



City Administrator's Report

May 1, 2025

Community Outreach – Internet Safety Class for Parents

On Wednesday, April 30, 2025, SRO Buchheit and Detective Knowles hosted an internet safety class for parents as part of a new initiative to support youth online safety. The session focused on common communication platforms used by kids and teens, how to check and adjust privacy settings, signs of concerning online activity, and tips for developing safe digital habits at home. Four parents attended the first class, and all feedback was positive. Plans are in place to offer additional sessions in the fall as the new school year begins.

Thank You for a Successful Household Hazardous Waste Event!

We had a great turnout at our recent Household Hazardous Waste Event, with around 300 cars participating! Thanks to everyone who came out to safely dispose of hazardous materials like oil, cleaning supplies, batteries, paint, and more. A huge thank you to our volunteers who made this event possible.





Ribbon Cutting | Streetscape Phase III Project

On April 15, we held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Streetscape Phase III project. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible and to our residents for their patience throughout the process. We are excited to see this improvement completed and appreciate all who joined us for the event.



Senior Center Update

Attached is an update on activities and programs through the Senior Center for the first quarter of 2025.

Parking on Downtown Streets

As previously noted, staff has seen an increase in the number of calls and concerns relating to parking in the downtown business district. The Code of Ordinances does not provide the authority to enforce parking limits or restrictions on parking. Parking

generally operates under an informal “good neighbor” approach, relying on the cooperation and mutual consideration of downtown property owners and tenants.

Staff has developed a map of parking spaces in the downtown area. This map is attached. As outlined, there are 624 total spaces within a three block radius of the intersection of Main and Bridge Streets. In the attached map, the blue areas are off-street city owned parking lots, the orange/yellow areas are on-street public parking and the green areas are off-street parking areas privately owned.

We continue to encourage businesses to engage in open communication and work together to coordinate parking practices that serve the best interests of all, including encouraging employees to use spaces that do not interfere with customer access or the operations of neighboring establishments.

Smithville Senior Center Q1 2025 Report

1st Quarter Goals

1. Expand operations to five days a week by adding programming and lunch service on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
2. Continue to grow the number of daily meals served, the number of daily clients, and the number of new clients from 2024.
3. Hire a part-time Senior Services Assistant.

Goal Achievement

1. Beginning in February, we added programming and lunch service consistently on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - A new fitness class, Mindful Movement, is offered every Tuesday. Attendance numbers and feedback regarding this class have been overwhelmingly positive.
 - On Thursdays, we've been offering arts and crafts classes and educational "Lunch 'n' Learn" presentations.
2. The number of meals served and the number of daily clients were down in the first quarter due to numerous days closed for bad weather. However, the number of new clients *increased* from Q3 '24 and was only slightly below that of Q4 '24.
3. At the end of February, we hired a part-time assistant (up to 15 hours per week) to help expand operations to five days a week and to provide coverage in the absence of the Senior Services Coordinator. Chanel has been an asset to the Senior Center, not only assisting with daily operations but also leveraging her extensive senior services background to engage with clients and enhance our programming.

Number of Seniors Served & Programs Offered

- The Senior Center was open for 40 service days in the first quarter. We were closed for 11 inclement weather days. *Despite the bad weather, we welcomed a total of 28 new clients, close to the number for 4th quarter 2024 (31).*
- 680 meals were served in the first quarter, an average of 22 meals per day on M/W/F and 6 meals per day on T/TH.
- **On average, 35 people visited the senior center daily.**



