City of Wentzville Named 2019 Top Workplace

The City of Wentzville has been named to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2019 Top Workplace list. This list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey, which measures several aspects of workplace culture, including employee feelings about pay, benefits, managers and leadership and more. The anonymous survey also measures employee engagement, retention and motivation. The City of Wentzville was the only municipal government to be honored this year. More than 170 City of Wentzville staff members, representing 73% of City employees, responded to the survey in April, and took the time to provide valuable feedback.

“At the City of Wentzville, we are dedicated to providing the best employment experience in local government. We are honored to have received this recognition directly from our employees. We work hard to create an environment where City employees will genuinely enjoy coming to work every day, which translates into increased productivity, effective teamwork and, in turn, ensures a high level of customer service for the community we serve,” said Wentzville City Administrator David Gipson.

More than 220 organizations in the St. Louis area were surveyed – representing 94,000 employees – but only 150 organizations were awarded a 2019 Top Workplace designation. To view the full press release, please visit bit.ly/wentzvillepr.

Upcoming Holidays

LABOR DAY: City Hall and Progress Park Pool will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2. However, Splash Station Aquatic Center and Progress Park Recreation Center (indoors) will be open regular hours. Trash, recycling and yard-waste collection will run one day late the week of Sept. 2. Please note: indoor facilities at Progress Park Recreation Center will be closed Sept. 3-8 for annual facility maintenance.

VETERANS DAY: City offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11. Trash, recycling and yard-waste collection will not be affected by the Veterans Day holiday.

Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding: Nov. 23

Do you have electronic waste or secure documents you’re not sure what to do with? You can dispose of them all during the City’s second 2019 Electronics Recycling Event scheduled for Nov. 23 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Acceptable items can be taken to our NEW 2019 event location, Wentzville’s Holt High School, located at 600 Campus Dr.

The *FREE drive-thru and drop-off event is open to Wentzville residents (individuals and families), no businesses please. *Note: some items, including TVs and items containing Freon will incur a fee. Secure document shredding will be available in addition to electronics recycling. Household shredding limit of: six "Bankers Boxes" (10"Hx12"Wx15"D) or three, 13-gallon trashbags. Items with personally identifying information should be shredded. School papers, junk mail, etc., can be recycled curbside or at a drop-off site as part of our FIBER collection program. To learn more, or to view a list of accepted (and not accepted) items, please visit bit.ly/electronicsrecycling2019.
The City of Wentzville is pleased to announce the purchase of the Lindenwood Ice Arena, located at 910 Main Plaza Dr. After approval by the Board of Aldermen, the arena was purchased for $2 million, which will be paid in interest-free annual increments of $100,000 – over the next 20 years.

“As the fastest-growing city in Missouri, Wentzville is continuously looking for ways to expand the parks and recreation amenities in our community. With the addition of the Wentzville Ice Arena, which currently houses two full-size ice rinks, we are able to provide additional services to our residents and beyond,” said Mayor Nick Guccione.

In 2010, this 70,000 square-foot sports complex was renovated, with upgrades to the locker rooms and scoreboards. It features two NHL-size ice rinks, heated fan bleachers and a food service center.

This new recreational facility provides ample opportunities for hosting additional Wentzville Parks and Recreation programs and special events including public skating, hockey tournaments, learn-to-skate programs and ice rentals. The addition of recreational facilities like this provides the residents of Wentzville with opportunities to interact and connect as a community for years to come.

Find public skate times, facility hours, pricing, etc., at www.wentzvilleicearena.com.

NEW! Utility Bill Dropbox
For your convenience, a new utility bill dropbox has been installed in the circular drive outside Wentzville City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). You can now stop by 24/7, 365 to drop off your payment.

Wentzville Bend, Multigenerational Recreation Facility Update
During a Board of Aldermen meeting earlier this summer, an ordinance was passed approving a Development Agreement for the Wentzville Bend project. This development will encompass approximately 60 acres of property located south and east of Wentzville Parkway, and north of William Dierberg Drive. As currently envisioned, the project consists of two major elements – a 140,000 square-foot retail shopping center and an 80,000 square-foot Multigenerational Recreation Facility.

The project will be funded by sales taxes generated by the new retail space and the existing shopping area along Wentzville Parkway. Funds generated by the taxes will go toward property acquisition, site preparation, infrastructure development and operational support for the Multigenerational Recreation Facility. None of the taxes collected will be used for construction of the privately-owned retail center.

The Parks Master Plan, Recreation Center Feasibility Study and a series of public meetings all indicated a strong community desire to have a Multigenerational Recreation Facility in Wentzville. “We are very excited to provide this new amenity to our residents. The Board of Aldermen and I are committed to providing resources for our residents and the community as a whole. This project falls in line with our strategic goals and recognizes the needs of our community – varying from indoor recreational opportunities to amenities for senior citizens. This facility solidifies Wentzville’s position as a strong supporter of parks and recreation and only adds to our wide variety of facilities,” said Mayor Nick Guccione.

It is anticipated that on-site grading will begin in late fall of this year. The retail shopping center is expected to be ready for occupancy in 2021, with the Multigenerational Recreation Facility scheduled to open by late 2022.

“This project falls in line with our strategic goals and recognizes the needs of our community.”
- Mayor Nick Guccione
Monster Mash: Oct. 26

Put on your costumes and head to the Station 1 Firehouse on Luetkenhaus Boulevard for our Monster Mash Trunk-or-Treat!

This free* event is sponsored by the Wentzville Firefighters Community Outreach and Wentzville Parks and Recreation. Every child (ages 14 and under) will receive their own pumpkin! To register, call (636) 332-9236. Everyone who preregisters will receive a hot dog, a bag of chips and a drink.

*Day-of registration does not guarantee chips, a hot dog or a drink.

Pooch Plunge: Sept. 3

Has your pooch been suffering in the summer heat? Bring man's best friend to Splash Station Aquatic Center on Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. for our annual Pooch Plunge. To learn more, please visit bit.ly/poochplunge19.

Each dog will receive a snack and have the chance to win door prizes. All dogs must be leashed while out of the water. You must show proof of vaccination at the time of registration. The cost is $10 per dog for residents and $13 for nonresidents (event-day cost is $15/dog). Please note: the inclement weather date is Sept. 4.

Labor Day Pool Party: Sept. 2

Are you feeling bummed about summer coming to an end? Well it's not over yet! Don't miss out on your last chance to celebrate in the sun. Grab your friends and join us for a Labor Day Pool Party at Splash Station Aquatic Center from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 2.

Festivities will include a cannonball contest, belly-flop contest and more! Please note that regular pool rates will apply for this event.

Just a reminder: City Hall and Progress Park Pool will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2. However, Progress Park Recreation Center (indoors) will be open regular hours from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Fall Citywide Yard Sale: Sept. 27-28

Wentzville's City Wide Yard Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your closets, basements and storage before the seasons change. It's a great way to get your home decluttered for the holidays.

Residents can list their one- or two-day sale in our yard sale booklet for a $7 registration fee. The deadline to register a sale is Monday, Sept. 23. Starting Wednesday, Sept. 25, residents may purchase yard-sale booklets with listings of all the local yard sales for $2 at Progress Park or City Hall.

To register your yard sale, please visit bit.ly/fallsale2019.
Beer, Wine & Food Festival

Saturday, Sept. 21  Noon - 5 p.m.
Hosted by Wentzville’s Rotary Club
For more information about the Beer, Wine & Food Festival, please contact Theresa Glass at (636) 887-6984. Tickets sold separately for this portion of the event.

Festival Hours

Friday, Sept. 20
6-10:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
Noon-10:30 p.m.

Live Music

Friday, Sept. 20
6-8 p.m. - Mirage Entertainment
8:30-10:30 p.m. - Butch Wax and the Hollywoods

Saturday, Sept. 21
Noon -2 p.m. - Accolade
3-5 p.m. - Push the Limit
5:30-7:30 p.m. - Hollywood 5
8:30-10:30 p.m. - Trixie Delight

MORE INFORMATION:
• Visit www.bit.ly/fallfestival2019
• Call (636) 332-9236
• Email Beth.Kelley@wentzvillemo.org
Sharing the Road

Summer vacation is over and that means school buses, new teen drivers and other young travelers have once again joined Wentzville’s morning traffic commute.

Although many motorists are focused on getting to school or work on time, I encourage everyone to make safety your top priority. If we all remember to travel with caution and care, everyone will be able to reach their destinations safely. Below are a few back-to-school safety reminders for drivers.

• Sharing the Road with Students:
  Remember, you are sharing the road with young pedestrians. You should never block crosswalks when stopped at red lights or while waiting to make a turn. This can force pedestrians to walk around the vehicle and enter the path of traffic. Remember to always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections, especially when flashers are blinking in a school zone. Always stop for crossing guards and patrol officers, and never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

• Sharing the Road with School Buses:
  Never pass a bus if it’s stopped to load or unload children; if the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic MUST stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; so, stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. Also, allow for a greater following distance behind a bus than if you were driving behind a car.

• Sharing the Road with Bicyclists:
  When passing a bicyclist, proceed slowly and leave three feet between your car and the cyclist. When turning left, if a bicyclist is approaching from the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass. Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this. In addition,

Thank you for making Wentzville a safe place to live, work and play!

Fall Reminders

Large-Item Pickup: Sept. 30-Oct 4

Twice each year, Wentzville offers free large-item pickups. This event is perfect for people looking to dispose of old furniture and appliances. These free pickups are for Wentzville residents only. To participate in the fall large-item pickup, place your large items at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled trash/recycling collection day during the week of Sept. 30.

Please limit to only four items per household. To view a list of accepted items, please visit bit.ly/largeitemslist.

The following items will not be accepted: tires, batteries, waste oil, yard waste, concrete, bricks, railroad ties, hot tubs, wet paint or any liquids, and car or engine parts. For questions, please call (636) 327-5102.

Fall Tree-Limb Collection: Oct. 7, 14 and 21

All tree limb collection is provided to Wentzville residents through the Chipper Program. To view program details, please visit bit.ly/treelimbpickup.

The fall tree-limb collection will take place over a three-week period — by ward. If you are unsure which ward you live in, please see the Ward Map at bit.ly/wardmap2019. The collection schedule is as follows:

• Ward 1: Week of Oct. 7
• Ward 2: Week of Oct. 14
• Ward 3 Week of Oct. 21

Please stack your tree limbs at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday of your scheduled week. Tree limb pickup is NOT associated with your regular trash/recycling collection day or the City’s contracted trash hauler.

Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. Leaves, root balls, decorative grass or grass clippings are not included in this collection.
**Citizen of the Year Nominations**

Do you know someone whose service or actions deserve special recognition? Nominations for Wentzville’s Citizen of the Year award are open year round. Nomination forms are available on the City’s website at bit.ly/NominateCOTY.

To submit a nomination, a person must be one of the following:

- A resident of the City of Wentzville
- A City of Wentzville business owner
- An organization within the City of Wentzville
- An employee of a business located in the City of Wentzville
- A member of the Citizen Recognition Award Committee

For a nominee to be eligible, he or she must reside within the city limits of Wentzville at the time the nomination is made, or be a Wentzville business owner.

The nominee may not be an elected official; and may not serve on the Citizen Recognition Award Committee.

Nominate someone today! The Board of Aldermen will present the 2019 award during a regularly scheduled January 2020 Board meeting.

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**Welcome New Businesses!**

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**Business Spotlight**

**Sproutfitters | 519 W. Pearce Blvd. and Revolve Reclaimed Clothing Exchange | 1444 W. Meyer Rd.**

Success story! When the McLanes opened Sproutfitters in 2017 they knew Wentzville was a great place to start their new business. Less than two years later they have expanded with a second Wentzville business — Revolve.

**Business Owners:** Stephanie and Ryan McLane (pictured below)

**What year did you open?** Sproutfitters opened in May 2017; and Revolve opened in February of 2019.

**What influenced you to locate your business in Wentzville?** There was a need in the community for these types of businesses and Wentzville is our home.

**What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here?** A high-quality shopping experience at a more affordable cost for name-brand clothing and accessories.

**What products/services do you offer?** At Sproutfitters, we offer clothes, shoes, toys and accessories for youth and maternity. Revolve offers a selection for teens and adults.

**What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville?** It still has a small-town feel and a very loyal customer base.

**What’s next for your business?** We are hoping to go even more "green" for our stores and our customers.

**What do you hope Wentzville will be or evolve into five years from now?** We are looking forward to the completion of the new Multigenerational Recreation Facility.

**Any other comments you’d like to share?** We want to be more active in the community and give back our time and resources.
Transportation Project Updates 2019 and 2020

This year, Wentzville has seen a great surge of community growth and improvement. The City of Wentzville has been hard at work implementing positive change in our community. The Board of Aldermen is proud of the progress made and excited for what’s to come! To learn more about these projects and view project updates as they become available, please visit bit.ly/roadprojectupdates.

Pearce Boulevard and Wentzville Parkway: The City is currently finalizing the design and contract for a slab replacement project at the intersection of Wentzville Parkway and Pearce Boulevard. Construction is expected to start in early fall. The work will take place overnight utilizing high early strength concrete in order to have lanes back open to traffic by the morning rush hour. During the overnight work, lane closures and detours will be necessary between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Allen Street Reconstruction — from Blumhoff Avenue to North Locust Street: The project will provide additional parking spaces for downtown businesses and encourage pedestrian travel through improved sidewalks and aesthetic enhancements — including landscaping and lighting. The design was completed in 2019 as part of the Downtown Revitalization Study. This is the start of a phased project that will eventually connect Allen Street with Luetkenhaus Boulevard in order to improve traffic flow and provide alternative access during periods of high-traffic volume.

West Pearce Boulevard and Meyer Road Traffic Signal: This project will convert the existing all-way stop located at Meyer Road and West Pearce Boulevard to a signalized intersection including pedestrian improvements. The work will also remove an all-way stop located at Cheryl Ann Drive. This project will help alleviate congestion associated with the current condition, and address safety issues identified in St. Charles County’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

David Hoekel Parkway Phase 2: As of late summer, the majority of the new North Outer Road has been graded and base rocked in preparation of the concrete pavement. At the end of July, Goodfellow Road was closed between Limerick Avenue and Brookfield Boulevard. This closure allows for the remaining section of the North Outer Road to be excavated, storm sewer installation to take place, and for base rock to be installed for the concrete pavement. Tentatively, and weather permitting, the new North Outer Road will be open to traffic by mid-September with the new entrance to Brookfield open as well.

Once the North Outer Road pavement is nearing completion, the contractor will mobilize to the south side of I-70 to begin the earthwork operations. In addition to the grading visible north of I-70, the current project will also construct a large earth embankment south of the Norfolk Southern Railroad (prior to the second bridge phase of the project).

Slab Replacement Program: In response to resident input, the Board continues to focus our attention on the annual street maintenance program. Once again, the Board has increased the budgeted amount for slab replacements. In 2020, it is anticipated that the budgeted amount will rise from $2.8 million to $3.2 million.

The City annually reviews all City streets and develops a cost-efficient schedule designed specifically to replace deteriorated concrete slabs based upon individual concrete slab condition. To equitably select these slabs, City staff performs field inspections and uses GPS equipment to identify the street segments that are in the worst overall condition within the City. This information is processed with in-house engineering staff to cost-effectively prepare the annual slab-replacement program.

The City recognizes the inconvenience experienced by residents during road construction and attempts to expedite the process in the safest and most timely manner possible. We greatly appreciate your patience. For a list of projects, please visit bit.ly/slabreplacementprogram.
**Health + Safety Day**

**WHAT:** Fun for all ages! Join us for hands-on demonstrations, educational resources, activities and fun!

**WHEN:** Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-Noon

**WHERE:** Peine Ridge Elementary | 1107 Peine Rd., Wentzville

*To learn more, please visit the Facebook event page at: bit.ly/healthandsafetyday.*

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**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.