



## City Administrator's Report

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November 30, 2023

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### **Bulky Item Drop Off Event**

The City hosted its first Bulky Item Drop Off Event, drawing more than 60 residents who successfully filled 2.5 dumpsters. Staff coordinated with GFL, who supplied three dumpsters and arranged their same-day drop-off and pickup.

Main items disposed of included mattresses, spring boxes, and various pieces of furniture. The city had five volunteers at this event, four of whom were city employees. Staff has received positive feedback from the event and is considering hosting a similar event next year.



### **Winter Weather Response**

On November 25, the Kansas City area experienced the first snow event of the season. Smithville received about two inches of snow. In preparation, staff pre-treated the roads with 1,100 gallons of brine on Friday, November 24. A team of seven city employees initiated operations at 10 p.m. on Saturday, November 25 and worked until 4 a.m. on Sunday morning. Two employees from R & S, the City's Contractor, were also called in to assist. The combined efforts included the application of 70 tons of salt spread by nine trucks, along with plowing activities.

These collaborative efforts ensured the clearance of all roads, prioritizing the safety and convenience of Smithville's residents and commuters.

### **188<sup>th</sup> Street and Eagle Ridge Parkway**

Earlier this year, an item addressing parking concerns on 188<sup>th</sup> Street was removed from agenda consideration in order to allow additional review by the Police Department in conjunction with the Smithville School District. On November 17, Chief Lockridge met with the principal at Eagle Heights Elementary to discuss traffic concerns around the school, on Eagle Parkway and more specifically on 188<sup>th</sup> Street. They also observed traffic in this area to determine a course of action.

Any issues observed are not currently habitual, but more sporadic. There does not appear to be a need to restrict parking on 188<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff and district officials are discussing signage that may remind and encourage parents to follow the school's requests sent out earlier in the year regarding pick-up and drop-off traffic and parking. The traffic and parking situation will again be reviewed by both parties in the spring.

### **EV Charging Station Grant Application**

Staff has submitted a grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for two electric charging stations in the downtown area. The application is through the Missouri Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Project. The application includes a request of 90% funding. A City match of 10% (estimated at \$20,000) would be required in 2025 if a grant is awarded.

### **Clay County Comprehensive Plan Update**

The County is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. A public survey is currently available now through December 31. The survey may be accessed by visiting the project website [Clay County 2040 Compass Comprehensive Plan](#).

### **City Hall and Meeting Schedule**

City Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 14 for the City Employee Holiday Luncheon.

City Hall will be closed Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Mayor Boley has cancelled the January 2 Board of Aldermen meeting.