



City of Dardenne Prairie  
Q1 2026 Executive Brief

Dear Residents,

As we close out the first quarter of 2026, I'm proud to share highlights of the progress we've made together as a community. This quarter reflects continued momentum across strategic initiatives, leadership alignment, and community engagement—while staying grounded in the values that make Dardenne Prairie a special place to call home.

### **Strategic Initiatives & Community Priorities**

#### **Veterans Initiative**

This quarter, the City established a volunteer Veterans Liaison position to strengthen veteran-focused initiatives and community engagement. This effort will help lead the development of a formal Veteran Recognition Program, ensuring the service and contributions of veterans in Dardenne Prairie are meaningfully recognized.

#### **Infrastructure & Regional Access (DRIVE Task Force)**

The City launched the DRIVE Task Force to advance long-term infrastructure improvements and regional connectivity. This initiative is focused on improving access to Missouri Route 364 and Interstate 64, with active coordination underway alongside St. Charles County transportation leadership.

### **Leadership & Organizational Alignment**

#### **City Administrator Appointment**

Following the announcement of our current City Administrator's retirement, the City completed a comprehensive recruitment process to identify and select its next administrative leader. The Board is scheduled to formally appoint the new City Administrator on April 22, with a start date of May 23.

#### **Planning & Development**

The City continues to take a thoughtful approach to growth. A joint session between the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen was held to evaluate potential code updates related to multi-family development during the active moratorium period.

### **Operational & Technology Improvements**

- Installation of the outdoor digital sign
- Continued progress on the City website redesign
- Deployment of iPads to elected officials
- Finalization of key policies
- Issuance of an RFP for updated permitting software
- Expansion of the MyGov portal
- Implementation of scan-to-desktop capabilities

### **Governance & Administration**

- 16 pieces of legislation processed
- 5 resolutions adopted
- City Code recodification initiated

### **Public Works & Infrastructure Maintenance**

- Completion of maintenance and repairs on Barathaven and Bluebird trails

### **Parks, Recreation & Community Engagement**

#### **Youth Baseball Program**

The City's youth baseball program continues to thrive, with 36 teams participating this season.

#### **Community Events**

- Easter Egg Hunt: Well-attended event supported by sponsors and volunteers
- Mission Clean Stream: Continued participation in regional environmental efforts

### **Upcoming Events & Looking Ahead**

#### **Kids Fishing Day – May 30**

The City will host its annual Kids Fishing Day, offering families a fun outdoor experience.

#### **Independence Day Celebration – July 4**

The City is preparing to host its first-ever Independence Day celebration in honor of the 250th birthday of the United States. This milestone event will feature a community parade and family-friendly activities.

#### **Looking Ahead**

The City will continue expanding community programming and advancing key initiatives throughout the summer months.

Thank you to all residents, volunteers, and city staff who make our community stronger every day. Together, we continue to preserve what makes Dardenne Prairie unique while preparing for a bright future ahead.

Sincerely,

Keith Widaman

Mayor, City of Dardenne Prairie