Wentzville’s Seventeenth Annual Holiday Night Lights display at Rotary Park. This magical mile of thousands of glittering lights outlining holiday displays and tunnels will offer a thrill for everyone, and provide great holiday memories for you and your family.

Wentzville’s 2013 Holiday Night Lights display opens to visitors at 6:00 p.m., the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29. The drive-through display will be open Thursday through Sunday evenings, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., through Sunday, December 8. Starting December 12, the drive-through display will be open nightly, through Monday, December 30, except for Christmas Day. The Holiday Night Lights display is closed on Christmas Day. Admission is only $8 for vehicles holding up to six passengers. Vehicles holding seven or more people must pay an additional $1 per person, beginning with the seventh person.

A special walk-through night will be held on Monday, December 9, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. In addition to strolling through the impressive light displays, visitors that evening can enjoy refreshments in the Kolb building. Santa will also be there, so be sure to bring a camera for all the photo opportunities you’ll find. The cost for the walk-through evening is $3 per person for ages six and up. Children five and under will be admitted free. No drive-through viewing will be allowed on this special night.

Be sure to mark your calendars. This is a holiday event you won’t want to miss.

For many families, Wentzville’s annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony has become their traditional kickoff to the holidays, and it’s easy to understand why. The glittering lights, holiday music, crisp night air and gathering of lots of friends never fail to deliver a big dose of holiday spirit.

This year’s tree lighting ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 1, at the official Wentzville Christmas Tree, located at the intersection of Pearce Boulevard and Luetkenhaus Boulevard, on the wedge of land between Pete’s Drive-In and Dee’s Produce. Gathering for the tree lighting begins at 5:30 p.m. with holiday musical entertainment that is certain to enhance the festive spirit. Wentzville’s Mayor Nick Guccione will officially light the tree, just prior to the start of the Annual Christmas Parade.

The Wentzville Christmas Parade will start at Budget Towing on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, travel south to Pearce Boulevard, and then go west on Pearce to the Wentzville firehouse. (For more parade information, see the Christmas Parade article in this edition of the Vision)

Be sure to mark your calendars. It only happens once a year, and it’s a great way to start your holiday celebrations with friends and family.

Eleventh Annual Christmas Parade Kicks off the Spirit of the Season

On Sunday, December 1, bring the whole family and join with friends and neighbors as Wentzville celebrates the holidays with its Eleventh Annual Christmas Season Parade. This evening of music and twinkling lights will put smiles on the faces of even the most humbug of Scrooges.

The parade will begin immediately following the Wentzville Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The parade starts at Budget Towing on Luetkenhaus Boulevard. It will travel south on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, then turn and go west on Pearce Boulevard, terminating at the Wentzville firehouse. At the firehouse, kids and adults alike can gather for cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Be sure to bring your camera so you can capture those special moments when your little ones sit on Santa’s lap and talk over their Christmas list with the jolly old elf.

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SNOWPLows FOLLOW PLAN TO CLEAR CITY STREETS

We usually see between three to six snowfalls each winter that require street plowing. Below is important information for residents about the City’s snowplowing procedures, and what residents should do when snow is predicted for our area. More information is available in the Public Works Department section of the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org, under the Emergency Winter Storm Procedures link.

To ensure the greatest number of people are able to get out as quickly as possible, the City follows a Winter Storm Operating Policy for clearing the streets. First, the City clears major roads like Wentzville Parkway, Pearce Boulevard and West Meyer Road. Once major roads are passable, the City clears collector roads like Meyer Road, Peine Road, and Mexico Road. Subdivision collector roads are cleared next and after that individual subdivision streets are cleared.

Interstates and highways are cleared by the Missouri Department of Transportation, and St. Charles County maintains roads that fall under their jurisdiction, even though they are within Wentzville’s City limits. A short list of some of these roads is located in the adjacent sidebar.

In addition to plowing, the City spreads salt as the weather dictates. If the temperature is above 30 degrees and rising, no salt is spread; but when it is at 30 degrees and falling, the City begins salting the streets. When the temperature drops to 20 degrees or below, the City adds calcium chloride (a deicing agent) to the roads to make it more effective at the lower temperatures.

Cars parked on streets and in cul-de-sacs create significant problems for snowplow crews. In some instances, such as when two cars are parked across from each other, there is not enough room for the snowplows to navigate safely and the street must be left unplowed. When snow is predicted, residents should make every effort to move their vehicles off the street. Moving your car off the street will not only make it easier for snowplow crews to do their job, but will also let you avoid the problem of digging through a snow pile to get to your car. In addition, if the conditions are such that the snowstorm calls for five inches of snow or more, the Mayor will issue a snow emergency. When a snow emergency is issued, all City streets MUST be cleared of vehicles.

Unfortunately, when snowplows are clearing City streets, mailboxes are occasionally knocked down or damaged. The City will cover up to $50 of the cost to repair or replace a mailbox damaged either as the result of being hit by the plow or from the snow pushed aside by the plow. Residents with specialty mailboxes that are damaged in excess of the $50 limit must submit a claim to the City Clerk.

The City’s policy does not cover damage to lawn-irrigation systems and landscaping within 18 inches from the back of the curb. If damage occurs beyond 18 inches from the back of the curb, the City will cover the repair or replacement costs of those items damaged.

When snowplows are moving down the street, although they may move at only about 15 miles per hour, the force and weight of the snow they throw can knock over people standing near the curb. It is especially important that children are not allowed to play near the curb when snowplows are coming through a subdivision. Also, it is extremely dangerous to allow children to tunnel into or play in the piles of snow that line the streets after a plow has come through.

One particular winter frustration is clearing your driveway only to have the end of it buried in snow after the snowplow has come through. While the City apologizes for this inconvenience, crews are unable to effectively clear the street without this happening, and are not staffed to clear driveways that get plowed in. You can minimize the amount of snow left at the bottom of your drive if when you clear the end of your drive you toss the snow to the left (left as you face your house). This way, as the snowplow comes through, less snow will be deposited at the end of your driveway. Never just push or blow the snow from your driveway into the street. It is actually illegal in Wentzville to plow or clear snow out into the street or the right-of-way areas.

So, the next time the weatherman predicts snow, be sure to move your cars off the street and follow the above tips. This way you’ll make life easier for yourself, your neighbors, and the City’s snowplow crews.

Filing Opens for Municipal Offices

Beginning Tuesday, December 17, at 8:00 a.m., candidates may begin filing for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 2014 ballot. Candidates will need to file at City Hall, 310 West Pearce Boulevard. The filing period will remain open until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Positions open for filing are one Alderman seat from each of the three Wards. All positions are for two-year terms.

According to City ordinances, candidates running for Alderman must be at least 21 years old, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City of Wentzville for at least one year prior to the election, and reside in the Ward for which they are filing.

If residents would like more information about the duties and qualifications for serving on Wentzville’s Board of Aldermen, they can call the City Clerk’s office at (636) 639-2010.

When It Snows, We Get Questions

Anytime our area receives a sizeable snowfall, residents who experience problems because of the snowfall call Wentzville’s Public Works Department with questions. Below are three common questions the City receives, and the answers to those questions. If residents have other questions, they can call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049.

Q. The Post Office says they can’t access my mailbox and won’t deliver my mail. Why does this happen and who is supposed to take care of it?

A. Maintenance of access for postal delivery is the mail customer’s responsibility. Several reasons may prevent plow drivers from getting closer to your mailbox. These reasons include the following: 1) The access is blocked due to ice, snow or landscaping that endangers the driver or risks damage to the mail vehicle if they approach closer. 2) Sometimes mailboxes are improperly installed and they encroach on the drivable road surface. 3) Sometimes attempts to push the snow over farther may also result in damaged mailboxes due to the force of the snow against the post.

Q. The City snowplow has dumped snow in my driveway. Will the City come back and remove the snow?

A. The plowing operation pushes snow from the road or boulevard to the curb. Unfortunately, this will fill in a freshly-shoveled driveway. The City does not have a program whereby City workers can come back and remove the snow from driveways.

Q. I live on a cul-de-sac (dead end) street. Why does my street always seem to be only partially plowed?

A. The City currently has more than 500 cul-de-sac/dead end streets in its road network. Due to the small turning radius afforded by most cul-de-sacs, the large plow trucks cannot plow the circular part of the street properly. Snow that is piled up in the center of cul-de-sacs will be removed when the snow has stopped and the cleanup phase has begun.
Pets are important members of many families, but pet ownership brings responsibilities—not only to your pet, but also to your neighbors. Most residents are responsible pet owners. Problems occur, however, when people don’t realize or don’t care how their behavior and their pet’s behavior infringe on the health, safety and rights of others.

I hear complaints from residents all the time about pet owners who let their animals run loose through yards, using everyone’s yard as a bathroom. There are even some people who although they don’t let their dog run loose, they will take it for a walk on a leash, let it relieve itself in other people’s yards, and then not pick up after the dog. Common respect for others should dictate this isn’t responsible pet ownership, but unfortunately some people don’t understand that.

To ensure the health, safety and rights of all residents, Wentzville has and enforces an Animal Regulations Municipal Code—Ordinance 3207. This ordinance addresses in depth the possession of animals within the City, and the ways residents should care for, control, and shelter their animals. Although the code is lengthy and covers numerous contingencies, at the root of it is the need for residents to be conscientious, responsible pet owners. Pet owners who ignore and violate the City’s animal regulations can find themselves with citations and hefty fines.

I don’t want to see people fined, but I do want to see them respectful of others and behave like responsible pet owners. Below are some simple things to keep in mind if you’ve made pets part of your family. Pet owners who follow these tips are less likely find themselves afoul of the ordinance and in disputes with neighbors over their pets.

• **Animals roaming at large are prohibited.** Make sure your pet is reasonably restrained, governed and controlled at all times so that it doesn’t injure itself, a person, another animal or someone’s property. This also means the person walking a dog on a leash must be physically able to control the animal. Some dogs are too large and strong for children to manage them when the dog gets excited.

If you choose fencing to keep your pet from roaming, make sure the fencing meets all current city zoning regulations. Also, under the City’s current Animal Regulations Code, underground, electronic fencing as a stand-alone barrier is not considered adequate fencing. Electronic fencing can be used as a method of controlling an animal only in the backyard, and within specific caveats. If you’re considering using one with your pet, check with our Police Department’s Animal Control Unit to make sure the way you want to use the fencing meets City Code specifications.

• **If you tether your animal outside, know and abide by the City Code concerning tethering.** In addition to requirements for allowable types and methods for tethering, the City Code specifies no animal can be tethered outdoors for 8 continuous hours, or for more than a total of 12 hours within a 24-hour period; and you can’t tether an animal outdoors for more than 15 minutes between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Also, the animal has to have access to adequate shelter, water, food, and the ability to defecate in an area away from where it eats.

• **Clean up feces promptly.** It’s unlawful for you to allow your pet to defecate on any property other than your own. This includes private property, in right-of-ways, and on any public property. When you take your pet for a walk on a leash, bring plastic bags with you so you can immediately pick up and properly dispose of any feces your pet deposits along the way. And be sure to pick up frequently in your own yard or in your animal’s pen. Pet feces left in yards not only cause noxious odors, they also provide a breeding ground for flies and other insects.

• **Don’t allow your pet to howl, bark, or whine for extended periods.** You might be able to tune out the noise, but your neighbors may not. Animals that make sounds that disturb a reasonable person’s peace can be deemed a public nuisance.

• **Keep your pet up to date on its inoculations.** All dogs and cats must be inoculated against rabies and registered as being inoculated with the St. Charles County Division of Humane Services. Once inoculated and registered, the County will issue a license tag for the pet.

I suggest everyone who has a pet or plans to get one review the City’s Animal Regulations Municipal Code—Ordinance 3207. You can download it from the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org, or you can call the Wentzville Police Department at (636) 327-5105 and request a printed copy. The Police Department can also answer any questions you might have about the ordinance.

Although the City’s Animal Regulations Municipal Code is far more comprehensive than the above list, following these tips will take a big step to keeping you and your pet in good standing with your neighbors. We set up these rules to ensure everyone’s safety and welfare, not as a way to issue citations, but we will do so when necessary. Do your neighbors, your pets, and your pocketbook a favor. Know and follow these rules.

**Mayor’s Comment:** Be A Responsible Pet Owner

**Free Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling**

With Wentzville’s free, curbside, live Christmas tree recycling service, residents can easily dispose of their Christmas trees and know the trees will be recycled into compost or organic mulch. Since the City has gone to a one-day-a-week pickup schedule for solid waste and recycling, residents only need to put their Christmas trees out on the same day they put out the rest of their trash.

The first day Christmas trees can be put at the curb for pickup will be December 26. The last day Christmas trees will be picked up will be January 11. Please be sure to remove the tree stand, tinsel, and lights. Also, trees should not be covered with plastic or any other kind of wrapping material.

Over the holidays, don’t forget to recycle non-foil boxes and wrapping paper along with your regular curbside recycling. Do not include bows or ribbons with your recycling, however.

If residents have questions about the Christmas tree recycling or recycling of other materials, they can call (636) 639-2049.

**Top 5 Reasons to Shop Wentzville Over the Holidays**

Shopping Wentzville first is the smart way to shop for your holiday purchases. Why? Here are the top five reasons we can name.

• **You keep your tax dollars working for YOU!** The City sales tax you pay funds improvements to parks, roads, and City services in YOUR City, and not for improvements in other cities.

• **Wentzville businesses grow and can create more jobs right here—jobs that help local families.**

• **When you do business with local merchants, you’re doing business with friends and neighbors.**

• **You save lots of money on gasoline!**

Wentzville…Your Holiday Place!

**Shop, Dine, Celebrate**

Looking for a Job? Be sure to attend 2013 Job Fair,
On Thursday, November 14 • From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m • At the Wentzville Community Club, located at 500 West Main Street.
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### December Calendar of Events

**SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY**
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1 | 5:30 p.m. | Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade** | 7:00 p.m. | Park Board Meeting | 310 W. Pearce Blvd. |  |  
2 |  |  | 6:00 p.m. | Planning & Zoning | 310 W. Pearce Blvd. |  |  
3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  
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5 |  |  | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Spirit of Christmas Dinner & Dance** |  |  |  
6 |  |  |  |  | Progress Park Center |  |  
7 |  |  |  | 6:30 p.m. | 1980s Trivia Night** |  |  
8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  
9 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Special Walk-Through at Holiday Night Lights** |  |  |  |  |  
10 |  |  | 9:30 a.m. | Municipal Court | 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. |  |  
11 |  |  | 6:00 p.m. | Board of Aldermen | 310 W. Pearce Blvd. |  |  
12 |  |  | 6:30 p.m. | Board of Adjustment | 310 W. Pearce Blvd. |  |  
13 |  |  | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | H.O.P.P. Nights | Progress Park Center |  |  
14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  
15 |  |  | 8:00 a.m. | Municipal Election Candidate Filing Begins** | 310 W. Pearce Blvd. |  |  
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22 |  |  | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Snowball Camp for Ages 6-12 | Progress Park |  |  
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24 |  |  | 6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Progress Park Recreation Center Open** |  |  |  
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Trivia Skills

Test Your **80s** Trivia Skills

Just how much do you know or remember about the 80s? No matter whether the 80s seem like yesterday to you, are dim memories from your childhood, or you’ve only heard about them from older siblings, Wentzville’s 1980s Trivia Night is sure to be a lot of fun. On Saturday, December 7, adults ages 21 and up can match their wits against each other on the decade of the 80s when the City’s Parks and Recreation Department hosts a 1980s Trivia Night at Wentzville’s Progress Park Center. The doors for the Trivia Night will open at 6:30 p.m., with trivia rounds beginning at 7:00 p.m. Trivia will consist of ten rounds with ten questions in each round.

Trivia teams will consist of 8 people, and the cost for the evening is $160 per table. Beverages and a light snack will be included, and tables will be able to purchase "Mulligans."

Space is limited, so be sure to register early. It’s your chance to have fun with friends and show off just how much you really do know about the 1980s!

**Spirit of Christmas Dinner and Dance**

Christmas isn’t just for kids. It’s a special holiday for all ages. On Friday, December 6, adults ages 50 and up can celebrate the holidays in their own style when Wentzville’s Parks and Recreation Department hosts its annual Spirit of Christmas Dinner and Dance.

Guests that evening will enjoy dinner served by the Parks & Recreation staff and volunteers, along with a full evening of music, dancing, door prizes, and fun visiting with friends. There will even be a visit from Santa himself, because after all, we’re all just big kids at Christmas time.

The Spirit of Christmas Dinner and Dance will run from 6:00-9:00 p.m., at Wentzville’s Progress Park Center. Ticket prices are $13 per Wentzville resident and $17 per nonresident. Registration deadline for the dance is Friday, November 29, or when full. So reserve your tickets right away. You don’t want to be left out!

**Want to Do Breakfast or Lunch With Santa?**

A visit with Santa is great, but wouldn’t it be fun to share breakfast or lunch with him? On Saturday, December 7, kids can do just that when Wentzville’s Parks and Recreation hosts a “Visit With Santa” at the Progress Park Center. Children from infancy up to age 10 can enjoy either a kid-friendly breakfast or a pizza lunch with Santa Claus.

Following their meal with Santa, kids will get to make a craft and play fun games. Crafts and games are targeted to children age two and up. Younger children will need help from a parent.

Kids will also get some individual time with Santa. So parents, be sure to bring your camera that day. You’ll want to get those special pictures of your child sitting on Santa’s lap.

Breakfast with Santa runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The pizza lunch runs from 11:00 a.m.-noon. The cost for either breakfast or lunch with Santa is $10 for resident children, and $12 for nonresident children. Preregistration is required, and the registration deadline is Monday, December 2.

**Turkey Trot**

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**Don’t Miss Wentzville’s Thirteenth Annual Turkey Trot**

Before you gobble up that gobbler, plow your way through the pumpkin pies, and begin eating your way through the holidays, why not do something healthy for your body and kick off the holiday season with Wentzville’s annual Turkey Trot? You don’t have to be a fitness buff or athlete to participate. With nine age groups and both a 5K and one-mile walk/run, the Turkey Trot has fitness and age levels for everyone.

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There are a few guidelines for parade entries. First, all entries must be related to the parade theme, which is Spirit of the Season. Second, at least some portion of the entry must be lit. Third, since the Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce float will carry the official Santa for the parade, there can be no other live Santas in the parade.

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Sponsors for this year’s parade are the Wentzville Downtown Business Association, Wentzville Fire Department, Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Wentzville.

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Sponsors for this year’s parade are the Wentzville Downtown Business Association, Wentzville Fire Department, Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Wentzville.
Assistant Public Works Director Douglas Lee provided us with the update below.

**City Projects:**

- **2013 Slab Replacement Project** – The City’s contractor continues to make good progress in removing and replacing sections of concrete pavement throughout the City. Weather dependent, we anticipate work to be completed on areas near Hilt High School, Wall Street, Bear Creek, Great Oaks, Stone Meadows and possibly Wentzville Heights before the end of the construction season in mid-November.

- **Wentzville Parkway Turn Lane** – This project will widen the existing Wentzville Parkway from William Dierberg Drive to Schroeder Creek Boulevard, in order to accommodate a bi-directional center turn lane. This improvement will help mitigate congestion and reduce unsafe vehicular turning movements. Right-of-way plans have been submitted to MoDOT for approval to begin right-of-way acquisition. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2014.

- **Schroeder Creek Boulevard Roadway Extension** – This project will connect the Wentzville Parkway and West Pearce Boulevard, which will provide an alternate north/south route to increase connectivity and reduce congestion along Wentzville Parkway. Connections to William Dierberg Drive and Bank Street are also planned to improve access to local businesses and Heartland Park. The City is currently finalizing evaluations to select the design consultant. Construction is planned for 2015.

- **Wentzville Parkway South** – The Corridor Preservation Study, identifying the preferred alignment, has been completed. The City has submitted an application to the St. Charles County Road Board for assistance in funding design and acquiring right-of-way. Application outcome is expected this fall.

- **Corporate Parkway Reconstruction** – Federal funding has been approved for this project. An application for additional financial assistance has been submitted to the St. Charles County Road Board. The application outcome is expected this fall.

- **David Hoekel Parkway** – The City’s consultant is addressing the final comments on the Environmental Assessment from MoDOT, prior to submittal to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. This approval is a key step in clearing Phase I, the Peine/P/Hwy 61 Interchange, for construction.

- **Ongoing Transportation Development** – Conducting pavement inspections to track pavement conditions and identify streets for maintenance and re-construction; collecting traffic, accident, congestion, and growth data to identify future transportation projects; evaluating subdivisions with single points of ingress/egress, and researching toward development of alternative transportation networks, such as bike and pedestrian trails.

**MoDOT**

- **Highway Z from I-70 to Route D** – Project will include resurfacing, adding shoulders, and correcting curves. Total project length is just over seven miles. Anticipate completion in June 2014.

- **Peine Road/Hwy P and Hwy 61 Interchange and Safety Improvements** – Joint project with participation from MoDOT, St. Charles County and the City of Wentzville to construct an interchange and improve the safety of existing at-grade intersections between Hwy A and the St. Charles County line. Application approved, and currently waiting for final Cost Share Agreement to be completed. Construction anticipated in 2016.

- **Highway N Improvements** – Design work has started to resurface the roadway, add shoulders, correct curves and make additional safety improvements from I-64 west to Hwy T. Bid release expected in May 2014, with construction anticipated to begin July 2014.

- **I-70 Church Street/Highway Z Exit Ramp Improvements** – Design on a roundabout at the westbound I-70 exit ramp expected to begin in early 2014. Construction anticipated in late 2015 or early 2016.

**St. Charles County**

- **Highway A Pittman Road Jug Handle** – Project is completed and open for traffic.

- **Highway Z and Interstate Drive Intersection** – Preliminary plans have been drawn to improve the intersection and provide an eastward extension of Interstate Drive. A consultant for St. Charles County is now conducting a supplemental traffic study to evaluate the intersection. Construction is expected to begin later this year on the east end of the proposed project, near Quail Ridge.

- **Gateway Green Light Program** – A joint project among MoDOT, St. Charles County, and eight cities, including Wentzville, is under way to synchronize approximately 334 traffic signals throughout the county to improve traffic flow, allow for real-time signal adjustments, and enhance communication of conditions to motorists. Project completion is expected in 2014.

- **Proposed Projects** – The St. Charles County Highway Department has presented several projects to the St. Charles County Road Board for funding. Projects directly impacting Wentzville residents could include improvements to Hepperman Road and Peine Road. The application outcome is expected this fall.

This has been an extensive list, and of course, in a growing community there will always be more needs. Please contact your representatives on the Board of Aldermen to offer your observations on the progress we are making toward improving transportation in Wentzville.
Holiday Hours

City offices will be closed for the following holidays:
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving, November 28 and 29
- Christmas, December 24 and 25
- New Year’s Day, January 1

Progress Park Recreation Center holiday hours are as follows:
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, Closed
- Christmas Eve, December 24, Open 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day, December 25, Closed
- New Year’s Eve, December 31, Open 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- New Year’s Day, January 1, Closed

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3

Don’t to forget to set your clocks back one hour when Daylight Saving Time officially ends on Sunday, November 3. At 2:00 a.m. that day the United States and Canada go off Daylight Saving Time and start on Standard Time through the second Sunday in March.

In Memoriam
City Administrator
T. Michael McDowell
April 18, 1952 – August 9, 2013

The City of Wentzville lost a visionary leader and dedicated public servant on August 9, when City Administrator T. Michael McDowell passed away suddenly. Michael was a 40-year veteran of municipal government and came to Wentzville in March of this year from the City of Olivette, Mo., where he had served as City Manager. Prior to his position in Olivette, Michael worked in city leadership positions in Kennesaw, Ga., and other cities in Missouri and Georgia. He was a Credentialed Local Government Manager by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), held a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degrees from the University of Memphis, and also was an instructor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

In his brief months with Wentzville, Michael made a positive impact on the City and earned the respect of both City staff and elected officials. He was a consummate professional, an outstanding public servant, and a good friend to those who were privileged to know him. He will be deeply missed.