

DECEMBER 2024

# SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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## Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed the following days:

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 31
- Wednesday, January 1

Note: The Senior Center will be closed December 23 through January 3 for Christmas and New Years holidays.

## Christmas Tree Drop Off

Smithville Lake hosts the annual Christmas Tree drop off at Little Platte Park by Shelter 1. Trees should be free of tinsel, ornaments and tree bags before being dropped off. There are signs to direct you to the drop-off site. The drop off site will be open daily beginning December 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Jan. 31. The Christmas trees will be distributed to areas around the park and serve as mulch or habitats for fish, birds and other small wildlife. Little Platte Park is located on the west side of the lake and can be accessed by from 169 Highway north to Northeast 180th Street. 180th Street will take you directly into Little Platte Park then follow the signs. For more information about the Christmas tree drop-off site contact Smithville Lake at 816-407-3400.

## 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

**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

As the holiday season approaches, we can look forward to many cherished Smithville traditions. This year's lineup of events is filled with holiday fun and community spirit.

Friday, December 6 kicks off the festivities with the Parks & Recreation Department's annual Candy Cane Quest at Heritage Park. Santa is delivering over 6,000 candy canes for children ages 0-12 to find! This free event begins at 6:00 PM and promises an evening of holiday fun.

Saturday, December 7 brings a full day of holiday cheer in downtown Smithville. Starting at 1:30 PM, join the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce for CandyLand Christmas in Downtown Smithville to ring in the season. That evening, gather for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting followed by the beloved Lighted Christmas Parade, a highlight of our holiday traditions in our community.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year!



## Citizen Education Against Scams & Exploitation Presentation

Scams targeting older adults are on the rise and are costing seniors big money. The average victim of elder fraud lost \$33,915 due to these crimes in 2023. (Source: FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center). The Senior Center is hosting a special presentation by Clay County Prosecuting Attorney Zachary Thompson to help seniors learn how to identify scams and what to do if they've been targeted.

**What:** C.E.A.S.E. (Citizen Education Against Scams and Exploitation) Presentation by Prosecutor Zachary Thompson

**When:** Monday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Smithville Senior Center, 113 W. Main St.

Registration for the presentation is helpful but not required.

Lunch will be available for \$5 at noon following the presentation and must be reserved in advance. **Meal reservations are required by Thursday, Dec. 12.** For reservations or for more information, contact the Senior Center at 816-343-2073.

The current lunch menu/activities calendar is available at [www.smithvilleparksrec.com](http://www.smithvilleparksrec.com).

## Snow Routes

The City of Smithville has established prioritized snow routes to ensure effective and efficient road clearing. For instance, main roads, arterials, and school routes are prioritized first, allowing safe travel for emergency vehicles and essential road users. Residential roads are generally cleared after the primary routes have been fully opened.

Our GIS website provides extensive information, including snow routes priorities and details on routes maintained by the county and MODOT.

Scan the QR code to visit our GIS website, select the snow removal layer to see this information.



## Clay County Senior Real Estate Property Tax Relief

Clay County staff will be at the Mid-Continent Public Library - Smithville Branch on January 31st from 9am-3pm to assist the public in the application process.

**\*\*Please note the location change. This event will NOT be held at the Senior Center\*\***

The Clay County Clerk's office is also available to assist during regular business hours, and there is an online application as well. All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2025. Please visit [claycountymmo.gov](http://claycountymmo.gov) for more information about the program.



## Snowplow Tips

- 1. Plow with Traffic Flow:** When clearing your driveway, push the snow in the same direction as traffic. This helps keep snow from being pushed back into your driveway when the street is plowed.
- 2. Clear a Pocket Before Your Driveway:** Create a small cleared area or “pocket” along the curb before your driveway. This pocket will catch some of the snow from street plows, reducing the amount pushed back into your driveway entrance.
- 3. Keep Vehicles Off the Street:** Whenever possible, park vehicles in your driveway or garage during snow events. This allows snowplows to clear streets more effectively and prevents your vehicle from being damaged or buried by plowed snow.
- 4. Watch for Plows and Stay Clear:** Snowplows are large and have limited visibility. Maintain a safe distance from plows, especially when they’re actively clearing your street.



## 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

## GFL Residential Trash & Recycling Customer Service

[kccustomer@care@gflenv.com](mailto:kccustomer@care@gflenv.com)  
OR  
816-380-5595

## TRASH PICK UP REMINDER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**23**



**24**



**25**



**26**



**27**



**28**

**30**



**31**



**1**



**2**



**3**



**4**

Regular Pick up  
day

Regular Pick up  
day

Holiday  
No Pick Up

Delayed  
Wednesday  
Pick Up

Delayed  
Thursday Pick Up

Delayed Friday  
Pick Up

**Collection delayed one day beginning Wednesday, December 25 & January 1.**





## 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:

- Plant Operator
- Police Officer
- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor

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