

APRIL 2025

# SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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## MEETING DATES:

### **New City Website - May 1, 2025**

Over the past several months, our team has been hard at work on a website hosting migration. On May 1, we're excited to launch our brand-new city website! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. The new site will feature a refreshed design and enhanced search and navigation for a better user experience.

While the City's website link, [www.smithvillemo.org](http://www.smithvillemo.org), will remain the same, you can look forward to a modernized look and feel.

### **Senior Center Extended Hours**

Are you 60 or over and looking to stay active, socialize, or explore new interests? The Smithville Senior Center has something for you!

Join us Monday through Friday for engaging programs like Strength & Balance, Line Dancing, Chair Yoga, and creative workshops. Learn from expert guest speakers and connect with others in a welcoming space for active, independent adults.

We'd love to see you! Call 816-343-2073 or visit [smithvilleparksrec.com](http://smithvilleparksrec.com) 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

**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

April showers bring May flowers, and a reminder it's time to check your sump pump and storm drains. Spring is in full swing, bringing much-needed rain to help our yards and parks bloom. However, these same April showers can also lead to flooding, potholes, and draining issues if we aren't prepared. That's why this is a great time to check your sump pump, storm drains, and gutters to ensure they are working properly.



Spring weather can take a toll on our streets. If you notice potholes, blocked storm drains, or flooded streets, please report them using our Report a Concern tool on the City's website. By working together, we can keep our roads safe and prevent larger infrastructure issues down the line.

You can report any concerns at the City's website or scan the QR Code.  
[www.smithvillemo.org/report](http://www.smithvillemo.org/report)



## Spring Code Enforcement Reminders

- ✓ Keep rights-of-way clear by preventing grass, weeds, or vegetation over 7 inches from growing between the street curb (or pavement edge) and the property line, including sidewalks, streets, alleys, and easements.
- ✓ Park vehicles, trailers, RVs, and boats only on approved surfaces: 4-inch asphalt, Portland concrete, or a 6-inch gravel base covering the entire area under the vehicle.
- ✓ Maintain exterior areas in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Do not store appliances, auto parts, or building materials in public view. Dispose of yard waste, grass clippings, and brush properly.

## Spring Stormwater Protection: Smart Fertilizer Practices

Spring is in full swing, and as you care for your lawn and garden, keep in mind how fertilizers can impact our waterways. Follow these simple tips to protect our stormwater system:

- Measure Before You Apply** – Using too much fertilizer can lead to excess runoff that pollutes local streams. Follow the instructions to avoid overapplication.
- Watch the Weather** – Apply fertilizer when no rain is expected for at least 24 hours to prevent it from washing away.
- Choose Eco-Friendly Options** – Slow-release and organic fertilizers help reduce runoff and keep nutrients where they belong—in your soil.
- Clean Up Excess** – Sweep up any fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks, and streets to prevent it from entering storm drains.
- Keep Drains Debris-Free** – Spring showers can bring heavy runoff. Make sure stormwater inlets near your home are clear of leaves, grass clippings, and trash.
- Dispose of Yard Waste Properly** – Instead of dumping leaves and grass clippings into storm drains, take advantage of the yard waste pickup included in your residential trash cost. You must opt-in by calling 816-380-5595
- Report Pollution Concerns** – If you see anything unusual in storm drains or local waterways, report it to City Hall.

## See Something, Say Something

The Smithville Police Department relies on strong community support to help keep neighborhoods safe. Officers can't be everywhere at once, making it essential for residents to stay alert and engaged. When community members take an active role in reporting suspicious activities, they help us address issues before they escalate. Your vigilance acts as an extra layer of protection, allowing our officers to respond quickly and effectively.

The phrase "**See Something, Say Something**" isn't just a slogan—it's a powerful way to prevent crime and enhance public safety. Whether it's an unfamiliar vehicle lingering in your neighborhood, unusual behavior, or something that just doesn't seem right, reporting your concerns can make a difference. Even small details can be the missing piece in an investigation. By working together, we can deter criminal activity, recover stolen property, and create a safer environment for families, businesses, and visitors.

Beyond safety, a strong community-police relationship fosters trust and collaboration. By working together, we can build a town where safety isn't just the responsibility of law enforcement but a shared commitment among all who live and work here.

## 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](mailto:kccustomercares@gflenv.com)  
OR  
816-380-5595

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

### Accepted items include:

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels
- Hazardous Cleaners
- Hazardous Liquids
- Household cleaners
- Lawn & garden products
- Paint
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used Oil
- Pesticides



**Smithville High School**  
645 S Commercial Ave  
Smithville, MO 64089



**Saturday April 12, 2025**  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Proof of residency is  
required to participate!**

## E-WASTE/ SHREDDING EVENT



**Smithville High School**  
645 S Commercial Ave  
Smithville, MO 64089



**Saturday April 5, 2025**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**More details can be found:**  
[smithvillemo.org/ewaste](http://smithvillemo.org/ewaste)





## 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.

If you are interested in volunteering please visit [smithvillemo.org/getinvolved](http://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](http://www.smithvillemo.org/jobs)

### Employment:

- Finance Analyst
- Police Officer

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