# **SMITHVILLE NEWS**

APRIL 2021

A community with growing spaces, that is going places, the City of Smithville, Missouri is comfortably uncomplicated. While it is closely connected to the Kansas City metropolitan area, Smithville is serene and far from routine.



#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

# Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Visit www.smithvillemo.org to view agendas Meetings are currently held via Zoom. To attend virtually, please contact the City Clerk at 816.532.3897 for a link to the Zoom meeting.

When face-to-face meetings resume, they will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers 107 W Main Street

#### BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS

April 5 7:00 pm April 20 7:00 pm May 4 7:00 pm May 18 7:00 pm June 1 7:00 pm June 15 7:00 pm

BOARD WORK SESSIONS Scheduled as needed Prior to Regular Meetings 5:30 pm

#### PLANNING COMMISSION April 13 7:00 pm May 11 7:00 pm June 8 7:00 pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TBD

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE April 22 6:00 pm May 27 6:00 pm June 24 6:00 pm

> Meetings held in the City Hall Council Chambers

#### PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Smithville is updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will provide a vision for parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails in the City of Smithville. This work builds on the community visioning and Comprehensive Plan work conducted through 2019 and 2020.

The Smithville Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a six-month long public process. It aims to produce a ten-year plan for the development and investment in Smithville's parks and recreation infrastructure and programming.

As part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Future IQ has produced a White Paper, that lays out the high-level concepts and priorities. These were drawn from the Community Visioning and Comprehensive Planning stages. The White Paper helps frame the thinking and philosophy for developing the Master Plan.

A key part of the Master Planning Process is community input. Over 900 households completed the community input survey and those survey results have us exploring the desire for trails networks, a potential Riverwalk in downtown, and more!

Join the discussion and learn more about how you can be a part of the planning by visiting:

https://lab2.future-iq.com/smithville-park-and-recreation-master-plan-project/

Or follow along on Facebook at www.facebook.com/smithvilleparksandrec

## UTILITY E-BILLING

As a reminder, the City offers multiple ways for customers to pay utility bills.

You can choose to receive your monthly utility bill by email. You can sign up for this service in person at City Hall, by completing the form on the City's website, or by clicking the "Sign up for e-Billing" link after signing into your online account. When you sign up for e-billing, you will receive your monthly utility bill as a PDF attachment to an email no later than the 3rd of each month and you will no longer receive a paper bill in the mail.

### **TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLANNING PROCESS**

The Smithville Transportation Master Plan will provide the city a "roadmap" as to how we would like our community's transportation network to develop. The plan will be an allinclusive plan for all modes of transportation. The process will begin in the coming weeks to identify priorities for transportation needs and connectivity throughout the community.

## SMITH'S FORK CAMPGROUND

Smith's Fork Campground is Smithville's very own fullservice, family friendly campground. The campground is located at Smith's Fork Park near the spillway with easy access to fishing, hiking, and outdoor recreation activities.

The campground is currently receiving upgrades that will allow for more campers with bigger RVs to enjoy the park. During the off-season, 18 additional sites have been undergoing electrical upgrades to 50 amp sites. Each site has electricity, water, and sewer connections. There are also newly renovated restrooms and a shower house on site.

The campground will open for the season on April 1 through October 31. Reservations may be booked starting April 1st at 7am by calling 816.532.1028 or online by visiting www.smithvilleparksrec.com/campground

Smith's Fork Campground also has a new branded logo. This logo will be on merchandise that campers and community members will be able to purchase this season. Escape to the quiet oasis of Smith's Fork Campground for your next trip!

## **CITY DIRECTORY**

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ADMINISTRATION, CITY CLERK, FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT (816) 532-3897

**POLICE** (816) 858-3521

PARKS & RECREATION (816) 532-8130

> CAMPGROUND (816) 532-1028

**STREETS** (816) 532-2080

WATER & WASTEWATER (816) 532-0577

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In the next few months, the Main Street Trail Project will be complete, and the Street Scape Phase II will be underway.

The Main Street Trail Project will include new solar benches, water fountains, bike racks, and bike fix-it stations.

Please keep an eye on the City website or Facebook page for announcements on the construction as well as a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Main Street Trail.

# **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

Operation Safe continues to offer vaccines to Missourians following the tiered statewide criteria system. If you have an interest in receiving a vaccine, you are encouraged to sign up through their registration site at www.operation-safe.com



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