



City Administrator's Report

May 29, 2025

Smithville Lake Festival

The City of Smithville will have a float in the parade to be held Saturday, June 14. Line up for the parade begins at 9:30 at Smithville High School. Please let Linda Drummond know ASAP if you plan to ride/walk with the float.

Because the parade will be on June 14, Flag Day, the City's float will have a patriotic theme. Anyone riding or walking with the float are asked to wear red, white and blue.

Volunteer spots for the festival events area still available, signup can be found at this links:

Kids Festival link: [Lake Festival: Lake Festival Kids Area](#)

Lake Festival link: [Lake Festival: Lake Fest Volunteers](#)

Parks and Recreation Staff Participate in Forums

Parks and Recreation Director Matt Denton and Senior Center Manager Amy Alexander recently attended two events with other senior center coordinators and activity directors from across the KC metro to exchange ideas and brainstorm how to better serve the older adults in our communities.

Amy attended an active older adult roundtable hosted by North Kansas City Parks and Recreation on April 22. A speaker shared the surprising fact that isolation and loneliness are as damaging to physical health as smoking and other risk factors like obesity and a sedentary lifestyle. Attending senior center activities and socializing with others can literally add years to your life!

In addition, Amy and Matt attended a strategic focus group meeting hosted by Johnson County Parks and Recreation on May 13 to discuss planning for adults 50 plus. Participants shared successes, challenges, and ideas to maintain vibrant programming that meets the needs of the seniors in our communities. Despite the differences in size of our cities, it is clear that communities have much in common. We are all focused on finding solutions to the challenge of overcoming stereotypes about senior centers and designing programming to attract the more active younger seniors while meeting the needs of all.

2025 Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Sidewalk Improvement Program assists property owners in meeting their legal requirements ([City Code](#)) by helping identify and repair hazards, as well as providing technical and financial assistance ([where applicable](#)). It is the policy of the City of Smithville to enter into a cost-share agreement with property owners within city limits to repair sidewalks.

Staff sent letters to property owners in the Harborview neighborhood a few weeks ago regarding areas with hazardous sidewalks and tripping hazards. Several signed letters have already been received. The deadline to enroll in the program is June 6, and sidewalk repairs are expected to be completed over the summer.

Commercial Avenue Sidewalks

The City contractor, Legacy Underground, is scheduled to begin construction of the Commercial Avenue Sidewalks on June 2. Affected residents have been notified through mailed letters.

Construction will begin on the south side of the project, by the school. The contractor will not be closing Commercial Avenue entirely, but sections of the northbound lane will be temporarily closed as work progresses. Flaggers will be on-site to direct traffic, and the road will remain open throughout the project. Please expect minor delays, use caution when traveling through the area, and allow plenty of space for the contractor to work safely.

144th Street Lift Station and Force Main

EPIC Concrete Construction will begin construction in June. Affected residents were notified by a mailed letter.

Capital Improvement Project Updates on the website

With the new website now live, staff had the opportunity to update several pages. The Project Page features both completed projects and current project updates. Residents can check out all the projects which were completed last year, as well as those set to begin in the coming weeks. Staff will be updating the project updates page on a weekly basis.