



## City Administrator's Report

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May 16, 2024

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### **Citizens Academy**

When setting the FY2024 Budget, the Board included funding for development of a Smithville Citizens Academy. Over the course of the last several months, Assistant City Administrator Gina Pate worked with staff in all departments to develop the curricula for the Academy. The Smithville Citizens Academy is a free, six-session interactive program that provides insight to City services and operations and offers opportunities for civic engagement in the City.

This program provides our citizens with a deeper understanding of how their City government works, and gives them a look at daily operations and services provided by their local government. The program sets the foundation for residents who are interested in furthering their civic knowledge, especially as it relates to government closest to the people.

Through presentations by city officials and tours of the city facilities, participants will benefit from a unique interactive learning and behind the scenes experience.

Citizens Academy participants must be 18 years or older and live within Smithville city limits.

Classes will be held weekly on Mondays, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 9 through October 21. Participants should attend all sessions and graduation.

Applications are due by July 31 and may be found [here](#).

### **World Cup Preparation**

Staff has been following communications among communities across the metro regarding preparations for Kansas City hosting the 2026 World Cup. In the coming months, staff anticipates additional conversations locally regarding potential economic development impact and events in our community scheduled to capitalize on this event. Staff will provide updates as information is developed.

## Public Works Projects Update

### *Bridge Street Waterline Replacement*

The City's contractor has started waterline replacement work on North Bridge Street. During construction, North Bridge Street will be closed daily from First Street to the Little Platte River. Streets will be open at night.

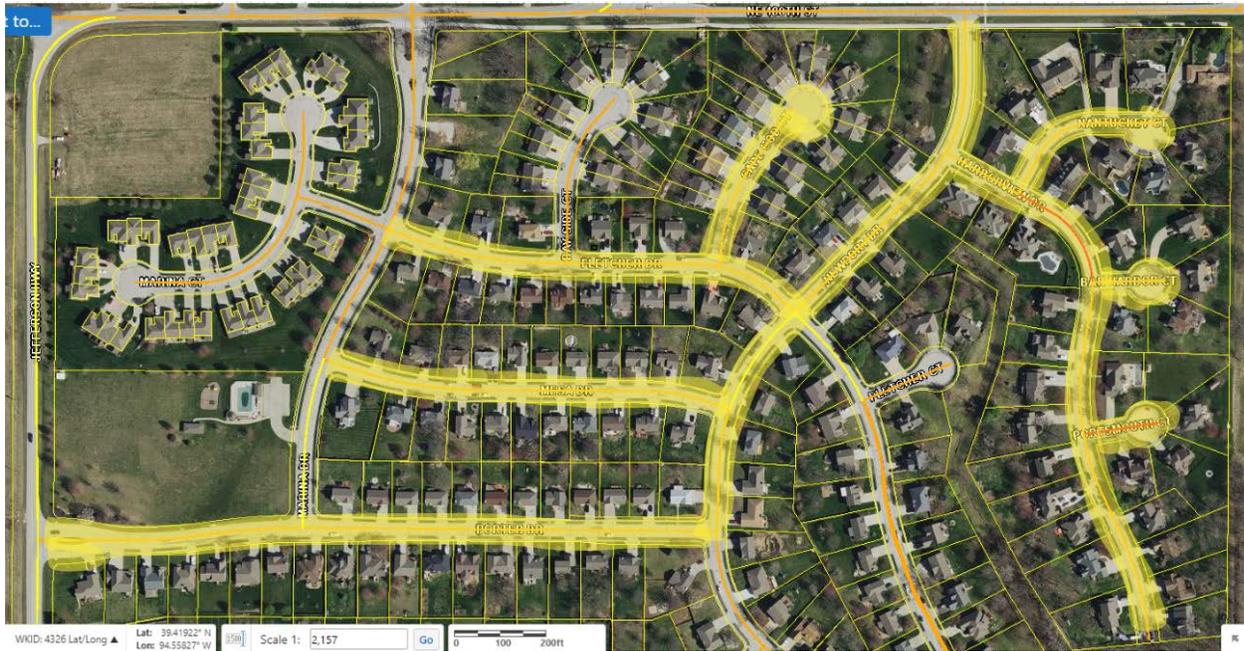
Work is expected to be completed by the end of the month, weather permitting.



### *Street Maintenance project - Harborview*

The City's contractor has started the Street Maintenance Project in Harborview. Schedule for next week is the street overlay. Temporary traffic disruptions are expected during this period. Residents are asked not to park or leave vehicles in the street.

The map below highlights the areas that are part of this year's program.



*Quincy Boulevard Improvements Project*

Outstanding tasks for this project include sidewalk installation, final asphalt layer application, installation of new mailboxes, and clean up. The contractor aims to finish the remaining work by the end of the month/ early June. Please note that traffic disruptions may occur during the pouring of the final asphalt layer.

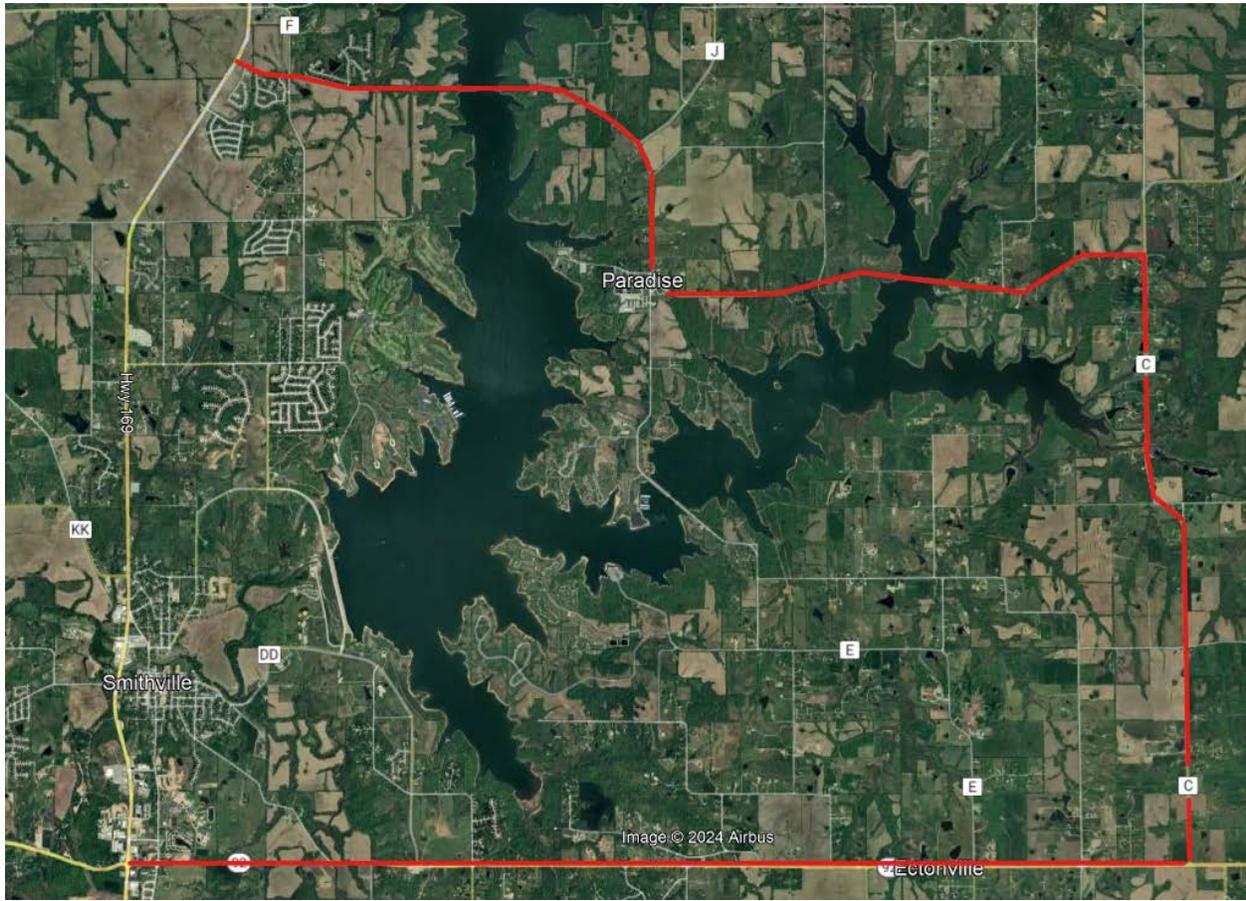
*U.S 169 Highway*

MoDOT will close the intersection at U.S. 169 and 188th Street in all directions from 7 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, until July 12 for intersection improvements. All work is weather permitting.

Detour information (map below):

Northbound traffic: Follow U.S. 169, MO 92, Route C, Route W, and back to U.S. 169.  
Southbound traffic: Follow U.S. 169, Route W, Route C, MO 92, and back to U.S. 169.  
Motorists are reminded to slow down and pay attention while driving in work zones. Not all work zones look alike. Work zones can be moving operations, such as striping, patching or mowing. They can also be short term, temporary lane closures to make quick repairs or remove debris from the roadway.

For more details, visit [www.modot.org/us-169-and-188th-street-improvements](http://www.modot.org/us-169-and-188th-street-improvements). Stay updated by following MoDOT\_KC on X or visiting their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MoDOT.KansasCity](http://www.facebook.com/MoDOT.KansasCity). Sign up for work zone updates or call 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636).



### **Smithville Lake Festival**

As you are aware, Smithville Lake Festival will be held downtown June 14 and 15. The festival committee is looking for volunteers for the Kids Festival. A Sign Up Genius for volunteer opportunities may be found [here](#).

### **City Hall and Meeting Schedule**

City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

City Hall will be closed Monday, June 17 in observance of Founder's Day.

City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday July 5 in observance of Fourth of July.

Mayor Boley has recommended that the July 2 Board of Aldermen meeting be cancelled.