

APRIL 2026

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



MEETING DATES:

Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 25:** Citywide Garage Sale hosted by Smithville Main Street District
- **April 27 - May 1:** Bulky Item Pick- Up Week! Residents may discard up to five bulky items with your regular trash pick up day. No e-waste or hazardous waste is allowed. Visit smithvillemo.org/bulkyitem for more information.
- **May 2:** E-Waste & Shredding Event located in the parking lot behind the Senior Center at the corner of Mill Street and Meadow Street from 9am - 12pm. Visit smithvillemo.org/ewaste for more information.

2025 Citizen Survey Results

The FY2025 Budget included funding for a Citizen Satisfaction Survey conducted through the DirectionFinder Survey Instrument by ETC Institute. Surveys were mailed to all identifiable households, and residents also had the option to complete the survey online. The City received more than 320 responses, exceeding the 300 responses required for statistical significance. The full report is available at smithvillemo.org/citizensurvey.

Survey results show strong satisfaction with several City services, including solid waste services (85%), police services (78%), and customer service from City employees (72%). Residents also rated Smithville highly as a place to raise children (88%), a place to live (87%), and for overall quality of life (84%).

The survey also highlights opportunities for improvement, including communication, street maintenance, water and wastewater system maintenance, and overall perceptions of the City.

To help keep residents informed, the City produces six newsletters each year featuring updates on City resources, events, projects, and helpful community 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.



Report A Concern

Did you know you can report concerns to the City at any time, including adding photos? In the Citizen Satisfaction Survey, many residents shared comments about specific issues in their neighborhoods, ranging from code enforcement concerns to City maintenance needs.

If you see an issue, we want to know about it. Reporting concerns through the City's website helps us identify and address issues more quickly. Once a report is submitted, it is assigned to the appropriate department for review. Some items can be resolved quickly, while others may take additional time.

If an issue cannot be fully resolved, City staff will follow up with the individual who submitted the report to provide additional information.

Thank you for helping us keep Smithville a great place for everyone. To report an issue, please visit smithvillemo.org/report or scan the QR Code!



City Project Updates



Check out updates to city projects by going to smithvillemo.org/projectupdates or scan the QR Code! These projects are updated with construction updates so residents and businesses can be informed about construction progress.

Stay In the Know!

There are many ways to stay informed through the City's website. Residents can sign up for e-notifications to receive updates by text or email so they never miss important information. You can select what topics you would like to receive notifications for.

Each week, the City publishes a Friday Newsflash with updates on City projects, the big takeaways from Board of Aldermen meetings, important dates, calendar events, and other City news. It is a great way to stay up to date on what is happening in the community. To sign up, visit smithvillemo.org/enotify or scan the QR code.

In partnership with the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, there is a Community Calendar! This calendar is your go-to resource on what is happening in our community for events. Make sure to visit smithvillechamber.org/communitycalendar or scan the QR Code!



E-Notifications



Chamber Calendar

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

kccustomer@glflenv.com

OR

816-380-5595

Police Department Updates

Follow us on social media to stay in the know for Public Safety information and Department Updates! You can find us @SmithvilleMOPD

Please visit smithville.org/police to find the department's services, report requests, programs, and annual reports.



Launch of Strategic Plan Update

In 2019, the City of Smithville adopted a Strategic Plan following an extensive community visioning and engagement process focused on planning for the City's future. The plan was developed with significant input from residents and stakeholders and can be viewed at smithvillemo.org/strategicplan.

This spring, the City will begin work on updating the Strategic Plan. Results from the 2025 Citizen Satisfaction Survey will help inform the process and assist the City in developing performance measures to track progress toward community goals.

Stay tuned for more information about this project. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing the conversation about Smithville's future. If you would like to be involved in this process, please email Assistant City Administrator Gina Pate gpate@smithvillemo.org.



City Financial Information

The Citizen Satisfaction Survey included questions about financial transparency and access to City information. The City adopts an annual budget for each fiscal year, which runs from November 1 through October 31. The FY2026 Budget and previous budgets are available at smithvillemo.org/budget.

Budget discussions begin in public meetings each May and continue through October, when the Board of Aldermen adopts the final budget.

Residents often ask why funds are spent on one type of project instead of another. The City operates with 19 different funds, each designated for specific purposes under Missouri State Statute. Revenues collected in a particular fund can only be used for that purpose, allowing the City to invest in multiple services and infrastructure needs across the community.

To maintain transparency, the Finance Department provides monthly financial reports and quarterly budget updates to the Board of Aldermen. The City also undergoes an independent financial audit each year, with results presented publicly each spring.

As noted in the Citizen Survey, residents place a high priority on street maintenance and utility infrastructure. In FY2026, the City has identified \$15,127,920 in capital improvement projects, including water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure improvements, park enhancements, street mill and overlay projects, sidewalk improvements, and general infrastructure maintenance.

Additional financial information is available at smithvillemo.org/finance.

Development Information

You asked, and we heard you. In the Citizen Satisfaction Survey, many respondents asked for more updates on development activity in the community. In response, the City is working to create a dedicated webpage that will provide development updates and clearer communication about upcoming public hearings.

The City will also begin publishing a quarterly economic development update to help keep residents and businesses informed about development activity and other projects happening in Smithville.



City Parks

Smithville Parks & Recreation has a mission to create experiences through parks and natural spaces and leisure opportunities for the entire community. SPR is responsible for maintaining 9 city parks, including Smith's Fork Campground and over 300 acres of parkland. The City has invested in distributed recreation by improving park amenities throughout the City. Find a park to go visit at smithvillemo.org/parks



E-Newsletter

Parks & Recreation Programming

The Smithville Parks & Recreation Department serves over 6,000 participants annually through a variety of youth and adult recreation sport leagues and non-sport programming for all ages! Stay up to date with all things happening by signing up for the Parks & Recreation Monthly E-Newsletter or visit smithvillemo.org/programsevents

Smithville Senior Center

The Smithville Senior Center proudly serves Clay County residents ages 60 and better in partnership with Clay County senior services.

Our center is a warm and welcoming place to stay active, connect with friends, and try something new. We offer a variety of fitness classes, space for games and socializing, special events, and engaging educational programs throughout the year.

The Senior Center is open Monday - Friday, with activities and meals each day! Visit smithvillemo.org/seniorcenter or call 816-343-2073 for more information.



Facility Rentals

The City has a range of facility rental options! You can reserve the Senior Center, park shelters, park fields including baseball and soccer! More information about the amenities and fees can be found on the City's website at smithvillemo.org/facilityrentals

If you have questions about rentals, please reach out to Recreation Coordinator Cassidy Childerston, cchilderston@smithvillemo.org

All city departments maintain webpages on the City's website smithvillemo.org. If you have any questions regarding city services please call City Hall at 816-532-3897 or email cityhall@smithvillemo.org

