City Hires New City Administrator

At its January 23 Board of Aldermen meeting, Board members approved a contract agreement for the appointment of T. Michael McDowell as the City’s new City Administrator. According to City ordinance, the City Administrator is employed by the Board of Aldermen with the approval of the Mayor.

McDowell was chosen from five finalist candidates City officials interviewed for the position, and will assume his duties with the City on March 4. McDowell is a Credentialed Local Government Manager by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and brings with him nearly 40 years of city manager/administrator experience—cutting across four states and multiple suburban areas. Just prior to coming to Wentzville, McDowell served as City Manager for the City of Olivette, Missouri.

McDowell said he has served in a lot of different types of municipalities over the course of his career, and that Wentzville is the type of community he always wanted to work in. “Wentzville is a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know the City’s officials, staff, and the great citizens of Wentzville and join with them helping to move the community forward,” said McDowell.

Under the contract agreement, McDowell will be paid an annual salary of $122,400. Also, since the City’s Administrator is always on call, the City will provide McDowell an automobile for his use.

Wentzville has been without a permanent City Administrator since August of 2011. After nearly a year of searching, in August of 2012, the City hired the Mercer Group to find an acceptable candidate for the position. According to its contract, the City paid Mercer Group $16,500 for professional fees to recruit candidates, review resumes, screen the finalists, conduct background investigations, and coordinate interviews with Wentzville’s Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

2012 City-Utility-Tax Refunds Available to Eligible Residents

From April 1 through May 31, eligible residents can apply for a City-utility-tax refund. The refund amount is according to what was listed as “City Tax” on the resident’s electric, gas and phone bills during 2012.

To be eligible for the refund, individuals need to either rent or own their primary residence in the City of Wentzville, be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security, and had a maximum 2012 gross income of $39,450 for single-person households and $45,050 for married-couple households. Refunds are only available for the months when the resident lived in Wentzville and was at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled.

Residents can apply for the refund at either the City’s Utility Service Center, located at 5 West Pearce Boulevard, or at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard. When applying for the refund, residents will need proof of residency (such as a current utility bill), income, age and/or disability, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills for the months they were eligible. Also, to comply with Missouri’s section 208.009 that prohibits a local public benefit being distributed to illegal aliens, residents will be required to present one of the following: a driver’s license, social security card, or birth certificate.

If residents have further questions about the refunds, they can call Wentzville City Hall at (636) 327-5101, or the Village Square Utility Service Center at (636) 639-2155.

April 2 Municipal Candidates

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 2, 2013, election. Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 6 to register. Voter registration is available at all Missouri State offices that provide public assistance, any city hall, public library, public school, vehicle registration office, St. Charles Community College, or at the St. Charles County Election Authority’s office, which is now located at 397 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters.

Below are the Wentzville candidates running for election this April.

Municipal Judge, Two-Year Term
Michael “Mike” Carter
Steve Martin

Alderman Ward 1, Two-Year Term
Cheryl Kross
Robert Hussey

Alderman Ward 2, Two-Year Term
Chris Gard

Alderman Ward 3, Two-Year Term
Michael (Mike) Hays
Linda L. Wright
Darrel Lackey

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
STARTS MARCH 10
Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour that day.

Wentzville’s 2013 State of the City is Online!

Would you like to know what the City’s population trend has been and where it is expected to go? Maybe you’re interested in the number of new businesses that came to Wentzville in 2012, and how last year’s construction dollars stack up against previous years. All that information and more is included in Wentzville’s 2013 State of the City address, and it’s only a couple mouse clicks away. The 2013 State of the City address can be downloaded from the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. From the City’s home page, place your cursor on the “Your Government” tab; then from the drop-down box, choose the “Mayor and Alderman” option and click on the “State of the City Address-2013” link. It’s full of great, easy-to-understand information about your City, and it’s all at your fingertips.
YOUR MISSION...
Join Mission: Clean Stream on April 6
When we EACH do a little, we can ALL do a lot!

On Saturday, April 6, residents across St. Charles County are invited to be part of Mission: Clean Stream and help clean our community’s waterways. Families, organizations and individuals in the Wentzville/Lake St. Louis area who want to participate can call (636) 332-9236. Be sure to register early, because space is limited. Participants registering by April 1 will receive a free T-shirt.

Volunteers should meet at the GM Assembly Plant, Gate 4, at 8:30 a.m. that morning. Be sure to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring gloves—trash is messy! Transportation is not provided. Volunteers will finish by noon and are encouraged to go to the Earth Day Festival at GM for lunch following the pickup.

Even if you can’t help with the trash pickup that day, be sure to come for the family-friendly Earth Day activities. There will be hands-on crafts for kids, a model stream to explore, the Stream Trash ART project where you can watch artists use recycled materials and salvaged metal to create new works of art, and much more. For more information about this year’s Mission: Clean Stream and all the activities that day, go to www.wentzvillemo.org/mcs.aspx.

At left are some of the great Wentzville volunteers who helped with last year’s Mission: Clean Stream. Over the last 8 years, 900 Mission: Clean Stream volunteers from Wentzville have removed 62,256 pounds of trash from our streams. That’s cause for celebration!

Congratulations to Michael Rhoades—Wentzville’s  2012 Citizen of the Year!

At the City’s January 16, 2013, Board of Aldermen meeting, Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione (front left) and Board of Aldermen President Rick Stokes (far right) presented Wentzville resident and businessman Michael Rhoades (center) with the City’s 2012 Citizen of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding residents or business owners whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others. Rhoades was recognized for his dedication to the City and his students who attend his Jin Jung Kwan Hapkido-USA martial arts academy, which is located in the City’s historic area at 600 West Pearce Boulevard. Rhoades established his business in 1994 and as it expanded across the nation over the past 18 years, he chose to keep his headquarters in Wentzville.

Want to Know How To Do Business With the City? Register for the March 27 Vendors’ Symposium.

If you’re a business person who wants the chance to become a vendor for Wentzville, or if you’re already one of the City’s vendors, but want to know how to increase your business with the City, you’ll want to register for the upcoming Vendors’ Symposium, to be held on March 27 at the CenturyLink Building, and presented by Wentzville’s Procurement Director. To register for the symposium, call Wentzville Procurement Director Jerry Hillin at (636) 639-2005, or e-mail him at jerry.hillin@wentzvillemo.org.

Solicitors in Wentzville Must Wear ID Badge

To compel accountability by businesses that operate door to door, the City of Wentzville requires all persons soliciting within the City limits to obtain a solicitor’s license, and to wear the license so that it is easily visible to the resident. Solicitor’s licenses are issued to each individual soliciting, not just the company they represent. The license has the solicitor’s photo, name of the company he or she is representing, and the signature of the City Clerk on it.

Fundraising activities by bona fide religious, educational or charitable organizations, however, are exempt from this requirement.

Anytime solicitors arrive at your home, make sure they have and display a solicitor’s license before you begin to conduct business. If the solicitor cannot produce a solicitor’s license, contact City Hall at (636) 327-5101, or the Police Department at (636) 327-5105.

If you would rather not deal with solicitors at all, you can post a sign in your front yard, no larger than one-foot square, saying, “no soliciting” or “no solicitors.” The sign must be visible from the right-of-way. Or you can, instead, post a sign at your front door and any other entrance through which a guest would normally enter the residence. By ordinance, solicitations are prohibited from entering any private property posted in this manner.

Businesses that want to obtain solicitor’s licenses for their employees should call the City Clerk’s office at (636) 639-2010.

Spring Residential Large-Trash Pickup Helps Residents Cleanup

This year’s free Spring Residential Large-Trash Pickup will take place May 6 through May 10. With the City’s change to a five-day-a-week pickup schedule for trash, residents can put out their bulky items for pickup on their regularly scheduled trash pickup day that week. This service is for Wentzville residential customers only and all items should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Below is a list of the types of items residents can easily dispose of through this free service.

Please Note: For safety purposes, semi-airtight containers with a capacity of 1 1/2 cubic feet or more and openings of 50-square inches must have the hinges, latches or other hardware removed.

All appliance items limit of 1 of each type per household! Appliances that will be accepted are:
Refrigerators • Freezers • Air-conditioners • Washers • Dryers • Stoves • Televisions

NOTE: Items with Freon should be put to the side of all other items and a separate truck will pick them up.

The following items will not be accepted:
Tires • Batteries (lead acid) • Waste Oil • Yard Waste • Bricks • Any Liquids • Concrete of Any Kind • Railroad Ties • Car or Engine Parts of Any Kind

Basketball hoops are not picked up unless residents call the Public Works Department ahead of time and clearly state that they want theirs picked up.

If residents have questions about the free Spring Large-Item Pickup, they can call the Wentzville Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049 during business hours, Monday through Friday.
Mayor’s Comment: Shopping Local Benefits All Of Us

How to fix our economy is a hot topic, but what many of our residents might not realize is they can significantly improve the economy in their own hometown simply by making a point to shop Wentzville first. When you shop at businesses close to home, you benefit in ways that result in a higher quality of life for you and your family, and can even end up putting more dollars in your pocket.

First, shopping locally means the sales tax dollars you pay helps improve the streets in Wentzville that you drive on daily. It puts more police officers on duty to keep our City safe, improves the parks where you take your children, and enables Wentzville to maintain and enhance the level of services it provides. When you shop in other cities and counties, you turn over your hard-earned tax dollars to provide these benefits to other people.

Second, supporting Wentzville businesses means more jobs right here—jobs for your neighbors, your teens, and yourself. As Wentzville businesses thrive and expand, they put more money back into our community through wages paid to workers and property tax. And a thriving business district attracts more businesses, which brings more tax revenue into the community and helps lessen the property-tax burden on residents.

Last, but not least, shopping Wentzville means lower gasoline costs for you, fewer miles put on your vehicle, and less time spent on the road. With gasoline fluctuating between $3 and $4 per gallon, a shopping trip to another city or county can easily add an extra $15 to $20 onto your purchases.

As a City, our staff and elected officials are working on ways to also shop Wentzville first. Last year, our Procurement Department reviewed the goods and services the City purchased from October 2009 through September 2012. We wanted to see how well Wentzville businesses competed with businesses throughout the state and nation for City business opportunities. What we found concerned us. Wentzville businesses, which included both local-owned businesses and chain retailers located in Wentzville, were getting only slightly over four percent of the awards for City businesses and services. St. Charles County businesses fared better with just under 20 percent, but over 75 percent of our business was going outside the County.

We were concerned because in addition to wanting to support Wentzville businesses, it makes good economic sense for the City to shop Wentzville businesses first. A study in 2008 performed by the Civic Economics for the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan suggested you can expect an economic impact of $73 for every $100 spent at a locally-owned business, and $43 for every $100 spent at a local retail chain. By using an average figure of $58 per $100 on what the City had spent with Wentzville businesses from October 2009 through September 2012, we found that if we could shift only 10 percent of the purchases we made with businesses across the state of Missouri to Wentzville businesses, we could more than double the economic impact on our City—from $1.02 million to $2.56 million.

To encourage more bids from Wentzville businesses, we’ve begun holding vendor symposiums to let businesses know what contracts will be coming up and how they can compete for those contracts. The next symposium will be held on March 27 at the CenturyLink Building. We’ve also offered blanket purchase agreements to local businesses that agree to provide the City set discounts on goods and services. I urge all Wentzville businesses to become more active in bidding for City contracts.

To residents, before you jump in your car and head off to another city or county with your next shopping trip, I urge you to check out what is right here in Wentzville. Our retail pool has boomed over the past decade, and you would probably be surprised at what you can find within just a few minutes from your front door. Best of all, when you shop Wentzville first you’ll be doing something good for yourself, your neighbors, and your hometown.

From the Board: A Look Forward and a Look Back

In the last Vision newsletter we shared with residents positive economic news that shows Wentzville is leading the area in recovering from the recession. You only had to drive through our commercial areas, go to our City parks, or read the newspaper to know there were a lot of good things happening here in 2012. And with the exciting things coming to and planned for our City this year, we think 2013 will be just as good.

Early this year, we hired Michael McDowell as Wentzville’s new City Administrator. Michael comes to us with over 40 years of experience in city management, and across a diversity of cities and states. We’re excited about working with him to move our City forward. Michael takes over his duties with the City on March 4, just a few days after this newsletter is scheduled to arrive at residents’ homes.

As we start off a new year with a new City Administrator, we thought it might be good to take a look at some of the other positive things people will see happening around Wentzville this year: We also want to share with residents some of the things City staff does to keep our City running. At the end of 2012, City staff members prepared and presented to the Board a 2012 Year End Review. The contents of that little booklet are eye opening, and explain a lot about how and why our City continues to move forward. Although there’s not room to present everything, we think it is worthwhile to share a few of the highlights from that booklet.

Our Economic Development Department worked hard last year recruiting businesses to Wentzville. Three major initiatives they worked on were the coordination of the GM expansion, finalizing the cooperative understanding between the City and Ranken Technical College, and assisting Roberts Marketing Group to locate here. These three projects will bring more jobs and employment opportunities to Wentzville. The GM expansion is well underway and eventually will add up to 1,600 jobs, Roberts Marketing expects to add a total of 500 new jobs before the end of 2013, and Ranken Technical College’s Wentzville location will begin hosting classes in April.

The biggest news this year with Parks and Recreation is the construction of Wentzville’s new, state-of-the-art aquatic center, Splash Station. We broke ground on Splash Station back in November, and although at this time we’ve had some construction delays due to rock, we still expect to see it completed sometime later this year. Also, we expect work to begin later this year on Heartland Park and Peruque Valley Park. In 2012 our Parks Department offered 203 classes with a total of 522 sessions, and saw an enrollment of more than 5,900 participants.

Our Public Works Administration worked last year with the City’s Police Department and MoDOT to establish the Travel Safe Zone along Highway 61. Public Works also worked with the Board of Aldermen to implement an agreement for the Gateway Greenlight Programs, which among other things will provide 24-hour monitoring of City traffic signals and access to ongoing data collected on City signals to help analyze and improve our system management. Public Works Administration and our Engineering Division worked together last year on many of the major construction projects in our City, such as their assistance with the Parks Department with plan review, permitting, bidding, award, and construction management of Splash Station, Peruque Valley Park and Heartland Park. Two other recent high-profile construction projects they helped with include the improvements at the intersection of Wentzville Parkway and Pearce Boulevard, and the improvements and beautification of Church Street, which is an entrance to the City’s historic Village Center. Public Works also oversees our Recycling Rewards Program, and in 2012 it rewarded 55 Prize Baskets to residents for recycling. Last year, an estimated 2.1 million pounds of materials were recycled in Wentzville.

Below are a few more 2012 accomplishments some of our City departments made, and also a few projects staff will be working on in 2013.

Municipal Court
• Updated all Court forms, put new procedures into place, started cross training, and wrote a step-by-step manual for the INCODE system.
• In 2013 will begin implementing an online payment system.

Police Department
• Installed a new Chief of Police.

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       | G.M. Assembly Plant Gate 4  
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| 19   | 19 Pee-Wee & Youth Soccer Leagues Start**  
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       | Booklet on Sale** |
| 21   | 21 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
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* Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101. ** See article in this edition of Vision.
**Easter Activities for Everyone!**

Everyone in the family can get in on the Easter activities in Wentzville—even the four-legged, tail-wagging family member. Check out the special events below! Be sure to note the NEW HUNT TIMES for our EGGstravaganza! Kids will be grouped according to their age.

To register for either of these events, call the Parks Department at (636) 327-7665 or (636) 332-9236.

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**Easter EGGstravaganza**

Kids ages 1-10 can hunt for thousands of Eggs filled with candy and special prizes. Don’t forget to bring your basket, and come early for clowns and face painting.

**March 23 • Gates open at 8:30 a.m.**

**Come early for parking! • Rotary Park**

**Tickets:** $2 in advance • $3 on the day of the event, sold at Rotary Park

9:30 a.m.  Ages 1-2, 7-8 and 9-10

10:00 a.m.  Ages 3-4 and 5-6

Advance tickets sold at Progress Park until March 22 at 6:00 p.m., and you must bring purchased ticket with you on the day of the event.

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**Bone Hunt**

This event is for the furry member of the family! All kinds of dog treats and bones will be hidden for your four-legged friend to find. Be sure to bring a basket with you to carry all your canine companion’s finds. There will also be door-prize drawings, and all pooches receive a “doggie bag” to take home. Dogs must remain leashed at all times.

**March 23 • 2:00 p.m. • Any age in dog years**

**Rotary Park**

$8 Resident pooch • $10 Nonresident pooch (March 16 registration deadline.) Proof of rabies vaccination required at time of registration.

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**Job Fair for Summer Parks and Recreation Positions**

Don’t miss out on the chance to have fun while earning a little extra cash this summer. On Thursday, March 7, from 2:00-7:00 p.m., the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department will host a job fair at Progress Park to fill temporary summer positions. Positions available include Day Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, Concessionaires, and Umpires. Starting pay varies depending on position and experience.

Applicants should be highly motivated and age 16 or older by March 6, 2013. Applications can be filled out in advance by downloading them from the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org/ employment-opportunities.aspx, or they can be picked up and completed on the day of the job fair. No advance appointments will be provided.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236.

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**Kids’ Soccer Programs**

This spring, kids ages four through eight can enjoy playing soccer and experience the fun of being part of a team. Check out the soccer opportunities below. All meet at Progress Park. Days, times, and duration of the programs vary from three to six weeks.

**Youth Soccer Skills**

Cost: $40 resident, $50 nonresident

**Tuesdays, April 2-16**

This introductory program is designed for kids ages three through eight who are interested in learning the basic skills of soccer. Each child will work one-on-one with their parent or guardian in performing drills like dribbling, shooting, passing and throw-ins. Each child will receive a size three soccer ball and a T-shirt. The 45-minute, Tuesday-evening sessions begin April 2, and are held for three consecutive weeks. Starting time for kids ages three-five is 5:30, and starting time for kids ages six-eight is 6:30.

**Pee Wee Soccer League**

Cost: $45 resident, $55 non resident

**Saturdays, April 20-June 1**

This micro soccer league for kids ages four and five meets from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Through it kids will learn basic soccer skills and experience actual game play. Each child will receive a game shirt and an award at the end of the season. Participants will be divided into teams for four-on-four instructional games in 45-minute increments. Game times will vary each week. Registration deadline is April 8.

**Kick Start Soccer**

Cost: $55 resident, $65 nonresident

**Saturdays, April 20-June 1**

Kick Start Soccer is designed for kids ages six through eight, and is the perfect next step from Pee Wee Soccer. Sessions run from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, with the games played on a bigger soccer field and more of the rules applied. Teams are coed with a minimum of 10 on each team, and each team will play a minimum of 6 games. Space is limited, so sign up early! Registration deadline is April 8.

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**Residents can call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 335-9236 to register for any of these programs or for more information.**

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**Want a Bargain? How about 13 in 13?**

A happy, healthy community is our goal, so throughout 2013, with every Progress Park complex or recreation membership you purchase, we’re going to give you 13 months for the price of 12. That means no matter when you renew or purchase your membership this year, you’ll get one extra month of fun for free. That’s a free, extra month to use our indoor walking/running track, full-length basketball court with six hoops, our cardiovascular and strength training equipment, and a lot more!
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS BEGIN APRIL 1

To help protect Wentzville homeowners’ investments and ensure property values remain stable, the City routinely conducts “windshield” or “drive-by” property-maintenance inspections. All properties are inspected every two years, with one half of the City inspected one year and the other half inspected the following year. Most residents appreciate the City’s vigilance with this matter, because they realize the deteriorating exterior of a home not only lowers its market value, it can also lower the marketability and value of neighboring properties.

In 2013, all structures in the City’s Village Center area and eastern half of Wentzville will be inspected, with inspections beginning April 1. The City conducts these exterior inspections based upon the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code. The items inspected on properties are as follows:

- Address numbers
- Sidewalk/driveway deterioration
- Overgrown grass/weeds/dead trees
- Garbage, trash or rubbish in yard
- Derelict autos or parts in yard
- Porches deteriorated
- Masonry damaged or deteriorated
- Windows damaged or broken
- Fences deteriorated
- Gutters damaged or missing
- Roof shingles damaged or missing
- Exterior wall surfaces deteriorated—needing paint
- Garage or main doors deteriorated or broken

When City inspectors find a property that needs attention, they leave a notice on the door of the property. The notices allow a reasonable time for completion.

If residents have a concern about the exterior maintenance of properties in their neighborhood, they don’t have to wait for the City’s biannual windshield inspection. Residents can call the Action Center at (636) 327-5101 anytime to alert the City of a problem. By providing this “warranty,” they don’t have to wait for the City’s biannual windshield inspection. Residents can call the Action Center at (636) 327-5101 anytime to alert the City of a problem. By providing this “warranty,” they don’t have to wait for the City’s biannual windshield inspection.

NEW Businesses
Super cuts • 1855 Wentzville Parkway
Liberty Tax Service • 1201 Wentzville Parkway, Suite 111
Pinnacle Design • 203 Creekside Office Drive

Irrigation Systems Require Permits and Annual Spring Testing

Irrigation systems are a great convenience, but they come with some responsibilities. First, residents who want to install an irrigation system must obtain a permit from the City prior to installation.

Second, the State of Missouri requires anyone who has an irrigation system to have the backflow devices checked each spring by a certified backflow tester to make sure the system’s backflow device is working properly. This requirement applies even to systems that are not used. Debris build up and damaged parts due to freezing can allow contamination to flow from the sprinklers back into public water lines.

Once the testing has been completed, the homeowner is responsible for making sure the results are correctly sent to the City, whether the inspector sends in the results or the homeowner sends them. Test result reports must be sent to Wentzville’s Public Works Department no later than June 1 of each year. Reports received after June 1 will be assessed a $30 per month fine until the report is received.

The reports should be sent to:
Wentzville Public Works Department
Attention: Backflow Testing
200 E. Fourth Street
Wentzville, MO 63385

If residents decide they want to completely discontinue use of their irrigation system, they must have a certified plumber remove the backflow device, and then that same plumber must send the City a letter verifying that the device has been removed.

If residents have any questions about having their irrigation system checked or submitting the test results, they can call the Wentzville Water Department at (636) 327-5102.

A Look Forward and a Look Back
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- Created a Professional Standards Unit.
- Reorganized Department structure to include a new Major, reduce midlevel management, and expand first-line supervision.

Street Division
- Managed contract striping of 6,038 linear feet on roadways.
- Picked up a total of 404-cubic-yards of brush with the spring and fall Free Brush and Tree Chipper Program.
- Responsible for 1,560 linear feet of sidewalk replacement, 265 tons of in-house asphalt street repairs, and 876 cubic yards of in-house concrete street repairs.

Planning and Zoning
- Oversaw GIS enhancements that include I-Pad technology, snowplow tracking technology via Blackberry use, and new Web site enhancements.

City Hall Administration
- Issued 620 business licenses, 35 of which were to new businesses.
- Implemented live streaming of meetings so that all boards and commission meetings are videoed and available on the City’s Web site.
- In a 12-month period, ending October 31, 2012, handled 2,153 concerns by phone or e-mail.
- In November 2012, held the second annual New Resident Orientation, and saw double attendance from the prior year.

Building Division
- Handled 358 permits for single-family-detached and single-family-attached homes, and for 825 miscellaneous permits for things like decks, finished basements, fences and pools.
- Responded to 722 residential concerns for issues like tall grass and weeds, trash and debris, overcrowding, broken windows, mud on the street, peeling paint, work being completed without permits, and other miscellaneous concerns.

Water Division
- In 2012 we saw the completion of Phase II of the expansion of the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Incorporated a water-useage graph through Utility Billing, which allows customers to monitor their monthly water-useage history and possibly reduce their water and sewer bills.
- Provided approximately 1.3 billion gallons of safe drinking water to customers.
- Treated approximately 1 billion gallons of wastewater, and land-applying nearly 400 dry tons of biosolids.

Community Development Administration
- Automated Backflow Test Reports for the Water Division—monitored and maintained 2,486 different accounts.
- Set up 476 new utility accounts.

Procurement Department
- Processed approximately 3,000 Purchase Orders.
- Conducted 66 GovDeals auctions.
- Managed over 300 current, active contracts.

These are only a fraction of the projects listed in the 2012 Year End Review. If you would like to see the full booklet you can request a copy of it at City Hall, or contact one of your Board of Aldermen representatives and your Alderman will be happy to see that you are sent a copy.

The more you know about Wentzville and how the City is run, the better you can help us represent you. We encourage you to become more involved in City government by attending City meetings or watching the meetings online, and by contacting your Board of Aldermen representatives with your concerns and ideas. We want to hear from residents, because we realize we answer to you.
Remember, Yard-Waste Pickup Resumes March 1

Yard-waste pickup for the City of Wentzville will resume on March 1 and continue through the last week of December. Residents who have not canceled the service and were receiving the service when it ended last year will automatically be put back on the list for 2013. Residents who were not receiving yard-waste pickup last year and want to subscribe to the service in 2013 will need to call Wentzville’s Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049. Also, residents who receive yard waste pickups beginning March 1 cannot cancel it throughout the remainder of the season. Once yard waste service begins, it continues throughout the year.

Now that the City has gone to a five-day-a-week pickup schedule, residents who receive yard-waste pickup service can put their yard waste out on the same day they put out their trash and recycling. Everything should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the appropriate morning. Residents can rent a yard-waste cart for $3.00 a month, or they can use their own can. If residents use their own can, it must be clearly marked “Yard Waste” on both sides.

If residents have questions about fees, recycling, yard waste, or regular sanitation pickup, they can call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049. They can also go the Public Works section of the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and then click on the Solid Waste and Recycling Quick Link in the right column.

Free Spring Pickup of Tree and Shrub Trimmings

With the arrival of spring, many residents will want to tidy up and trim the trees and shrubs around their houses. To make it easy for residents to dispose of these trimmings, the City provides a Brush and Tree Chipper Program in both the spring and fall. For residents living north of the railroad tracks, the free spring pickup of tree and shrub trimmings is scheduled for the week of April 1 through April 5. Residents living south of the railroad tracks will have their tree and shrub trimmings picked up April 8 through April 12. To ensure pickup, residents should have their tree and shrub trimmings placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the week their area is scheduled for pickup.

Limbs should be eight inches or less in diameter, and residents should not tie limbs into bundles or place them in bags. Leaves, decorative grasses or grass clippings are not included in this pickup and will not be accepted. All materials not placed at the curb line or that have greater than an eight-inch diameter will not be picked up.

If residents have questions about the Brush and Tree Chipper Program, they can call the Wentzville Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049.

Raise Cash or Find Treasure With Wentzville’s Citywide Yard Sale

Do you have seldom-used items you want to turn into cash, or are you a treasure hunter always on the prowl for great bargains? In either case, Wentzville’s annual Spring Citywide Yard Sale is a great opportunity for you! This year’s Spring Citywide Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, and just like previous years, it’s expected to attract thousands of shoppers from surrounding areas and as far away as Illinois!

To help you attract the right buyers or find the perfect treasure, be sure to take advantage of the Citywide Yard Sale Booklet the Parks and Recreation Department will put together and print. The booklets will include a treasure map with all of the registered yard sales listed, a brief description of the items to be sold at each yard sale, and the hours of each yard sale listed. Residents who list their sales in the booklet will also receive an official City Yard Sale sign.

Sellers can list their yard sales with the Parks Department for $6 through Sunday, April 28. If three neighbors want to go together and list their yard sales, the cost is only $15. Beginning Wednesday, May 1, buyers can purchase the booklets for $2 each at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard; the Utilities Service Center, located at 5 West Pearce Boulevard; or the Parks and Recreation Office, located in Progress Park at 968 Meyer Road. Shoppers can purchase booklets at the Parks and Recreation Office all the way through Saturday, May 4, but the other two locations will only be open regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

So, no matter whether you’re buying or selling, this year’s Spring Citywide Yard Sale is something you won’t want to miss. For more information about the Citywide Yard Sale, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236 or (636) 327-7665.

City’s Offices Holiday Hours

Please note that City offices will be closed for Good Friday on March 29 so that City employees can spend the holiday with their families. The Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park will be open regular operation hours on Good Friday, but will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31.

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