

OCTOBER 2023

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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MEETING DATES:

November 7, 2023 - Special Election

The November 7, 2023, Election will include the following ballot language:

Shall the City of Smithville impose a citywide sales tax at the rate of one-half of one percent for the purpose of improving the public safety of the City?

Public Safety Sales Tax Fast Facts:

Revenue from a public safety sales tax would be used for the operation of the Police Department. It is recommended that, if approved, the tax proceeds be used to fund:

- Addition of two police officers
- Addition of one full-time animal control officer
- Vehicle leasing costs associated with Police Department fleet and animal control
- Equipment Upgrades and replacement

Voters will be asked if the City can increase the City's portion of the sales tax rate from 2.5% to 3%. This results in a total sales tax rate of 8.975%. (Other entities including the state and county impose sales taxes collected withing the City in addition to the City portion).

The public safety sales tax is intended to be limited to use to fund the operations of Police and Animal Control, and cannot be commingled with non-public safety City funds.

If approved, the revenue from a Public Safety Sales tax could exceed \$700,000 annually.

Please visit the City's Public Safety Sales Tax Information Page for more information!



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
October 26, 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

We hope you're looking forward to the fall season as much as we are. We encourage you to make every Saturday a small business Saturday and shop local. By supporting our local businesses, we can help them flourish and make our community a better place for everyone.

There are also many fun fall sports activities happening in our community, including cheering on our Smithville Warriors. Plus, if you're looking to stay active, the Parks & Recreation Fall Sports Programming is a great option to explore.

Another big event this fall is the November 7, 2023, Special Election. On November 7, City of Smithville residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Public Safety Sales Tax. This ballot question asks voters to consider imposing a citywide ½ percent Public Safety Sales Tax to be placed on all retail sales made in the City of Smithville. For more information, please visit the City's website or use the QR code in the newsletter.



HOWL-O-WEEN

October 28 | 11-12:30PM
Clay County Dog Park



FREE EVENT • TREATS
• PHOTOBOOTH •
VENDORS • COSTUME
CONTEST • PRIZES

For more information
or to register as a vendor visit
www.smithvilleparksrec.com/programs-events



Make + Take Charcuterie Workshop

OCT 4 | 6:00PM | \$64
SMITHVILLE SENIOR CENTER
WWW.SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM



HAUNTED CAMPGROUND

OCT 21

3:30-6:30PM | FREE EVENT
SMITH'S FORK CAMPGROUND

Parent & Me Painting

NOVEMBER 8 | 5:30-7PM | \$15
SMITHVILLE SENIOR CENTER
WWW.SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DASHBOARD



SCAN ME



The City developed a user-friendly Dashboard to keep you informed about the City of Smithville's Comprehensive Plan implementation progress.

This dashboard offers updates and an overall view of the action items within the comprehensive plan, which is a crucial component of Smithville's comprehensive planning efforts.

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

Utility Rate Increases

In 2022, the City of Smithville completed a utility rate study which prescribes water and wastewater rate increases to fund utility system upgrades and improvements. The proposed rate increases (shown below) would be effective November 1, 2023 for residential and commercial accounts pending Board of Aldermen approval. A public hearing will be held at the October 17, 2023 Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7:00pm. Once approved, this increase will be reflected on the December 2023 utility bill.

	November 1, 2021	November 1, 2022	November 1, 2023
3/4" Water Meter Service Charge	\$11.77	\$12.78	\$14.70
Water Usage Charge for 5,000 Gallons	\$41.65	\$45.20	\$52.00
Residential Water Sales Tax (1.000%)	\$0.53	\$0.58	\$0.67
Missouri DNR Fee for 3/4" Meter	\$0.31	\$0.50	\$0.50
Wastewater Service Charge	\$16.02	\$18.43	\$21.19
Wastewater Usage Charge for 5,000 Gallons	\$33.40	\$38.45	\$44.20
Monthly Trash Charge	\$18.37	\$19.29	\$20.16
Grand Total	\$122.05	\$135.23	\$153.42

Police Department Tips



Make sure your pumpkins are safe this Halloween!

They should be able to see with their costumes on and carry a light source if you plan to be out after dark. Travel in groups and make sure to look both ways before crossing the road!

If you plan to be out driving, make sure to take extra care while in neighborhoods and watch for kids crossing the road. Help us ensure that all our trick-or-treaters make it home safely.

Happy Halloween!

Potential Scam Alert

A call or message that says your computer is INFECTED. That's a SCAM!

- Don't call a phone number or click a link
- Don't give control of your computer
- Don't send money

Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud) or 1-877-382-4357

Recycling Guidelines

YES These items go in your recycling bin:



NO Do NOT place these items in your recycling bin:



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.



Did You Miss The Fall Bulky Item Pick-Up?

The City is organizing a small FREE event to provide Smithville residents with the chance to dispose of bulky items. Dumpsters will be available on a "first come, first served" basis. Once capacity has been reached, no other materials may be disposed of in the area. To participate, residents are required to present a valid driver's license or utility bill as proof of residence. While we will have volunteers on-site to assist, we recommend that residents bring their own help to unload bulky items.

When: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Time: 7:30 am – 11:30 am (or until dumpsters are full)

Location: City Parking Lot across from Major Lumber | Entrance: North side of East Meadow St



Acceptable Items	Items NOT Accepted
Appliances, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers (compressors and freon must be removed), furniture, sinks, toilets, cabinets, rugs, and carpet (material must be cut into 4 foot lengths), large items (swing sets, picnic tables, etc.) must be "broken down"	Glass items, electronic waste (such as televisions, computers, monitors, laptops, etc.) tires, batteries, or automobile parts, construction materials, tanks, oil drums, gas, or chemicals, household hazardous waste, railroad ties, yard waste, commercial waste

CITY OPENINGS

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

Employment:

- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor

Volunteer Positions:

- Parks & Recreation Committee

Stay informed with news as it happens. Follow us on our Facebook page @smithvillemissouri and sign up for our e-notifications on the website.