



City Administrator's Report

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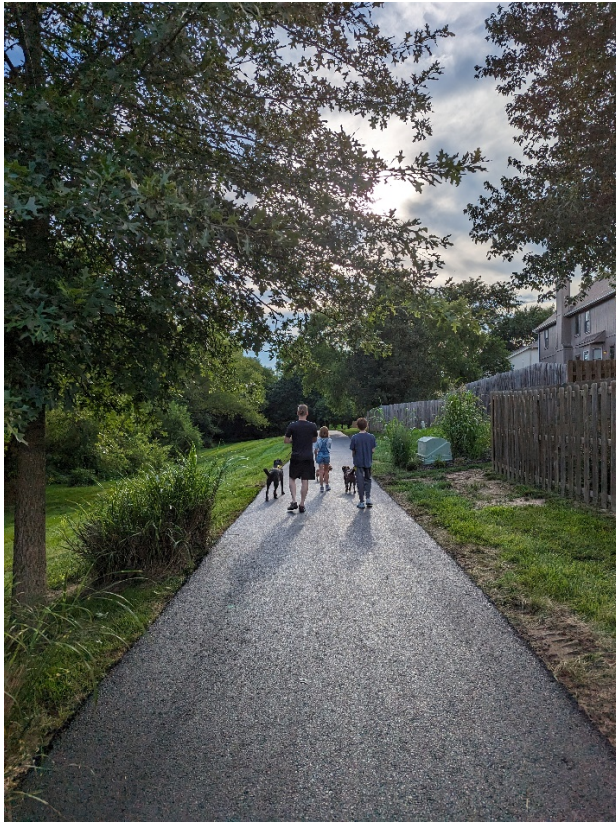
Neighborhood Beautification Grant 2023 Update

In the 2023 Neighborhood Beautification Grant round, Hills of Shannon was awarded \$13,360.00 to repair and reseal the neighborhood's walking trail. The trail is nearly 1/3 mile long, and follows along the woods, creek, and helps to provide access to the Hills of Shannon playground and recreational fishing pond. This project repaired a nearly 20 year old walking trail. The project included a two-inch asphalt overlay to increase the lifespan of the trail improvements. Before and after photos are below – what an improvement this project made!

Before (included in request submission):



After:



Haunted Campground

Smithville Haunted Campground is the largest event the Parks and Recreation Department puts on each year. This year's event took place on October 21, 2023, and the weather could not have been better. In 2022, we estimated just over 3,000 visitors, and this year we had just under 4,000 visitors! Our Haunted Campground Committee did a great job organizing the event and making it a resounding success. The committee has already met and deliberated on adjustments that will further enhance the event's future success next year.

Howl-O-Ween

Recreation Manager Alex Threlkeld and Recreation Coordinator Aspen Ryan took the initiative this year to partner with Clay County Parks and Recreation to organize a Howl-O-Ween event at the Clay County Dog Park for pet owners. This marked the first time we hosted this event and even with the cold temperatures, it turned out to be a tremendous success! Staff estimated that approximately 60-70 dogs came out and dressed up for the occasion.

