

FEBRUARY 2024

SMITHVILLE NEWSLETTER



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Holiday Closures

City Offices will be closed on February 19 in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday.

Winter Tips

Winter is here and the cold weather is starting to set in. Did you know that your pipes can freeze when the temperature remains below 25 degrees for extended periods of time? The following tips can help protect your water lines during periods of cold weather.

- Insulate pipe in unheated parts of your house. Be especially alert if you have had frozen pipes in the past.
- Be sure you know the location of the water shutoff valve in your home. Check it periodically to ensure it works properly.
- Be sure to disconnect and drain hoses, and shut off water to outside faucets.
- Monitor your sump pump. A frozen drain pipe could result in a flooded basement.
- During freezing temperature, let a very thin continuous stream of cold water run from a basement faucet. The stream should be a continuous flow, about the thickness of pencil lead. This water can be caught in a bucket and used later as laundry or dishwasher.
- If your interior pipe is frozen, warm it with hot air from a blow dryer where it enters your house.
- Always keep on hand a three-day supply of bottled water; one gallon per person per day.

The Public Works Department maintains outdoor water lines up to and including the water meter. Water lines running from the meter to the house, and internal plumbing, are the responsibility of the property owner. Be sure to take these steps to prevent frozen pipes.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
4th Wednesday at 6:00 pm

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
February 22, 2024 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 are subject to change.
Meetings are subject to be held virtually
with proper notice.

Message from Mayor Damien Boley

As we find ourselves fully into the new year, we see the efforts of our public works and public safety crews first hand. Thanks to staff who work round the clock to ensure safety of our property and in our neighborhoods and clear the roads when storms occur.

While maintenance staff continually work to maintain our infrastructure, in our community, residents play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of our infrastructure. Reporting sewer and water concerns is essential for preserving our City's infrastructure. Whether it's a suspicious leak, unusual water discoloration, or a persistent sewer issue, you can help alert us to any issue by using our City's report-a-concern feature on the City's website (www.smithvillemo.org). By promptly notifying the City of any potential issues, staff can help to resolve these concerns and offer guidance for a resolution to the issue.

As a community, we have a lot to celebrate. The Community Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 29. This provides an opportunity for the community to come together and recognize efforts of hardworking community members while raising funds for the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Smithville Parks and Recreation Legacy Fund. Additional information about this event can be found in the newsletter.

Finally, as we look forward to spring and the respite from cold weather, I encourage you to take advantage of parks and recreation programs, leagues and classes this spring. Enrollment information is included in this edition.



WINTER STORMWATER TIPS

LESS SALT CAN BE BETTER

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ACT BEFORE THE STORM

The golden rule is that it's usually easier to anti-ice than to get rid of the ice once it's already settled in. Prior to an anticipated storm, proactively apply a thin layer of your chosen deicer. After clearing snow, add more treatment if necessary, following standard plowing or shoveling practices.

CONSIDER THE TEMPERATURE.

As temperatures drop, chlorides lose effectiveness. If salt doesn't work, refrain from adding more; consider using an alternative mixture or applying sand for better traction. To determine the suitable temperature range, refer to the instructions on the product label.



April 2, 2024 Election

The following individuals have filed as a candidate for elected office in the April 2, 2024 election. Candidates are listed in order of appearance on the ballot.

Mayor Four-Year Term

April Haddock
Damien Boley (incumbent)
Chelsea Dana
Ali McClain

Ward I Four-Year Term

Kristine Bunch
Kelly Kobylski

Ward II Four-Year Term

Amanda Maynes
Ronald (Triple R) Russell (incumbent)

Ward III Four-Year Term

Marvin Atkins (incumbent)

Political signs are exempt from permits, but other regulations still apply to their placement. No political sign may be placed within the street right of way.

- All signs must be behind the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalks are present, signs should be placed at least 18-feet from the pavement.
- Political signs may be placed starting on Friday, February 2, (60 days before the election).
- Political signs must be removed by Saturday, April 6 (4 days post-election).

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

kccustomercare@gflenv.com

OR

816-380-5595



WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26 | \$10/PERSON



BEGINNERS 5K TRAINING

APRIL & MAY | \$30



Mother Daughter PICNIC & MAY 4



SMITHVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &
SMITHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION LEGACY FUND

COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET

FEBRUARY 29 | WHITE IRON RIDGE



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. A current list of Commissions and Committees is below.

If you are interested in volunteering please visit 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

Employment:

- Police Officer
- Wastewater Plant Operator
- Water Plant Operator
- Parks & Recreation Program Instructor

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