



City Administrator's Report

March 27, 2025

Proposition P Update

On April 8, City of Smithville residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Public Safety Sales Tax. This proposition asks voters to consider imposing a citywide ½ percent public safety sales tax to be placed on all retail sales made in the City of Smithville. Funds generated would be dedicated to Police Department related purposes, including the enhancements to officer compensation and benefits to aid in recruitment and retention of officers; fund public safety equipment and staff to support community growth; and implementation of an animal control program.

As we move into the final weeks before election day, staff has presented information on the ballot question at a the Senior Center, a Citizens In Action (CIA) meeting, Rotary and the Smithville Main Street District board. A second public meeting well be held on Wednesday, April 2 at City Hall at 6 p.m. The Smithville Chamber of Commerce is hosting an informational forum on all ballot issues to be held on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Smithville High School. Board members are encouraged to attend these informational meetings as they are able.

If you have any questions regarding the ballot question, please contact Chief Jason Lockridge jlockridge@smithvillemo.org or Assistant City Administrator Gina Pate gpate@smithvillemo.org.

For more information on the ballot issue, please visit www.smithvillemo.org/PropositionP.

MARC Grant Funding

Smithville has received notice that we have been awarded federal funding through MARC for the Wayfinding Implementation Project and the Maple Lane Sidewalk. The City will receive \$600,000 for the Wayfinding project and \$480,000 for the Maple Lane Sidewalk project. These projects are included in the Capital Improvement Plan for 2027.

Smithville to Host DNR Classes

The City of Smithville has partnered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Corps of Engineers to host Drinking Water and Distribution System Operator Certification classes. These classes will be held at the Litton Center, with a DNR

instructor leading sessions over a four-week period in April. The program is designated to benefit Smithville's Utilities Division employees seeking certification as well as participants from surrounding communities.

Parking on City Streets

As summer approaches, the use and parking of recreational vehicles, equipment and boats will become more prevalent in neighborhoods. There are various ordinances that address the parking and storage of these within the city.

- §400.360 in the *zoning code* addresses Recreational Vehicle Parking and Storage on private property:
 - A paved parking surface is not required for the vehicles.
 - A maximum of two vehicles may be parked.
 - Vehicles may only be parked on residential property owned or leased long-term by the vehicle owner, with guest vehicles allowed for up to 14 days per year.
 - Vehicles cannot extend over sidewalks or roadways.
 - Recreational vehicles may not be used as living spaces for more than 14 days in a 12-month period.
 - Recreational vehicles must always be properly licensed.
 - Recreational vehicles cannot be used for storage of non-related items.
- §500.095.A. of the *nuisance code* requires that all vehicles must be parked on approved gravel or paved surfaces.
- While these ordinances cover parking on private property, on-street parking of recreational vehicles and equipment is governed by regular on-street parking ordinances.
- No ordinance specifically prohibits parking a recreational vehicle or equipment on a city street where other parking is allowed so long as regular parking regulations are met.

Infrastructure Project Updates

Commercial Avenue Sidewalk Project

Staff met with Legacy Underground to discuss the project timeline. The contractor has proposed a construction start date of June 2 to minimize disruptions to school traffic.

Stonebridge Stormwater Improvements

Stormwater work has been completed, the contractor will rebuild sidewalks and complete any reseeding the week of March 31.

Sewer Rehabilitation Project (CIPP)

This project was awarded to SAK at the March 4 Board Meeting. Work is anticipated to begin in April. Residents near the areas to be rehabilitated will receive a letter from the contractor outlining work and dates.

Streetscape Phase III

This project is nearing completion! On Thursday, the contractor initiated street work, marking one of the final pieces of the projects. The City and contractor anticipate holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 15. More details will be provided as the event approaches.



Emerald Ridge Playground Ribbon Cutting

Mark your calendars - a ribbon cutting has been scheduled for this new playground on Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Board of Aldermen Retreat

The 2025 Board of Aldermen Retreat is scheduled for Thursday and Friday April 17 and 18. Times of the meeting will be determined in the coming weeks.