Sleigh Hay Rides

Book a wintertime tractor-pulled hayride through beautiful Rotary Park to tour the breath-taking Holiday Night Lights. Rides are available, beginning Nov. 28, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. (Except Monday, Dec. 5). Sleigh Hay Rides are perfect for scouts, church groups, company parties or family/neighborhood get-togethers. Sip hot chocolate, munch on cookies and listen to holiday music while sitting around the bonfire. The hayride will hold a maximum of 25 people, including lap children. Rides are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. You must register ahead of time. Rides are $125 for residents and $140 for nonresidents. A two-week notice is required; no refunds will be given, unless the display is closed. You can pay ahead of time for an additional lap around the park with your group for an extra $25.

Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru

One special night a year, Wentzville Parks and Recreation presents the Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru at Rotary Park. This walk-thru event, which will be held on Monday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m., allows participants to enjoy the lights at a slower, more intimate pace. On this magical night, attendees will stroll through the one-mile light display, experiencing enchanted scenes, twinkling lights and holiday-themed music. After walking the illuminated route, participants will enjoy refreshments and a photo with Santa. Cost is $3 in advance and $5 at the door, per person.

Holiday Night Lights Drive-Thru

The annual Wentzville Holiday Night Lights display at Rotary Park opens on Friday, Nov. 25 for the holiday season. Come enjoy a one-mile light display that features large illuminated commercial scenes and tunnels of twinkling lights. This holiday display is a great way to experience the magic and joy of a winter wonderland close to home. Drive-thru admission is only $8 for vehicles holding up to six passengers; $1 per additional person after the sixth. SEE SCHEDULE BELOW.

Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade

The annual Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. The tree is located at the intersection of Pearce and Luetkenhaus boulevards, in an area of land across from Pete’s Drive-In. Gathering for the tree lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with holiday musical entertainment to kick off the festivities. Mayor Nick Guccione will officially light the tree, just prior to the start of the Annual Christmas Parade. The Parade will begin at Budget Towing on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, travel south on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, then head west on Pearce Boulevard, ending at the Wentzville firehouse (209 W. Pearce Blvd.). At the firehouse, following the parade, attendees can enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Bingo with Santa

All ages are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of bingo with the man, the myth, the legend Santa Claus! During this two-hour program you will play various games of bingo, eat lunch and have a photo opportunity with Santa. Salad, pizza, dessert and lemonade will be provided and bingo prizes will be awarded. Save when you reserve a table of 10 for $110!
The Turkey is Training ... Are You?

Holiday Night Lights Turkey Dash 5K & Fun Run (All Ages)

Be the first to enjoy Holiday Night Light display with a 5K or one-mile run on Saturday, Nov. 19! The Holiday Night Light Turkey Dash will take you through the light display at Rotary Park just in time to see the lights before the holiday season kicks off! This race is fun for the entire family. There is a costume contest for team, best male and best female (judging at 3:45 p.m. before the Race begins at 4 p.m.). *Registration starts at 3 p.m.; race starts at 4 p.m. The winners of the 5K run in each of the following age groups will receive awards: 10 and under; 11-14; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 and older. The top three overall males and females will also receive awards, but they will not be awarded for winning their age group. The first 100, 5K entrants will also receive a custom race shirt! Sizes are not guaranteed. 5K: $30/Fun Run: $25.

Between Nov. 28 and Dec. 19, look for Buddy, the life-sized elf, at one of Wentzville’s parks and/or City buildings.

Buddy will move to a new location every few days. Buddy will post pictures and/or clues about his location on Wentzville’s Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Simply find Buddy, take creative pictures and send them to fun@wentzvillemo.org.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and family-fun photos with Buddy, on Dec. 22. This contest open to both residents and nonresidents; enter as often as you like. Buddy is one-of-a-kind, so remember to be nice to him or Santa will know.

Every family that enters will receive a prize. All photos must be submitted by Dec. 20. Photos become property of the City of Wentzville.