



City Administrator's Report

January 11, 2024

Snow Event - January 9th & 10th

The City of Smithville encountered its first snow event of the year on January 8th and 9th, with approximately 4 inches of heavy, wet snow coating the area.

A team of 7 City employees dedicated their efforts to clearing main routes, with each individual working approximately 21 hours over the course of two days for snow removal. Crews adjusted their regular schedules to synchronize with the duration of the storm. The City's contractor, consisting of 4 plows, provided support by collectively working for 26.75 hours, primarily clearing specific residential areas.

Approximately 80 tons of salt were utilized in the combined efforts to enhance traction and aid in melting the snow.

This collaboration ensured efficient snow removal, making roads safer and more accessible for the residents of Smithville, highlighting the city's commitment to effectively managing adverse weather conditions for the community's well-being.



Emerald Ridge Public Input Meeting

The 2024 Budget includes funding to update Emerald Ridge Park and Playground. This neighborhood park is located off South Commercial and Kelly Drive, behind Heritage Tractor. The Smithville Parks and Recreation Committee has been working with playground design companies over the past several months and they are now ready to obtain neighborhood feedback. They are asking the neighborhood and surrounding areas for feedback on any changes they would like to see, what they may not be a fan of, and or what they would like added.

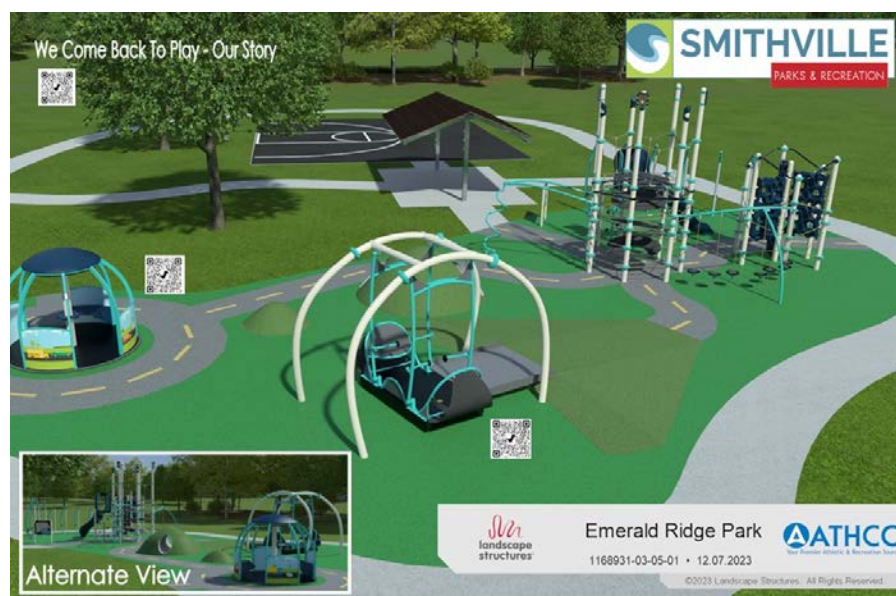
On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, an in-person public comment meeting will be held for this Emerald Ridge Park and Playground design. The meeting will be held at the Smithville Senior Center. Park and Recreation staff and Parks and Recreation Committee members will be present.

The goal for the park and playground designs was to be accessible for all ages and abilities. The goal of each of the two designs is to best fit the needs and desires of the community. Below is information about each design:

Playground 1 - Athco - Car Theme:

Athco has provided a playground design that will have a pour-n-place interactive surfacing and with equipment for ages 2.5-12 years old. Two features to highlight are the We-Go-Swing and the We-Go-Around. The We-Go-Swing lets kids of all abilities play together and experience the thrill of swinging, with no need to transfer needed. The We-Go-Round offers ample room for kids and families to interact and play together – including those in wheelchairs. The integrated roof provides shade, and the center handhold allows riders to participate in the spinning fun.

This park will also include a shelter for shade and seating, a half-court basketball court, and a concrete walking path around the park.



Playground 2 - Kompan - Interactive theme:

Kompan has provided a playground design that will have turf surfacing and 31 activities within the playground for ages 2-12 years old. The playground equipment has a 2-5 and a 5-12 area. Two features to highlight are the Universal Carousel and the 2-5 play around. The Universal Carousel offers ample room for kids and families to interact and play together – including those in wheelchairs. The 2-5 play area includes a ramp into the structure with multiple interactive pieces to stimulate the mind.

This park will also include a shelter for shade and seating, a half-court basketball court, and a concrete walking path around the park.



The Parks and Recreation Committee is planning to bring a recommendation forward to the Board of Alderman on the March 5 meeting.

Stormwater Construction Site Inspections

The City of Smithville is committed to meeting the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) MS4 permit requirements, specifically concerning land disturbance activities at construction sites.

As per both City and DNR regulations, developers are required to conduct stormwater construction site inspections based on a schedule outlined in the Land Disturbance permit provided by the DNR. City inspectors also perform inspections to ensure adherence to erosion control measures. DNR mandates the presence of an onsite inspector appointed by the developer, responsible for these inspections. Furthermore, developers are required to submit a copy of these inspections within 24 hours. However, it has been noted that certain sites are not fulfilling these inspection requirements.

In an effort to assist developers in complying with both DNR and City regulations, the City has taken proactive steps. A communication initiative was undertaken, and letters

were sent to all active construction site developers, ensuring their awareness of the mandatory inspections. Also, a template was provided to assist them in meeting the inspection criteria outlined by DNR and the City.

Also, staff has added a dedicated section on the City's website for easy access to these resources. These efforts aim to assist developers in meeting DNR and City compliance obligations while protecting our community's environment.

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Meeting Schedule

Mayor Boley has cancelled the February 20 Board of Aldermen meeting.