

FEBRUARY 2023

SMITHVILLE NEWS



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MEETING DATES:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETINGS
1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

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 7:00 pm

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
April 27 at 6:00 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.

Popular Annual Financial Report

This year, the City produced the 2nd Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). Creation of this report reflects our commitment to preserving the City's long-term financial health and is intended to present a condensed overview of the City's financial position, practices, and details how City revenues are generated and spent. The PAFR also highlights 2022 City accomplishments and can be found on the City's website (smithvillemo.org) on the Finance Page.

Sidewalk Improvement Program

The Sidewalk Replacement Program is an initiative implemented by the City to repair sidewalks in city limits that have been identified as hazardous.

As part of the program, property owners will share a 50/50 cost with the City. The City has identified the area of Liberty Road (from Main Street to Liberty Street) as a priority for this year.

If you live in this area, the city will contact you with more information about the program and next steps.

Message from Mayor Damien Boley

As we start a new year, I want to highlight the upcoming events and construction that will occur in early 2023. The Board of Aldermen and City staff have worked together to determine the City's goals and priorities for the upcoming year.

Our Parks and Recreation Department is planning new events for the community, and hosting our annual events that we look forward to each year. We are excited to announce that the City and the Smithville Main Street District are partnering this year to host Humphrey's Gravel Adventure Bike Race and Spring Wine Walk Event on May 6, 2023.

In addition to the many community events, the City has several upcoming Capital Improvement Projects. The final phase of the Downtown Streetscape Project will begin this summer, and will continue the streetscape theme along N Bridge St to the 1st Street intersection. Major projects like the Quincy Boulevard Improvements, as well as 4th Street and 4th Terrace will begin this summer. These projects will improve waterlines, stormwater infrastructure, and streets. Annual improvement programs, like the Sidewalk Replacement Program and Annual Overlay will continue this summer. This year, Spelman Drive has been identified for micro-surfacing improvements.

If any questions or concerns arise, please reach out to your Ward's Aldermen. They can be reached by phone or email, and their contact information is listed on the City's website (smithvillemo.org).

As we look forward to this year, we are excited to continue the many improvements to our community!



Geographic Information System

The City of Smithville has implemented a Geographic Information System (GIS) platform. GIS allows for the creation, management, analysis, and mapping of various types of data. The data includes information related to the City's sewer, water, street, and stormwater infrastructure.

The GIS platform is utilized for a variety of tasks, such as planning for maintenance and capital improvement, planning for development, budgeting, monitoring the condition of infrastructure, traffic management, snow removal operations, and emergency services.

The City is actively adding new layers to the GIS to provide residents with more information. The latest additions to the map include layers for road maintenance and snow removal, which show the snow removal priority routes. This page can be found at smithvillemo.org/gis.

Tips for Improving Water Quality

- Landscape with native plants to increase water infiltration and decrease lawn maintenance.
- Never discard trash or yard waste down storm drains or in the street.
- Dispose of pet waste properly.
- Use lawn chemicals safely. Always follow label instructions and never apply before rain or watering the lawn, unless directed.
- Redirect downspouts to drain water onto lawns and gardens.
- Wash your car at a professional car wash that filters the wastewater or wash your car in a grassy area.
- Do not wash cars on driveways or in the street.
- Use rain barrels or rain gardens to conserve water on your property.

ADULT DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT - BUSINESS TEAMS WELCOME

DOWN TO BUSINESS

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON | WWW.SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM



April Election

Did you know there is an election on April 4, 2023? This April, Smithville residents have the opportunity to elect the Alderman in their Ward. **This election will be the first election that includes four year terms.**

On November 8, 2022, Missouri citizens voted to approve Amendment No. 3 legalizing adult use of recreational marijuana. Amendment No. 3 allows Missouri cities to collect an **additional 3% sales tax** on adult use recreational marijuana, upon voter approval. Existing sales taxes will also be collected. **Only individuals purchasing adult use recreational marijuana will pay the additional 3% sales tax.** Medical marijuana sales would not be subjected to the additional sales tax. The City plans to use the revenue from this sales tax for the General Fund. **The proposition will be on the April 4 ballot for voter approval.**

Safety Tips

Lock Your Doors

One of the most common crimes in Smithville is petty theft, More specifically, theft from unlocked vehicles. Valuables that are left unsecured in a vehicle, or garages, often come up missing. This crime is one of the easiest ones to prevent, remember to lock your doors.



Scams

The Police Department would like to remind the community about scams. Remember, never give out your personal and financial information, social security number, or other identification numbers. If you think you are being scammed, hang up immediately.



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

WEBSITE
smithvillemo.org

Employee Kudos

Sgt Jim Morgan received the TRI-CIT award for CIT Coordinator of the Year. As CIT Coordinator, Sgt Morgan is the liaison between the Police Department and Tri-County Mental Health in order to ensure that members of our community are receiving the behavioral health help and resources that they need. Congratulations Sgt Morgan!

SPRING SPORTS



REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

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

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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

SMITHVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION



**VALENTINE
COOKIE DECORATING PARTY**

FEBRUARY 10 ♡ 5:30-7PM ♡ SMITHVILLE
SENIOR CENTER ♡ \$10/PERSON

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- 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 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

- Building Inspector
- Water Treatment Plant Operator I
- Police Officer
- Finance Specialist I
- Seasonal Clinic Instructor

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