

# AUGUST 2024

# SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



Photo: Dani Wilson, Reason to Smile Photography

## 2024 Photo Contest

The City of Smithville will be conducting a photo contest where the selected photos will be highlighted by the City for marketing and/or promotional purposes. Our mission is to encourage community involvement.

Participants may submit photographs taken of landscapes, cityscapes, artwork or landmarks that are unique to Smithville and the Smithville community. There is no entry fee to participate.

Enter by emailing your photo and a completed entry form to the City of Smithville: [photocontest@smithvillemo.org](mailto:photocontest@smithvillemo.org). All entries must be received by 5 p.m. August 30, 2024.

Entries must include a completed entry form with signature and a photograph of a landscape, cityscape, art work or other landmark that can be found in Smithville, Missouri. Scan the QR Code or visit the City website ([smithvillemo.org](http://smithvillemo.org)) to learn more about the contest rules.

The objective in which the top photos will be chosen are:

Aesthetic Composition  
Picture Clarity and Quality  
Promotion of the City of Smithville

Prizes: "Chamber Bucks" to be used at participating businesses.

1st Place: \$75  
2nd Place: \$50  
3rd Place: \$25



## 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.



# Message from Mayor Damien Boley

I'm pleased to share updates on our city's progress. This summer, we completed the Bridge Street Waterline Replacement, paving the way for the Streetscape Phase III project starting this fall with Mega KC.

We've upgraded 4th Street and 4th Terrace, enhancing water, sewer, stormwater systems, and streets. In Harborview, we've made substantial upgrades with the completion of street maintenance and sidewalk replacement projects. The Quincy Boulevard Improvement Project is also complete, with upgrades to waterlines, stormwater, streets, and sidewalks. Our 2024 Sewer Rehabilitation Program included sewer upgrades ensuring the continued reliability of essential services across Maple Lane, Brasfield, Spelman, Dundee, and Maple Avenue.

Looking ahead, this fall brings the Streetscape Phase III project, Winner Avenue Overlay, and Commercial Street Sidewalks improvements.

With the new school year commencing, I would like to congratulate our Smithville School District on the successful completion of several key projects: Transportation Facility, High School Gymnasium, Middle School Athletic Field, and HVAC projects at the Middle School and Horizon Elementary School. Wrapping up these big projects is a great way to kick off the start of school. Best wishes to students, parents, teachers, and staff for a successful academic year.

As election season approaches, please adhere to City guidelines when placing political signs.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to make the City of Smithville a better place to live, work, learn and play.



## STORMWATER SUMMER TIPS

As we continue to enjoy the summer months, effective stormwater management remains crucial to keep our city safe and sustainable. Here are some important tips from our Public Works Department to help manage stormwater this summer:

- Keep grass, trees, and shrubs well-maintained to reduce erosion and absorb rainwater. Native plants are especially effective.
- Ensure catch basins are free of debris to help rainwater drain properly and prevent blockages.

Help us spread the word about keeping litter, leaves and yard waste out of streets and storm drains.

- Use rain barrels or cisterns to capture and reuse rainwater for gardening or other non-potable uses.
- Maintain retention and detention ponds for effective stormwater runoff management.
- Do not toss yard waste (leaves, limbs, brush, grass clippings) into streets, gutters, storm drains, ditches, creeks, ponds, or lakes.

### BASIN MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

*Coming soon*

The City of Smithville is launching a Basin Maintenance Program this fall. The program aims to engage Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and basin owners in proactive maintenance through self-assessments and inspections.

Initial informal assessments by city staff will help identify areas needing attention. The program, starting this fall, will provide HOAs with information and recommended maintenance schedules.

For more details, visit [smithvillemo.org/basinmaintenance](https://smithvillemo.org/basinmaintenance)





# Backyard Hens Regulations

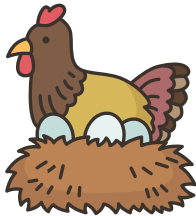
Residents of Smithville may keep up to 10 hens in their backyards, as long as they are kept in accordance with the following provisions.

- A permit application must be completed and approved.
- Prior to housing your future fowl, you will need to submit an application for a permit. A completed permit application will include:
  - Photographs of a premade coop or plans for a homemade coop.
  - A site plan of the back yard which clearly outlines property lines and any existing and proposed structures (proposed coop, run, existing house, etc.).
- All coops must be at least 50 feet from any neighboring residence.
- Permits are issued for a **1-year period** with a fee of \$30.00 and must be **renewed annually**.
- **Roosters are prohibited.**
- Coops shall be kept in good repair.
  - Coops and animals shall be kept in a manner that won't disturb neighbors.
  - Absorbent ground cover should be provided, and should be replaced as often as necessary to suppress odor.
  - Adequate lighting and ventilation should be provided,
  - Keep feed and other items associated with the keeping of hens clean and sanitary at all times to prevent the infestation of rats, mice and other rodents.

## DISCLOSURES:

\*\*\*Private restrictions by HOA's or similar organizations on the use of property shall remain enforceable and may prohibit the keeping of chickens.

\*\*\*If these requirements are not fully complied with, the city may revoke any permit granted under this section and/or initiate prosecution for civil infraction violation.



## 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

### SENIOR CENTER

816-343-2073

### 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

## Smithville Senior Center Lunches

You've heard of The Jackson 5, Chamel No 5, and Beethoven's Symphony Number 5. How about the \$5 lunch at the Smithville Senior Center? Bring a five-spot to enjoy a nutritious and delicious meal including entrée, sides, milk, and dessert every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon.

The Senior Center partners with Cosentino's Price Chopper in Smithville to cater the menu, cooking up favorites like fried chicken, taco salad, homestyle meatloaf, and more. Reservations are needed at least 24 hours in advance. **Stop by the Senior Center or call 816-343-2073 to reserve your meal.**

For this month's menu and event calendar, click on "Senior Center" at [smithvilleparksrec.com](http://smithvilleparksrec.com). The Senior Center located at 113 W. Main Street (next to City Hall), serving the needs of Clay County residents aged 60 and over.





## 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
- Water Plant Manager
- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor
- Parks & Recreation Sports Official - Volleyball

### Volunteer:

- Economic Development Committee

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