



City Administrator's Report

April 27, 2023

GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Received Once Again!

We received word today that we have again received the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting from the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) – the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

GFOA established this award in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Approximately 1,800 governments, including states, counties, cities, special districts, school districts and more have been recognized for transparency in budgeting. Budget documents are reviewed by practitioner volunteers who rate the documents on various criteria. To earn recognition, budget documents must meet criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communication tool.

The 2019 budget was the first to receive this recognition and all documents since that time have received this award. Of note, the following evaluation criteria received outstanding ratings: capital program; charts and graphs; understandability and usability; and overall communication device.

As you know, the Finance Department staff work annually to make additional improvements to this document and those efforts continue to pay off!

Parks and Recreation Updates

Park Signage

On July 21, 2022, staff updated the Parks and Recreation Committee that as part of the first two years of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, funds were budgeted for parks signs. At that time, only two parks had signs recognizing them as city facilities. Last week, three additional signs were installed to allow for some landscaping to be completed around each one. This will be done this summer by staff.



Community Art

Earlier this year, the City partnered with the Creative Cities Alliance for rental of public art through the Sculpture on the Move project. We received word this week that tentative delivery for the sculpture "World's Her Canvas" is scheduled for the morning of May 5.



Shared Facilities with Smithville United Church

Smithville United Church leaders are currently drafting a MOU to share indoor and outdoor space for recreation programming. Parks and Recreation staff are looking to start an open gym for pickleball for the community, with the intent of using community volunteer assistance to coordinate this program.

Earth Day

On April 23, a Girl Scout troop helped plant 8 fruit trees at Smith's Fork Park along the Main Street Trail. Additionally, Heritage Tractor has planted a tree at Helvey Park to celebrate their 25th anniversary and to honor the communities they serve.



Senior Center Programming

Over the past six weeks, seniors have been participating in a Matter of Balance class offered by Clay County Senior Services and MU Extension. This program is an evidence-based program that will help older adults reduce the fear of falling by setting goals to increase activity levels, encourage small changes to reduce fall risks at home, and teach ways to exercise to increase strength and balance. Part of the program is to inspect their homes and the Senior Center for fall hazards. In that inspection, the seniors asked if we could add parking blocks to the parking lot so cars cannot block the sidewalk. Parking blocks were installed earlier this week.



Easter

Smithville Parks and Recreation and the Smithville Chamber of Commerce partnered to host an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 at Heritage Park. There were more than 10,000 eggs “hidden”. They were found in less than three minutes! The Chamber expects to expand the hunt to be larger next year.

Bike Race/ Wine Walk

Humphrey’s Gravel Adventure and the Smithville Main Street District will again be hosted in downtown Smithville on May 6.

Recreation

Following is a summary of sports, recreation and facility activity for March 2023.

2023 Facility Rentals						
	Park Shelters	Senior Center	Baseball Fields	Soccer Fields	Scout Areas	Total Rentals
January	0	10	0	0	0	11
February	0	14	1	0	0	15
March	0	12	4	0	2	18
April	9	13	7	0	0	29

Sports Registrations												
	<i>Spring</i> Socce r	<i>Spring</i> Clinic	<i>Spring</i> T-Ball	<i>Spring</i> Baseball	<i>Spring</i> Softbal l	<i>Spring</i> Kickbal l	<i>Fall</i> Socce r	<i>Fall</i> Clinic	<i>Fall</i> T- Ball	<i>Fall</i> Volleyball	<i>Winter</i> Basketball	Total Participants
2021	180	40	140	105	71	10	178	32	68	49	132	1,005
2022	221	71	152	116	89	2	169	40	61	54	135	1,110
2023	228	50	139	109	77							602

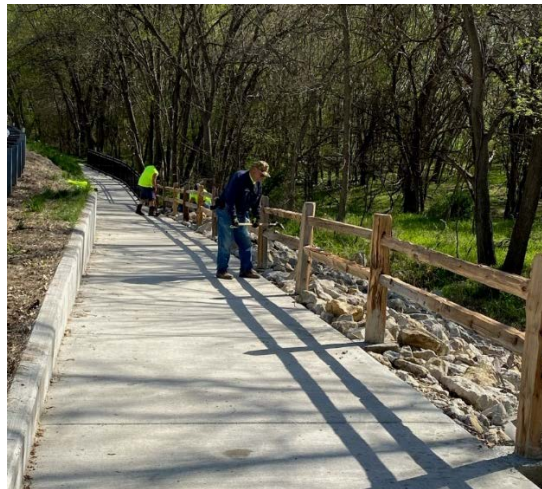
Public Works Update

Bridge Sewers Update

As part of the preparations for the Streetscape Phase III project, the City identified three sewer lines that required replacement to prevent future excavation in the new street for repair purposes. During the assessment, staff discovered that one of the properties would be demolished and the lot would be divided in half between the adjacent neighbors. As a result, the contractor replaced the sewer line for only two properties, as the third property would no longer be in use after demolition. Even though the third property's sewer line was not updated or replaced as part of the project, it remains functional and will be disconnected once the demolition occurs.

Fence Installation on East Main Street

The Streets Division crew recently completed an exceptional project on East Main Street by installing a fence along the sidewalk. Prior to the project, there was a noticeable gap between sections of the black steel fence, which created a safety hazard for pedestrians and bikers. The streets crew took the initiative and extended and connected the fence to ensure that everyone using the sidewalk is safe.



Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Cured In Place Pipe

SAK has successfully completed the rehabilitation of the sewer main along Quincy Boulevard. While working on the project, they found several sewer connections that were obstructed by tree roots. The contractor made efforts to clean and improve these areas to ensure better connectivity to the primary sewer line. The sewer rehabilitation project will significantly increase the lifespan of the main sewer line for many years to come. The contractor is expected to return to the site in the next few weeks to complete the rehabilitation of the three manholes included in this project.



Electric Vehicle Information

Public Works staff recently participated in a stakeholder meeting organized by MARC to discuss the community's interest in local and regional funding applications for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. The meeting was attended by representatives from various communities who provided diverse responses. Some expressed uncertainty regarding their readiness to pursue grant opportunities for EV charging stations, while others mentioned that they plan to seek such opportunities this year or the next. The attendees also discussed the potential costs of installing EV charging stations, which could range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 for a high-end model. Moreover, most grants require a 20% matching contribution. Staff would like to know if the Board is interested in exploring and pursuing grant opportunities to fund EV infrastructure.

WRDA Information

The City submitted three projects through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) for funding. Those projects included:

- South Force Main - \$1,910,000
- Rocky Branch Interceptor – \$3,222,000
- 144th Street Pump - \$1,656,000

These projects are still being considered. At this time, Smithville's projects and Excelsior Springs are the only communities in Graves District with projects.

The City also submitted Pope Lane for funding through the T-HUD (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development) program. This project did not make the cut and is no longer being considered for funding.

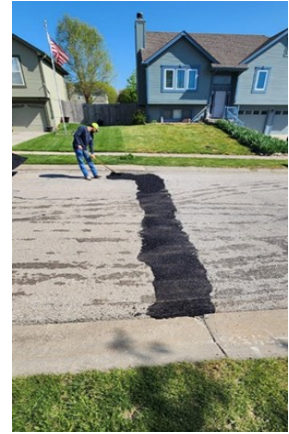
West Secondary Settling Basin

Staff at the Water Plant cleaned the West Secondary Settling basin as part of their annual cleaning of the treatment basins. During this process, staff discovered some structural integrity issues during the process. Staff is coordinating with HDR to include these repairs in the water treatment plant improvements project.



Street Repair in Harborview

The streets crew identified several areas in the Harborview neighborhood that needed improvement due to uneven pavement during their routine maintenance check. One major issue was the presence of inverted speed bumps, which were causing discomfort to drivers and passengers. In response, the crew promptly fixed the speed bumps, taking care to make the road smooth and safe for all drivers while minimizing any inconvenience to residents.



Upcoming Solid Waste Events

Bulky items pick up: May 1 – May 5

Residents will have the opportunity to discard up to five large and bulky items with their 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 4-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.

Household Hazardous Waste Event: August 19

The City of Smithville will host a mobile event on August 19, 2023 from 8 am to noon (or until trucks are full) at Smithville High School.

In these event, residents will have the opportunity to dispose batteries, automotive products, household cleaners, lawn and garden products, fuels, hazardous liquids and cleaners, pesticides, paint, used oil, etc.

More information about the Household Hazardous Program can be found [here](#)

Meeting Schedule

Just a reminder that a number of upcoming meetings have been cancelled or moved:

- The July 4 meeting is cancelled for the Holiday and City Hall is closed July 3 & 4.
- The August 1 meeting has been cancelled as Mayor Boley will be out of town.

The Board of Aldermen Retreat/Budget Planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. We have secured the same MCC facility space as used last year for this date.