# AUGUST 2023 **SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER**



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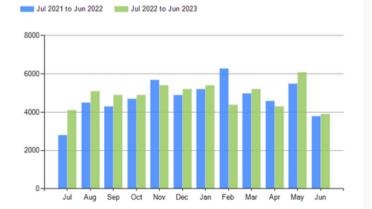
### Save The Date - Solid Waste Event

August 19: Household Hazardous Waste Event 8am - noon (or until trucks are full) Smithville High School, 645 S. Commercial Ave, Smithville

### **Online Utility Bill Usage Data**

Are you using the City's Online Utility Bill portal? Your online utility bill portal has several features which can enhance your understanding of your utility account and bill history.

Those features include your account details, your transactional history, and a consumption chart, which can all be access on the lefthand side of the portal once you login to your account. Your account details and transactional history provide your current balance and your billing history allows you to see your entire history of bills due and payments made. The consumption chart, shown in blue and green bars, provides you with up to two years of consumption trends so that you can see your highest and lowest consumption months.



# **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

BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING August 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 4th Wednesday at 6:00 pm

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE August 24, 2023 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.



### Message from Mayor Damien Boley

Can you believe that summertime is almost over? I hope you enjoyed the many community activities and events this summer with your loved ones. As school resumes, make sure to keep an eye out for fall sports and programming hosted by Smithville's Parks and Recreation Department.

Along with the City's programmed events, there are many other community events coming up. Smithville Lions Club will again be hosting Hot Summer Nights on August 5, 12, and 26. Festi-Ville hosted by Eric Craig Real Estate Team is scheduled for August 19, with headliner Chris Cagle. Make sure to come downtown to experience these exciting events!



Scheduled on August 26, the Lunartic 5K run/walk is a nighttime event on the trails along the beautiful shoreline of the Smithville Lake. Proceeds from the 5K will benefit Smithville High School's Cross Country Team. Entering its third year, the Smithville Community In Action (CIA) 5K and Family Fun Run raises money to help protect area youth. The event is scheduled for September 9.

Summer can't last forever, but these community events can help to extend the fun of the season. I hope to see you there!



# DID YOU KNOW

#### Yard Waste Pick Up is Included in Your Trash Bill

Yard waste is collected weekly from mid-March thru the end of October. Households are allowed five paper compostable bags per week or 18" x 36" bundles. Limbs up to 6" in diameter in the bundles or bags are accepted. Only natural yard waste including grass, leaves, tree limbs, flower or garden plants (without their pots), walnuts, apples, Christmas trees (6' or less), etc. are allowed.

For larger amounts of yard waste, Smithville residents are also able to utilize the Missouri Organic yard waste drop off site at 11660 North Main Street in Kansas City which opens March 15 for the season. For more information call (816) 513-1313.

Yard waste pick up is included in the City's solid waste contract with GFL. Residents need to "opt-in" to the curbside yard waste collection by contacting GFL at (816) 380-5595.



# **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

### Coming Soon...

In 2020, the City of Smithville adopted the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for Smithville. The plan provides a roadmap to develop Smithville's future over the next 10 years. The plan articulates community-driven goals, objectives, policies, actions, and standards that are intended to guide the day-to-day decisions of Smithville's elected officials and city staff over the next 10 years.

To better communicate the progress to all community stakeholders on the identified goals, the City will be publishing an online dashboard for stakeholders to view on the City's Website. Stay tuned for more details!

**Capital Improvement Projects** 

# **Special Edition**

# 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.





# How To Read Your New Bill

This is your 10-digit account number. Customers using automatic bank draft will need to indicate their account number. In this section you will find the due date, amount due, and the amount due after the late penalty date, which is shown in section 2.

This area contains your account information, meter readings, and due dates. Please make sure to return this portion of the bill with your payment.

This section shows your meter readings compared to the previous month. The meter readings determine the calculation of water usage and wastewater usage

This highlights if you have any outstanding balances on your utility account. If you do not have a balance, your current balance will show \$0.00 in this section.

This section contains a breakdown of the fees of your utility bill. Included in the section is the amount due for the current bill.

- Water and Sewer Monthly Fees are fixed rates and are applied to all accounts.
- Water and Sewer usage is calculated on actual use.

This is the total amount due, including any past due charges.

This space is alloted for special City messages

# Your Utility Bill Format Has Changed



## **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 OPENINGS**

To apply for a job with the City, please visit our website at www.smithvillemo.org

#### **Employment:**

- Seasonal Clinic Instructor
- Program Instructor

#### **Volunteer Positions:**

• Parks and Recreation Committee

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