



City Administrator's Report

October 2, 2025

Water Treatment Plant Improvements Update

The City of Smithville is currently making improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. The improvements include replacement of the carbon and lime feeders (work is complete), replacement of valves and actuators within the filter pipe gallery (work is complete), repainting the piping gallery (work is complete), repair/replacement of the underdrain system in filter #3, and the replacement of all filter media.

Filters #1 and #1 were constructed with the original plant in the 1970s.

When the filter media in Filter #1 was removed, the underdrain piping was identified as an asbestos cement pipe.

The pipe appears to be in good condition, however due to the material the City will be replacing the entire underdrain system of both filters with stainless steel headers and PVC laterals.

Samples of the filtered water and filter media were obtained and sent to Pace Laboratory to test for asbestos. All sample results are "non-detect".

Staff will be conducting weekly sampling to ensure water samples continue to have a non-detect result until both filter underdrain systems are replaced.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has been contacted and informed of the City's plan to replace the piping.

The agenda includes approval of expenditures related to the removal.

Federal Funds Update

With the recent federal government shutdown affecting projects and services, staff has received confirmation today from MoDOT and DNR that the funds for the Commercial Street Sidewalk and OK Trail projects are already allocated and therefore should not be affected by the shutdown.

Missouri Municipal League Westgate Civic Leadership Award

Each year, the Missouri Municipal League West Gate Division hosts the Civic Leadership Awards Banquet to honor individuals making significant contributions to their communities. Mayor Boley has recognized Erika Winston, Director of the Smithville Chamber of Commerce, as Smithville's 2025 Honoree.

Erika has demonstrated a passion for strengthening Smithville by supporting local businesses, creating meaningful partnerships, and fostering a spirit of collaboration that continues to enrich the quality of life for all.

Over the past three years, Erika's leadership has elevated the Chamber's impact in measurable ways. Through her guidance and vision, the Smithville Community Awards Banquet has raised more than \$83,000, funding initiatives that directly benefit the Smithville Chamber and celebrates the remarkable individuals who shape our community. Her ability to build excitement, use her relationships, and creativity has turned this event into a must-see event.

Erika has also brought fresh creativity to Chamber traditions. The annual Chamber BBQ Contest has flourished under her direction, attracting participants and attendees with ideas that make the event more engaging and memorable each year. Her unique blend of energy and imagination ensures that longstanding Chamber events remain both relevant and exciting to the community.

In addition, Erika has worked diligently to grow Chamber membership, creating stronger representation for Smithville's business community. Her efforts have expanded not just numbers, but also opportunities for connection. By improving the structure and value of Chamber luncheons and after-hours events, Erika has cultivated an environment where members enjoy both quality networking and educational opportunities.

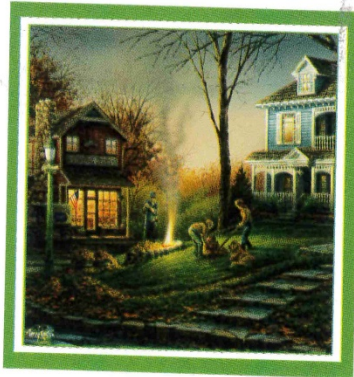
Thank You Letter From Bettie Bender

Ms. Bender sent a thank you letter for her recognition at the September 23 Board Meeting. A copy is attached.

Smithville, MO
September 24, 2025



I will treasure the Proclamation
always!!!



Dear Mayor Boley + Board
of Aldermen + Citizens of
Smithville!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the
Proclamation you gave me
last night honoring my
160th birthday on October 3,
2025 as Bettie Bender day!!!

I sincerely appreciate
all the congratulations + good
wishes expressed by all
of you.

Also thank you for
the delicious birthday
cake + time spent ordering
+ serving it all.

As I have said "I love my
Town of Smithville + would
not want to live anywhere
else." my sincere thanks to
you all!

Sincerely,
Bettie J. Bender