Neighborhood Basins and Drainage

Homeowners and trustees frequently ask about residential detention basins and drainage in yards and neighborhoods. Is it working properly? Who’s responsible for maintenance? Below is a short overview to help answer these questions and more.

PIPES AND PONDING AREAS

Similar to other communities in the St. Louis region, it is normal for stormwater drainage systems to temporarily pond water in yard swales, street gutters and in detention basins. Storm pipe systems are designed to carry a 15-year storm event, which is about 1.5 inches of rain in 20 minutes or 4.5 inches over an hour. When rainfall exceeds this intensity, piped drainage systems become filled and surface ponding occurs until capacity becomes available in the piped system. Residents should avoid driving cars through ponded water in streets during intense rain events.

BASINS

It is also normal for the water level in detention basins to rise above the concrete overflow structure during an intense rain event. This temporary storage of water in the basin is intended to avoid downstream flooding. Detention basins built after 2008 have additional features for improving water quality as well as providing detention and protecting stream channels from erosion.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Routine grounds maintenance of a detention basin is the responsibility of the property owner or subdivision HOA. Annually, this includes mowing, trash and debris removal, erosion control and maintenance of appropriate vegetative plantings. Over time, detention basins may need to be cleaned of built up sediment by dredging or excavating. This is usually performed by the HOA when the basin has reached 15 to 20 years of age. Subdivision covenants may outline additional detention basin maintenance to help your neighborhood maintain property values and keep your stormwater facilities functioning effectively.

WHEN TO CALL

After a major rain event has ended, if ponded water in your yard or in the street does not recede, please contact the City so we can check the piped system for blockage or debris. Staff will evaluate drainage issues where ponding in yards lasts longer than 24 hours after a heavy rain. Detention basins may also take up to 48 hours to drain after a large rain event.

For more information on stormwater, search “yard drainage” on the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org to find tips and a “Guide to Basin Maintenance,” along with a recommended annual inspection checklist.

Receive Emergency Notifications from the City

Sign up to receive emergency notifications from the City of Wentzville! By signing up for the W.I.N.D. program (or Wentzville Information Notification Delivery), residents and business owners can receive City-related emergency alerts and City announcements. Get alerts the way you want to receive them: by phone, by text message and/or by email. To sign up, please visit bit.ly/signupforWIND.
Mission: Clean Stream and GM Earth Day Festival

On April 6, you're invited to join in with other volunteers (ages six and older) to restore the Peruque and Dry Branch creeks. These streams are important to the health of our community and support a variety of wildlife and land uses. You can register for Mission: Clean Stream (M:CS) as a family, individual or organization. The events kick-off at Rotary Park (2577 W. Meyer Rd.) To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/MissionCleanStream. Please note: to guarantee a free T-shirt, you must register by March 20.

Before the cleanup, you are invited to attend a tree seminar presented by the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Tree Committee. You'll learn about invasive plants, how to select the right tree species for your property and about City of Wentzville's ordinances for tree planting. To register for the tree seminar, please call (636) 332-9236 by April 1.

After the cleanup, M:CS volunteers are invited to return to Rotary Park for a light lunch and the GM Earth Day Festival. The GM Earth Day Festival will include hands-on activities for all ages, green vendors, free tree seedlings for resident-card holders, live demos and music from the Seldom Fed Five Band. Additional green vendors wanted!

M:CS Event Schedule
8-9 a.m.
Tree Seminar
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GM Earth Day Festival
9 a.m.
M:CS Volunteer Sign-in and Site Assignments
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Stream Cleanup
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Seldom Fed Five Band
State of the City Overview

Wentzville continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in the state and with an unemployment rate of 2.1%, exemplary schools and easy access to major highways, it’s not hard to see why. Let’s take a quick look at Wentzville’s successes, accomplishments and projects in 2018 (and beyond).

Comprehensive Plan
In 2018, the City adopted a Comprehensive Plan Update. The document offers history, demographics, land-use guidelines and more. This policy document will help to guide the City’s growth and development for years to come. To view the Comprehensive Plan, please visit bit.ly/comprehensiveplan2018.

Post Office
Last year, the United States Post Office broke ground on its new Wentzville location. The current Post Office on Allen Street has been in use since 1961 when the City’s population was under 3,000. The new location is expected to be operational in late spring of 2019 and is located on Luetkenhaus Boulevard.

Jake’s Field of Dreams Playground
Last summer, Jake’s Field of Dreams Playground officially opened at Wentzville’s Heartland Park (100 William Dierberg Dr.). This playground celebrates the life of Jake Vollmer who lost his battle with muscular dystrophy and left this world all too soon. Jake was an avid sports enthusiast, and this playground pays tribute to his love of sports with a baseball field replica, zip lines between two football goal posts, a larger-than-life football helmet climbing structure and much more. The City budgeted $500,000 toward this project; additionally, Unlimited Play raised more than $600,000.

Transportation Projects
• Peine Road/Route P/Highway 61
  This joint project between the City of Wentzville, MoDOT and St. Charles County is almost complete. The bridge at Peine Road is now open and the remaining at-grade crossings have been closed to further improve safety in this corridor.
• Highway 61/West Outer Road Phases 2 & 3
  This project will provide a road connection that will continue the existing Granville Drive (outer road) further south from Champions Lane to Wentzville Parkway. The design for this project will be completed in 2019. However, funding is not currently finalized.
• David Hoekel Parkway
  The Peine Road/Route P/Highway 61 Project is the first phase of the David Hoekel Parkway Project. Phase 2 includes a new interchange on Interstate 70 near Point Prairie Road, a realigned outer road and the extension of David Hoekel Parkway to Goodfellow Road. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for Phase 2 on Nov. 27, 2018, and construction is currently underway.
• Wentzville Parkway Turn Lane Extension
  Construction on the next phase of the Wentzville Parkway Turn Lane Project is expected to take place in late spring. This phase will continue the extension of the turn lane from Schroeder Creek Boulevard to Meyer Road.
• Wentzville Parkway South
  This future roadway will provide a new connection between Interstate 70 and Highway N. A large segment of right of way was secured with the acquisition and demolition of the Super 8 Motel at Wentzville Parkway and I-70. Design of Phase 1 and 2 of this project will take place in 2019, with construction anticipated to begin in 2021.
• West Meyer Road
  For this project, crews will reconstruct West Meyer Road from North Point Prairie to Rotary Park; a center turn lane will also be added. Shoulder and vertical curve improvements will be made from Rotary Park to Duenke Road. Right-of-way acquisition and design will take place in the spring of 2019, with construction beginning later this summer.

City Hall Award
Wentzville’s City Hall, which opened in November 2017, brought multiple departments together under one roof – increasing efficiency and enhancing customer service. Last year, City Hall was recognized by the St. Louis Chapter of the American Public Works Association as the “2018 Project of the Year – Structures.”

Utility Billing Enhancements
Speaking of customer-service enhancements, in 2018 the City added a pay-by-phone option which gives residents access to their utility account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To make payments over the phone at any time, residents can call (833) 326-7020. Additionally, the City added the ability for residents to opt-in to receive utility bill reminders by text (instead of via phone call). To change their preferences, residents can call (636) 639-2155.

Police Department Outreach
Community engagement continues to be a top priority for the Wentzville Police Department. The Department hosts an annual Citizens Police Academy, summer camps for kids, neighborhood Walk and Talks and more. In 2018, the Department spearheaded the Arrest Hunger Challenge, which collected 10,000 pounds of food that was donated to the St. Louis Area Food Bank.

New Businesses
In 2018, the City of Wentzville welcomed more than 30 new businesses. 2019 is off to a great start with several new projects in the works including a new Holiday Inn Express at Mar-Le Drive/Church Street, the Exit 6 Brewery (which will inhabit the old Fire Station on Pearce Boulevard), and a new Circle K gas station near the Peine Road/Highway 61 interchange.
Yard Waste Resumes in March

Yard-waste collection begins the first full week in March and continues through the last week of December each year. If service is not canceled, your yard-waste collection will automatically resume the first full week in March. Cancellations will be accepted until March 27.

For those with service, yard waste must be set out by 6 a.m. on your regular trash/recycling collection day. If you prefer to provide your own cart, it must be clearly marked with “Yard Waste Only” stickers on the lid and both sides of the cart. You can request the stickers by calling Public Works at (636) 327-5102.

To use the yard-waste, per-bag service you will need to schedule a pickup by calling (636) 327-5102. This service must be scheduled a minimum of two business days before your regular trash/recycling collection day.

Accepted yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, limbs and branches. Limbs and branches cannot be more than four feet long, three inches in diameter or weigh more than 40 pounds. Also, bundles should be tied with a natural twine or other biodegradable binding material. Yard waste DOES NOT include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps or limbs more than three inches in diameter. For questions about yard-waste pickup, please call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049.

Sign up to Lead the Pledge of Allegiance

The City of Wentzville is looking for individuals or groups who are interested in leading the Board of Aldermen in the pledge of allegiance. The Board typically meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Wentzville City Hall (located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). We welcome your participation in leading the pledge and demonstrating your patriotism! To sign up and select a date, please visit bit.ly/boapledge.

Candidates for April 2 Election

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 2, 2019, election.

Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 6 to register. Voter registration forms are available at the St. Charles County Election Authority Office, which is located at 397 Turner Blvd., in St. Peters. For questions, including polling location information, please call the Election Authority at (636) 949-7550 or visit election.sccmo.org. Below are the candidates for the April 2 election.

Alderman, Ward 1: Two-Year Term
- Bryan Harr

Alderman, Ward 2: Two-Year Term
- Brittany Gillett

Alderman, Ward 3: Two-Year Term
- Josh Jenkins
- Matt Swanson
- Leonyer M. Richardson

Judge: Two-Year Term
- Michael “Mike” E. Carter
- Laura E. Sprehe

Business Spotlight

Not Jaded Boutique & Tea Room | 2 W. Main St.

Business Owner: Tara Keune (pictured)

What year did you open? 2017

What influenced you to locate your business in Wentzville? When visiting Ellbee’s General Store, I noticed the vacant space next door. Ultimately, I decided that a new boutique shop in Historic Downtown Wentzville would be a great addition to the area.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? A place to be happy with a lot of positive vibes.

What products/services do you offer? Not Jaded is a boutique which offers girl’s newborn to women’s 3XL; a memorable luncheon with homemade food provided in our tea room; princess and tea parties or fashion show for children; a ladies night the second Friday of each month to support a local charity; and tea parties for up to 30 guests.

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? The community is full of support and encouragement.

What’s next for your business? A new back patio will open in the spring with an enchanted garden theme; a fundraiser in May with the Crossroads Arts Council called Fashion for Food.

Any other comments you’d like to share? I recently received the “2018 New Business Award” from the Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce. Not Jaded means you are not tired, bored, lazy, nor lacking enthusiasm. Learn more at www.notjaded.com.
**Community Leader Donna-Marie Pierre Named Wentzville’s 2018 Citizen of the Year**

During Wentzville’s Jan. 9 Board of Aldermen meeting, the City recognized Wentzville resident and business owner Donna-Marie Pierre as the 2018 Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes outstanding residents and business owners whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

Last fall, Wentzville residents, business owners and employees of Wentzville businesses were invited to submit nominations for the Citizen of the Year award. Nominations were reviewed and the final selection of Donna-Marie Pierre was made by the Citizen Recognition Award Committee.

Pierre is actively serving in her second term as the president of the Wentzville Rotary Club. She is also a member of the Wentzville Downtown Business Association and the Western St. Charles Chamber of Commerce.

Pierre also serves as the chair of the Wentzville Downtown Business Association’s annual Christmas Parade, and has been in this role since the parade’s inception. She loves giving back in this capacity and helping families and Wentzville residents enjoy and celebrate during the holiday season. Previously, Pierre served as the co-chair for the Downtown Wentzville Halloween Window Decorating Contest.

Donna-Marie also owns her own Wentzville business — Windows and The Works — which is located in historic downtown Wentzville. The business has been part of this community since 1972. Although active in the business community, she often diverts her attention to the resources and causes of others. Pierre recently organized a fundraiser sponsoring school children and mothers in Rwanda. Congratulations, Donna-Marie!

Starting this year, applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Don’t wait to nominate your favorite Wentzville resident or business owner for 2019 Citizen of the Year. Applications are available online at bit.ly/wentzvillecoty.

**Free Tree-Limb Pickup**

The City’s Chipper Program provides residents a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree limbs twice a year.

Again this year, tree-limb pickup will take place over a three-week period — by ward. If you are unsure about which ward you live in, please visit bit.ly/wardmap2019.

The tree limb pickup does NOT correspond to residents’ trash, recycling and yard-waste collection day. 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 2019 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 2019 Chipper Program collection does not include leaves, root balls, shrubs or hedge trimmings, decorative grasses, or grass.

Questions? Please call the Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Spring Citywide Yard Sale**

Get into spring-cleaning mode and clear your home of unwanted items by selling them during Wentzville’s annual Spring Yard Sale, which will be held Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27.

For just $7 you can list your sale. Each sale will receive an official City Yard Sale sign. The deadline to list your sale is Monday, April 22.

Plan a fun shopping expedition and hunt down the best bargains! Shoppers may purchase booklets beginning Wednesday, April 24 at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.) or at Progress Park Recreation Center (968 Meyer Rd.) for only $2. Each booklet comes with a map to help you locate the bargains!

**Large-Item Pickup**

The week of April 29-May 3, the City will offer its free, large-item pickup. During that week, residents may place bulky items out for pickup on their regularly scheduled collection day. This large-item pickup is free for Wentzville residential customers only. Please place items at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular collection day that week. Please limit large items disposal to four items per free pickup.

To learn more and view a list of accepted (and not-accepted) items, please visit the City’s website at bit.ly/large-itempickup.
Important Reminders

Utility-Tax Refund: An Overview

From April 1 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 2018 gross income of $43,050 for a single-person household or $49,200 for a married-couple household. The refund program is based on your total gross income for filing year 2018, social security income is included. These income requirements are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and can fluctuate from year-to-year. These are the current limits supplied by HUD, but are subject to change prior to the application period opening on April 1, 2019.

Property Maintenance Inspections Begin April 1

As warm weather approaches, 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. Few things have more potential to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community than neighborhood pride.

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.

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.

The refund amount is a portion of the “City Tax” or “Franchise Tax” listed on your electric, gas and phone bills for 2018. If you haven’t saved your gas or electric stubs, you can contact your local utilities to request a report (please note: CenturyLink does not provide this report).

- Ameren UE: Call (314) 342-1111 and request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2018
- Lacelde Gas: Call (314) 621-6960 and request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2018
- Cuivre River: Call (800) 392-3709 and request the “Wentzville City Tax Report” for 2018
- Phone Bills: Provide land line OR cell phone bills (pre-paid phones are not eligible).

Beginning April 1, residents can apply for the refund in person at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). When applying for the refund, residents will need the following:

- Proof of residency, income, age and/or disability
- Copies of gas, electric and primary phone bills for 2018 (or the reports)
- A driver’s license, Social Security card or birth certificate

If you have questions or want to verify your eligibility, please call the Finance Department at (636) 639-2155.

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

Upcoming Holiday Hours and Collection Schedule

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 19 to observe Good Friday. This holiday will NOT affect trash, recycling and yard-waste collection. Progress Park Recreation Center will be open regular hours on Good Friday, however, the Recreation Center will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 21.
Volunteer Opportunities in Wentzville

Volunteers make a huge impact on the City each year. Volunteers of all backgrounds and ages are needed to help support the City’s programs and special events. Did you know the City’s Parks and Recreation Department even has a volunteer program for youth ages 10 to 16? Volunteers also serve on the City’s many boards, commissions and committees. Do you have a few hours each month to spare? Consider lending your time as a volunteer driver for the City’s senior community partner — ITNGateway. Read on to discover the many ways you can make a difference right here in Wentzville!

HELP NEEDED AT UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Parks and Recreation Department holds several events each year, many of which wouldn’t be possible without the help of community volunteers. To complete the Department’s volunteer application, please visit bit.ly/wentzvillevolunteer. Over the next few months, the Department has several volunteer opportunities available including the Easter EGGstravaganza and Bunny Run (both on April 13), Wentzville Days (May 17–19) and Liberty Fest (July 4). For questions about the program, please contact the City’s Volunteer and Special Events Supervisor at (636) 639-2085 or send an email to volunteer@wentzvillemo.org.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Is your child looking for a way to better the community? Wentzville Parks and Recreation offers a volunteer program for youth. Helping Hands is a once-a-month, one-hour program that takes place on the third Wednesday of each month (except in November). Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the destination. Helping Hands projects include preparing for Easter EGGstravaganza, cleanup at Heartland Park, washing first responders’ vehicles, Fall Festival preparation and more. To register your child, ages 10-16, please visit bit.ly/2019helpinghands.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

The Adopt-a-Spot Program creates a cleaner, more pleasant environment for everyone who lives, works and shops in the City of Wentzville. Neighbors and merchants can work together to keep our City’s public spaces, streets, parks, streams and lakes beautiful. So how do you get started? It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3!

2. Request a spot. Please contact the Adopt-a-Spot Coordinator at (636) 327-5102 to inquire about available locations or complete the request form at bit.ly/adoptaspot.
3. Schedule your activity! Once approved, arrange a time for cleanup or beautification and request supplies. Signs can also be placed in your honor for spots adopted for 12 months or longer.

STORM DRAIN MARKING

Help us inspire others to keep our streams clean! The Storm Drain Marking Program is your opportunity to join in the effort to educate others about stormwater pollution prevention. Volunteers glue decals onto local storm drains that say, “No Dumping – Only Rain in the Drain.” Projects can be as small or large as you desire.

According to a 2017 Wentzville public opinion survey, approximately 42 percent of respondents do not know that storm drains flow directly into our local streams — without being treated. The cleaner we keep stormwater, the cleaner our streams will be.

ITNGATEWAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In 2017, the City partnered with ITNGateway, which provides transportation for senior citizens (ages 60 and older), as well as adults with visual impairments or disabilities. Since the partnership began, ITNGateway reports that ridership has increased by 40 percent. While that’s excellent news, it also means the service needs more volunteer drivers to meet the growing demand. Volunteers use their own vehicles and can be reimbursed for mileage or donate their credits back to the organization for patrons to use. To learn more about ITNGateway and its volunteer opportunities, please visit bit.ly/volunteertodrive.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

The City has a number of boards, commissions and committees you can be a part of including the Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Stormwater Committee, Wentzville Economic Development Council and the Downtown Committee.

Applications are accepted year-round and can be found at bit.ly/wentzville-boards. For questions, please contact the City Clerk’s office at (636) 327-5101.
FRIDAY, MAY 17
Carnival & Vendors • 6-11 p.m.
Children's Area • 6-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 18
Carnival & Vendors • Noon-11 p.m.
Children's Area • Noon-9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19
Carnival & Vendors • Noon-6 p.m.
Children's Area • Noon-6 p.m.

Allen & Main Streets in
Historic Downtown Wentzville

Upcoming Meetings: Save the Date

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Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). The Tree Committee and Art Committee meet at Progress Park (968 Meyer Rd.). Meeting dates are subject to change. For up-to-date calendar items, please visit the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org.