

OCTOBER 2024

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



Photo: Dani Wilson, Reason to Smile Photography

2024 Photo Contest - Deadline Extended

The City of Smithville will be conducting a photo contest where the selected photos will be highlighted by the City for marketing and/or promotional purposes. Our mission is to encourage community involvement.

Participants may submit photographs taken of landscapes, cityscapes, artwork or landmarks that are unique to Smithville and the Smithville community. There is no entry fee to participate.

Enter by emailing your photo and a completed entry form to the City of Smithville: photocontest@smithvillemo.org. All entries must be received by 5 p.m. October 31, 2024.

Entries must include a completed entry form with signature and a photograph of a landscape, cityscape, art work or other landmark that can be found in Smithville, Missouri. Scan the QR Code or visit the City website (smithvillemo.org) to learn more about the contest rules.

The objective in which the top photos will be chosen are:

Aesthetic Composition
Picture Clarity and Quality
Promotion of the City of Smithville

Prizes: "Chamber Bucks" to be used at participating businesses.

1st Place: \$75
2nd Place: \$50
3rd Place: \$25



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.



Message from Mayor Damien Boley

As the leaves begin to change, we find ourselves nearing the end of another busy construction season in our community. Our dedicated Public Works Department has been hard at work throughout the spring and summer, completing vital infrastructure projects to improve our roads, sidewalks, and public spaces.

I want to thank our residents for your patience and cooperation as we have navigated detours and temporary disruptions. These improvements will serve our city well for years to come.

As we transition from construction season to preparing for winter, I encourage all residents to take a few simple steps to ensure your homes are ready for the colder months ahead. One important task is to check your outdoor faucets and hoses. Before the first freeze, be sure to disconnect and drain any hoses, and consider installing insulated faucet covers to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting. A little preparation now can help to prevent costly repairs.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make our community a safer and more vibrant place to live.



Clay County Property Tax Relief Presentation

Learn about the 2025 Senior Real Estate Property Tax Relief Program at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Smithville Senior Center.

Clay County staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The free presentation is open to the public, and registration is not required. For more information on the Property Tax Relief Program, visit claycountymo.gov.

Smithville Senior Center Turns 20!

The Senior Center is celebrating 20 years in Smithville! On October 11, 2004, the founding members met for the first time in the basement of First Christian Church, 201 N. Bridge St.

In 2014, they moved to their current location at 113 W. Main St. The Senior Center continues to grow and thrive, providing a welcoming gathering space for Clay County residents 60 and over.



Visitors enjoy camaraderie, games, fitness classes, entertainment, and educational presentations. A catered lunch is served every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon.

For more information, including the monthly menu and event calendar, click on Senior Center at smithvilleparksrec.com, or call 816-343-2073.

Halloween Safety Tips For Kids

- A RESPONSIBLE ADULT SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUNG CHILDREN ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDS
- IF YOUR OLDER CHILDREN ARE GOING ALONE, PLAN AND REVIEW A ROUTE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU
- AGREE ON A SPECIFIC TIME CHILDREN SHOULD RETURN HOME
- TEACH YOUR CHILDREN NEVER TO ENTER A STRANGER'S HOME OR CAR
- INSTRUCT CHILDREN TO TRAVEL ONLY IN FAMILIAR, WELL-LIT AREAS AND STICK WITH THEIR FRIENDS
- TELL YOUR CHILDREN NOT TO EAT ANY TREATS UNTIL THEY RETURN HOME
- CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE REMINDED TO PUT ELECTRONIC DEVICES DOWN, KEEP HEADS UP AND WALK, DON'T RUN, ACROSS THE STREET



SAFETY TIPS PROVIDED BY NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL



Halloween Safety Tips For Drivers

- WATCH FOR CHILDREN WALKING ON ROADWAYS, MEDIANS AND CURBS
- ENTER AND EXIT DRIVEWAYS AND ALLEYS CAREFULLY
- AT TWILIGHT AND LATER IN THE EVENING, WATCH FOR CHILDREN IN DARK CLOTHING
- DISCOURAGE NEW, INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS FROM DRIVING ON HALLOWEEN

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The City maintains a page on the website for project updates.

You can find the latest information about:

- Streetscape Phase III
- Commercial Avenue Sidewalks
- Stonebridge Stormwater Improvements



at
smithvillemo.org/projectupdates

Leaf Smart: Fall Stormwater Basics

Stormwater is rainwater or melted snow that flows over streets, lawns, and other surfaces. It picks up pollutants like dirt, trash, and chemicals before entering the storm drains and eventually streams, lakes, or rivers.

During the fall, leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris can easily block storm drains, leading to flooding in streets and homes.

Fall Tips to Reduce Stormwater Pollution

- Regularly rake and bag your leaves or compost them.
- Never blow leaves into the street where they can wash into storm drains.
- Use the yard waste collection service to properly dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste.

Yard waste collection is included at no extra cost in the City's contract with GFL and is picked up on the same day as your regular trash by Compost Connection.

Simply contact GFL or Compost Connection to enroll in the yard waste collection service. Once signed up, your yard waste will be collected alongside your trash at no extra charge.

Join this Regional Cleanup Event

Participate in the 2024 Plogtober on October 19. Volunteers will remove leaves, trash, and debris from streets and storm drains, helping to prevent fall flooding and pollution.

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

kccustomercare@gflenv.com
OR
816-380-5595



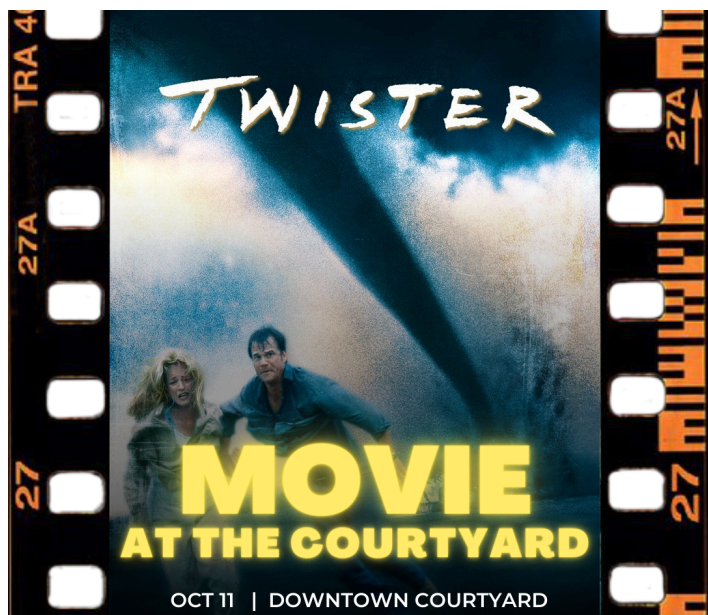
The Kansas City Plogtober Cleanup is a great way to get outdoors and get some exercise while engaging in a socially responsible activity that beautifies the streamside trails in your community!

Date: October 19
Smithville location: Heritage Park
North of E Main Street

Plogtober 2024 will take place in October across dozens of parks around the Kansas City region. Sign ups will be available soon for team cleanup events around the region. Or, if you are picking up litter on your own block, document your cleanup using our mobile website for prizes and recognition!



Find more information at:
www.cleanwaterkcmetro.org/kcplogtober



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
- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor
- Parks & Recreation Sports Official - Volleyball

Volunteer:

- Economic Development Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Planning & Zoning Commission

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