Run for the Wall

Again this May, Run for the Wall (RFTW) will make its way to Wentzville. During this event, motorcyclists travel to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. On their way to the nation’s capital, the motorcyclists will stop at the Vietnam War Memorial in Wentzville to honor those who served.

More than 400 motorcyclists are expected to arrive in town on Monday, May 22, at approximately 5 p.m., and will proceed to the VFW on Route Z. On Tuesday, May 23, participants will arrive at the Vietnam War Memorial at 203 W. Pearce Blvd. at approximately 7:30 a.m. Please make plans to attend one of these special events. RFTW motorcyclists will be some of the first to visit Wentzville’s newly renovated Vietnam War Memorial (for more information, see pg. 5). To learn more about RFTW, please visit www.rftw.us.

Irrigation Permits and Backflow Testing

The City requires all Irrigation Backflow Prevention Devices to be tested by a State Certified Backflow Tester. This requirement also applies to systems that are not used. Test results need to be sent to Public Works by June 1. Please email reports to Backflow.Test@wentzvillemo.org, mail to 200 E. Fourth St., Attn: Backflow Testing, Wentzville, MO 63385, or fax to (636) 327-4892. If reports are not received by June 1, accounts will be assessed a $30 per month fine until the report is received.

Public Parking Added in Historic Downtown

The City of Wentzville has acquired an approximately .5 acre lot located at the northeast corner of Pearce Boulevard and Linn Avenue. The property was purchased from Commerce Bank. According to Mayor Nick Guccione, “The acquisition of this lot will ensure that our downtown business community will continue to thrive by providing the public with the ability to park, eat and shop in the heart of our Historic Downtown Wentzville.”

As part of the agreement, Commerce Bank is relocating its ATM to the northern property line. The ATM will be upgraded with an enhanced look, curbing and landscaping. That work is expected to be completed soon. Currently, Historic Downtown Wentzville boasts 309 on-street public parking spots and 308 off-street parking spots, which includes an additional 45 spaces on the newly acquired lot. To view a map of all public parking in Historic Downtown Wentzville, please visit bit.ly/historicdowntownparking.

Peruque Valley Park Now Open!

On April 10, Peruque Valley Park celebrated its official grand opening. Residents and elected officials, as well as members of the Wentzville Parks & Recreation Board, Friends of the Wentzville Parks and City staff, gathered to celebrate the much-anticipated opening. The park features the Dockler 4-Plex of baseball and softball fields; the land for Peruque Valley Park was acquired from the Dockler family. The scenic park, located at 1335 S. Point Prairie, is situated near the banks of Peruque Creek and also includes two miles of trails.
Friends of the Wentzville Parks Supports Our Community

Friends of the Wentzville Parks (FOTWP) is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) foundation, which works with public and private partners to supplement and support the City of Wentzville Parks & Recreation Department’s programs, services and capital projects; particularly those that help children, at-risk youth, seniors and the disabled. The foundation is dedicated to preserving, enriching and maintaining cultural, environmental, and recreational facilities and programs in our community.

FOTWP was founded in 2008 by Greg Younger who is a passionate individual that understands the importance of having places of play for everyone to enjoy and access to recreational activities for youth. With Younger’s original thoughts in mind, the FOTWP has set the following goals:

- Improve and preserve park facilities, programs and ongoing leisure-service needs
- Provide a revenue source beyond our parks’ annual operating funds
- Offset growing cost through public support and individual and corporate donations
- Ensure all members of the community have access to recreational opportunities

While the foundation has had limited volunteers and board members, they have been able to accomplish great things. Since the inception of the foundation, FOTWP has contributed and committed more than $80,000 in community support. Some of the projects and commitments include:

- Jake’s Field of Dreams Inclusive Playground ($30,000)
- WE P.L.A.Y. Scholarship Fund ($15,089)
- Angel Moms Memorial Garden ($1,500)
- Progress Park Batting Cage ($5,000)
- Storybook Walk at Heartland Park ($1,357)
- Easter EGGstravaganza at Rotary Park ($4,700)
- Outdoor Basketball Court at Progress Park ($5,000)
- Park Improvements (benches, trees, plants, etc.) ($3,795)
- Holiday Night Lights at Rotary Park ($1,000)
- “Back to School Fair” with Wentzville School District ($1,247)
- Joplin Tornado Relief ($1,000)
- Steps from upper to lower parking lot at Progress Park ($6,652)

Become a Member of FOTWP

Becoming a “friend” of the Wentzville Parks, means you can be an informed and involved patron in recreation activities and parks in the Wentzville community. Members will have the opportunity to advocate for any parks and recreation issues that they feel passionate about.

FOTWP works with companies, both large and small, other nonprofits, community groups, sponsors, partners, and individuals. With more than 300 acres of parks and incredible resources, FOTWP seeks support for systemwide projects and looks to create partnerships that benefit a single park or meet a specific need. Consider becoming a FOTWP member today! To learn more, visit www.fotwp.org or call (636) 639-2169.

Reminders about Fireworks

For 363 days each year, City ordinance prohibits any person from setting off fireworks within the municipal boundaries of the City of Wentzville. However, an ordinance that was passed on Feb. 8, 2017, now allows fireworks only on July 3 and July 4 of each year, between the hours of noon and 11 p.m. each day. The ordinance states “any person 16 years of age or older or any minor under age 16, with constant adult supervision, may set off, use, burn, explode or fire off *fireworks* within the municipal boundaries of the City.” These restrictions will be strictly enforced. Outside of the allowed time frame, a summons may be issued and fireworks may be confiscated.

Please note, fireworks are not allowed to be set off on any property owned by the City including any streets and cul-de-sacs or any park within the City at any time, without a valid permit. Also of note, fireworks stands within city limits were approved by the Board of Aldermen at a meeting earlier this year. By ordinance, a maximum of five stands will be allowed within city limits.

Please take precautions when shooting off fireworks and be mindful and courteous of your neighbors. To report illegal fireworks use, please call (636) 327-5105. To read the ordinance in its entirety, please visit bit.ly/fireworks-ordinance.

DON’T FORGET: The City’s Parks and Recreation Department produces a beautiful fireworks display each year. The show will start at 9:05 p.m. on July 4. Fireworks are shot off of Wentzville Parkway, just behind Progress Park. Learn more on pg. 6.

*Fireworks: non-rocket, non-missile or aerial fireworks that do not contain a stick or fin, firecrackers, fireworks, torpedoes, bombs, rockets, pin wheels, fire balloons, Roman candles, toy cannons, toy pistols or other fireworks of like kind.*
Neighborhood Traffic Safety

Residents frequently express their concern to me regarding traffic speeds and pedestrian safety in our residential neighborhoods. Our goals include creating a safer roadway environment for all users, enhancing neighborhood livability and engaging the community to become active participants in the traffic safety process. The Board of Aldermen and I are currently reviewing traffic calming measures that neighborhoods can implement to help slow down drivers. It’s important that we all work together to make these goals a reality.

What can you do as a driver to improve safety?
- Know and obey the posted speed limits.
- Watch for and yield to pedestrians in the roadways.
- Plan your trips.

What can you do teach safety as a parent?
- Set a good example for your children.
- Do not encourage your children to play in the street.
- Teach children how to properly cross a street.
- Teach children the safest route to places they go often, school, a friend’s house, etc.

What can you do to improve safety as a resident?
- Get involved. Talk with your neighbors about traffic safety.
- Be aware of existing conditions and notify the City of concerns.
- Report damaged, faded or missing traffic signs.
- Help maintain good visibility by trimming landscaping.

What can the City do to help?
- Continue to promote programs like “Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25.” To learn more, visit bit.ly/drive_25.
- Maintain traffic signs and street lighting. If you see a missing/damaged sign or notice a light that’s out, let us know. Report your concern at bit.ly/reportaconcern or call (636) 639-2121.
- Maintain the roadway system. We’re always working hard to repair damaged sidewalks and streets and to keep our residents safe. Again, you can always let us know if you notice a problem.
- Respond to speeding concerns. To report a concern, please call (636) 639-2121 or call Traffic Sgt. Steve Maddolin at (636) 639-2105.
- Create a Double-Fine Zone. Based on a resident petition of 51% or more and/or an HOA letter of support, a Double-Fine Zone speed study can be initiated. If warranted by the findings of the speed study, a Double-Fine Zone ordinance would be recommended for approval by the Board. If approved, Double Fine Zone signs would be installed and more enforcement would be added.

Let’s work together to keep our streets and children safe! Take care to mind your speed and be aware of your surroundings. Let’s continue to make Wentzville a safe place to live, work and play!

Summer Youth and Teen Academies Offered by WPD

This summer, the Wentzville Police Department will offer a Youth Academy the week of July 10-14 and a Teen Academy the week of July 19-23, from 8 a.m. to noon each day. The Youth Academy is for students entering grades 4-6, while the Teen Academy covers students entering 7th through 12th grade. The academies will be held at Wentzville Christian Church, located at 1507 Hwy Z. Both sessions will be led by the D.A.R.E. officer and school resource officers, in the hope of reinforcing positive relationships between police and youth.

Students will be exposed to various areas of law enforcement such as the Bomb Disposal Unit, K-9, SWAT, Metro Air Support, alcohol and drug-related topics and the effects on the youth brain, Firearm Safety (via the FATS simulator), Crime Scene, and other various duties associated with law enforcement.

Details are still being finalized. For more information, please stay tuned to the Wentzville Police Department’s Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/WentzvillePD.
Supplier Symposium on May 25; City’s Procurement Department Launches e-Bidding

The City’s Procurement Department will host a Supplier Symposium on May 25 from 2-3 p.m. at Wentzville City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.). The Supplier Symposium is open to any company the City currently does business with, as well as those interested in doing business with the City in the future. The symposium will review best practices when conducting business with the City’s Procurement Department, and explain how to use the Department’s new E-bidding system.

The new e-Bidding Sourcing and Contract Management platform was recently launched. Ion Wave Technologies will provide the software as a service application. Now the City’s Procurement Department will transact and receive electronic bids and request for proposals, manage contracts and accept online registrations from suppliers desiring to compete for the City’s business. This new system will streamline the creation and issuance of bid requests, supplier registration and automate the tasks associated with managing supplier agreements.

HOA Symposium Recap

On March 23, approximately 60 residents joined together with City staff and elected officials at the City’s Homeowner’s Association (HOA) Symposium. The symposium covered topics such as recycling, yearly maintenance, legal and insurance-related information and more. Participants were given time to ask a variety of questions and were able to speak one-on-one with staff and officials. A variety of handouts were available including the ”Subdivision Trustee Resource Guidebook.” To download this useful publication, please visit bit.ly/Subdivision. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Public Service Recognition Week

Celebrated the first week of May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week is organized annually by the Public Employees Roundtable and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

Public servants do amazing things across our great nation, around the world, and in our hometown and community. So, take a moment this month to thank a public service employee for their dedication to a job well done!

Municipal Election Results

On April 4, Wentzville residents took to the polls to voice their opinions about Wentzville City leadership. For a full list of Countywide results, please visit bit.ly/county_electionresults.

We extend congratulations to the following officials who were elected to lead and serve the City during the next term. The term for both the judge and the aldermen is two years.

- Judge: Michael Carter
- Alderman - Ward 1: Bryan Harr
- Alderman - Ward 2: Brittany Gillett
- Alderman - Ward 3: Matt Swanson

Welcome these new Wentzville businesses!

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Tree City USA

For the seventh year in a row Wentzville was recognized as a “2016 Tree City USA.” Trees are vital to the public infrastructure of cities throughout the country, providing many environmental, social and economic benefits. To receive the ”Tree City USA” designation, a community must: designate a tree board or department; maintain a tree-care ordinance; have a community forestry program; and declare an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.
Earlier this year, the Board of Aldermen approved an expenditure from Board Contingency Funds to pay for the expansion of Wentzville’s Vietnam War Memorial. This memorial is the nation’s FIRST Vietnam War Memorial, and 2017 marks its 50th anniversary.

Wild About Art, opened in 2015
124 E. Pearce Blvd.

What influenced you to locate your business here? We’ve been residents of Wentzville for more than 20 years. I love the community and wanted to be here.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? Another outlet for kids to express themselves in the arts.

What products/services does your business offer? Weekly evening classes during the school year, Art Camp in the summer, weekend workshops, birthday parties, scouting events and more!

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? The small-town feel we have here in the community.

What’s next for your business? I want to expand so kids will have more opportunities; and continue to help with one-on-one instruction.

What do you hope Wentzville will be five years from now? I just like the way it is now and want it to continue.

Bill Thomas Camper Sales Inc., opened in 1965
101 Thomas RV Way

Business Owners: Bill and Nancy Thomas

What year did you open? July 1965

What influenced you to locate your business here? The airport expansion led to our relocation. We liked the visibility of the property from I-70 in a growing area.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? We are a very family-oriented business. Local working families take advantage of our products.

What products/services does your business offer? Airstream, Rockwood and Salem travel-trailers; parts and accessory products; and a large service department.

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? The small-town feel of the community and our involvement with the St. Charles County Fair.

What’s next for your business? The possibility of expanding our service department onto the property that we own next to our dealership.

What do you hope Wentzville will be five years from now? We look forward to continued recreational opportunities.

Other comments? We take a lot of pride in providing quality service after the sale.
The annual 4th of July Parade starts at 10 a.m. at Holt High School and travels east on Pearce Boulevard, ending at Luetkenhaus Boulevard. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade by making/designing a float. This year's theme is, "Hail Our American Heritage." Floats will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, along with Mayor's Choice and Best Musical Entry for 1st and 2nd place. Float registration required; to register, call (636) 332-9236. After the parade, join us at Progress Park for FREE activities during the afternoon and evening! Noon-5 p.m.: FREE swim (Progress Pool ONLY) | 5-8:45 p.m.: Inflatables, ultimate bungee, inflatable mini-golf and face painting | 6-9 p.m.: Live music by The Riverside Band | 9:05 p.m.: Fireworks

Learn more at bit.ly/ParksSpecialEvents

This year’s race is held in conjunction with the St. Charles County Fair on JULY 29. Each racer will receive one entry to the County Fair on race day and a Dri-Fit shirt. Medals awarded to the top three finishers for each age group! To register, please visit www.fotwp.org/events. For more details, email info@friendsofthewentzvilleparks.org. *T-shirt size guaranteed if you register by July 5.

$30 by JULY 5 • $35 JULY 6-15 • $40 After JULY 16
As a Board, it is our intent to always work hard, be transparent and diligently serve the residents of our great City. Wentzville strives to continue to be an organization that operates effectively and in the best interest of our residents. The Board believes that there are endless opportunities and amazing potential here in Wentzville, and we have a strong plan that will help move the City forward.

Each summer the Board, along with the Mayor and key City staff, work to create a Strategic Plan. This year, the Board will meet June 9-10 at the Cedar Creek Conference Center in New Haven, Missouri. The public is welcome to attend. For additional details, please call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

From the ongoing revitalization of our downtown to the expansion of our parks and trails, this strategic plan builds on our past and will guide us on our journey. When it comes to planning for the future, there are several things already on the drawing board. We know our region is growing, and our community is rapidly changing. As this growth occurs, the Board, along with City staff, is working toward the betterment of Wentzville — Every. Single. Day. As our journey unfolds, implementing this plan together will enable us to move more positively and confidently into the future with the assurance that Wentzville’s needs are well met for years to come.

In June 2016, the Board of Aldermen set goals as part of the City’s Strategic Plan. Since that time, many goals have been met or are currently in process. Below is a look at the progress that’s been made.

- **City Hall**: In August 2016, ICS Construction was selected to construct the building, and a ground-breaking ceremony was held on Aug. 16, 2016. The project is currently 10% under budget with move-in anticipated in late fall 2017.

- **Assess Growth and Development Policies**: The Community Development Department is working on updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan. This document sets the policy statements and objectives which are in place to help manage the City’s growth and development.

- **Implement Economic Development (ED) Strategic Plan**: The ED Strategic Plan was adopted in 2015. Since that time, the Board has realized much progress on its implementation. The plan has been implemented through: the development of a quarterly business newsletter, which is distributed to 800+ businesses; the designation of the City as a Certified Local Government from the National Park Service via the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; personal visits to each business within the community; and more.

- **Implement Downtown Redevelopment Plan**: Using the Downtown Revitalization Study as a guide for downtown improvement, various projects have been completed in the last several months including: infrastructure improvements in the form of new waterlines and roadway improvements; new business development; and improvements to the Vietnam War Memorial. The Façade Improvement Grant program and mural program are also a continued part of these revitalization efforts.

- **Expand Parks and Trails and Update the Parks Master Plan**: The City’s Parks and Recreation Department continues to evaluate property within the community for potential purchase and development of future parks. The trail system will receive an additional two miles of trail as part of the new Peruque Valley Park, which opened officially in April. The Parks Master Plan, which was completed in 2016, will serve as a blueprint as we strive to meet the needs and wishes of Wentzville residents over the next 10 years.

- **Replace Infrastructure, Water and Sanitary Sewer Lines**: This goal includes an ongoing assessment of the City’s wastewater treatment system, piped infrastructure, etc. The replacement/repairs are prioritized based on need and fund availability. A number of projects have been completed or are scheduled as part of this goal, including: various residential slab replacement projects; Schroeder Creek Boulevard extension; Main Street improvements; battery backup and ADA enhancements; flashing yellow arrow improvements; Linn Avenue improvements; 61 Outer Road Phase 1, Route P/Peine Road/ Hwy. 61 Interchange; Mexico Road Detention Basin Retrofit; Stone Meadows Lift Station detention storage addition; Linn Avenue/watermain replacement; and much, much more.

- **Pursue ADA Compliance Citywide**: Numerous stretches of City sidewalks and streets have been replaced and brought up to ADA standards, including, most recently, in Historic Downtown Wentzville at Linn Avenue and Pearce Boulevard, Linn Avenue and Main Street, and along Pitman Road.

This plan, in effect, is our map to the future, describing the roads and paths we will travel on our journey. This planning process has only just begun; but we are committed to prioritizing our short- and long-term goals so we can continue to positively impact the residents, businesses, nonprofits and neighborhoods that we serve.
Utility Tax Rebate — Ends May 31

Through May 31, eligible residents can apply for a City-utility tax refund. The refund amount is a portion of the City or Franchise Tax listed on the resident's electric, gas and phone bills during 2016. To be eligible for the refund, individuals must rent or own their primary residence in the City of Wentzville, be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security, and have a maximum 2016 gross income of $39,400 for single-person households and $45,000 for married-couple households. This refund program is based on your total gross income for filing year 2016, social security income included. Refunds are only available for the months when the resident lived in Wentzville during 2016 and was at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled. Residents can apply for the refund at City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.) or Public Works (200 E. Fourth St.). When applying, residents will need proof of residency (such as a current utility bill), income, age, and/or disability, a driver's license, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills for the months during 2016 in which they were eligible.

Holiday Hours and Collection Schedule Changes

City offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, to allow City employees to spend the holiday with their families. The Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park will be open regular hours on Memorial Day; both aquatic facilities will also be open. Trash/recycling/yard waste collection for the week of Memorial Day is as follows: Monday pickups will move to Tuesday, Tuesday pickups will move to Wednesday, and so forth, ending with Friday pickups taking place on Saturday, June 3.

City offices will also be closed for Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4. The indoor facilities at Progress Park will also be closed on July 4; however, both aquatic facilities will be open. Trash/recycling/yard waste collection for the week of Independence Day is as follows: Monday pickups will remain the same, Tuesday pickups will move to Wednesday, Wednesday pickups will move to Thursday, and Friday pickups will move to Saturday, July 8.

Photos Wanted

Do you have photos of local veterans who served in Vietnam? The VFW and American Legion would like to request photos for an upcoming event this November, which will recognize the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Wentzville's own Vietnam War Memorial. Please send digital copies of photos to David Boland with the American Legion by email to dboland5544@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance!