



City Administrator's Report

April 28, 2022

Diamond Crest Park Update

Installation of the playground and other improvements at Diamond Crest Park continues to progress. Added parking and other amenities, including trash cans, landscaping, picnic tables and restrooms are still to come and are anticipated in the coming weeks. The splash pad will also re-open Memorial Day weekend.



The Big Takeaway

Beginning next week, a summary of Tuesday night Board of Aldermen meetings will be summarized and posted to the City Facebook Page and NextDoor the following day. This new campaign will be called "The Big Takeaway." The goal of this campaign is to provide more information to citizens in an easier to find format, allowing for increased transparency of what decisions are made during Board of Aldermen meetings. In the post, a link will be provided directing citizens to a news story posted on the City Website. In the news story, a summary of action taken as well as additional links to the agenda, minutes, and full packet will be provided.

ARPA Tourism Grant

In late March, the Clay County Commissioners approved an ARPA Funding Request from the Downtown Excelsior Partnership, Inc. This provided \$200,000 to administer a county-wide Tourism Marketing Matching Grant Opportunity. Applications are due mid-May. Staff is reviewing the grant and plan to submit a request for wayfinding signs.

E-Waste and Shredding Event

The City hosted an E-Waste and Shredding Event at Smithville High School on April 23. A special thanks to Public Works staff that volunteered for the event. The citizens of Smithville recycled and kept 858 pounds (0.43 tons) of computer electronics out of the landfill.

Additionally, residents recycled approximately 11,550 pounds of recyclable paper. This resulted in the following resources being conserved:

- 98 Trees
- 2,194 Gallons of Oil
- 40,425 Gallons of Water
- 27,720 Kilowatt Hours of Energy
- 578 Cubic Yards of Landfill Space

Enterprise Vehicle Order

As you will recall, this year we have moved to lease of all vehicles, including police response vehicles. With ongoing supply chain issues and delays in delivery of all vehicles, staff has worked with Enterprise to order eight vehicles. Four are already on order. It is hoped that these will be delivered this fall. An additional four have been authorized for order when the next order window for Enterprise opens.

Website Update

City staff is working with the vendor that houses the City website to refresh and update the look and feel of the site. Staff is also working to ensure information in all areas is up to date. Rollout of the refreshed site is anticipated in early July.

Smith's Fork Rental Update

Year to date, campground rentals are at approximately 43%. This is a similar percentage to average last year, but keep in mind, the total number of sites available for rental are reduced by almost half from 83 to 47.

Mill and Overlay Update

Superior Bowen has completed the Hospital Drive Overlay. Delays relating to their operations and weather have postponed the Tillman Road rehabilitation until this Saturday. Staff continues to post the traffic plan and updates on social media as it becomes available.

Board Retreat

A reminder that the Board of Aldermen/Staff Retreat is planned for Wednesday, May 25. The meeting will begin at 8:30 at the Northwest campus location at 6889 North Oak Trafficway in Gladstone.

Spring Bulky Item Pick-up

Spring Bulky Item Pick-Up has been scheduled for the week of June 6. Residents may discard up to five bulky items with their scheduled trash pick-up day.