Spring Citywide Yard Sale

Wentzville’s Spring Citywide Yard Sale is Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. Don’t want it? Don’t need it? Let us help you sell it! For $6 you can list your sale in our Yard Sale Booklet. You have the option to have your sale one day or two.

Yard Sale
April 27-28

Easter EGGstravaganza

On Saturday, March 24, join us at Wentzville’s Rotary Park for our annual Easter EGGstravaganza. To register, please call (636) 332-9236. Registration in advance is $4 per child, the day of the event is $5 per child. Please arrive early to allow time for parking. The gates open at 8:30 a.m. Ages 1-2, 7-8 and 9-10 will hunt at 9:30 a.m., while ages 3-4 & 5-6 will hunt at 10:30 a.m. Get your tickets online at bit.ly/wentzvilleeaster or call (636) 332-9236.

GM Earth Day Festival

Join us on Saturday, April 7 at Rotary Park for the annual GM Earth Day Festival. Enjoy hands-on activities for all ages, raffles, live demonstrations, as well as food vendors and music. You can sample green products, check out local artisans and organization’s booths, and more. Don’t forget to stop by the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Arbor Days booth. Free seedlings will be available to resident-card holders. No preregistration for the event is required.

The GM Earth Day Festival is held in conjunction with the Mission Clean Stream event each year. To learn about the volunteer cleanup, please visit bit.ly/MissionCleanStream.
Wentzville’s Board of Aldermen recently approved a resolution expanding the Façade Improvement Grant Program that was initially established in 2016. The program, which previously applied to only the HD-1 zoning district, has been expanded to include properties zoned HD-2 and HD-3. The eligible zoned properties are all located in the City’s historic district. The program was further modified to include two application periods: April 1-30 and Aug. 1-31.

The program applies to business and mixed-use buildings, which are more than 50 years old and located in the HD-1, HD-2 or HD-3 zoning districts. Residential buildings are not eligible for the program. With the expansion of the program, there are now a total of 112 eligible properties.

The Façade Improvement Grant Program was established to permit and encourage the preservation of historic structures and avoid neighborhood deterioration through renovation and restoration of commercial and mixed-use buildings. The emphasis of the program is to enhance the exterior facades of these structures. The City established the program recognizing that the requirements for the restoration of older structures are generally more expensive than more modern buildings.

The program will encourage reinvestment in Historic Downtown Wentzville through a matching 50-50 grant for an amount not to exceed a $10,000 grant, per eligible project. A total of $50,000 has been set-aside in the 2018 budget to support this effort.

The program includes a number of additional requirements. One of these requirements is placement of a deed restriction and lien on the property. Should a property owner not retain ownership for at least five years of the grant funds being awarded, funds must be returned to the City. This provision encourages long-term reinvestment and discourages property “flipping.” Only exterior-improvement projects are eligible and may include such features as door and window replacement, tuck-pointing, canopies/awnings, ornamental facade treatment and similar enhancements. Several properties have already taken advantage of this program. Improvements to-date include the removal of paint on exterior brick, the addition of canopies/awnings, and door and window replacement.

Eligible property owners should have already received a letter from the City. Interested property owners are encouraged to submit an application for the grant. Applications will be accepted April 1-30 and again Aug. 1-31. Applications can be obtained from the Community Development Department at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.).

Help Us Celebrate a New Park Amenity

Please join us for a special Groundbreaking Ceremony for Unlimited Play’s all-inclusive playground – Jake’s Field of Dreams. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 4 p.m. at Heartland Park (100 William Dierberg Dr.). This exciting new amenity is expected to open to the public later this summer. Jake’s Field of Dreams is a place where everyone, regardless of ability, can play and have fun together.

Business Spotlight

Playtime Party Center | 1225 Wentzville Pkwy.

Business Owners: Todd and Kelly Bishop (pictured)

What year did you open? 2007

What influenced you to locate your business in Wentzville? Born and raised in the area and the overall growth of the community.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? Safe, clean, family-friendly atmosphere that people want to come back to.

What products/services do you offer? Birthday parties, open play areas, bounce houses, video games, food service and more.

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? Seeing the continuing growth of the City.

What’s next for your business? Hope to build a new facility on Highway A, which will feature laser tag and mini-bowling.

What is your hope for Wentzville five years from now? That it will be continuing its growth and furthering park development.

Any other comments you’d like to share? We are a family-owned business.
State of the City 2017: A Look Back at a Great Year!

Wentzville saw many changes in 2017 – positive changes that brought growth and strengthened the community, reminding us of our past, present and future. By far, our biggest accomplishment this year is our new City Hall. This project has been something I’ve worked hard to bring to fruition for almost a decade. The new location combines staff from nine departments and five different buildings into one. This new building is 45,000 square feet and is expected to accommodate City staff for more than 30 years. The City paid for the new building out of reserves. No debt. No bonds. No taxes. And, we stayed under budget by $1.8 million. Thorough planning by current and previous elected officials has allowed us to brightly welcome Wentzville into the future. Please remember, although my office has moved my door is always open. Stop by and see me at the new facility at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held last September for Phase 1 of the David Hoekel Parkway Project. Phase 1 is located at the interchange at Peine Road, Highway P and Highway 61. This is a joint project between the City, MoDOT and St. Charles County, with MoDOT serving as the project lead. This project made good progress during 2017 with a large portion of the grading completed, center bridge piers and MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) walls installed, as well as additional paving work for the right-in/right-out intersections along the corridor.

Design is near completion for David Hoekel Parkway Phase 2, which is situated at the interchange of I-70 and North Point Prairie. Final coordination from MoDOT and Norfolk Southern Railroad is anticipated in early 2018. Currently, the City expects to bid and begin a preliminary grading package in late 2018. Full construction is expected in mid-to-late 2019.

As much as we are proud of the present growth and excited to see what’s next for Wentzville, we are also very proud of Wentzville’s past. 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of Wentzville’s Vietnam War Memorial – the first memorial of its kind in the nation. To commemorate this important anniversary, the City completed an expansion and renovation project at the site. The memorial received an updated look complete with seating, lighting, a rock wall, an ADA ramp, a commemorative memorial plaque and more. A ribbon cutting was held in May, followed by a rededication ceremony on Veterans Day.

Last summer, the Board passed a resolution to introduce a traffic-calming program for subdivisions. The program includes three tiers of measures that a neighborhood/HOA can choose to implement. To learn more, please visit bit.ly/traffic-calming.

For the second year, Wentzville held its Walk to Stop Heroin. Despite a heavy downpour, more than 600 participants came together to share stories and fight back against this growing epidemic. Our third annual event is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2018.

In 2017, Wentzville’s Economic Development Department launched the S.H.O.P. Wentzville campaign, which encourages those who live and work in Wentzville to make a conscious effort to Shop Here On Purpose. Shopping local keeps your tax dollars working for you right here in our community.

Speaking of impacting our community, the City’s round-up utility bill program continues to be successful. This program allows utility customers to round up their bills to the next dollar. The difference is then donated to the Meals on Wheels program which impacts Wentzville seniors. In 2017 the program raised $8,500; resident participation rates increased by 46%, as nearly 500 new people signed up. To participate, call (636) 327-5101.

We’re also still booming in the housing market, with 575 single-family and 115 multi-family building permits this year. On a larger scale, the Wentzville Logistics Center also opened in Wentzville in 2017. This 1.1-million-square-foot facility is the second largest in St. Charles County and won the 2017 Building St. Louis Award for a public/private project of more than $10 million.

Again this year Wentzville saw growth in our parks and recreation arena. In April, we held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for Peruque Valley Park, which is located at 1335 S. Point Prairie Rd. This park is our southern-most park and boasts baseball/softball fields and a picturesque walking trail along Peruque Creek. The Parks and Recreation Department also launched a feasibility study in 2017 to examine the need for a multi-generational facility. Public meetings were held during the summer of 2017 and additional community input will be sought in the future.

Last summer, at the request of Alderman Bryan Harr, the City established a partnership with ITNGateway to provide transportation to Wentzville’s senior citizen community. The rides through ITN are offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is a $50 annual fee that the City reimburses after a resident has completed three rides. To learn more, please call ITN at (636) 329-0888.

So, what’s next for Wentzville? We’re in the middle of a comprehensive plan update, we’re planning for 2018 slab replacement projects, we’re working on future projects like the extension of Wentzville Parkway south, and we’re expanding our Façade Improvement Program to continue revitalization in historic downtown Wentzville (see page 2 for more information). Lots of changes are on the horizon for Wentzville; however, we’ll continue to stay tied to our roots, while maintaining our commitment and passion to our residents and our community.

Questions or comments? Please email me at Nick.Guccione@wentzvillemo.org or call me at (636) 327-5101.
Yard-Waste Pickup Resumes March 1

Yard-waste pickup for the City of Wentzville will resume March 1 and will continue through the last full week of December 2018.

Current Yard-Waste Subscribers: Those who have not canceled their current service, and who were receiving service when it ended in December, will be automatically put on the list for 2018. The last day to cancel yard-waste service is April 27, 2018.

New Yard-Waste Subscribers: To begin service, a 10-month commitment is required. Meaning, residents who begin the service on March 1, 2018, must keep the service through Dec. 28, 2018.

How does it work? Our daily collection schedule allows us to pair your yard-waste pickup with your regular trash/recycling day. Everything should be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. Yard waste is $9 per month without a yard-waste cart or $11 per month, with a cart. If you select the $9 plan, you can place your yard waste in brown biodegradable bags or in your own can.

If you use your own can, it must be clearly marked “Yard Waste” on both sides. So that drivers can easily identify the yard-waste cans, it’s best to use City-furnished “YARD WASTE ONLY” stickers, which are available at City Hall.

What’s included? Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, or limbs and branches. Limbs and branches cannot be more than four feet long, 18 inches in diameter, or weigh more than 40 pounds — and must be bundled. Please tie bundles with a natural twine or other biodegradable binding material.

What’s not included? Yard waste does not include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps or logs more than 18 inches in diameter.

Questions? To sign up or get more details, please call Public Works at (636) 327-5102, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit bit.ly/solidwasteandrecycling.

FREE Spring Tree Limb Pickup

The tree limb pickup does NOT correspond to residents’ trash/recycling/yard-waste pickup days. 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 2018 schedule is as follows:

- Ward 1: Week of Apr. 2
- Ward 2: Week of Apr. 9
- Ward 3: Week of Apr. 16

Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. The 2018 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.

Emergency Alerts

Did you know the City has an emergency notification system in place? The W.I.N.D. system (or Wentzville Information Notification Delivery) is used to notify residents and business owners about imminent threats to health and safety. Public safety officials may send alerts about emergencies, including severe weather, water outages, traffic issues and critical police activity. If you sign up for City announcements, you will receive information on the topics you designate.

Those who sign up can receive alerts by phone, by text and/or by email. To sign up, please visit bit.ly/signupforWIND. Please note: If you’ve signed up previously, please login to ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

Retirement Reception to Honor Wentzville City Clerk

After 38 years with the City of Wentzville, City Clerk Vi Skillman is set to retire May 2, 2018. Celebrate with her during a come-and-go reception on April 20 from 2-4 p.m. The reception will be held in the Board Chambers at Wentzville City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.).
Utility Tax Refunds Start April 2; Income Level Changes for 2018

From April 2 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 2017 gross income of $31,740 for a single-person household and $36,240 for a married-couple household. The refund program is based on your total gross income for filing year 2017, social security income is included. These income requirements are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and can fluctuate greatly from year to year. Refunds are only available for the months when you lived in Wentzville and were at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled.

The refund amount is a portion of the “City Tax” or “Franchise Tax” listed on your electric, gas and phone bills for 2017. 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 2017 by calling (314) 342-1111.
- **Laclede Gas**: Request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2017 by calling (314) 621-6960.
- **Cuivre River**: Request the “Wentzville City Tax Report” for 2017 by calling (800) 392-3709.
- **Phone Bills**: Provide landline OR cell phone bills (pre-paid phones are not eligible).

Beginning April 2, residents can apply for the refund in person at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). When applying for the refund, residents will need: 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.

Electronics Recycling Event a Success; Second Event Planned for This Summer

Thirty-one thousand pounds (15.55 tons) of electronic waste — or e-waste — was diverted from the landfill during the City’s first-ever Electronic Recycling Event on Jan. 6. The success of this event was thanks to the more than 700 participants who patiently waited in line to drive-thru and drop-off their items.

The majority of the items recycled included computer-related equipment, such as monitors, printers and laptops. The event was managed by Midwest Recycling Center and was funded by a recycling grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The City extends a big “thank you” to everyone who participated and to our wonderful volunteers!

A second Electronics Recycling Event has been planned for Saturday, Aug. 25 from 8-11 a.m. This event will be held again at Heartland Park and will include a document shredding component in addition to electronics recycling. Please stay tuned to the City’s website and social media channels for additional information coming soon.

Candidates for April 3 Election

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 3, 2018, election. Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 7 to register. Voter registration forms are available at the St. Charles County Election Authority Office at 397 Turner Blvd., in St. Peters. For questions, call the Election Authority Office at (636) 949-7550. To determine your polling location, please visit bit.ly/stcharlesvoting. Below are the candidates for the April 3 election.

**Alderman Ward 1 — Two-Year Term**
- Robert (Rob) Hussey
- Brian VanNierop

**Alderman Ward 2 — Two-Year Term**
- Arthur E. Bottorff
- Jeffrey Ottenlips

**Alderman Ward 3 — Two-Year Term**
- Michael (Mike) Hays
- Jerrett Einsporn
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.

This year, 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 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

Summer Camp Preview

Camp Wentzville

Come join the F.R.O.G.S. (Friendly, Reliable, Outstanding, Genuine, Summer Fun!) at Camp Wentzville this summer! Camp Wentzville is for kids ages 6-12. Campers will swim most days and participate in a wide variety of other activities including games, arts and crafts, field trips, cooking, and much more. Every day is structured with fun, safe and exciting activities! Register early; this program fills up quickly. Before- and after-care is also available during Camp Wentzville. To register, or for more information, please call (636) 332-9236 or visit bit.ly/wentzvillesignup.
Come See What’s Happening in Historic Downtown Wentzville

Wentzville’s Historic Downtown provides a glimpse into the history of our City. Many buildings along the Historic Downtown corridor have been community fixtures for decades. While Historic Downtown Wentzville reminds us of our past, it is also an ever-changing area that is gaining infrastructure and aesthetic enhancements, new businesses, façade improvements and more. The Board of Aldermen is committed to the downtown area and is excited to see it thrive. Revitalization of Historic Downtown Wentzville has remained a goal of the Board over the years and now as the Board has approved funds for these efforts many changes are taking place.

Historic Downtown Wentzville has been experiencing a resurgence of positive energy. Public dollars spent on infrastructure improvements have resulted in private reinvestment. The Historic Downtown Wentzville corridor extends east along Pearce Boulevard from Poage Chevrolet to Luetkenhaus Boulevard near Pete’s Drive-In. The north boundary is Koenig and Maple streets and the south boundary is near 6th Street. The Historic Downtown includes more than 160 businesses.

Major public infrastructure improvements have included the reconstruction of both Church and Main streets; a waterline replacement and upgrade along Main, Linn, 4th and 5th streets; and the construction of new handicapped-accessible sidewalks.

Recognizing the importance of having a thriving business climate in downtown, the Board approved the purchase of the parking lot at Pearce Boulevard and Linn Avenue, and the City is leasing a parking lot from CenturyLink along Main Street. Additional parking has been provided along the railroad track in a cooperative arrangement with Norfolk Southern Railroad.

The aesthetics of the area have also been greatly enhanced with improved roadways, as well as lighting and landscaping added along the railroad tracks. The caboose is used as a meeting space for the Wentzville Historical Society and as a focal point/gathering space during downtown events.

A new Historic Downtown entry sign at the intersection of Pearce and Luetkenhaus boulevards provides information about upcoming City events and activities. A decorative fence has also been placed along a portion of the railroad tracks for both aesthetics and safety. The total costs for these various infrastructure and aesthetic enhancements is approximately $2 million.

With Board approval, the City also implemented a Fire Protection Tap-Waiver Program for those that voluntarily install fire suppression systems in older historic structures within the Historic District Zoning. Along with the tap-waiver program, a façade improvement grant program has been developed and implemented. Additional information on the façade improvement grant program can be found on page 2.

The private sector has responded very favorably to the infrastructure improvement. The first new business structure constructed in the downtown area in several years, Fridley Chiropractic, was opened in 2016. Also, a number of other businesses have decided to locate or relocate in Historic Downtown and join those that have been located there for many years. The Old Town Smokehouse and Duke’s BBQ are the most recent new businesses to open downtown.

Historic Downtown Wentzville is poised to see even more improvements in the near future. During 2018 Linn Avenue will be reconstructed from Main to 4th streets at a total estimated cost of $800,000. In addition, a study of the downtown traffic pattern along Pearce Boulevard and Allen Street is currently being undertaken by a consultant hired by the City. Just over $8 million has been set-aside to make a dramatic improvement to both the functionality and appearance of the Pearce Boulevard/Allen Street corridor.

Finally, be on the lookout for the new Wentzville Post Office. The facility is being relocated in downtown from its current facility on Allen Street to a new location on Luetkenhaus Boulevard. After more than 50 years, Wentzville residents and businesses will have a Post Office with adequate space to accommodate our ever-growing population. As you can see, lots of changes are on the horizon. Come see what is happening in your Historic Downtown!

Mary Tow Recognized as Wentzville’s Citizen of the Year for 2017

At Wentzville’s Jan. 24 Board of Aldermen meeting, the City presented Wentzville resident Mary Tow with the 2017 Citizen of the Year award. The award recognizes outstanding residents and business owners whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

A Wentzville resident, Mary is often the face you never see as she volunteers behind-the-scenes to keep several local nonprofit and religious organizations up and running. Mary has donated countless hours of time, expertise and skills toward the betterment of the Wentzville community. Mary’s volunteer efforts have greatly benefited our senior community, local artists of all ages, Wentzville’s downtown revitalization and historic preservation efforts, safety improvements along the 40/61 corridor and more. To read the full press release, please visit bit.ly/17-COTY.
Large-Item Pickup — April 30-May 4
The week of April 30-May 4, 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 bit.ly/large-itempickup.

Upcoming Holiday Hours
City offices will be closed on Friday, March 30 to observe Good Friday. This holiday will NOT affect trash/recycling/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 1.

2nd Annual “Wentzville Night at the Ballpark”
Again this year, the City of Wentzville will take part in “Wentzville Night at the Ballpark,” during the River City Rascals game in O’Fallon, on Thursday, May 17, beginning at 6:35 p.m. Discounted tickets will be available with the code “WENTZVILLEROCKS” and can be purchased by calling (636) 240-2287 x242. Please note: $2 of each ticket sold will benefit Friends of the Wentzville Parks and Jake’s Field of Dreams Playground at Heartland Park. Tickets will be available soon at www.rivercityrascals.com.

State of the City Video
Mayor Nick Guccione’s State of the City presentation provides an overview of the highlights and accomplishments from 2017. Topics include the new City Hall, traffic calming options, the S.H.O.P. Wentzville campaign, the City’s partnership for senior transportation and more! To watch the video, please visit the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/wentzvillecity or the City’s website at bit.ly/wentzvillevideos.