

APRIL 2022

# SMITHVILLE NEWS



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## Your Local Government

This week, the April municipal election was held where three Aldermen seats and the Mayor seat were up for election. To find the results of the election, you can visit our Facebook page or website.

You do not have to run for office to become more involved with your local government. There are several opportunities for you to have your voice heard. Committees you can get involved with include the Parks and Recreation Committee, Finance Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, Economic Development Committee, and the Legacy Fund. If you are interested in serving on any of those committees or want any additional information about them, please visit the city website page "Boards and Commissions."

Throughout any given year, the City may release surveys and hold public input meetings for studies and plans. The community is also welcome to speak during any Board of Aldermen meeting.

You can follow us on Facebook or Nextdoor to get the latest updates on what is happening at the City. All Board of Aldermen meetings and committee meetings are recorded and posted to the City's YouTube channel as well as the website.

## MEETING DATES:

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm

### BOARD WORK SESSIONS

Scheduled as needed, generally prior to regular meetings

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

### PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday at 7pm

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Quarter 2 Meeting TBD

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.

## Connecting with Community

The citizen survey was approved by the Board of Aldermen in October of 2021. Surveys went out to households between the months of December 2021 and January 2022 and more than 400 households across Smithville participated. This past February Board meeting, the results of the 2021 Citizen Survey were presented to the Board. Comparing the results with the citizen survey completed in 2019, residents gave the City much higher satisfaction ratings for City services. Results reflect progress made in implementing the goals identified in the community strategic planning and visioning process, comprehensive plan update and parks and recreation master plan process.

To view the full survey results, you can find them on the City's website. To encourage more communication, this newsletter will now be sent out every other month instead of on a quarterly basis. Be on the lookout for more detailed information, more opportunities for involvement, and regular updates on what we are working on at the City!

## APWA Award

Several project applications were submitted to the 2022 American Public Works Association (APWA) KC Metro Chapter Awards. We are pleased to announce that the Streetscape Phase II project application was selected as the Chapter Level Award Winner for the Small Cities/Rural Communities Transportation Category! The KC Chapter will submit this application for consideration for National APWA awards.

The City will be recognized at the May KC Chapter APWA Public Works Week event for this accomplishment. Thanks to public works staff, HDR Engineering and Sands Construction for their efforts on this project.

## Street Sweeping

Street Sweeping will begin this month (April). Please use caution and be aware that the street sweeper will be out in town through October to beautify our City. When the sweeper is scheduled in your area, please keep cars off the street. This will allow for the best results from the sweeper.

## Stay Informed

Make sure that your cell phone receives Emergency Alerts. If you do not have a phone capable of receiving these, ensure that you have a battery powered radio so that you can receive messages through the Emergency Alert System. NOAA Weather Radio is another alternative that provides weather information 24/7. (<https://www.ready.gov/alerts>)



## SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING



## Be Prepared

Ensure that your family has an emergency plan that outlines things such as your shelter plan, evacuation route and communication plan. Make sure that you have an up-to-date emergency preparedness kit with items for everyone in your household, including pets. More information can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/plan>

# ACH Auto Utility Billing



IT'S AUTOMATIC

NO MORE LATE FEES

IT'S FREE

NO CONVENIENCE FEES

AVOID DISCONNECTIONS & SAVE MONEY

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

## Spring Tips

### Spring Lawn Care for Clean Water

Remember how we care for our yards affects the health of our rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Water conservation is not only about using less water, but also keeping that water clean and free from pollution. Follow these yard care tips for cleaner water this spring:

- Sweep up extra salt left over from winter
- Pick up pet waste to minimize bacteria
- Clean up grass clippings off of sidewalks, driveways and streets
- Soak up the rain naturally by planting native plants
- Consider installing a rain barrel
- Water your lawn wisely
- Keep soil in place by planting grass or perennial vegetation

Everything we do on our lawns, driveways and yards eventually ends up in our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Everyday decisions matter.

To read the full article of how to care of your yards while keeping your runoff water clean from pollutants, visit the Public Works page on the City Website.

## CITY DIRECTORY

**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE**  
(816) 858-3521

**ANONYMOUS TIP LINE**  
(816) 474-8477

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

**DEVELOPMENT**  
(816) 858-3521

**PARKS & RECREATION**  
(816) 532-8130

**SMITH'S FORK CAMPGROUND**  
(816) 532-1028

**STREETS**  
(816) 532-2080

**WATER & WASTEWATER**  
(816) 532-0577

**E-Waste and Shredding Event || April 23rd 9am – 12pm**

Smithville High School Parking Lot

Please note that some items have a cost associated

**Spring Bulky Item Pick-Up || Week of June 6th on regular trash day**

Residents may discard up to five large and bulky items





# PARKS & RECREATION

**4/1**

**OPENING DAY OF CAMPING**  
8am Smith's Fork Campground

**4/16**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
10am at Heritage Park

**5/14**

**HUMPHREY'S BIKE RACE**  
Activities at Courtyard Park

**5/21**

**MOVIE IN THE PARK**  
6pm at Courtyard Park

**6/4**

**KIWANIS YOUTH FISHING DERBY**  
10am at Helvey Park



## Parks and Recreation Facility Reservations

A variety of facilities are available to rent for public or private use. Four shelter houses are available, located at Smith's Fork Park, Heritage Park, and Helvey Park. Each shelter is \$50 to reserve for a full day. The Senior Center is available to rent during the week from 4-11pm or for a full day on the weekend. Baseball fields and Soccer fields are available for team practices or tournaments. Rates and availability may be found online at [smithvilleparksrec.com/reservations](http://smithvilleparksrec.com/reservations) or by calling 816-532-8130

Campground reservations are \$40/night and can be booked online at [smithvilleparksrec.com/campground](http://smithvilleparksrec.com/campground)

## CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Current job openings:

- Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator I
- Police Officer
- Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator
- Parks and Recreation Clinic Instructor
- Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker
- Maintenance Worker I – Public Works

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