohemian Hall.

The agreement, which follows the rental agreement for the town’s Community Center, includes fee schedules for Friday and Saturday rental and for Sunday through Thursday rental.

Rental fees for Friday and Saturday are \$150 with a damage deposit of \$125. For Sunday through Thursday rentals, fees are \$125 for the entire day or \$75 for a four-hour rental and a \$75 damage deposit.

Set-up cost of \$25 was set for for both rental schedules, with an alcohol deposit of \$50 and clean-up fees of \$25.

According to the agreement, there is a mandatory security fee of \$35 per hour, per officer with a minimum of four hours when alcohol is served. The agreement prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages at the facility and no smoking is allowed at the facility.

Officials from the town and Save the Little Hall Committee joined with the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday for a ribbon cutting at the newly renovated facility.

“I just want to thank Frankie Kucera coming to me and not letting this go,” said Mayor Tim Wilson, “and to the Little Hall Committee for all of their efforts in making this happen.”

Kucera also thanked all the members of the Little Hall Committee for the two-year-long effort to save the structure.

“We worked through heat and cold, but we got it done,” he said. “I’m happy to be able to give this building back to the town and I’m hoping that it will be enjoyed in the same way that we all grew up enjoying it.”

The structure sustained extensive damage during a tornado in March of 2011.

After the council voted to proceed with plans to demolish the structure and build a new community center, several concerned residents came forward asking to save the structure.

After determining that the structure would need to be moved to a new location and after several months of discussion of where to put the structure, it was decided that the structure could be moved closer to the corner of Third Avenue and Fourth Street, near the town’s water tower.

Just over a year after being damaged, work to right and repair the structure began when the structure was moved



## Ribbon cutting

Officials with the town of Silverhill joined the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday to open the Little Bohemian Hall. It has taken more than two years to repair and rebuild the structure after it was damaged by a tornado.

and set on its new foundation, approximately 200 feet from where it sat for the better part of three decades.

Built in the 1920s, the structure was originally used for dances, wedding receptions and as a meeting place for the Czech community. It was later used as a school auditorium before being moved to the town park in the 1970s.

In addition to being used as a meeting place, plans are also to use the structure as a museum of sorts, showing the history of the town and specifically its Czech and other heritages which have so long been a part of the identity of the town.

Plans are to have photos lining the walls from the early days of the town. There will also be shadow boxes constructed which will house artifacts and examples of traditional dress from the Czech and other cultures.

The council also voted Monday to revise the rental agreement for the town's community center, consolidating the fee schedule for in-town and out-of-town residents.