

Smithville
Texas



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Regional Information

Located 42 miles southeast of Austin, Smithville is situated high on the banks of the beautiful Colorado River, 12 miles from Bastrop, 117 miles from San Antonio, and 118 miles from Houston.

Education

As a Texas public school, Smithville I.S.D. is rated by the Texas Education Agency each year based upon a set of academic excellence indicators. The Smithville school district is currently rated Academically Acceptable with two elementary schools, one middle school and one high school totalling approximately 1,697 students.

Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department of Smithville provides leisure opportunities for all citizens of Smithville and surrounding communities. They are committed to establishing a safe, fun, and relaxing environment for the public. Activities and programs within the department will promote community involvement, a learning atmosphere and encourage all citizens to be active and to pursue a higher quality of life.

The City of Smithville Indoor Recreation Center is a city-owned 22,500 square foot multi-purpose facility. The building features a full-sized UIL standard gymnasium and theatrical stage. It is also equipped with a computer room, meeting rooms, kitchen, two dance studios, racquetball court, weight room and both men's and women's restrooms. It is also home to instructor based fitness classes and dance classes along with our youth basketball & volleyball programs, after school program, summer activities and senior activities.

The Smithville area is also host to four parks that are owned and maintained by the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department. The parks are all kept clean and well-maintained, and each park offers features that will provide a fun or relaxing time for the entire community.

Quality of Life

Smithville has always been a community-minded town with great shopping, lodging, dining and pure fun.

Manor has developed a comprehensive plan to help shape the community. The Comprehensive Plan is designed to enable a community to enhance the quality of life for all present and future members by describing near-term improvements as well as long-term development; it is a blueprint for growth, designed by community members for community members, to help the city reach its fullest potential for all.

The major elements of a Comprehensive Plan include:

Housing: The Plan describes development possibilities to provide quality housing options for all income levels.

Transportation: The Plan discusses improvements to the transportation system, from the timing of traffic lights to the use and improvement of CARTS to pedestrian improvements.

Land use: The Plan describes current, potential, and future desired land use for each parcel of land (for example, residential, commercial, agricultural, mixed use, and so on).

Economic development: The Plan shows opportunities for increasing employment in the community and tax revenue for the city in order to provide and enhance services.

Community development: The Plan discusses opportunities to enhance the community's quality of life (for example, public facilities, accessibility to environmental resources, park development, and pedestrian safety and amenities).

Downtown revitalization: The Plan outlines various strategies that would strengthen and enhance the Downtown Business District.

Historic preservation: The Plan describes the City's historic assets and considers several opportunities to preserve and enhance them.

Environmental protection: The Plan describes the necessary steps to protect property and water quality (for example, storm water assessment).

Business Overview

Smithville has been called the "Heart of the Megalopolis" between Austin, San Antonio, Houston & Bryan/College Station. Smithville is growth-oriented and is actively encouraging the expansion of existing businesses and promotion of tourism to enhance its economy. The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, representing over 250 businesses and organizations, and the City of Smithville are cooperating to facilitate expansion of the local economy. Smithville is continuing to trend toward gradual but steady population growth.

Smithville was the first city in Texas to receive the "Film Friendly City" designation from the Texas Film Commission. Recently, a number of films have had part or all of their scenes shot in Smithville, including Hope Floats, Tree of Life, Artois the Goat, Five Time Champion, Martha, and Shady Texas.