

JUNE 2023

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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MEETING DATES:

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

Code Enforcement Tips

Green grass, warmer temperatures, and blooming flowers, the summer has officially begun. Summer also brings those pesky weeds, tall grass, and bags of yard clippings. Yikes!

Here are some helpful tips from Code Enforcement:

- Mow your lawn regularly. Any plant and weed growth over seven (7) inches is a code violation. Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation.
- Avoid blowing grass clippings onto the sidewalks and public streets. When grass clippings are deposited into our streets storm drains and sewers become clogged and cause storm water runoff to deposit into our local waters. Grass clippings have a high degree of nutrients, phosphorus, and fertilizers that are harmful to water quality. Clippings on the roadway may cause tires to lose traction making it difficult to maintain control on the road. We recommend that you blow grass clippings back into your yard, sweep up, and properly dispose of all clippings in an approved container.
- Be mindful of overhanging tree limbs onto public streets and sidewalks. All trees in the City of Smithville must at least clear a 14' foot vertical clearance over public streets. All trees must also clear at least a 7' vertical clearance over public sidewalks. Shrubbery and bushes must also be trimmed to the edge of the side walk and street to prevent encroachment.

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

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

As we approach the summer season, it is an exciting time to make new memories with our friends and family. The City's Parks & Recreation Department has a lineup of programs for everyone this summer. Programs like Movies in Courtyard Park, Snacks and Stories in Heritage Park, Popsicles in the Park with first responders, Art in the Park, and Fitness Classes are scheduled throughout the season.

In addition to the Park & Recreation Department's programs, there are many community events scheduled. The Smithville Lake Festival has events starting June 14, and will include events throughout the weekend. The events will also include the celebration of Founder's Day. On July 15, you can make your way downtown to enjoy the Smithville Main Street's annual Whiskey Walk event. With the many programs and events scheduled, you can find something fun to do this summer and enjoy being a part of the community with your loved ones.

If you see any issues this summer, make sure to notify the City. A convenient way for residents to report issues and ask questions is by utilizing the City's report-a-concern feature on the website (smithvillemo.org). A staff member will help to resolve any questions or issues in a timely manner. You can also call City Hall at 816-532-3897.

I hope you have a wonderful and safe summer and enjoy the many exciting events happening in our community!



FY2024 Budget Calendar

- Board of Aldermen Budget Retreat (May 17)
- Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review and Discussion (June 20)
- Schedule of Fees Review and Discussion (July 15)
- FY2024 Proposed Operating Budget and Five Year CIP Review: First Discussion (August 15)
- FY2024 Proposed Operating Budget and Five Year CIP Review: Second Discussion - If Needed (September 5)
- Adoption of FY2024 Budget on Second Reading (October 17)

Summer months mean warmer weather but that also means dangerous temperatures. In just 10 minutes the temps inside a car can rise by 20°. So, on a 90° day, temperatures inside a car can reach over 110°, which can be deadly for child or pet. Never leave them alone in a vehicle.

#HeatstrokeKills
#WheresBaby



Weekly Project Updates



We are excited to share that we have created a dedicated page on the City website that will provide weekly updates on various City projects. This page will serve as a central hub for information about our ongoing efforts to enhance the City, and will provide you with the latest updates on the progress of each Capital Improvement Project.

You can access this page by visiting the link below, or by scanning the QR code on the right side of with your mobile device.

smithvillemo.org/projectupdates

Scan QR Code



SCAN ME

Water Usage Tips



While enjoying the warmer weather, make sure to remember that your activities including water usage will impact your utility bill.

A way to save costs on your utility bill is to conserve water by reducing your overall water usage.

Upcoming Holidays



City Offices will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays:

- June 19: Monday Following Smithville Founder's Day Celebration
- July 3 - July 4: Observation of the Fourth Of July Holiday



WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR:

Ordinary minor non-structural repair or remodeling work such as painting, wall papering, cabinets and similar finish work.

A building permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or a structure with the City of Smithville. A homeowner may be issued a permit to perform such work if they own or occupy the home. All contractors performing work must have an occupational license with the City of Smithville.

TRADEWORK

Any electrical, plumbing, mechanical must provide a Master's License. Irrigation systems installation and alterations require permits. Irrigation repairs do not.

YOU NEED A PERMIT FOR:
INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR REMODELING (if the structure changes including additions)
HEATING AND COOLING UNITS
WATER HEATERS
PLUMBING WORK
MECHANICAL WORK
ELECTRICAL WORK
IRRIGATIONAL WORK

INSTALLING OR REPLACING FENCES

STORAGE SHEDS

Or other similar accessory structures over 120 sq. ft.
Also running electrical, mechanical plumbing to existing outbuildings

INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS

RESIDENTIAL ROOF SHINGLES REPLACEMENT DOES NOT
REPLACING ROOF DECKING DOES

POOLS & SPAS

More than 24 inches deep

COVERED PORCHES & COVERED DECKS

EXTERIOR DOOR AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT ONLY IF CHANGING THE SIZE

GARAGES, CARPORTS & DECKS

FLATWORK MODIFICATIONS

Including driveway approaches, city sidewalks

SEWER LINE REPAIR

Prior to commencing any such work, you should verify whether a permit is required first.

If work begins prior to the issuance of a permit, the regular permit fee will be double.

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

Chamber of Commerce Website

Recently, the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce made website enhancements. Their website is a great resource for the community to find out the current events in Smithville. Make sure to check out their Community Calendar to stay up to date on upcoming events.

If you have an event that you would like to be shared on their website, make sure to fill out their request form.



ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION

Stormwater is created when precipitation such as rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground. If stormwater passes through a construction site, it has the potential to collect sediment, oil, chemicals, and other pollutants and transport them downstream to nearby water bodies. Therefore, it is crucial for construction sites to safeguard the environment by implementing specialized measures such as fences, barriers, and truck pads to minimize the contamination of our rivers, lakes, and streams.



- To keep the area clean, contractors need to put up fences or barriers around the construction site when it rains. This will stop soil and debris from flowing downstream, especially if the site is on a slope or has piles of dirt.

- Protect the pipes from pollution: Storm drains near construction sites should have protective barriers around them. This will stop debris and muddy water from entering the stormwater pipes.



- Report any pollution: If you notice muddy water, chemicals, concrete, oil, or dirty water in any streams near your home or from a construction site, notify the City at smithvillemo.org/report



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:

- Police Officer
- Seasonal Clinic Instructor
- Program Instructor

Volunteer Positions:

- Parks and Recreation Committee

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