CITY AGAIN REDUCES ANNUAL BUDGET TO MEET CURRENT ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

While Wentzville has weathered the global economic downturn in better shape than many municipalities, it has done so through constant vigilance of the economic climate and making budget adjustments when needed. The City began taking action to address declining revenues in 2008, and continues implementing budget-cutting measures with the 2011 Budget.

With the 2011 Budget, Wentzville has extended the hiring freeze it instituted in 2009, and also eliminated four intern positions. These measures resulted in a six-percent reduction in the City’s workforce. In addition, all departments reduced expenses, numerous capital projects and equipment purchases were postponed, and employee travel was restricted. The City has also deferred $190,000 in supplemental expenditures and capital outlay, and reduced the expenditures in five of the City’s nine operating funds. Thus far, Wentzville has avoided some of the drastic budget cuts other cities have had to make, such as elimination of select services, employee layoffs, or salary reductions.

Significantly, the 2011 Budget maintains funding for quality services and programs for residents, increases the funding for the City’s street maintenance program by 94 percent, yet still maintains the City’s reserve funds and does not require a property tax increase. An important road improvement project included in the 2011 Budget is improvements to Church Street in conjunction with the City’s Village Center plans. Another road improvement that will take place this year will be improvements to Mexico Road. However, while actual roadwork on Mexico will take place in 2011, funding for this project was included in the 2010 Budget. Thanks to voter approval of the Project Parks sales tax in 2010 and Wastewater Treatment Plant bond issue in 2008, the new budget also increases funding for Parks projects and the completion of the second phase of the expansion of the City’s Wastewater Reclamation Center.

While some economists believe the national economy is beginning to recover, most still project a slow recovery. Property Tax revenue in Wentzville in 2011 is projected to decline by as much as five percent, due to lower property values and an accelerated decline in personal property values. Sales and Use Tax revenues are also expected to drop another 1.9 percent, and interest income is still expected to remain sluggish.

The slow recovery coupled with a lag in the public sector will continue to present budgetary challenges for Wentzville for the foreseeable future. Despite concerns about future events outside their control, City officials and administration feel it would not be prudent to apply budget cuts across the board. To be a fiscally sound organization that attracts and retains investments, it is important to utilize taxpayers’ money to continue providing quality services and investing in the City’s infrastructure. This approach will not only address needs, but also create jobs within the community.

Throughout 2011 City staff and officials will continue to keep a close watch on the effect economic conditions and inflation have on City revenues. As the year progresses, they will monitor the economic situation and take immediate action if the situation worsens significantly.

Above are graphs showing comparison between the 2010 and the 2011 Budgets—one of the total Budget and one highlighting 11 of the 14 primary Budget Funds. Residents who would like more information can view a full copy of the 2011 Budget at City Hall or online at www.wentzvillemo.org.
OVERVIEW OF SEVEN OPERATING FUNDS

The City’s budget is made up of 14 separate Funds. All City expenses and revenues are assigned to a designated Fund. Nine of these Funds are for operational expenses, and in the 2011 Budget, five of these nine operational Funds are reduced from their 2010 level.

Seven significant Funds in the 2011 Budget are the General, Park, Transportation, Capital, Storm Water, Water, and Wastewater Funds. These seven funds total $34.3 million, and represent approximately 78 percent of the total 2011 Budget. Below is a brief overview of those seven Funds.

General Fund
The 2011 General Fund Budget is $15,006,078, a 3.5-percent decrease from the 2010 Budget and representing roughly 34 percent of the total 2011 City Budget. Major revenue sources for the General Fund are property taxes, sales/use tax, gross receipts, fines/forfeitures. Much of the operational expenses for City departments are drawn from the General Fund.

Transportation Fund
Transportation Fund expenditures in the 2011 Budget are $4,372,214, making it the third-largest Fund in the 2011 Budget, and representing nearly 10 percent of the total 2011 Budget. Capital outlay makes up approximately 71 percent of the total forecasted expenditures in the 2011 Transportation Fund Budget. The two primary revenue sources for the City’s 2011 Transportation Fund are sales/use taxes (48.8%) and intergovernmental funding (34.1%).

Park Fund
The 2011 Park Fund Budget is $3,348,487. The largest source of revenue projected in 2011 for the Park Fund is from the new Project Parks sales tax voters approved in August. That special sales tax is expected to generate over $2 million in 2011 for park improvements, and comprises over 60 percent of the projected revenue for the Park Fund. Charges for services is the second largest source of revenue for this Fund, and is projected to supply about 25 percent of the Fund’s 2011 revenue.

Water Fund
The 2011 Water Fund Budget is $4,896,573, making it the second-largest Fund in the 2011 Budget and representing about 11 percent of the total 2011 Budget. The City’s wholesale water provider, Public Water Supply District #2, has notified the City they will increase their rates, effective January 2011. As a result, the proposed rate increase in City water rates would on the average increase residents’ monthly water bills by $1.82.

Wastewater Fund
Expenditures for the 2011 Wastewater Fund are projected at $4,005,697. Charges for services represent 99.9 percent of this Fund’s total revenue. A slowdown in the housing market and decreased volume for industrial users have resulted the need for a rate increase to meet the finance obligation of the 2010 bond issue. The increase will impact the average bill by about $3.78 per month. Wastewater rates are based on customers’ winter water consumption.

Capital Sales Tax Fund
Capital Sales Tax Fund expenditures for 2011 are forecasted at $2,090,442. The primary expense category in 2011 is in transfers to other Funds totaling $1,460,505—$371,002 transferred to the Capital Sales Tax Fund, $525,748 to Stormwater, and $563,755 to Transportation. Nearly all of the 2011 Capital Sales Tax Fund revenue comes from sales and use taxes, with less than one percent coming from interest.

Storm Water Fund
The 2011 Storm Water Fund budget was decreased by over 17 percent from the 2010 Budget. As there is no dedicated funding source for the City’s Storm Water Fund, the revenue for storm water projects comes from either the City’s General Fund or Capital Sales Tax. The Storm Water Fund covers capital expenses for correcting storm water problems in the City. Capital Outlay accounts for slightly over 72 percent of this year’s Storm Water Fund Budget expenses.

AND THE SURVEY SAID...
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officials have decided to make this area of concern a priority over the next several years. “The survey gave City officials a comprehensive picture of where best to focus the City’s financial and personnel resources,” said City Administrator Dianna Wright. Wright also noted that the City has increased its budget for street maintenance by 94 percent in 2011.

ETC Institute, a nationally-known consulting firm that specializes in market research for city and county governments, administered the survey and presented the results to the City’s elected officials and department heads the end of October. Part of the survey analysis ETC developed was benchmark comparisons between Wentzville residents’ satisfaction level and resident-satisfaction levels of residents in surveys of 24 other Missouri and Kansas communities. To make the comparison, ETC took the aggregate high, low, and mean scores of the 24 other communities in 7 service areas, and then charted where Wentzville’s score fell in each area. Scores that fall below the mean indicate areas where improvement efforts should be considered.

According to ETC’s analysis, in four of the seven service areas Wentzville’s satisfaction scores were higher than the mean satisfaction score of the 24 comparison communities. In the area of customer service, Wentzville’s score was nearly 25 points above the mean. The Wentzville service areas that fell below the mean were parks and recreation programs and facilities, stormwater management, and management of traffic flow and congestion.

City officials weren’t too surprised that parks and recreation programs and facilities fell below the comparison mean. A combination of rapid growth and tight finances had resulted in a Parks system that was significantly below national standards recommendations. Thanks to voter approval of the Project Parks sales tax in August 2010, the City will now be able to decrease the gap between Wentzville’s Parks facilities and the national standards recommendations for a city of its size.

Full results of the survey can be viewed or downloaded from the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. Printed copies of the survey results are also available for viewing at Wentzville’s City Hall, at 310 West Pearce Boulevard.
Mayor’s Comment
LOOKING AT HOW WE STACK UP

We have a lot of information packed into this issue and I hope you take time to examine it to see where we’ve been and what’s coming up in 2011. I’m excited about the results of last year’s Citizen Satisfaction Survey. When the results were in, they proved what I and many other residents have always believed—Wentzville is a top-notch place to live.

Most interesting was a benchmark comparison between Wentzville residents’ satisfaction level and the resident-satisfaction levels of residents in surveys of 24 other Missouri and Kansas communities. According to the final analysis, in four of the seven service areas Wentzville’s satisfaction scores were higher than the average satisfaction scores of the 24 comparison communities. In simple terms, when stacked up against services residents receive in other cities, Wentzville is better than most. In fact, in the area of customer service, Wentzville’s score was nearly 25 points above the mean. I believe we can attribute these high scores to the dedication of our City’s professional workforce combined with the steady, consistent leadership Wentzville has had over the years. We will constantly strive to improve these scores.

The Citizen Satisfaction Survey will help us focus our personnel and financial resources where they are most needed. According to the survey results, the three top areas that should receive the most emphasis over the next two years are traffic congestion management, road maintenance, and improvements to our Parks and Recreation facilities. I’m happy to say we’ve already increased our street maintenance budget by 94 percent in 2011, and thanks to voters’ approval of the Project Parks sales tax in August, we’re moving full-steam ahead with development plans for Peruque Valley Park, Heartland Park, and Splash Station.

I encourage residents to take a look at the graph on this page that shows where Wentzville scored in comparison to other communities. I also encourage everyone to go online to our Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and take a closer look at the full Citizen Satisfaction Survey results. You can also view a copy of the Survey results at City Hall. I’m sure, like me, you’ll be pleased at how well we stack up against other cities.

SOLID WASTE COST REDUCTION AND SCHEDULE CHANGE IN 2011

A renegotiation of the City’s solid-waste contract with Wilson Waste in late 2010 resulted in a slight reduction in residents’ solid-waste rates, a lock-in on the new rate through April 2012, and a change in when and how residents put out all their solid waste for pickup. Residents will see a ten-cents-per-month reduction in their solid-waste rates, and can now put out their trash, recyclables, and yard waste all on the same day.

The new schedule divides the City into five zones, with each zone assigned a single day of solid-waste service, Monday through Friday. The dividing lines for the five zones run along major roadways like Interstate 70, Highway 61, Wentzville Parkway, and Highway Z. (see map) In the event a holiday falls within the week, trash pickup will be moved back one day following the holiday, and Friday pickups will be made on Saturdays.

For residents, the new one-day-a-week pickup schedule means fewer trips hauling waste to the curb, fewer days with waste-disposal containers lining residential streets, and fewer days with heavy solid-waste trucks driving through neighborhoods. Once residents get used to their altered pickup schedule, they should find the new arrangement much more convenient.

The new schedule took effect January 1, 2011, with the first pickup day scheduled for January 3. Residents can find a color-coded map of the five zones with their scheduled pickup days, subdivision list, and all 2011 holidays that will affect the pickup schedule posted on the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. In the Public Works section. Residents with questions about the new schedule can also call Wentzville’s Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102.
Aldermen Nick Guccione and Cheryl Kross Kick Off Town Hall Coffee Talk Sessions in 2011

On Saturday, January 29, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Aldermen Nick Guccione and Cheryl Kross will host their first Town Hall Coffee Talk session at City Hall, 310 West Pearce Boulevard. Coffee Talk will be an informal, open discussion of important City issues, and is open to all residents who would like to attend.

Alderman Guccione urges residents to become more involved in their City’s government by attending Coffee Talk and other City meetings, and by volunteering to serve on City boards and commissions, at the City’s Senior Center, and with other community organizations. “The challenges that face us are very real, but we can overcome these challenges by giving our all to accomplish the difficult tasks before us,” said Guccione. “We need residents to freely share with us their opinions on important issues. Coffee Talk will provide a regular opportunity for residents to easily do that and to discuss issues with other civic-minded individuals.”

After the first meeting in January, Coffee Talk will continue to be held on the last Saturday of the month at City Hall, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Residents should watch for upcoming Coffee Talk schedules in the Vision newsletter calendar.

CITY’S ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS NET SECOND AWARD

Wentzville’s online communications garnered a second award toward the end of 2010. On September 29, at the Targeted Advertising and Marketing (TAM) Awards Party, the City’s Facebook page was given TAM’s Silver Award in the Social Media Marketing Initiative Category from the Business Marketing Association (BMA) of St. Louis. In late August of 2010 the City was notified its Web site had been named one of the top five City Web sites in Missouri by Juggle.com.

Residents can view all the information on Wentzville’s Facebook page by either going to the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and clicking on the Facebook icon in the left column of the City’s home page, or by going to www.facebook.com/Wentzville. In addition, residents can sign up for City tweets through Twitter.com from the City’s Web site home page. Wentzville’s online communications provide residents all the news they need to stay fully informed.

Summer Job Fair

If you’re age 16 or older and looking for a fun job for the summer, be sure to come to Wentzville’s Summer Job Fair from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 3, at Progress Park. Wentzville’s Parks and Recreation department is looking for highly motivated individuals to work this summer in positions like day-camp counselors and management, pool operations, lifeguards, swim instructors, concessionaires, umpires and recreation aides. Starting pay will vary with position and experience.

No advance appointments will be provided. Interested residents may download an application in advance at www.wentzvillemo.org, or complete one at the job fair.

Recycling Rewards Program Changes

Everyone wins when residents recycle, and in Wentzville some residents win big with the City’s Recycling Rewards program. The City kicked off the program in 2010 and plans to continue it in 2011, but with a few modifications. In 2011, five residents will be selected each month to receive a prize basket—one resident from each day of the new weekly pickup schedule. Also, there will be one $1,500 Grand-Prize drawing for Energy Star products for America Recycles Day in November.

And recycling is even easier in 2011, because now residents can put both their trash and recyclables out at the same time. So remember to recycle at least some every week, and increase your chances of winning! Plus, when we each do a little, we can all do a lot.

Residents can find more information about recycling and the Recycling Rewards program by going to the Public Works section of the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, or by calling the Public Works Department at (636) 332-5102.
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YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Kids ages 5 through 16 can all enjoy America’s favorite sport, regardless of their ability level. Wentzville has a variety of Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues with three levels of play, depending on the youth’s skills. Both individual and team registrations are accepted. Kids registering individually will be placed randomly on draft teams. Practices begin in March with games beginning in April or May, depending on the age level. Volunteer coaches are needed for teams, but any individual who coaches a Wentzville youth sports team must pass a criminal background check as well as receive two to eight hours of sport-specific training.

The cost per individual is $80 for residents and $100 for nonresidents. Registration begins January 3 and continues through February 14. Space is limited and kids registering after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list with residents receiving first priority. A late registration fee of $15 will be added for any youth registering after the deadline. Team registrations will not be accepted after February 14. To register or for more information, call Parks and Recreation at (636) 332-9236. Leagues scheduled for this season are as follows:

- 5-6 years old: T-Ball Co-ed
- 7 to 8-year-old boys: Machine Pitch
- 7 to 8-year-old girls: Coach Pitch
- 9 to 16-year-old boys: Kid Pitch
- 9 to 16-year-old girls: Kid Pitch

MEN’S SNOWBALL RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNEY

Men ages 16 and up can get into the swing of things before the actual softball season arrives with Wentzville’s fifth annual Men’s Recreational Snowball Softball Tournament. Teams will be divided into different pools for a round-robin tournament, with the winners of each pool playing a single elimination tournament. The full tournament will consist of a minimum of three games, with the first-place team receiving T-shirts. All Miken bats are banned from this tournament.

Tournament dates are February 12-13, with games starting at 9:00 a.m. at both Progress Park and Fireman’s Park. The cost per team is $160, which covers umpires, a new softball for each game, and T-shirts for the tournament winners. Registration deadline is February 7 and a $15 late fee will be added for teams registering after the deadline. Teams will be added after the deadline only on an as-needed basis.

On Tuesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Progress Park Conference Room, there will be a mandatory coaches meeting. Any team without a representative at this meeting will forfeit its first game of the tournament. To register or for more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236.

A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU!

It is never too late and you are never too old or out of shape to start a work-out program that will lead to a new you! And the start of a new year is a great time to make a commitment to do just that. Wentzville offers a wide variety of fitness programs and class times, so you’re sure to be able to find one that is well suited to your needs.

You might want to consider a Pilates class designed to help strengthen your core muscles, or maybe Yoga to tone your body and reduce stress in a slow controlled program. For a more high-energy workout, try Zumba—a fun, high spirited dance class that gets you moving and seeing fast results. For a really high-cardio workout that could burn up to 700 calories each class, try Turbo Kickboxing. Of course, there are also AB Burner and REPS classes for the more serious toners.

For more information about any of these and other Fitness and Wellness Programs, go to the Parks and Recreation section of the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, and click on the “Fitness and Wellness Programs” link in the right column. You can also call the Parks and Recreation department at (636) 332-9236 for more information. Whatever you do, make 2011 a year of change for a new you!

DADDY’S LITTLE SWEETHEART DINNER AND DANCE

Both daddies and their little sweethearts can share a night to remember when Wentzville hosts its annual Little Sweethearts’ Dinner and Dance. On February 1 and 5, little sweethearts ages 3-12 can share a special night of dinner, dancing and games with Dad or another special man in their life. Escorts for the girls can be their dad, grandpa, uncle, adult brother, or special family friend.

Each couple will receive a 5x7 photo to remember their evening together. A CD or e-mail version of the photo may also be purchased for an additional $10 to make more copies for family and friends.

The Sweetheart Dinner and Dance evenings will be held at the Progress Park Center, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost for the evening is $50 per resident couple, $62 per nonresident couple, and $20 for each additional child. Registration deadline for the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance is January 28, or when full. A $10 late registration fee will be added for couples registering after the deadline.

To register or for more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236.

MATURE ADULTS CAN ENJOY AN EVENING OF WINE, DINE AND DANCE

If music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s brings up fond memories for you, then you’re mature enough to enjoy Wentzville’s evening of Wine, Dine and Dance to be held at Progress Park Center on Friday, February 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The whole evening is designed for adults ages 40 and up. Bring your own bottle of wine and spend the evening enjoying a delicious dinner, conversation with friends, and listening or dancing to that golden era of music from the 1940s through the 1960s.

The cost for the evening is $12 per person for residents and $15 per person for nonresidents. Advance registration is required. To register, interested individuals should call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236.
2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Although a sluggish economy has put some constraints on the City’s finances, residents can still expect several capital improvement and planning projects to take place in 2011. Below are some of the scheduled projects.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Design Projects: These projects will be designed in 2011.

Wentzville Parkway Turn Lane from Dierberg’s to Schroeder Creek:

Due to increased traffic along this section of the Parkway, a center turn lane will be designed to provide safer left turns.

Wentzville Parkway Extension Corridor Study:

The City will conduct a study of extending Wentzville Parkway from Interstate 70, south to Highway N.

Duello Road: Project design to improve Duello Road from a two-lane asphalt road to a concrete road with a roundabout connecting to the Interstate 64/Prospect Road interchange.

Construction Projects: Three main transportation construction projects scheduled for 2011 are Church Street, Mexico Road, and the Wentzville Parkway/West Pearce Boulevard intersection. Although the Mexico Road and the Wentzville Parkway/West Pearce Boulevard improvements will take place this year, funds for those projects are from the 2010 Budget.

Church Street: The Church Street project is part of the City’s Village Center plans. The project calls for widening Church Street to current safety standards and providing sidewalks on both sides. Renovations on Church Street are expected to begin this spring and take approximately 12 months to complete.

Mexico Road: This project will improve several sight-distance problems along Mexico Road, from Route A to just north of the Highland Estates subdivision entrance. Improvements include upgrading the existing two-lane asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road with sidewalks on both sides and an enclosed storm water drainage system. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring and should take about 18 months to complete.

Wentzville Parkway and West Pearce Boulevard Intersection: Traffic congestion has increased for the past several years at this key interchange. Construction to add lanes to all four of the intersection’s approaches should begin in late summer or early fall, with completion expected in 2012.

STORM WATER PROJECTS

Construction Projects: These projects are planned for construction in 2011.

Blumhoff: Two projects near Blumhoff will help remediate storm water issues. These projects include installing pipe and drains to divert storm water into the existing system, and re-grading and installing a swale to redirect existing flow and provide better drainage.

St. Charles Street: Installing curb inlets and connections to the existing storm water system are planned for this area.

Detention Basin Retrofit at Law Enforcement Center: This project alleviates maintenance issues and improves water quality from parking-lot runoff by converting a dry detention basin into a storm water wetland with native plants. Seventy-eight percent of this project will be funded by a Department of Natural Resources 319 grant.

Storm Water Treatment System for Public Works Facility: This project is a component of the City’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. It includes installing a washout bay and treatment device to remove pollutants from Public Works activities, such as street-sweeper cleanout, vehicle maintenance, and mud accumulation.

Design Projects: These projects will be designed in 2011, with construction taking place later.

Brian Court: This creek-bank stabilization project includes a geomorphic analysis of the creek and design to protect utility infrastructure.

Stream Near Bubbling Springs Court: This project will be a geomorphic study of the creek to determine the scope of stream-bank failure problems and options for addressing them.

WASTEWATER

Stone Meadows Forceemain: This project will connect a 12-inch forceemain to a 31-inch gravity sewer. The gravity main would be extended 65 feet and 2 valves added. The result will be more lift capacity and better odor control.

WATER

Waterline Extensions: The City will install waterline extensions to improve volume and pressure in different areas of Wentzville.

NEW BUSINESSES

TNT Golf Car & Motorsports • 2462 East Pitman Avenue
Quick Truck Sales • 12542 Veteran’s Memorial Parkway
C&P Motors • 706 East Pearce Boulevard
Home Health Rehab Services • 14 East Main Street, Suite 108
CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices will be closed for the following holidays:
- December 31, for New Year’s Day holiday
- January 17, for Martin Luther King’s Birthday
- February 21, for Presidents’ Day

Progress Park Recreation Center will be closed on:
- January 1, for New Year’s Day

Christmas Tree Recycling in January

It’s now easier than ever to banish the ghost of Christmas past with Wentzville’s free, curbside Christmas tree recycling service. From January 3 through 21, residents can place their live, evergreen Christmas trees at the curb in front of their house for recycling at the same time they put out their regular household trash. Residents’ ability to set their tree out on the same day as their trash is the result in the change of the solid-waste pickup schedule that took effect on January 1. (see “Change in Solid-Waste Pickup Schedule” article in this Vision edition)

The trees will be picked up and recycled into compost or organic mulch for local landscapers and suppliers. Residents need to be sure they remove the tree stand, tinsel, lights and plastic bag or tree cover. If residents have further questions on how to recycle their Christmas trees, they can call (636) 327-5102.

Move Cars Off Streets When Snow is Predicted

Anytime snow is predicted, moving your car off the street not only makes it easier for snowplows to clear your street more effectively, it also lets you avoid the problem of digging through a snow pile to get to your car afterward. Cars parked on streets during and after a snowfall create real problems for snowplow crews, especially in cul-de-sacs or when two cars are parked across from each other. In some instances, there is not enough room for snowplows to safely plow between the cars. When that happens, streets must be left unplowed.

So, next time snow is predicted for our area, remember to move your car off the street before the snow arrives. You, your neighbors and our snowplow crews will all be glad you did.

RECYCLING AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to Jim Olley from Ward 3, who was our Recycling Rewards 2010 semi-annual Grand Prize winner. As the Grand-Prize winner, Olley received $1,500 in Energy Star products of his choice. The monthly winners from April through October were automatically entered in the semi-annual Grand Prize drawing that was held on November 15—America Recycles Day. Monthly winners received a $75-value prize basket filled with eco-friendly products and local gift cards.

Keep recycling and you could be our next Grand Prize winner!

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Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner! Jim Olley

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