

AUGUST 2021

SMITHVILLE NEWS

Updates for the residents of Smithville, Missouri



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MEETING DATES:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

August 3 at 7:00pm

August 17 at 7:00pm

September 7 at 7:00pm

September 21 at 7:00pm

October 5 at 7:00pm

October 19 at 7:00pm

BOARD WORK SESSIONS

Scheduled as needed, prior to regular meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

August 24 at 6:30PM

September 28 at 6:30PM

October 26 at 6:30PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

August 10 at 7:00pm

September 14 at 7:00pm

October 12 at 7:00pm

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 26 at 6:00pm

September 23 at 6:00pm

October 28 at 6:00pm

Meetings held in City Hall Council Chambers

Times are subject to change

City Communications

We are excited to share this new and improved newsletter that will be delivered quarterly as a means to provide Smithville residents with important information from the City. This newsletter will also include an electronic version that you can find on the City website.

Stay informed with news as it happens, follow our Facebook page @smithvillemissouri and signup for our [e-notifications](#) on the website.



Automatic Utility Payment

Signing up for ACH auto billing allows for an easy, fast, and secure way to pay your utility bill. Below are the advantages you'll enjoy by enrolling for ACH auto billing for your utility bill: It's free!

It's Automatic!

Paying your utility bill via ACH auto billing is automatic which eliminates any hassle or worry about remembering to pay your utility bill. The City completes ACH auto debiting each month on behalf of the customer with no need for the customer to initiate the process.

In addition, credit cards carry expiration dates and require customers to update and enter new credit card information via the online payment portal upon expiration.

Your ACH auto billing does not expire so you will not have to worry about declined payments occurring for expired credit cards.

No Late Fees!

Paying your utility bill via ACH auto billing saves you time as there is no need to write a physical check. After checks are written and dropped off at the Post Office, the checks must travel through the mail to City Hall for payment processing.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS #1

Summer heat means more preparation, so be sure that your vehicle emergency kit has enough water for your families in case you get stuck on the side of the road, waiting for a tow.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS #2

Be sure to save our dispatch number in your phone, 816-858-3521, for use in non-emergency situations.

It is possible for checks to be received by the City after the due date, if mailed in, which will result in a late fee. Customers who sign up for ACH will receive their utility bills for review then the auto debiting will occur on the 15th of each month. This ensures your utility bill is paid on time prior to the due date with no late fees incurred!

Call City Hall to sign up today!
(816) 532 3897



Photo: The Courier Tribune

Message from the Mayor

Mayor Damion Boley

Thank you for your support this year! We've had several successful events this year in Smithville and have many coming up. Thousands have come to enjoy what Smithville has to offer! From Wine Walk to the 4th of July, attendance and small business foot traffic has been a great indicator of how the rest of our summer will go. Please join us downtown for Hot Sumer Nights, Old Time Street Faire, Chamber BBQ contest with Junkville and Festiville. For events and information on what is happening in Smithville, follow us on Facebook or sign up for e-notifications on our website.

City Directory

ANONYMOUS TIP LINE
(816) 474-8477

**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

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Work continues on the Transportation Master Plan. The steering committee met in June and discussed what they wanted in a Complete Streets Policy.

A “Pop UP” event was held at Price Chopper to gather public input for the Transportation Master Plan. The City spoke to and handed out information to approximately 250 shoppers at our public input meeting that day.



Scan the QR Code or click below to take the survey:

[Transportation Master Plan Survey](#)

Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey. Let us know what you would like to see in the future of the City’s Transportation System.



Watch for the increase in pedestrian and motorcycle traffic. This means an increase in pedestrians (like kids) in neighborhoods and sidewalks. Make sure you are driving slow through neighborhoods and always taking time to look both ways thoroughly before proceeding through an intersection.

Sidewalk Program

The Street Department has started replacing sidewalks in poor condition under the Sidewalk Improvement Program. Through this program, the resident pays for the concrete costs and the city provides the labor.



Parks and Recreation Fall Sports

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently enrolling for Fall Sports. This season they are offering Youth Soccer, Soccer Clinic, T-ball, and Youth Volleyball. To learn more about these programs, or to register, visit their website at

www.smithvilleparksrec.com

Splash Pad

The new Splash Pad opened on July 1st! It is located at 19545 Corbyn Lane. The splash pad is open to the public from 10am until 8pm daily starting on Memorial Day weekend and closing for the season on the last Sunday in September, weather permitting.

When visiting the splash pad, be sure to read and follow all rules and safety precautions.



Smith's Fork Campground

The Smith's Fork Campground is Smithville's own full service, family friendly campground at the Smithville Lake dam. We have experienced growing numbers over the past years and made improvements to the campground to accommodate the increased number of visitors. Sites have been updated to 50 amp sites and the shower house/restrooms were renovated in 2020.



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To learn more about the campground, or make a reservation, visit smithvilleparksrec.com/campground



Main Street Trail

The Main Street Trail project is complete. The City leveraged grant money through the Recreational Trail Program provided by the DNR. The trail project received \$291,103 in grant money, contributing to the total project amount of \$1,431,184. The final piece, the solar benches, have been added to the trail head and at the Heritage Park playground.

The new trail has seen many daily visitors walking, running, and biking. The 1.4 mile trail connects downtown Smithville to the lake and feeds into their 34-mile trail system.