

DECEMBER 2022

# SMITHVILLE NEWS



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## MEETING DATES:

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETINGS**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSIONS**  
Scheduled as needed, generally prior to regular meetings

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
February 28 at 6:30 pm

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
2nd Tuesday at 7pm

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
January 26 at 6 pm

To sign up for public comment please contact the  
City Clerk at 816.532.3897

Meetings are held at City Hall Council Chambers  
107 W. Main Street.

Times are subject to change.  
Meetings are subject to be held virtually  
with proper notice.

## Winter Tips

The three central causes of frozen pipes are quick drops in temperature, poor insulation, and thermostats set too low.

### Tips to help prevent pipes from freezing:

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic. Heat tape can be used to wrap pipes.
- Seal leaks that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located
- Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses. Use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing.
- Keep your thermostat set at the same temperature during both day and night.
- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

## Business Licenses

The City of Smithville requires Occupation Licenses for all businesses located in the City Limits or performs work in the City Limits. All new businesses must submit a completed application prior to commencing operations. All existing businesses will be sent a renewal application and must complete that application and submit all the required documentation including a no tax due statement.

Occupation Licenses are valid from December 1st each year to the following November 30th. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 816-532-3897.



## Message from Mayor Damien Boley

The holiday season is a time for hope, reflection, and gratitude. I would like to thank you, our residents, for your resilience, your compassion, your sense of community, and for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. As we look toward 2023, I want to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and the work to come. Throughout the year, the City has made considerable progress on several projects, including the construction of the Raw Water Pump Station at Smith's Fork Park, the 2022 Slipline Sewer Program, the Sidewalk Improvement Program, and the completion of the Diamond Crest Neighborhood Playground. The City's recreational programs continue to grow and about 1,200 kids participated in our youth programs.

The Board of Aldermen and City staff have worked together to determine the City's goals and priorities for the upcoming year. In this coming year, the City is planning for significant capital investment in the community. These investments include utility improvements like construction of Quincy Blvd waterline, the 144th Street Lift Station and West Bypass. The final phase of the Downtown Streetscape project is expected to commence in late Summer 2023.

In this phase, the streetscape theme will be extended on Bridge Street, from Church Street to 1st Street. In addition, the City will begin engineering and design of several other projects including the Owens Branch Gravity Line, Commercial Street Sidewalks, and the River Crossing waterline improvement. The City has also budgeted additional resources for maintenance and rehabilitation which includes enhanced asphalt mill and overlay, sidewalk replacement, and slipline sewer programming.

I wish every member of our great community a safe and happy holiday season and a very happy new year. I am looking forward to all the things we will accomplish together in 2023!



## Police Safety Tips

As the holiday season approaches, the Smithville Police Department would like to remind everyone to be safe and safety conscious while they're out shopping.

Below is a list of safety tips to keep in mind while out shopping.

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings
- Park in well-lighted areas
- Lock your vehicle
- Don't leave shopping bags in vehicle, if you must, attempt to hide them
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Carry a purse close to your body
- Put your wallet inside your coat or front pants pocket
- If shopping with a child, teach them to go to a store clerk or security if you get separated
- Be aware of identity theft if online shopping
- Keep your cell phone on your person instead of in your purse (in case someone steals your purse)



CELL PHONE,  
CHARGER



FIRST AID KIT



JUMPER CABLES



TIRE CHAINS  
OR SNOW TIRES



FLARES

### BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

## FOR YOUR CAR



WATER,  
SNACKS



FLASHLIGHT



BOOTS, MITTENS,  
WARM CLOTHES



BLANKET



TOW ROPE



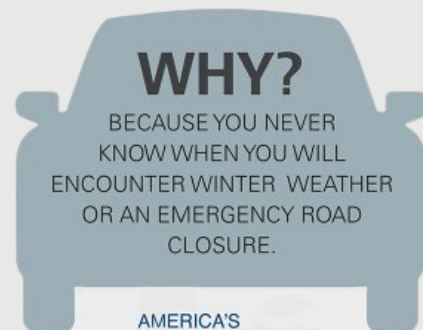
FULL TANK  
OF GAS



BAG OF SAND  
OR CAT LITTER



SHOVEL,  
ICE SCRAPER,  
SNOW BRUSH

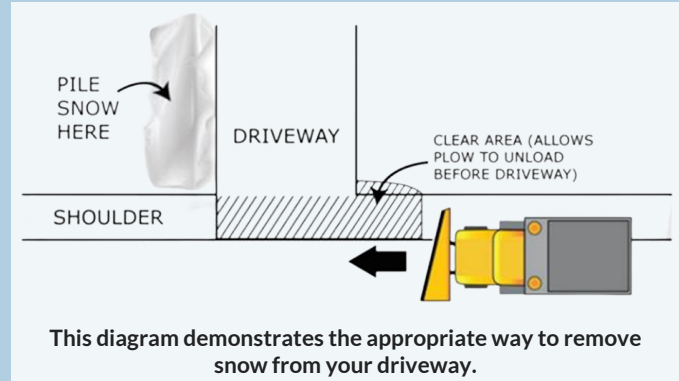


AMERICA'S  
**PrepareAthon!**  
BE SMART. TAKE PART. PREPARE

## Snow removal

Depending upon the type and amount of snow expected, the snow policy is designed to remain flexible enough to allow the most efficient use of staff time and equipment.

The City's first priority is to open the city maintained primary arterial streets for emergency vehicle access and other vehicle access. The secondary routes will be the next priority (remaining arterials, selected collectors, bus routes, and streets around schools). Once all primary and secondary routes are opened, all other collectors and selected "hot spots" will be opened. Finally, all remaining residential and local streets will be cleared.



## Dog Licenses

Residents of Smithville are reminded that all dogs are required to get an annual license from the City. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at time of application.

**Just a friendly reminder, please pick up after your pet.**

Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Please keep in mind that if you are spotted not cleaning-up behind your pet, you are in violation of the City ordinance and could be cited and fined as such.



## CITY DIRECTORY

### NON-EMERGENCY POLICE

(816) 858-3521

### ANONYMOUS TIP LINE

(816) 474-8477

### ADMINISTRATION, CITY CLERK, FINANCE

(816) 532-3897

### DEVELOPMENT

(816) 866-2056

### PARKS & RECREATION

(816) 532-8130

### SMITH'S FORK CAMPGROUND

(816) 532-1028

### STREETS

(816) 532-2080

### WATER & WASTEWATER

(816) 532-0577

## E-bills

The City of Smithville offers paperless billing to our utility customers. eBills are a convenient, secure, and faster way of receiving your utility bill. If you would like to receive your bill via email instead of by mail, please complete the form behind your utility bill, or send your information (name, service address, and email) to [finance@smithvillemo.org](mailto:finance@smithvillemo.org)

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 816-532-3897

## ACH Auto Utility Billing

An Easy, Fast,  
and Secure Way  
to Pay Your  
Utility Bill

### SIGN UP IN 2 STEPS

1 Fill Out a Form

2 Submit a Voided Check

Payments are withdrawn on the 15th of each month. To learn more, call City Hall at 816-532-3897



**MONDAY**  
 Senior Strength & Balance  
 with Michelle  
 8:00AM

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Senior Chair Yoga  
 with Kim  
 8:15AM

**FRIDAY**  
 Senior Strength & Balance  
 with Michelle  
 8:00AM



**SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES**  
 SMITHVILLE SENIOR CENTER | 113 W MAIN STREET



**CANDY  
CANE  
QUEST**

Dec 9 | 6 PM | Heritage Park  
 Free event Over 6,000 candy  
 canes Prizes



**SPRING  
SPORTS**  


**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2023**  

- Youth Baseball
- Youth Softball
- Soccer Clinic
- Youth Soccer

[www.smithvilleparksrec.com](http://www.smithvilleparksrec.com)

**FACILITY  
RESERVATIONS**  
[SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM](http://SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM)

**Reservable Starting January 1!**

- Senior Center
- Heritage Park Shelter
- Smith's Fork West Shelter
- Smith's Fork East Shelter
- Helvey Park Shelter
- Heritage Ball Fields
- Smith's Fork Ball Fields
- Scout Special Use Area
- Girl Scouts Special Use Area
- Soccer Fields



## Get involved!

Do you have a love of community and an interest in serving? Have you considered ways to become more active in Smithville's future? Our volunteer Commissions and Committees are a vital part of Smithville's success. A current list of Commissions and Committees is below.

If you are interested in volunteering please visit [smithvillemo.org/getinvolved](http://smithvillemo.org/getinvolved) and complete the application. All Commission and Committee members are appointed by the Mayor, with approval by the Board of Aldermen.



## CITY JOB OPENINGS

To apply for a job with the City, please visit our website at [www.smithvillemo.org](http://www.smithvillemo.org)

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I
- Water Treatment Plant Operator I
- Police Officer
- Maintenance Worker I - Public Works
- Finance Analyst

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