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SMITHVILLE, MS

## PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATE

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*Dig In and Grow With Us*

August 22,

### **FUNDRAISER AT SKATE CENTER**

Amory Skate Center at 1321 Highland Drive, Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m will host a fundraiser for the Smithville schools. Admission will be free with any monetary donation. There will be several donated items to be raffled off. Come and join us for a fun-filled night of skating, games and prizes. Help show our support for Smithville schools. 100% of the donations will go to Smithville schools. NOTE: For those unable to stay and skate, a drive-through donation will be available.

### **FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME**

Smithville's first home football game of the season will be August 26 at 7:00pm. Representatives from Senator Wicker's office will be on hand to present a US flag that has been flown over the Capitol building. Go Seminoles!

### **LADY NOLES RUN/WALK**

Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at Lady Noles Field in Smithville.

- 7:00 am-Race Day Registration and T-shirt pick up
- 7:30 am-5K Run/Walk

Awards will be given to the top 3 females and the top 3 males. Awards ceremony will kick off the annual Lady Noles Classic Tournament. Register by mail or at B-Train and The Barber Shop in Amory. All participants pre-registered by August 31<sup>st</sup> are ensured a race day t-shirt. All proceeds are to benefit the Lady Noles Softball Team.

### **PIT STOP BARBEQUE COMING**

Pit Stop Barbeque is coming to Smithville August 26<sup>th</sup> and will be setting up at the former location of Nole Motors. They will be open for lunch at 10:00am. Come enjoy some great BBQ. Welcome to Smithville!!

### **MISSING A PET?**

The Amory Humane Society still has many unclaimed pets. Visit them at 1317 Old Hwy 6 in Amory and see if they have your pet.

### **FEMA'S LTCR TEAM GONE**

Last week we said our good-byes to our FEMA Long-Term Community Recovery friends. For the past 10 weeks, this dedicated group of professionals have walked our community through the initial steps needed to recovery from disaster. We will always be grateful for the incredible job they did. We love them and will miss them. Thank you to Myra Shird, Lillian Thompson, Jay Wozniak, Jim Coleman, Chad Atkinson, and TW Theodore. You are forever in our hearts. Come back and visit us

### **CARL SMALL TOWN INSTITUTE**

Welcome to Dr. Poros and his Mississippi State students in the architecture program. We look forward to working with you as you provide ideas to help us in our rebuilding. We hope you feel welcome here in Smithville. Thank you for what you are doing for us!

### **MISSISSIPPI STATE STENNIS INSTITUTE**

The Stennis Institute will be in Smithville sometime this fall to gather information from community members about what is important to Smithville. Keep an eye out for more information.

### **DOLLAR GENERAL**

Dollar General plans a "soft" opening this Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned to the website and Facebook page for more information.

### **MEL'S DINER**

We've noticed that Mel's is working hard on their building. Way to go! We can't wait!

### **SMITHVILLE ON FACEBOOK**

Follow Smithville on Facebook: Smithville, MS

To submit news items, contact Debbie Lucas at [debklucas@hotmail.com](mailto:debklucas@hotmail.com) or call 817-901-9018

## **SECTOR GROUP CHANGE!!**

With the completion of our initial 10-week phase, most sector groups no longer meet on a weekly basis. For information regarding meeting times and places, please contact the sector group heads:

### Infrastructure:

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### Education:

Darlene Rutledge  
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Shellie Thompson  
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### Economic Development:

Carter Naugher  
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### Community Services:

Marilyn Sumerford  
[msumerford@accessfamilyhealth.com](mailto:msumerford@accessfamilyhealth.com)

We thank these hard-working people who give so much of their time to work with the rebuilding of Smithville.

## **"THE BOOK"**

Anyone who's attended a sector group meeting over the past 10 weeks knows that FEMA's LTRC group have been compiling all the ideas and projects into a spiral-bound book. Well, the book is completed and will be available for viewing on our website: [www.smithvillems.org](http://www.smithvillems.org). If you are interested in receiving a PDF of this book, send an email request to [mvbond@hotmail.com](mailto:mvbond@hotmail.com). We'd love to share it with you. Read up on what our community wants to see in Smithville!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

The first week of school is behind us, and all seems to be going well. We appreciate the Meadow Wood Baptist Church and the ALC in Becker for taking us in and letting our students get started on their school year. We hope to be in the temporary schools very soon.

## **SCHOOL HELP**

A big "Thank-You" to all who volunteered their time on Saturday to help move furniture to the new school.

## **GAS SERVICE**

Per Atmos Energy, in order to establish new service or to re-establish existing service, a pressure test must be verified by the building inspector, Shane Davis at 662-397-2013.

## **CREEK CLEAN-UP**

The clean-up of our creeks is going well. Make sure and notice how great everything is looking! Thank you!

## **ALABAMA COMMUNITIES VISIT**

Several days ago, a few of the Alabama communities affected by the same storm front that hit Smithville, visited us here to see how we are recovering. They were astounded at the clean-up of our town. Questions were asked regarding town meetings, building back plans, and our Long-Term Recovery sector groups. How wonderful that we are in a position to help our neighbors in need. This is a direct reflection of the great community members we have here in Smithville.

## **"WELCOME BACK" SIGNS**

The bright yellow "Welcome Back" signs are a gift from the Town of Smithville to each family and business who come back to repair or rebuild their business or home. If you are building back (or were damaged by the tornado and have decided to stay and repair your home,) stop by the mayor's office for your sign. Mayor Gregg Kennedy's office is in the white modular building on Franklin Street. It's great to see so many signs going up!

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

Building permits are available at Town Hall at 60001 Franklin Street in Smithville. Stop by and purchase your permit before you rebuild. For more questions contact our building inspector, Shane Davis at 662-397-2013.

## **HELPFUL CONTACT INFO**

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Police Dept: 662-651-4063  
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