

JUNE 2024

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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Smithville Senior Center

Smithville has a Senior Center for Clay County residents aged 60 and over, or disabled of any age. Come join us to socialize, play cards and bingo, shoot pool, and enjoy a delicious catered lunch for only \$5!

FREE exercise classes taught by certified fitness instructors:

- Senior Strength & Balance at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays
- Chair Yoga at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays

Where: 113 W. Main Street (downtown next to City Hall)

When: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- Fitness classes at 8 a.m.
- Activities from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to reserve your lunch: Stop by or call 816-343-2073. To find the current month's lunch menu and activities calendar: Click on "Senior Center" at www.smithvilleparksrec.com.

Residence Check Requests

If you plan on going out of town this summer? Fill out a Residence Check Request and officers will check to make sure that your house is secure while you're gone!



REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1

Youth Soccer
Little Kickers Soccer Clinic
Youth Volleyball
Youth T-Ball

www.smithvilleparksrec.com/sports

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.



Meet The Aldermen



Ward 1 Alderman - Dan Hartman

I have lived in Smithville for almost 21 years, raising a family with my wife, Marjory. Marjory is an incredible wife, mother and partner. We are empty-nesters who enjoy spending time with our grown sons-- Ben, Nick and Nathaniel. We have a little Chorkie named Chica. Some of the activities I enjoy are raising cattle, boating, attending baseball games, and being active members of our church and community.

In my real estate career, I welcome the daily challenges and am dedicated to helping folks navigate through real estate transactions. I believe in giving back to my community. I currently serve on the Board of Aldermen for the City of Smithville as well as the Economic Development Committee, as well as President of Smithville Rotary Club. I am also an Elected Board Member and Chairman of the Board at MU Extension in the Urban West Region for Clay County, Missouri. I serve as a State Director for the Kansas City Regional Association as well as Board of Director and am a Deacon at Grace Community Church of Smithville where my family has been members for over 21 years.



Ward 1 Alderman - Kelly Kobylski

Hello, Smithville! As a proud mother of two boys and a resident for 22 years, I'm deeply committed to the well-being of our community. With 16 years of entrepreneurial experience and a loving marriage of 24 years, I bring a blend of dedication and vision to my role as Alderman. Currently, I'm excited to spearhead the opening of an outdoor entertainment space, adding to our beautiful downtown. Serving as Alderman is a privilege, and I'm eager to collaborate with fellow citizens to make Smithville an even better place to call home. Let's work together for a brighter future!



Ward 2 Alderman - Ronald Russell

I was born and raised in a small town. I am a Harvard educated Christian with over 25 years of experience working with National and International employers in the transportation industry. I have been personally responsible for managing annual budgets ranging from \$10M to \$25M with over 1,000 employees. I have been responsible for securing Federal and State grants. I have worked with N.A.S.A on confidential reporting systems as well as being the lead contract negotiator for company labor negotiations.

We moved to Smithville in 2020 from the East Coast, this was our 12th move in 28 years, but we are finally glad to have found a place to call home. My wife, Jennifer, and I have a daughter attending Smithville High School. It's a great day to be a Warrior.



Ward 2 Alderman- Melissa Wilson

My husband, Ken, and I have been Smithville residents since 2001. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. I retired in 2017 after a 43-year career in banking. I enjoy working alongside Ken tending our flower gardens and an occasional game of golf. I also enjoy quilting, embroidery, crocheting, various other crafts and reading. My top priorities are my faith in God and my family. These are followed by my concerns and care for friends and our community.



Ward 3 Alderman - Marvin Atkins

My wife, Patricia, and I have been married for 46 years, with two children and three grandkids. We have been Smithville residents for the past 21 years.

I am currently enjoying retirement, after my career at Harvesters Food Bank for 20 years as the Facilities, Safety, Food Safety, and Operations Compliance Manager. This position required coordination with FEMA, USDA, and HACCP. Additionally, I worked as a Restaurant Manager for 15 years, and as a Police Officer for 5 years. I've dedicated over 50 years to the Boy Scouts of America and held various leadership roles in the community, including serving as Alderman for Platte Woods, MO for 2 years, and serving on the Cedar Lake Estates Homeowners Association for 15 years.

I am honored to be a part of the Board of Aldermen for the past 6 years. I have been a part of the team creating and supporting the Citizen Based Visions and Plans for the future of our City.



Ward 3 Alderman - Leeah Shipley

I am an entrepreneur deeply rooted in Smithville, as I own and operate two local businesses that contribute to the gathering of community in our town. Beyond my business endeavors, I am passionate about youth sports. You can often find me coaching basketball at Smithville High School, or volunteering with other soccer, golf, and church organizations. I love being plugged into the community and spending my days in downtown Smithville. My business structure and life structure both center around faith, family, and community.

Peddler's Permits

Per City Ordinance 640.030 requires all solicitors or peddlers to obtain a permit from the City before they begin. They must display these permits while out and it must be between the hours of 9am and 8pm. Permits can be applied for at City Hall during regular business hours.



When Do I Need A Permit?

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. **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.

You need a permit for:

- Interior and exterior remodeling (if the structure changes including additions)
- Heating & cooling units
- Water heaters
- Plumbing work
- Mechanical work
- Electrical work
- Irrigational work
- Installing or replacing fences
- Pools & Spas (more than 24 inches deep)
- Installing solar panels
- Replacing roof decking (replacing shingles does not)
- Covered porches & decks
- Exterior door and window replacement **only** if changing the size
- Sewer line repair
- Garages, carports & decks
- Flatwork modifications, including driveway approaches, city sidewalks

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

OR

816-380-5595

Dumping yard waste (such as leaves or grass clippings) into street and curb inlets is a violation known as an **ILLICIT DISCHARGE**



Effective management of yard waste plays a crucial role in mitigating localized flooding and preserving the integrity of our local water bodies. Here are some tips:

- ✔ **Do not toss yard waste** (leaves, limbs, brush, grass clippings) into streets, gutters, storm drains, ditches, creeks, ponds, or lakes.
- ✔ **Optimize** lawn care practices by mowing grass higher and leaving clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and nutrients.
- ✔ **Prevent** dumping yard waste onto creek banks to mitigate increased erosion risks.
- ✔ **Embrace composting!** Transform leaves, brush, grass clippings, and other yard waste into nutrient-rich compost.
- ✔ **Utilize Yard Waste Collection Services:** Contact GFL or Compost Connection to sign up. Yard waste is included in the Smithville solid waste contract with GFL, but residents need to "opt-in" to curbside collection.



JULY 2024

PARKS & REC MONTH



MONDAYS
9 - 10 A M

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK
DONUTS + DRINKS AT SMITH'S FORK PLAYGROUND

TUESDAYS
4 - 5 P M

PAINTING IN THE PARK
WEEKLY THEMED PAINTING CLASS LED BY RACHEL O'BRIEN - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WEDNESDAYS
7 - 8 P M

SUNSET YOGA
YOGA AT THE DOWNTOWN COURTYARD 7-8PM
SOME MATS WILL BE AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN
LED BY KIM DERRY

THURSDAYS
10 A M

SCIENCE IN THE PARK
WEEKLY SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS WITH MU EXTENSION
REGISTRATION REQUIRED (SKIP JULY 4)

FRIDAYS
11 A M

POPSICLES AT THE SPLASH PAD
FIRST 20 PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE A FREE POPSICLE
FROM FRIO'S GOURMET POPS

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SUMMER ADULT PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



JUNE 14
5:30 PM

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1520 DD HWY
\$30/TEAM

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Smithville CITIZENS ACADEMY

Immerse yourself in local government by registering for the FIRST annual Smithville Citizens Academy!

Please visit www.smithvillemo.org/academy for more information.

Applications due by July 31.

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/jobs

Employment:

- Police Officer
- Water Plant Operator
- Water Plant Manager
- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor
- Parks & Recreation Seasonal Maintenance

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