Hey, Mom ...

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Play It Safe: A Health & Safety Fair

Save the date for Sunday, April 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at Peine Ridge Elementary (1107 Peine Rd.). The City of Wentzville, along with the Wentzville Police Department, is hosting its first-ever health and safety fair. The focus of this new event is to connect Wentzville residents with the resources and tools they need to be safe and healthy. Participants can check out a short course on CPR, explore a Fire Truck, get first-aid info and much more during this rain-or-shine event. The event will include more than 20 vendors, plus bounce houses, an obstacle course and more. For up-to-date event details, please visit bit.ly/playitsafefair.

Utility-Tax Refund Reminder

Through May 31, eligible residents can apply for a City-utility tax refund. To be eligible for a refund, you must rent or own your primary residence in the City of Wentzville, be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security, and have a maximum 2017 gross income of $31,740 for a single-person household and $36,240 for a married-couple household. The refund program is based on your total gross income for filing year 2017, social security income is included. These income requirements are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and can fluctuate greatly from year to year. Refunds are only available for the months when you lived in Wentzville and were at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled.

If you have questions or would like to check your eligibility, please call the Finance Department at (636) 639-2155 or visit bit.ly/2017utilitytaxrefund.

30th Anniversary of Run for the Wall

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of Run for the Wall, during which motorcyclists make their way to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. On their way to the nation’s capitol, the cyclists will stop at the Vietnam War Memorial in Wentzville to honor those who served.

More than 400 cyclists are expected to arrive in town on Monday, May 21, at approximately 5 p.m., and will proceed to the VFW on Route Z. On Tuesday, May 22, participants will arrive at the Vietnam War Memorial at 203 E. Pearce Blvd. at approximately 7:30 a.m. Please make plans to attend one of these events. For more information about this event, please visit www.rftw.org.

Note: Pearce Boulevard will be closed from Allen Street to Linn Street for a short time during the ceremony on May 22.

Irrigation Permits and Testing

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Teen CERT Training

Wentzville teens are invited to participate in TEEN CERT emergency response training May 4-6 at Holt High School. The training will teach teens ages 12-18 how to handle crisis situations efficiently and effectively in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. Through this class, participants learn about emergency preparedness and receive training in basic response skills. The class will conclude with a full-scale disaster exercise to allow participants to put their newly gained skills to work. Once completed, participants will be able to join the local CERT program to continue supporting and helping in times where volunteers are needed. For further details or to register, please email kimberlyvoss@wsdr4.org.
Please note 2018 schedule changes!

Free Tree Limb Pickup
The City’s Chipper Program provides residents a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree limbs twice a year. In previous years, the Chipper Program has picked up tree limbs based on a north/south, two-week collection schedule. As the City continues to grow, it’s necessary to take a longer time period for collection. To that end, we will be implementing tree-limb pickup over a three-week period — by ward. If you are unsure about which ward you live in, please visit bit.ly/wardmap3.

The tree-limb pickup does NOT correspond to residents’ trash/recycling/yard-waste pickup days. To take advantage of this free program, residents must have their tree limbs stacked at the curb by 6 a.m. on MONDAY of the week their area is scheduled for the Chipper Program. The spring 2018 schedule is as follows:
- **Ward 1**: Week of April 2
- **Ward 2**: Week of April 9
- **Ward 3**: Week of April 16

Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. The collection doesn’t include leaves, root balls, shrubs/hedge trimmings, decorative grasses or grass.

Free Tree Limb Pickup

Make a Difference with Adopt-a-Spot
You may have noticed the Adopt-a-Street program and streets signs have gotten a makeover. Parks, monuments and other spaces can now also be adopted across Wentzville! Does the area around your favorite park bench need some sprucing-up? Or maybe you get frustrated seeing litter on a trail or in your neighborhood. Adopt-a-Spot is a wonderful way you can help contribute to a cleaner and healthier community, in just a few hours a year. The City can provide guidance and supplies to keep the adoption process simple! Here are a few Adopt-a-Spot project ideas:

- Plant trees or landscaping
- Create walking gardens with bird houses, art or benches
- Enhance existing monuments or amenities
- Remove invasive plants
- Beautify City lakes or creek accesses
- Plant a pollinator habitat
- Pickup litter

The following is a list of items inspected on each property (this is not an exhaustive list):
- Address numbers
- Sidewalk/driveway deterioration
- Overgrown grass/weeds/dead trees
- Garbage, trash or rubbish in yard
- Derelict autos or parts in yard
- Porches deteriorated
- Fences deteriorated
- Masonry damaged or deteriorated
- Windows damaged or broken/screens missing or broken
- Garage or main doors deteriorated or broken
- Exterior wall surfaces deteriorated — needing paint, mold/mildew removal
- Guttering damaged or missing
- Roof shingles damaged or missing
- Accessory structures

Property-Maintenance Inspections Begin April 1
It’s time once again to focus on our community’s property-maintenance standards. Please remember to cut your lawn, maintain attractive curb appeal, clean out your gutters, and generally help maintain the healthy, safe and stable community we all desire. Property maintenance enhances the quality of life for everyone in our community.

The City works with property owners and neighborhoods to address nuisance properties and housing violations, which helps to protect property values and makes your neighborhood more pleasant and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

Maintaining your property helps ensure that your family lives in a clean, safe environment and contributes to neighborhood revitalization. For most people, their homes are their single-largest investment. To help protect Wentzville homeowners’ investments and ensure property values remain stable, the City conducts annual property maintenance inspections.

This year, between April and September, all structures in the City of Wentzville will be inspected, with inspections beginning April 1. If City inspectors find a property that needs attention, a notice will be mailed to the property owner. This notice allows a reasonable amount of time for completion of the repair.

If you have a specific concern regarding a property maintenance issue, please enter a concern at bit.ly/reportaconcern or call (636) 639-2121. Inspectors will verify the concern within 72 hours and respond back upon your request. Concerns may be filed anonymously as well. By remaining attentive to ensure all Wentzville properties are suitably maintained, we can all work together to continue to make Wentzville a desirable place to live and work.

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