2020 Census

While the 2020 Census is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, states, counties and cities — including Wentzville — play a crucial role in its success. So, why is the Census so important? The U.S. Constitution mandates that the country take a Census of the population every 10 years to count every living person in the U.S. Participation in the Census is required by law. First conducted in 1790, Census results are used to determine the number of congressional seats for each state and to distribute the more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants and other support to states, counties and communities for schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Individuals can complete the Census by mail or phone, and, for the first time in 2020, will have the option of completing it online. You can even respond on your mobile device. Census staff also will go door-to-door in communities, distributing forms.

It only takes 10 minutes! The Census form asks fewer than 10 questions for each person in your household. Questions concern your name, sex, age, date of birth, race, household relationship and whether you rent or own your home.

If you are filling out the Census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone who is living and sleeping there most of the time. If someone is staying in your home on April 1, and has no usual home elsewhere, you should count them in your response to the 2020 Census. It is important to remember to count any children who are living with you.

This includes:

- All children who live in your home, including foster children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends (even if they are living with you temporarily).
- Children who split their time between homes, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.
- Newborn babies, even those who are born on April 1, 2020, or who are still in the hospital on this date.

2020 Census Timeline

- March 12-20: An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census will be sent via mail. Some households may receive paper questionnaires.
- March 16-24: A reminder letter will be sent.
- March 26-April 3: If you haven’t responded yet, a reminder postcard will be sent.
- April 1: Census Day! Stop by City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.) between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. to complete the Census in person.
- April 8-16: If you haven’t responded yet, a reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent.
- April 20-27: If you haven’t responded yet, a final reminder postcard will be sent before the Census Bureau follows up in person.

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 (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 4, you’re invited to join in with other volunteers (ages 6 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.

After the cleanup, you are invited to attend a tree seminar presented by the Wentzville Parks and Recreation’s Tree Committee. You’ll learn about City tree ordinances, best planting practices, long-term tree care and how to identify various tree species. To register for the tree seminar, please call (636) 332-9236.

Following 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!

2020 Electronics Recycling Events

Do you have electronic waste – old phones, broken laptops, worn-out power tools? Recycle them all during the City’s next Electronics Recycling event. This free* drive-thru and drop-off event will take place on May 23 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Holt High School. *Please note: some items, including TVs and items containing Freon, will incur a fee. To learn more or to view a list of accepted (and not accepted) items, please visit bit.ly/electronicsrecycling2020. The event is open to individuals and families, no businesses please. Note: there will be another event held on Oct. 31, which will include personal document shredding; however, the May event will not.

M:CS Event Schedule

9 a.m.
M:CS Volunteer Sign-in and Site Assignments

9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GM Earth Day Festival

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Stream Cleanup

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lunch and Music

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Tree Seminar

Make Plans to Join Us on April 4!

Easter Eggstravaganza at Heartland Park

Bunny Run 10K, 5K & Fun Run at Heartland Park

Bone Hunt at Rotary Park

To learn more, please visit: bit.ly/wentzvilleparksandrec
State of the City Overview

We’ve built a community here in Wentzville that offers safety and security, exemplary schools, affordable and diverse housing, and expanding employment opportunities. We’ve built a community people want to call home. Here in Wentzville lots of great things are happening, and I want to tell you a little bit about what made 2019 such an exciting year!

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

In 2019, Wentzville was rated the third “Best Place to Raise a Family in Missouri.” The City was also recognized as a top employer. This year, our employees really helped to make Wentzville shine. In 2019, we were:

• Recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a 2019 “Best Place to Work”
• Honored as a 2019 St. Louis Post-Dispatch “Top Workplaces” finalist
• Selected as a Green Cities Challenge Finalist
• Chosen by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for an Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award

As you’re likely well aware, the Wentzville Police Department is one of the best. They are truly top-notch and go above and beyond to protect and serve. They ensure Wentzville remains a safe place to live, work, play and grow. This year, they received the following recognitions and accolades.

• Earned formal accreditation through the Missouri Police Chiefs Association
• Special Olympics Missouri awarded the Wentzville Police Department its “Outstanding Agency of the Year” award
• Medal of Valor was presented by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association to four Wentzville officers

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Being a fast-growing City means we are often repairing or replacing streets in Wentzville. Improving infrastructure and increasing mobility through transportation projects is one of the City’s top priorities. In fact, over the next five years, more than $70 million dollars is budgeted for transportation improvement projects. Learn more about our upcoming transportation projects on pg. 7.

NEW BUSINESSES

In 2019, Wentzville welcomed more than 50 new businesses — including a long-awaited new U.S. Post Office on Luetkenhaus Boulevard. The former Post Office had been in use since 1961 when the population of Wentzville was just under 3,000.

FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

In 2019, we awarded $48,000 in grants to seven downtown businesses as part of our Facade Improvement Grant Program. Projects included updates at Lowrey’s Streetside Pub, Sweeten’s Concrete, the Trinity Executive Building, Wheel Sports and the Blue House to name a few. The first 2020 Facade Improvement Grant Improvement Program application period is open April 1-30. Soon, eligible properties in Historic Downtown Wentzville will receive a letter from the City of Wentzville informing them about the program. The purpose of the program is to rehabilitate the exterior of structures 50 years old or older in the HD-1, HD-2 and HD-3 zoning districts. A 50-50% matching grant for up to $10,000 can be obtained from the City with approval of the Downtown Committee. Eligible projects include items such as roofing, tuckpointing, awnings, windows and doors. If your business is eligible, I encourage you to apply!

GROWTH IN WENTZVILLE

Wentzville is the place to be! With exemplary schools, top-notch first responders and a small-town feel with big-town amenities, Wentzville continues to see residential, retail and commercial growth. We have moved forward in 2019 with The Junction project near Church Street and I-70, which includes multi-family housing, a Holiday Inn Express, Sugarfire BBQ and space for more. In the City’s center, The Bend project has started along Wentzville Parkway with grading and the construction of the BJC Medical Group Radiology building. The recreation center complex, now with its official name — Wentzville Community Center — is in the early planning and design phases.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Last summer, Wentzville purchased the Wentzville Ice Arena from Lindenwood University. Since the purchase, the City has completed more than $180,000 in renovations, equipment upgrades and deferred maintenance projects. Learn more about the Ice Arena at www.wentzvilleicearena.com.

GM EXPANSION

Wentzville is fortunate to have a strong employer like General Motors in our community. We have and will continue to support the organization and are proud that they call Wentzville home. General Motors’ reinvestment in our community speaks volumes; we are thankful for General Motors’ commitment to our community and to its current and future workforce.

As you can see, 2019 was a big year! We can’t wait to see what the rest of 2020 brings.
Yard Waste Collection Resumes in March

Each year, yard-waste collection begins the first full week in March and continues through the last week of December. Collection will automatically resume the week of March 2, if service is not canceled. Cancellations will be accepted until March 30.

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.

If you don’t have monthly service, but want to use the yard-waste, per-bag service, you can 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.

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. 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, 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 (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 7 Election

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 7, 2020, election.

Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 11 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, please visit election.sccmo.org or call (636) 949-7550.

Below are the candidates for the April 7 election.

- ALDERMAN, WARD 1 – TWO-YEAR TERM
  - Robert (Rob) Hussey

- ALDERMAN, WARD 2 – TWO-YEAR TERM
  - Tricia Byrnes
  - Jeff Ottenlips
  - Jordan Broviak

- ALDERMAN, WARD 3 – TWO-YEAR TERM
  - Michael (Mike) Hays
  - Jerrett Einsporn
  - Christopher R. Gaines
  - Michael K. Lovell

- MAYOR – FOUR-YEAR TERM
  - Nickolas (Nick) Guccione

Legacy Realty Group | 510 W. Pearce Blvd.

Business Owners: Jason and Bethany Jacobs

What year did you open? 2016

What influenced you to locate your business in Wentzville? Jason grew up in Wentzville and worked for the Parks and Recreation Department during high school. He has served on the Planning & Zoning Commission for more than four years. We all live, work and play here and want to help continue to grow our community.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? Legacy Realty Group has deep roots in Wentzville and has relationships with most of the families that have lived in Wentzville for generations.

What products/services do you offer? Legacy helps with the selling and purchasing of residential real estate. We are custom home and new construction experts, and focus on land sales, development, investment real estate and some commercial real estate.

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? Wentzville has been our home for more than 40 years and getting to watch and participate in the extraordinary growth has been exciting!

What’s next for your business? Currently, we are working on a plan to give back to our local community and help build the “legacies” of Wentzville high-school students by offering higher education and technical scholarships. We will continue to invest in the local real estate market and help clients do so as well.

Any other comments you’d like to share? We live, play and work here and would love to meet anyone living in our area. Call or stop by the office anytime!
Free Tree-Limb Pickup

The City’s Chipper Program provides residents a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree limbs twice a year. Tree-limb pickup takes place over a three-week period — by ward. If you are unsure about which ward you live in, please visit bit.ly/wardmap2020.

Don’t forget, 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 2020 schedule is as follows:
• Ward 1: Week of April 6
• Ward 2: Week of April 13
• Ward 3: Week of April 20

Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. The 2020 Chipper Program collection does not include leaves, root balls, shrubs or hedge trimmings, decorative grasses or grass.

If you have any 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 24 and Saturday, April 25. 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 April 20.

Plan a fun shopping expedition and hunt down the best bargains! Shoppers may purchase booklets beginning Wednesday, April 22 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

This week of April 27-May 1, 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-item-pickup.

Resident and Former Alderman, Gloria Ehll, Named Wentzville’s 2019 Citizen of the Year

At the Jan. 22 Board of Aldermen meeting, the City presented life-long Wentzville resident Gloria Ehll the 2019 Citizen of the Year award. This award recognizes outstanding residents and business owners whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

Gloria, who has been involved in the community for 45 years, has spent countless hours improving the lives of others through various organizations. Her involvement with Wentzville’s Parks and Recreation Board, Historical Society, Downtown Business Association, American Legion Auxiliary and the Immanuel Lutheran Church is a true testament to her dedication to the community.

She also served as a Den Mother working with youth on projects and has been involved with the Special Olympics team. Gloria is also a member of the Volunteer Wentzville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, hosting fundraisers for volunteer firefighters. As a board member at the Boone Center Inc., Gloria enriched the lives of adults with disabilities.

Gloria’s leadership skills have benefited Wentzville time and time again. She currently serves as president of the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Board. Under her leadership, several new parks have been added and upgraded, including the addition of musical instruments at Jake’s Field of Dreams. She is also a former Wentzville Alderman.

Gloria currently serves as treasurer for the Wentzville Historical Society. She participates in the Historical Society’s local cemetery tours and shares stories about Wentzville’s earliest settlers. Additionally, she is working on her standards and procedures certification through the American Association for State and Local History to assist in applying for grants.

Gloria loves Wentzville, a fact that is evident through her involvement with its various organizations and committees. The City has not only benefited from Gloria’s leadership, but also from her love of the community she calls home.

Citizen of the Year applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Don’t wait to nominate your favorite Wentzville resident or business owner for the 2020 Citizen of the Year award. Applications and additional information are available on the City’s website at bit.ly/wentzvilllecoty.
If City inspectors find a property is not maintained, they may ask you to repair a concern within 72 hours or request a property maintenance inspection. 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 2019. 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: Request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2019 by calling (314) 342-1111.
- Laclede Gas: Request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2019 by calling (314) 621-6960.
- Cuivre River: Request the “Wentzville City Tax Report” for 2019 by calling (800) 392-3709.
- Phone Bills: Provide landline OR cell phone bills (prepaid phones are not eligible).

Beginning April 1, residents can apply for the refund in person at City Hall (located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). When applying for the refund, residents will need the following: proof of residency, income, age and/or disability, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills (or the reports listed above). Residents must also present a driver’s license, Social Security card or birth certificate. If you have questions or would like to check your eligibility, please call the Finance Department at (636) 639-2155.

Upcoming Holiday Hours and Collection Schedule
City offices will be closed on Friday, April 10 to observe Good Friday. This holiday will NOT affect your trash, recycling or yard-waste collection. Progress Park Recreation Center and the Wentzville Ice Arena will be open regular hours on Good Friday, however, all facilities will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 12.
Neighborhood Basins and Drainage Reminders

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 Ponds 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. Additional detention basin maintenance may be included in subdivision covenants to help your neighborhood maintain property values and keep your stormwater facilities functioning effectively.

When to Call

Staff can 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. If you have a related concern, please call the Stormwater team at (636) 327-5102.

2020 Project Updates

As the fastest-growing city in the region, and likely in Missouri, Wentzville is constantly working to plan, prepare and secure funding for transportation and infrastructure projects. In 2020, several projects will be moving forward. To view more updates, please visit bit.ly/wentzvilleprojectupdates.

David Hoekel Parkway (DHP)

Bids for Phase 2, which includes the full interchange with all four ramps for access to and from I-70 opened on Feb 13. This project has been funded in partnership with St. Charles County and MoDOT. With completion anticipated in 2021, this project will provide motorists with an alternative to Wentzville Parkway when entering or leaving the City. The St. Charles County Highway Department is currently overseeing the construction of an adjacent project that will extend DHP over Peruche Creek as well as construct Interstate Drive west from South Point Prairie Road to DHP and Schaper Road.

The next phase of DHP will extend a roadway north from Goodfellow Road to West Meyer Road. The project is funded through a partnership with St. Charles County; design is scheduled to begin later this year. The project is anticipated to be constructed over two construction seasons, with grading and stormwater infrastructure in 2022 and roadway paving in 2023.

West Meyer Road Phase 3

The project extends from North Point Prairie Road west to the bridge just east of Duenke Road. The project includes vertical curve improvements, a center turn lane and a multi-use trail from North Point Prairie to Rotary Park. Right-of-way acquisition for this project is currently ongoing with construction anticipated to begin later this year. The project is funded by the City of Wentzville and St. Charles County.

Wentzville Parkway South

This project is divided into two phases, both of which are currently in the design process. The first phase includes improvements on Veterans Memorial Parkway, which will improve traffic flow through the construction of a roundabout to the west of Wentzville Parkway as well as increase the length of the eastbound acceleration lane onto I-70. This project is funded by the City of Wentzville, St. Charles County and Federal CMAQ dollars. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2021. Phase 2 will include the extension of Wentzville Parkway South over the Norfolk Southern Railroad via a grade separated bridge. This project is being funded by the City of Wentzville and St. Charles County. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2022.

Water System Upgrades

A new two-million gallon water tower is under construction at the intersection of Schroeder Creek Boulevard and William Dierberg Drive. With continued growth in the community, our water improvement priorities will continue to focus on storage capacity.

Wentzville Community Center

We are actively in the design stages of the new Wentzville Community Center, which will be part of The Bend development on Wentzville Parkway. The project, which will include an indoor aquatics facility, gymnasium, meeting rooms, a dedicated senior space, a walking track and more, is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.
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.