

JUNE 2022

SMITHVILLE NEWS



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Storm Water Master Plan

The City is gearing up to begin the Stormwater Master Planning process. This plan will take a significant amount of public input to ensure that the City accurately understands the current needs of Smithville, and to plan for future capacity. If you have any stormwater concerns, please report them on the City's Report-A-Concern feature on the website. Stay tuned for future updates and public information meetings.

Storm Water Summer Tips

- **CONSERVE:** Lawns need about one inch of rain a week, so only water your yard when necessary. Make sure to avoid watering in the middle of the day (which can lead to wasteful evaporation).
- **WASH:** When you wash your car in the driveway or road, the soap, wax, oil, and grease will ultimately wash into the City's storm drains.
- **PLANT:** Plant deep-rooted native plants that soak up rain runoff and provide food and a habitat for pollinators.
- **MOW:** Set your mower to keep grass at least 3 inches tall. This helps promote healthy root growth which slows the rate of runoff, absorbs more water, and suppresses weeds.
- **CLEAR:** Clear grass clippings and other yard waste from paved surfaces. Blow or sweep it off sidewalks, and never direct lawn mower discharge into the street.

MEETING DATES:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm

BOARD WORK SESSIONS

Scheduled as needed, generally prior to regular meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday at 7pm

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

July 28 at 6pm

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 the Mayor

Mayor Damien Boley

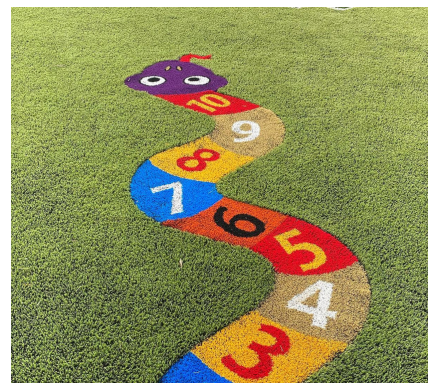
Warmer months mean increased construction activity. This spring, overlay projects have been completed on Hospital Drive and Tillman Road. This summer, the street division will be crack sealing and filling potholes as weather allows. The new playground near the Diamond Crest neighborhood was recently completed, additional features coming soon to that area include a parking lot, restroom, and shelter house. You may have also noticed work underway near the spillway and Smith's Fork Campground. The City is currently making enhancements to our water and wastewater utilities. A raw water pump station and wastewater lift station are currently under construction, with work anticipated to continue into the fall. Additional maintenance to our aging wastewater system will also begin this summer. We will be relining 3,300 feet of existing sewer main. The process is called Cured in Place Pipe which is a plastic liner that is inserted into the old main. The new line will provide additional strength, seals cracks and voids, and provides a smooth surface for wastewater flow.

You may have noticed crews from SAMS (Surveying and Mapping) around town over the last few months. This firm has been hired to assist with creation of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) system for public and internal use. A GIS system will house information on infrastructure (Streets, Water, Sewer, and Storm Sewer) and is the first step towards asset management. A GIS system will also provide information that can be used for maintenance planning, capital improvement planning, assistance with development, budgeting, infrastructure condition, modeling and system analysis, traffic management, work order system, snow operations, and emergency services.

This summer you will also see the results of construction of another type: the City's website will be receiving some updates. The website refresh, which will roll out in July, will include more interactive content, easier navigation and an updated feel. Take a look at the updates at www.smithvillemo.org.

New Playground at Diamond Crest Park

The newest city playground recently opened at Diamond Crest Park. This playground features multiple slides, swings, a wheelchair accessible swing, and climbing features all on turf surfacing! The Parks and Recreation department is still working on adding additional amenities including a parking lot, restrooms, and a shelter house. The playground is located off 169 and W Hwy right next to the splash pad. The splash pad and playground are open to the public however the pool is a private HOA pool.



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Payments are withdrawn on the 15th of each month. To learn more, call City Hall at 816-532-3897

Work Zone Awareness

As the weather warms, you can expect to see an increase in roadway construction. As you travel around town and in other communities, please be aware of work zones. Slow down, move over, follow posted signs, and pay attention to your surroundings. Work with us and slow down in work zones



Summer Safety Tips

- 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.
- Keep a jump pack and phone battery pack in your vehicle.
- 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.
- Make sure that when doing yard work or other outdoor activities that you have plenty of water to stay hydrated and are dressed appropriately to avoid heatstroke.
- Have a plan for extreme weather with your family if you are out somewhere. You should have a designated meeting place if the weather turns.

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NON-EMERGENCY POLICE
(816) 858-3521

ANONYMOUS TIP LINE
(816) 474-8477

ADMINISTRATION, CITY CLERK, FINANCE
(816) 532-3897

DEVELOPMENT
(816) 858-3521

PARKS & RECREATION
(816) 532-8130

SMITH'S FORK CAMPGROUND
(816) 532-1028

STREETS
(816) 532-2080

WATER & WASTEWATER
(816) 532-0577

SPRING BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

Week of June 6th on your regular trash day

Residents may discard up to five large and bulky items



PARKS & RECREATION

6/4 *KIWANIS YOUTH FISHING DERBY*
10am at Helvey Park

6/11 *MOVIE IN THE PARK*
6pm at Courtyard Park

7/1 *SMITHVILLE FIREWORKS DISPLAY*
9pm at Smith's Fork Park

7/1 *FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION*
Sign up online for fall sports

7/16 *MOVIE IN THE PARK*
6pm at Courtyard Park



July is Parks and Recreation Month

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as Park and Recreation Month. A program of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the goal is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks and recreation has on communities across the U.S.

All month long, we'll be celebrating the fun and games that local parks and recreation offers to the community of all ages and abilities. Activities include Art at the Park with Kelly's Nook, Storytime in the Park, Yoga in the Park, Punt Pass Kick Contest, and more. You can view the full calendar of events on the Smithville Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

Current job openings:

- Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator I
- Police Officer
- Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator
- Public Works Crew Leader
- Maintenance Worker I – Public Works

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