



City Administrator's Report

June 26, 2025

Citizen's Academy

The Smithville Citizens Academy is a free, 8-week interactive program that provides insight to City services and operations and offers opportunities for civic engagement in the City. This program provides Smithville citizens with a deeper understanding of how their City government works and gives them a look at daily operations and services provided by their local government. The program sets the foundation for residents who are interested in furthering their civic knowledge, especially as it relates to government closest to the people. Through presentations by City officials and tours of the City facilities, participants will benefit from a unique interactive learning and behind the scenes experience.

Applications for the 2025 class are available on the [city's website](#). Limited spots are available. Applications are due July 7.

Parks and Recreation Month Activities

July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and we are celebrating with a full month of free programming for the community! Here is what is happening each weekday in July:

Mondays – Books & Bites: Join us at Heritage Park Shelter for a story time followed by a snack-making activity that goes along with the story. Perfect for young readers and their grown-ups!

Tuesdays – Yoga at the Courtyard: Relax and recharge with a free all-ages yoga class. Mats are provided—just bring yourself and a good vibe!

Wednesdays – Mini Makers: Stop by Smith's Fork Park Shelters to pick up free kids' art kits and projects designed to spark creativity.

Thursdays – Rockin' Thursdays: We will hide SPR-decorated rocks in a different park each week. Clues drop on Facebook, and if you find one, you can claim a prize!

Fridays – Basics of Pickleball Clinic: Want to try the fastest-growing sport in America? Join instructor Scott Pearson for a beginner-friendly pickleball clinic. (July 11 & 18)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday activities require preregistration at www.smithvilleparksrec.com/programs-events

Commercial Avenue Pedestrian improvements project Update

Legacy Underground Construction, the City's contractor, has begun work on the Commercial Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project. Efforts will be made to keep traffic flowing throughout construction.

As a reminder, residents are asked to slow down in this area and allow plenty of space for the contractors to safely complete this work.



Commercial Avenue Overlay Project

Commercial Avenue will be overlaid this fall. The City has already selected a contractor for the overlay work, but we have requested that the contractor wait until the sidewalk project is completed before beginning the overlay.

Lake Sampling

Concerns have been expressed about taste and odor issues in our treated water. Following discussion of these concerns, staff recommended, and the Board approved a Lake Sampling program with HDR to examine the composition of Smithville Lake to determine what may be causing these concerns and how we can improve our water quality. Sampling began in April. Information gained to date provides a snapshot of data and will assist in review as we proceed through the year. At this point, data does not show any concerning trends but does provide information we can continue to monitor. Testing will continue through the end of the year.

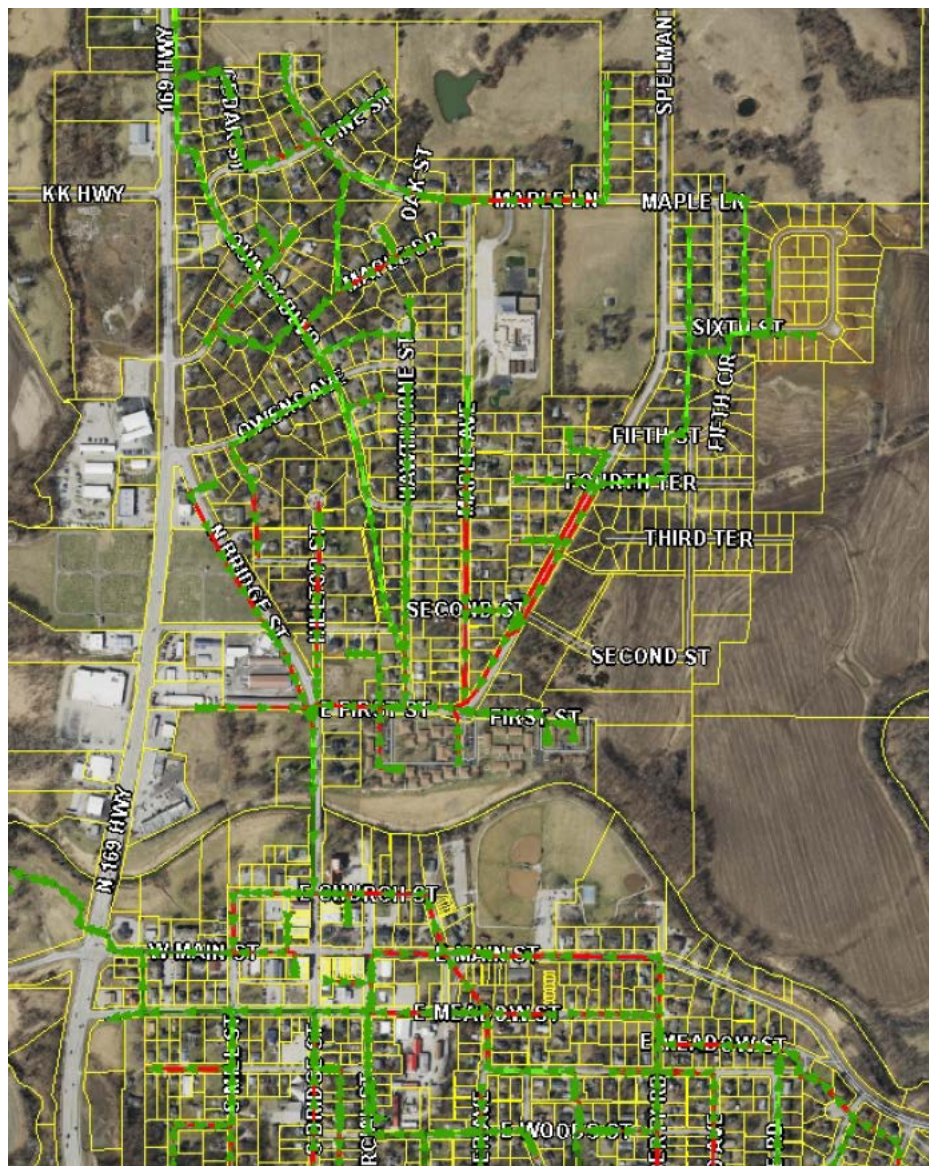
Sewer Maintenance Program- Slip line Layer

Staff has been working to develop a new GIS layer that categorizes sewer infrastructure by material type and helps visually distinguish between sewer mains constructed with

PVC, those rehabilitated through slip lining, and clay pipes scheduled for future slip lining. (A map is included on the next page.)

Between 2020 and 2025, the City installed approximately 15,000 linear feet of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) at an estimated cost of \$600,000. Since the implementation of this project, the number of sewer mains requiring monthly maintenance has decreased from 17 to just 1. Sewer backups have also significantly declined, demonstrating the effectiveness of the rehabilitation program.

Approximately 30,000 linear feet of clay sewer main remain to be lined, with an estimated cost of \$1.2 million to complete the work.



Dark Green: PVC
Light Green: CIPP
Red: Clay

City Hall, Meeting and Other Schedule Items

City Hall will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday on Friday, July 4.

The September 2 Board of Aldermen Meeting has been cancelled due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The September 16 meeting has been moved to September 23 to allow Board and staff members to attend the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference.

The Fall Bulky Item Curbside Pickup week has been identified for the week of September 29 through October 3. This information may be found on the City's website.