

APRIL 2024

# SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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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

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
4th Wednesday at 6:00 pm

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
4th Thursday 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.

## Bulky Item Pick-Up 2024

The City has scheduled the 2024 Spring Bulky Item Pick-Up to be the week of May 6 - May 10. Residents will have the opportunity to discard up to five large and bulky items with their regular trash collection. **All items must be stacked and bundled for ease of collection.**

2024 Fall Bulky Item Pick-Up is scheduled for the week of September 23 - September 27.

Acceptable Items for Bulky Pick-Up:

Appliances, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers (compressors and freon must be removed), furniture, sinks, toilets cabinets, rugs and carpet (material must be cut into 4 foot lengths)

Items Not Accepted for Bulky Pickup:

Glass items, electronic waste (such as televisions, computers, monitors, etc.), tires, automobile parts, construction materials, tanks and oil drums, railroad ties, chemicals or household hazardous waste.

This event occurs in the Fall and Spring each year.

## E-Waste / Shredding Event

The City of Smithville will host its annual E-Waste / Shredding Event on **Saturday, April 6** at Smithville High School (located at 645 S Commercial Avenue, Smithville, MO 64089).

Time: 9 AM to Noon

Recycling Fee Schedule:

- TVs: \$40
- CRT monitors and all other monitors: \$25

No charge for all other items.

Please bring exact change.





# NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

## EXCITING PROJECTS AHEAD FOR SMITHVILLE IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS

Smithville is currently undergoing several projects, with some already in progress and others yet to come. These initiatives aim to enhance utilities and streets in the City. While ongoing projects may affect traffic, the city requests patience as the long-term benefits will be worthwhile.

- 4th Street & 4th Terrace Project
- Quincy Boulevard Improvements Project
- Streetscape Phase III
- Winner Avenue Resurfacing

To keep residents informed about ongoing projects, the City has created two convenient sources of information:

### WEEKLY PROJECT UPDATES PAGE

The City's webpage offers weekly updates on Capital Improvement Projects, including road closures and scheduled shutdowns.



### CIP LAYER IN THE GIS WEBSITE

Residents can access the GIS to find project details specific to their neighborhood. Find Capital Improvement Plan in the layer list.



## Winter Sewer Average 101

The spring and summer months are approaching which means warmer temperatures and outdoor activities such as watering your lawn, washing a car, and landscaping around your home. The City of Smithville Finance Department uses a billing process known as winter sewer averaging to develop wastewater bills for 9 months of the year (the March usage cycle through the November usage cycle).

To develop the basis for billing during these 9 months, wastewater usage for the cycles of December, January, and February are averaged. This billing method is used because water used for outdoor activities does not enter the sanitary sewer system and therefore is not treated. The goal of this billing method is to appropriately bill utility customers for wastewater which enters the sanitary sewer system.

This billing method will be in effect for the March cycle which is featured on the bill received in April. If you are performing water intensive activities in the spring and summer seasons, winter sewer averaging is typically a financially advantageous option for you. If you wish to opt out of sewer averaging, please visit City Hall or visit the Finance Page on the City Website to complete a "Winter Sewer Averaging Opt Out" form and your wastewater will be billed according to your actual monthly usage recorded in each of the 9 months. You may submit this form to [finance@smithvillemo.org](mailto:finance@smithvillemo.org) to opt out or call City Hall for more information (816-532-3897).

## Using Fertilizers This Spring?

Here are best practices to protect our stormwater system while using fertilizers:

- Adhere to fertilizer labels to **prevent overapplication**, which can lead to pollution in waterways.
- **Timing is Key:** Apply fertilizer during dry weather to promote absorption by soil and minimize runoff.
- Opt for **slow-release** or organic fertilizers to reduce runoff risk and protect water quality.
- After fertilizing, **sweep up any excess** to prevent it from washing into storm drains, maintaining the integrity of our stormwater system.
- Regularly **check for blockages** in stormwater inlets, especially with the rainy season approaching, to ensure proper drainage and prevent flooding.
- **Dispose of Waste Properly:** Avoid dumping yard waste into storm drains; instead, compost or use designated collection bins to prevent pollution.
- **Report Pollution:** Promptly report any signs of pollution in waterways to City Hall



## Exciting Projects Happening in Smithville This Spring/Summer

As we welcome the warmer seasons, Smithville is busy with lots of exciting projects lined up for the community.

- Streetscape Phase III
- Bridge St Waterline Replacement
- Street Maintenance Program (Harborview)
- Sidewalk Program (Harborview)
- Sewer Rehabilitation Program (Cured In Place Pipe)
- Commercial St Sidewalk
- 144th Force Main and Lift Station
- Final Phase of 4th Street and 4th Terrace Project
- Final Phase of Quincy Boulevard Improvements Project
- Winner Avenue Overlay

Want to know weekly updates of ongoing projects? Stay in the Loop with Weekly Project Updates!

Visit [smithvillemo.org/projectupdates](http://smithvillemo.org/projectupdates)

## 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](http://smithvillemo.org)

## GFL Residential Trash & Recycling Customer Service

[kccustomercare@gflenv.com](mailto:kccustomercare@gflenv.com)

OR

816-380-5595

## Four Basic Signs of a Scam

Recognizing the signs of a scam gives you the power to ignore criminals and report the scam. Scams come in many varieties, but they all work the same way:

1. Scammers pretend to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust.
2. Scammers say there is a problem or a prize.
3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately.
4. Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.

More information from the Social Security Administration could be found here:

[www.ssa.gov/scam](http://www.ssa.gov/scam)







## 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 OPENINGS

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

### Employment:

- Police Officer
- Water Plant Operator
- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor
- Parks & Recreation Seasonal Maintenance

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