



## City Administrator's Report

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August 12, 2021

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### **Implementation of Changes Relating to Trash Rates**

As the Board will recall, the new contract with WCA/GFL provides for a Senior Discount of 15% and allows for the use of bag tags to be purchased for use for extra trash collection.

#### *Draft Senior Discount Policy for Trash Service*

Attached is a draft policy relating to eligibility for the senior discount. Staff will bring this policy forward for adoption on an agenda in September. Please contact Cynthia with any questions or concerns about the draft policy.

#### *Extra Bag Tags*

Residents will be able to periodically place additional trash at the curb for disposal using a tag system. The tags, once purchased, do not expire and can be placed on bags set out by the trash bins for pick up on trash day. This provides an opportunity for residents to set out more trash when needed without purchasing a second can.

Per the contract, the City rate for bag tags is \$6.50 per sheet. Staff will order tags to have available for purchase at City Hall for this amount. There are five tags per sheet. Residents may also order the tags directly from WCA/GLF at a rate of \$7.50 per sheet.

WCA/GFL is reaching out to Price Chopper to determine if they would also like to offer bag tags for purchase at the store. This would be through a separate agreement between the store and WCA/GFL.

The Bag Tag program will go in effect November 1, 2021.

### **Streetscape Phase II Update**

Progress continues on the Streetscape project. Installation of sidewalk on the north side of Main Street is complete. Work will begin this week on installation of the raised pedestrian crossing. The basketball court has been poured, tensioning of the cables is anticipated next week. Sod and trees will be installed next week (the contractor will water and maintain through the duration of the project). Pending the change order on

Tuesday's agenda, mill and overlay will be completed after completion of the storm sewer and curb work. This is anticipated sometime after Labor Day.

### **Highland Drive Sewer**

Construction work is beginning on the Highland Drive sanitary sewer project. This project will install a new main and connect several homes having problems with their sewer services. The project will take approximately 90 days. Menke Excavating is the contractor.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Event**

In partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council, the City of Smithville will be hosting the Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, September 11, 2021. This will be advertised on the City Website, Facebook, and Nextdoor. The event will be held at Smithville High School from 8 a.m. to noon, or until the truck is full.

For more information please visit: <https://www.marc.org/Environment/Solid-Waste/District-Programs-and-Projects/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

We are still in need of 10 -12 volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering in these efforts, please contact [publicworks@smithvillemo.org](mailto:publicworks@smithvillemo.org) to sign up.

### **Bulky Item Pick Up**

Bulky Item Pick Up is scheduled for the week of September 20 through September 24. This will be advertised on the City Website, Facebook, and Nextdoor.

Residents will have the opportunity to discard up to five large and bulky items at their curbside with regular trash collection.

Items such as appliances, washers, dryers, refrigerators and freezers with compressors and Freon removed, furniture, sinks, toilets, cabinets as well as rugs and carpet cut into four-foot lengths will be accepted. All items must be stacked and bundled for collections.

The following items are not accepted: glass items, e-waste (televisions, computers, monitors, etc.) tires, automobile parts, construction materials, tanks, oil drums, railroad ties, chemicals or household hazardous waste.