

City Administrator's Report

December 12, 2024

Smithville Chamber of Commerce Board

This week, the Chamber held elections for their 2025 Board of Directors. Parks and Recreation Director Matt Denton was elected to the Board. Congratulations Matt!

Downtown Streetscape Phase III

Mega KC Corporation, the City's contractor, continues to make progress on the Downtown Streetscape Phase III project despite the weather and delays in utility relocation. During the most recent progress meeting, the contractor confirmed plans to work through the winter. For now, North Bridge Street will remain closed. We will notify the Board and residents if these plans change.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Every five years, local jurisdictions including cities, counties, school districts, public colleges, and other special districts are required to prepare and update a Hazard Mitigation Plan to remain eligible for certain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants. Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is currently updating its Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the City of Smithville is actively participating in the process.

As part of this effort, the City of Smithville has completed its Community Profile Survey for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff from the police, development, and public works departments as well as the Smithville Area Fire Protection District reviewed and updated the community profile for Smithville. This survey included details about the hazards posing the greatest risk to the jurisdiction, its vulnerability to loss of life or property, past experiences with these hazards, and the local jurisdiction's capabilities to address or mitigate risks.

Smithville will continue to participate in future meetings and work sessions to ensure Smithville's goals and actions are aligned with the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

City Hall Schedule

City Hall will be closed December 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and December 31 and January 1 for New Year's.