



City Administrator's Report

March 31, 2022

Raw Water Pump & Campground Lift Station Progress

Progress continues on the Raw Water Pump and Campground lift station project. This project will affect Smith's Fork Campground availability. Beginning April 1, campground reservations for only 42 sites will be available for scheduling from April 1 to May 22. No reservations will be available after May 22 or for the other 35 sites until we have a better idea of when construction will be complete. In late April, the construction progress will be re-evaluated to determine what sites will be available for the remainder of the season. Information about reservations has been posted to social media sites.





Transportation Master Plan

The online feedback forum for the Transportation Master Plan closed on March 31. Comments will be reviewed by the planning team and provided to the Board of Aldermen at the April 19 meeting. The submission form has been open for one month, and the City received 20 online comments as of March 29, 2022.

Trash and Recycling Events

The City will be hosting its first E-Waste and Shredding Event at Smithville High School parking lot on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. ProShred is the vendor that the City is using for this event, and they will clear all phones, laptops, and hard drives before they are recycled. The cost for electronics is \$20 per monitor and \$40 per TV. Shredded documents will be collected and shredded on site. There is no need to remove any staples, paper clips or rubber bands. We need three volunteers to assist with traffic control for the event. If you are interested, please contact Chuck Soules or Gina Pate.

Spring Bulky Item Pick-Up has been scheduled for the week of June 6. Residents may discard up to five bulky items on their scheduled trash pick-up day.

Parade Of Hearts

As you know, this spring communities from across the Kansas City region will show the world why we are known as America's Heartland and why we have the biggest hearts. The Parade of Hearts fabricated five-foot heart sculptures and asked local artists to design them to create an unprecedented art experience rooted in hope and unity. In Reflection, by Jessica Lester, was placed in courtyard park earlier this month! The mirrors represent internal reflection while the reflected light fragments illustrate the outreach of support, empathy and understanding to our communities. Parade of Hearts has an app to find heart displays. To date, almost 800 people have checked in at courtyard park to view In Reflection!

The Parade of Hearts is on display until the end of May. Be sure to check out In Reflection and tag Sevenelle Creative, #HeartOfSmithville and #paradeofheartskc.



Mid-America Regional Council Connected KC 2050 Grant

MARC is soliciting project proposals for Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2026 for three Federal Highway Administration funding programs. Each program is limited to a maximum of 80% federal share and requires a local match of at least 20% for any federal funds awarded to any project. This funding opportunity will consist of two phases: a pre-application and initial screening and a full application and technical evaluation. The City submitted four project proposals for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. This round is the pre-application and initial screening round of the grant application.

Winter Weather Event Updates

March 6 to 7

The snow event started at approximately 10:30 p.m. on March 6. The City had a team of five street division staff present to provide the winter response. R&S Lawn and Sprinkler provided one truck for the residential neighborhoods. Staff provided a winter response for a total of 16 hours, each staff member worked 12 hours of overtime. Crews used approximately 30 tons of salt, and salt/sand mix. The event involved wet snow and occurred over the night with less traffic on the roads. Most of the routes had to be plowed multiple times due to the ongoing snowfall throughout the night.

March 10

The City had a team of five street division staff and one utilities inspector present to provide the winter response. R&S Lawn and Sprinkler provided three trucks for the residential neighborhoods. Staff provided a winter response for a total of 10 hours, each staff member worked two hours of overtime. Crews used salt/sand mix in the slick areas. Smithville did not receive as much snow as predicted. Since the snow was lighter and during the day, the treatment process went smoothly.

Two loads of salt were received as staff was finishing response to the March 10 event. At this time, sufficient supplies to respond if necessary are available. This summer, staff will order supplies in preparation for winter operations later this year.

Right-Of-Way Maintenance / Mowing

The Public Works Department mailed letters to notify property owners about the revised Right-Of-Way (ROW) Maintenance Ordinance that was adopted in December 2021. Property owners that have concerns about mowing the ROW may call Gina Pate at 816-608-1322 or fill out the [online form](#) on the City website. Staff will review each submission and provide a response to the concerns. The new process will be a work in progress, and the department will collaborate with code enforcement staff as the mowing season begins.