

JUNE 2025

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming City Hall Closures

Founders Day - Monday, June 16

Fourth of July - Monday, July 4

Senior Center Extended Hours

The Smithville Senior Center is offering a variety of new programs this summer, free to Clay County residents 60 and over:

- Eating healthy doesn't have to break the bank. Our hands-on Cooking Matters program, sponsored by MU Extension, teaches smart shopping strategies and healthy cooking skills that can help you prepare nutritious, low-cost meals. Held every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. July 22 through August 12. Space is limited, so sign up today!
- Lace up your sneakers and join the Walking Group at Heritage Park, every Thursday at 10 a.m. Walk as far as you like and at your own pace. In case of rain, the group will meet at the Senior Center for indoor activities.
- Beat the heat with our Lunch 'N' Learn series. Enjoy a healthy, light lunch during the program. Join us at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, for Nourish Your Brain, presented by the KU Med Landon Center on Aging. (The program is free; the meal is \$5 and must be reserved by Friday, June 13.)

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday for lunch and activities. See the full calendar and menu at smithvillemo.org or call 816-343-2073.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Quarterly on the 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 and dates are subject to change.
Meetings are subject to be held virtually
with proper notice.



Message from Mayor Damien Boley

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy all that our city has to offer. As you head out to the farmers market, special events, or your favorite spots, I encourage you to support our local businesses.

Shopping local strengthens our economy and supports the friends and neighbors who own and work in these businesses. From fresh produce and unique gifts to local dining and services, every purchase makes a difference to our community.

When you shop in our city, you also help fund important public services. A portion of the local sales tax goes directly back into our community, supporting essentials like public safety, road maintenance, capital projects, and parks and recreation programs.

These local businesses are the backbone of our community and help give our city its unique local charm. Choosing to shop local keeps our city vibrant and ensures that your dollars stay close to home. As you enjoy the season, I hope you'll explore, discover, and invest in the small businesses that help make our city a great place to live.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer season!



Flushing Away Problems: How the Sewer Rehab Program Is Making a Big Difference

Everyone flushes the toilet and expects everything to work like it should — but what happens after that is something most people don't think about. Behind the scenes, the City is investing in improvements to keep our sewer system reliable, safe, and efficient.

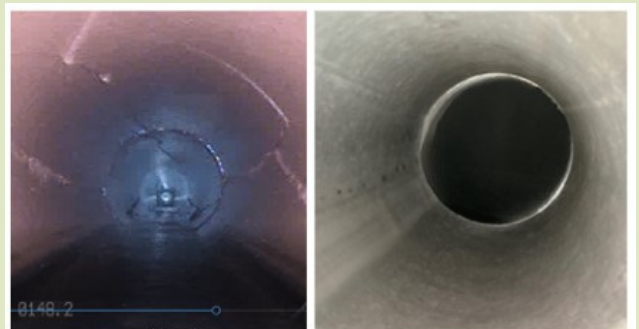
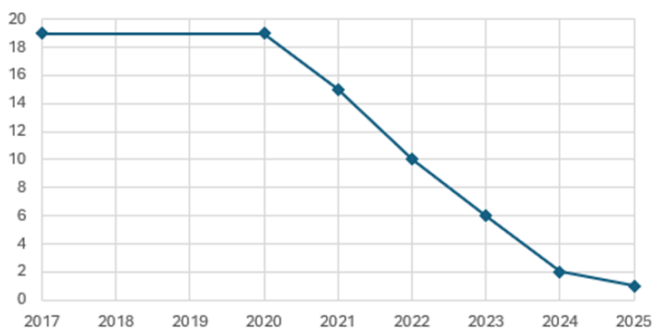
Before 2020, the City had 19 sewer lines that required monthly maintenance just to prevent backups and overflows. These aging pipes were prone to frequent issues and needed constant attention (and maintenance!).

That changed with the start of the Sewer Rehabilitation Program in 2020. This program uses a method called Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) — a trenchless technology that repairs sewer lines from the inside. It creates a strong, new pipe within the old one, significantly extending its lifespan without the need for excavation.

Thanks to this program, the number of sewer lines requiring monthly maintenance has dropped from 19 to just 1. That's a major improvement for system reliability and a big savings in time and resources.

Funded through utility rates, this program helps extend the life of our infrastructure while preventing costly problems before they start. As part of the City's broader investment in water and wastewater systems, the sewer rehabilitation program supplements larger capital improvement projects by addressing problem areas proactively. The City will continue this annual effort to upgrade aging sewer lines, reduce maintenance needs, and improve overall system performance for years to come.

SEWER LINES REQUIRING MONTHLY MAINTENANCE



BEFORE

AFTER

Warmer Weather Means More Construction & More to Watch For

As temperatures rise, so does construction activity across the City. With more projects underway, it's important to keep an eye out for potential stormwater issues.

If you notice construction materials like dirt or debris washing into streets or storm drains — or see anything unusual like paint, oil, or chemicals being poured into a storm drain — please report it. These can be signs of illicit discharge, which harms our local waterways.

Help us protect the stormwater system! To report concerns, contact City Hall at 816-532-3897.



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

kccustomercares@gflenv.com

OR

816-380-5595

FALL SPORTS



REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1

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

www.smithvilleparksrec.com/sports

FACILITY RESERVATIONS

SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM/RESERVATIONS

Reservable Now!

- Senior Center
- Heritage Park Shelter
- Smith's Fork West Shelter
- Smith's Fork East Shelter
- Helvey Park Shelter
- Heritage Ball Fields
- Smith's Fork Ball Fields
- Scout Special Use Area
- Girl Scouts Special Use Area
- Soccer Fields





\$5 Senior Lunches

Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Noon)
Enjoy a nutritious catered lunch.

Available after Senior Strength & Balance (Mon & Fri) and Senior Chair Yoga (Wed).

Tuesdays & Thursdays (11:15am)
Enjoy delicious boxed lunches like chef salads, croissant sandwiches, and wraps.

Available after Mindful Movement Fitness (Tue) and Walking Club (Thurs).

Reserve lunch by 1pm the business day before by calling 816-343-2073



JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS & REC MONTH

FREE PROGRAMS ALL MONTH LONG!

WWW.SMITHVILLEPARKSREC.COM/PROGRAMS-EVENTS



Admission **\$125** /camper

PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CAMP

smithvilleparksrec.com/programs-events All Skills Camp July 28-31

Smithville, MO Ages 6-9: 10:00am - 12:00pm



Smithville FIREWORKS SHOW

FRIDAY JULY 4



Smithville CITIZENS ACADEMY

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

Please visit www.smithvillemo.org for more information.

Applications due by July 7.

CITY OPENINGS

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

Employment:

- Water Plant Operator
- Wastewater Plant Operator
- Police Officer

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