2012 BUDGET CONTINUES CITY’S COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATIVE FISCAL MANAGEMENT

As the challenges of the current national and global recession drag on, Wentzville’s elected officials and City employees have again demonstrated their willingness to do what’s necessary to keep the City on sound fiscal footing, while avoiding a reduction to the high level of services residents receive. In addition to holding the line on City expenses, Wentzville’s Board of Alderman requested a $500,000 decrease in Real Estate and Personal Property taxes in the 2012 Budget. Because of growth in other areas and by refraining from increases in general operating costs, City staff was able to meet this goal.

Two financial bright spots on the 2012 horizon are the projected opening of a new Sam’s retail center and the expansion of General Motors. City leaders hope that with the proper encouragement, these economic bright spots will lead to more development and growth, and prove to other businesses Wentzville is the place to be.

Because Wentzville has long practiced a very conservative fiscal approach, it has weathered the recession better than many government agencies and continues to be a bright light in this era of deficits, cutbacks, and layoffs. The graph above gives residents a quick, visual picture of how the City’s 2012 Budget compares with the 2011 Budget, which is shown as a full year’s payment in 2012.

Another major construction project in 2012 is the completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The expansion began in 2011 and is expected to be completed this year.

The 2012 Budget also includes $750,000 in funding for road maintenance, with an emphasis on maintenance and repairing existing streets. One major road improvement project slated for 2012 is for the Pearce Boulevard/Wentzville Parkway intersection. Two other significant road projects residents will see construction on are Church Street improvements, which is part of the Old Town Village Redevelopment Project, and the completion of the improvements to Mexico Road. (see more about these projects on page 7 of this edition of the Vision) Planning and engineering for the next phase of the Old Town Village Redevelopment Project will begin in 2012.

In the 2012 Transportation Fund, expenses for repairs and maintenance is up.

Residents can find the full 2012 Budget along with City Budgets going back to 2008 on the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, under the Finance section of the site. Below are a few highlights of the 2012 Budget that might interest readers.

Construction Projects, Road Maintenance and Development:

In August of 2010, voters approved a special one-half cent Project Parks sales tax to provide funding to expand and enhance the recreational opportunities for residents. The 2012 Budget reflects funding for the construction development that will begin on Perque Valley Park, Heartland Park, and Splash Station. Park’s budgeted expenses increased in 2012 due to the debt payment on the bond issuance for Project Parks.

April 3 Municipal Candidates

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 3, 2012 election. Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 7 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.

Mayor, Four-Year Term
Bill Schuette
Nickolas Nick Guccione
Leon Tow
Darrel Lackey

Alderman Ward 1, Two-Year Term
Jay Webber
Forrest Gossett

Alderman Ward 2, Two-Year Term
Sonya Shryock
Donna J. Sherwood
Jeremy Pritchett

Alderman Ward 3, Two-Year Term
Rick Stokes
Rodney E. (Rod) Stratman
Curtis T. Davis

Solid Waste Disposal Rates Increase Slightly May 1

On May 1, the rates Wentzville residents pay for their solid waste disposal will go up slightly. This increase is the first one residents have received on their bill since May 2010. In fact, in January of 2011, residents saw a slight decrease in their solid waste rate as a result of the City renegotiating its contract with Wilson Waste at the end of 2010.

Below are the new rates that take effect May 1, and the rates residents were paying. Residents who have questions about their solid waste disposal services can have many of those questions answered by going to the Public Works section of the City’s Web site and choosing the “Solid Waste & Recycling” option from the drop-down list. Residents can also call Wentzville’s Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rates Starting May 1</th>
<th>Previous Rates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Weekly Pickup</td>
<td>$12.19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senior Rate (62 &amp; older)</td>
<td>$11.69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Weekly Pickup</td>
<td>$10.25 per mo.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yard Waste Service</td>
<td>$8.00 per mo.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Optional Trash Cart</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yard Waste Cart</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Large Item Pickup</td>
<td>$16.75 per item</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recycling</td>
<td>No charge</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The 2012 Budget reflects funding for the
construction development that will begin on Perque Valley Park, Heartland Park, and Splash Station. Park’s budgeted expenses increased in 2012 due to the debt payment on the bond issuance for Project Parks, which is shown as a full year’s payment in 2012.
City Installs 12-Year Police Veteran From Florida as New Police Chief

When Wentzville Police Chief Robert Noonan announced his retirement in 2011, the City began a nationwide search for his replacement. In early December, City officials announced they had selected Lieutenant Lisa Harrison from the Boynton Beach, Florida police department as the City’s new Chief of Police. Chief Harrison’s first day on the job was January 3, 2012.

More than 70 law enforcement officers from across the nation as well as from Wentzville’s own police department submitted resumes over the course of the search for Chief Noonan’s replacement. According to Mayor Paul Lambi, the competition was tough, especially when the field was narrowed down to the final 10 contenders. “We had some very strong contenders and I want to thank the Board of Aldermen for all their hard work and collective input into the selection,” said Lambi.

Although Chief Harrison served for 12 years with the Boynton Beach police department, she was born and raised in Missouri, and received an Associate of Arts degree from the Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri in 1991. From 1991 through 1993 she served as a Military Police Officer in the United States Marine Corps, from which she received an Honorable Discharge. She later received a Bachelor of Public Administration degree from Barry University in Florida, a Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida, as well as successfully completing Palm Beach Community College’s Florida Leadership Academy and The Southern Police Institute’s Command Officers Development Course.

Chief Harrison started with the Boynton Beach police department in 1999 as a police recruit and moved up the ranks to District Commander. In addition to her service on the Boynton Beach police department, Chief Harrison was an adjunct instructor for the law enforcement and corrections academies at Palm Beach State College’s Criminal Justice Institute in Lake Worth, Florida. She also held an instructor certification in areas like Defensive Tactics, Vehicle Operations, Firearms, First Aid, and General Topics, which includes ethics, legal communications, patrol, and all other topics taught at the basic academy level.

Chief Harrison said she looks forward to serving the City of Wentzville in her new position and said, “I’m impressed with the caliber of the leadership team at the Police Department and the officers that serve with them. I am honored the Mayor and Board of Aldermen had faith in me to extend this opportunity to lead this team of law enforcement professionals into the next era.”

2012 Budget

continued from front page

$750,584, primarily for street concrete slab replacement projects. Other road projects in the 2012 Budget are $80,000 for the Wentzville Parkway South Extension, $286,680 for Wentzville Parkway Improvements from Wm. Dierberg Dr. to Schroeder Creek Blvd., and $200,000 for the Village Center Improvements Design.

Personnel:

As with any organization, staffing costs represent a considerable portion of the City’s budget. The 2012 Budget includes no salary increase for personnel. Also, the annual sick-leave-buyback program has been eliminated in 2012, which resulted in a decrease of $94,300 across all funds.

When preliminary numbers indicated that without changes to the City’s healthcare plan and cost-share measures the City’s cost for healthcare would increase 12 percent for claims and administration, staff and City officials worked hard to lower that amount. After plan changes were made and a change was made to the excess threshold, the cost increase came to only 3.8 percent.

As Wentzville’s population has grown, so have demands on City staff. In the 2012 Budget, departments submitted several requests for additional staffing. Budgeted personnel changes include Human Resource Director reclassification, Stormwater and Engineering interns, part-time hours for Courts, and six-month extensions for part-time Clerks for Community Development and Finance. A Records Clerk position, however, will be frozen when the current Clerk retires in 2012.

Utilities and fuel:

Like everyone, the City’s budget is being squeezed due to higher energy costs.

The anticipated 2012 costs for electric and gas for heating increased Citywide by $142,350. Electric for street lights alone is estimated to increase by $66,855. In 2011, providers increased rates for street lights by 11 percent, almost double the percentage for other usages. Fuel cost estimates for vehicles are up $33,273 in 2012.

Vehicle and equipment replacements:

To ensure City staff has the equipment needed to do their jobs efficiently, some equipment replacements were budgeted for 2012. The 2012 Budget contains vehicle replacements for the Police and Streets Departments, along with mobile data terminals and cameras. Also, a new Citywide phone system represented $345,000 in the 2012 Budget.

Water and Wastewater:

Residents should see no change in their water rates for 2012. Wastewater, however, increased from an $8.00 base and $3.15 per 1000 gallons rate to an $8.75 base and $3.65 per 1000 gallons rate. This increase will impact the average residential customer by about $3.25 per month.

For the 2012 Budget, $141,000 was included to power wash and overcoat Tower #1, $150,000 was included for waterline extensions, and $92,850 for a backhoe. The Water Fund also used reserves for the construction of a new East Booster Station, which was funded in 2011.

As in previous years, City staff and elected officials will continue monitoring the economic situation and service levels throughout the year. Residents can be certain that if adjustments are needed to meet the City’s goal of remaining fiscally responsible while delivering high-quality services to residents, those adjustments will be made in a responsible manner.

Irrigation Systems Require Permits and Annual Spring Testing

Irrigation systems are a great convenience when you want to keep your lawn green through a hot, dry summer, but these systems 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 buildup 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.

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.

2012 Budget

continued from front page

$750,584, primarily for street concrete slab replacement projects. Other road projects in the 2012 Budget are $80,000 for the Wentzville Parkway South Extension, $286,680 for Wentzville Parkway Improvements from Wm. Dierberg Dr. to Schroeder Creek Blvd., and $200,000 for the Village Center Improvements Design.

Personnel:

As with any organization, staffing costs represent a considerable portion of the City’s budget. The 2012 Budget includes no salary increase for personnel. Also, the annual sick-leave-buyback program has been eliminated in 2012, which resulted in a decrease of $94,300 across all funds.

When preliminary numbers indicated that without changes to the City’s health-care plan and cost-share measures the City’s cost for healthcare would increase 12 percent for claims and administration, staff and City officials worked hard to lower that amount. After plan changes were made and a change was made to the excess threshold, the cost increase came to only 3.8 percent.

As Wentzville’s population has grown, so have demands on City staff. In the 2012 Budget, departments submitted several requests for additional staffing. Budgeted personnel changes include Human Resource Director reclassification, Stormwater and Engineering interns, part-time hours for Courts, and six-month extensions for part-time Clerks for Community Development and Finance. A Records Clerk position, however, will be frozen when the current Clerk retires in 2012.

Utilities and fuel:

Like everyone, the City’s budget is being squeezed due to higher energy costs.

The anticipated 2012 costs for electric and gas for heating increased Citywide by $142,350. Electric for street lights alone is estimated to increase by $66,855. In 2011, providers increased rates for street lights by 11 percent, almost double the percentage for other usages. Fuel cost estimates for vehicles are up $33,273 in 2012.

Vehicle and equipment replacements:

To ensure City staff has the equipment needed to do their jobs efficiently, some equipment replacements were budgeted for 2012. The 2012 Budget contains vehicle replacements for the Police and Streets Departments, along with mobile data terminals and cameras. Also, a new Citywide phone system represented $345,000 in the 2012 Budget.

Water and Wastewater:

Residents should see no change in their water rates for 2012. Wastewater, however, increased from an $8.00 base and $3.15 per 1000 gallons rate to an $8.75 base and $3.65 per 1000 gallons rate. This increase will impact the average residential customer by about $3.25 per month.

For the 2012 Budget, $141,000 was included to power wash and overcoat Tower #1, $150,000 was included for waterline extensions, and $92,850 for a backhoe. The Water Fund also used reserves for the construction of a new East Booster Station, which was funded in 2011.

As in previous years, City staff and elected officials will continue monitoring the economic situation and service levels throughout the year. Residents can be certain that if adjustments are needed to meet the City’s goal of remaining fiscally responsible while delivering high-quality services to residents, those adjustments will be made in a responsible manner.
Mayor’s Comment: What Has a Homeless Man Ever Done for You?

Although this is my last column as Mayor, I don’t intend to use this to say farewell—I said my farewell in the last issue. In my final column I want to share with you some of the things that inspire me. They are things about how our great country was founded, the sacrifices that were made, and the men and women whose lives served as the foundation upon which this great nation was built.

It is twilight on December 25, 1776, along the western bank of the Delaware River, near McConkey’s Ferry Knowls Cove, in Bucks County Pennsylvania. George Washington is preparing to cross the Delaware in a winter troop movement, in a blinding ice storm, with a rag-tag army of poorly clothed and starving men, in a desperate attempt to gain at least one victory for the Revolution.

Despairing for the words he needed to motivate his men, General Washington distributes to his officers a dozen bound copies of a pamphlet he has just received, and tells his men to read it or have it read to their men. He tells them they were better words than he was capable of and his men were to read them now “before we depart.” (source, Being George Washington by Glenn Beck) Here are the words read to the troops that evening:

“These are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and women. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.”

These inspiring words were written by a man who two years earlier had been unable to walk, because of the ravaging fever of typhus. This author was a homeless man who, after a transatlantic voyage from England, would be carried in a blanket onto the docks of Philadelphia.

He had been born on January 20, 1737, in Thetford, England where two hundred crimes were punishable by death; with theft the most common capital offense, and executions meted out even when the accused was starving. Of the town’s two thousand citizens, a mere 31 could vote. At that time almost 80 percent of Londoners would die before the age of 10, with more than 9,000 children dying in 1751 from drinking gin.

In London this man had the good fortune to meet and befriend Benjamin Franklin, who provided him with a cache of letters to the most important men in the New World. After arriving in the New World and six weeks of bed rest in the home of Dr. Kearsley, he was able to find his own lodging and approach Franklin’s relatives with his letters of introduction.

But this homeless man wrote a short pamphlet called Common Sense, which inspired and galvanized the American Revolution by attacking feudalism, its hereditary thrones and privileges of class. He insisted that tyrants, monarchs, and legislators had no power unless the citizens of a state granted it to them—the world’s greatest power lay within the united action of ordinary people. Simply put, he wrote the first American self-help book for those who could never imagine life without a monarch.

He donated the proceeds from Common Sense to buy mittens for George Washington’s troops. After four thousand Americans defending Charleston were forced to surrender on May 12, 1780, Washington sent a letter to every provincial legislator appealing for aid. This homeless man was so moved that he redoubled his support of Washington by donating his entire life’s savings to the army, and then politicked the wealthy of Philadelphia to join him in creating a subscription service to support Washington through the Bank of Pennsylvania—America’s first true financial institution, which was established through this man’s efforts.

On August 16, 1780, 2,000 redcoats under Lord Cornwallis defeated a Revolutionary force of 4,000 men at Camden, South Carolina, in the worst American loss of the war. Congress appointed John Laurens and hired the Common Sense author to sail to France in the dead of a cold, terrible winter to seek a grant of a million pounds per year until the war was won. The two men sailed from Boston on February 11, 1781, while British war ships so heavily patrolled the Atlantic that many American sailors feared being taken prisoner and refused to accept crew positions. Ship’s captains had to force duty on British prisoners of war in their stead.

The Common Sense author was successful in his mission. Over the course of the American Revolution, France gave the United States twelve million livres, loaned it eighteen million more, and spent an additional two billion livres to send sixty-three ships carrying 3,668 cannons and 47,000 troops to support the rebel cause.

Who was this homeless man who was a founder of both the United States and the French Republic, the creator of the phrase “United States of America” and wrote the three bestsellers of the 18th century? It was Thomas Paine—a man who was, in fact, homeless for much of his life, including a stay on death row in a French prison. (Ref: Thomas Paine by Craig Nelson)

When I consider the sacrifices made by Thomas Paine and other men like him, some whose names we’ll never know, I am inspired, humbled, and challenged. I pray that I never take for granted their sacrifices, and that I also rise to the challenge of sacrificing to leave behind me a better world and life for future generations.

From the Board: Wentzville is Beautiful…Let’s Keep it That Way!

As the City’s elected representatives, we work hard to make Wentzville a great place to live, play and do business. But there is only so much we can do. Some things that are needed to ensure Wentzville stays a great place to live require legislation on our part. Many things, however, require action on the part of our residents. One thing that requires everyone working together is preventing the litter that is scattered along our streets and roads.

Trash along our streets is something we all see, but at the same time is easily overlooked. Take a walk sometime and assess how much litter there is in our City. Whether you call it trash or litter, it is bad for our City and poses health risks to people and wildlife.

Sometimes trash or recycling carts aren’t properly closed and the wind blows the trash out of carts and sends it along streets and yards. Sometimes people carelessly toss cigarette butts, fast-food wrappers and soft-drink cups out of car windows. Occasional they will even empty ash trays from their car while sitting at a stop light. In all cases, just a little extra courtesy and care would go a long way to dramatically reduce the trash that ends up everywhere but where it is supposed to be.

In Wentzville, litter and wind-blown trash is mostly found concentrated near streets, on parking lots, and in drainage ditches. Besides being unsightly, rain water ultimately carries this litter into our streams and lakes. Once it gets into the stormwater, there is no filter and it harms water quality and wildlife habitat. In fact, trash is one of the City’s priority nonpoint source water pollutants. Every year Mission Clean Stream volunteers pick up anywhere from 5 to 15 tons of trash from our streams.

State and City legislation has done what it can to reduce the litter problem. In Missouri, you can receive a $1,000 maximum fine and/or 1 year in jail for littering. In Wentzville, there is a $500 maximum fine and/or 90 days in jail for littering.

Here are some facts you might not know about litter and the consequences it has on all our lives and wallets. Litter poses health risks, and has even been associated with increased crime in areas. It costs governments, businesses and even volunteer organizations a lot of time and money to clean up. The State of Missouri spends 5.8 million of your tax dollars annually to clean litter from along our highways. Most of all, litter is almost always preventable.

Below are a few things you can do to decrease the litter in Wentzville, and to keep Wentzville the beautiful place it should be.

- Place all trash in bags for disposal
- Keep trash out of truck beds
- Pick up litter when you see it
- Keep trash can and dumpster lids closed
- Sign up for the City’s Adopt-A-Street program (www.wentzvillemo.org/adopt-a-street-program.aspx)

Wentzville is a beautiful place to live. Let’s work together to keep it that way!
### March Calendar of Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Yard Waste Pickup Resumes**&lt;br&gt;6:00 p.m. Planning &amp; Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>2 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. First Day to Apply for City Utility Tax Refund** 310 W. Pearce Blvd. &amp; 5 W. Pearce Blvd. 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>3 Municipal Elections**</td>
<td>4 10:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on North Side of City**</td>
<td>5 6:00 p.m. Planning &amp; Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>6 City Hall Closed for Good Friday Holiday**</td>
<td>7 9:00-11:00 a.m. Free Sounds of Spring Hike Rotary Park 12:00-2:00 p.m. Arbor Day Celebration** Rotary Park 7:00-9:00 p.m. Social Dance** Progress Park Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Daylight Saving Time Begins**</td>
<td>12 9:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on North Side of City**</td>
<td>13 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>14 6:30-9:00 p.m. Just Once Song Writing** Green Lantern 506 S. Linn</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16 7:00-9:00 p.m. H.O.P.P. Nites Progress Park Center</td>
<td>17 Youth Soccer Leagues and Programs Start** Progress Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on South Side of City**</td>
<td>21 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>22 6:00-9:00 p.m. Storm Water Committee 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24 6:00-9:00 p.m. Just Once Song Writing** Green Lantern 506 S. Linn</td>
<td>25 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>26 6:00 p.m. Storm Water Committee 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### April Calendar of Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Yard Waste Pickup Resumes**&lt;br&gt;6:00 p.m. Planning &amp; Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>2 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. First Day to Apply for City Utility Tax Refund** 310 W. Pearce Blvd. &amp; 5 W. Pearce Blvd. 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>3 Municipal Elections**</td>
<td>4 10:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on North Side of City**</td>
<td>5 6:00 p.m. Planning &amp; Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>6 City Hall Closed for Good Friday Holiday**</td>
<td>7 9:00-11:00 a.m. Free Sounds of Spring Hike Rotary Park 12:00-2:00 p.m. Arbor Day Celebration** Rotary Park 7:00-9:00 p.m. Social Dance** Progress Park Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on South Side of City**</td>
<td>12 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on South Side of City**</td>
<td>13 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on North Side of City**</td>
<td>14 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on South Side of City**</td>
<td>15 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on North Side of City**</td>
<td>16 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on North Side of City**</td>
<td>17 Brush &amp; Tree Chipper Program on South Side of City**</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 6:00-9:00 p.m. Just Once Song Writing** Green Lantern 506 S. Linn</td>
<td>22 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>23 6:00-9:00 p.m. Just Once Song Writing** Green Lantern 506 S. Linn</td>
<td>24 6:00-9:00 p.m. Just Once Song Writing** Green Lantern 506 S. Linn</td>
<td>25 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>26 6:00 p.m. Storm Water Committee 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</td>
<td>27 6:00-10:00 p.m. Wiffle Ball Tournament Rotary Park Lower Field</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To provide residents up-to-the-minute notifications of important and emergency announcements, Wentzville has instituted a Wentzville Important Notification Delivery system (W.I.N.D.). When residents sign up for W.I.N.D. they receive automatic emergency and important announcement notification calls to whichever phone number they register. W.I.N.D. also allows residents to sign up for several levels of notifications. The levels vary from Citywide emergency announcements, to Police Department notifications of significant traffic problems due to accidents or light malfunctions, to event or meeting cancellations.

To sign up for W.I.N.D., residents can go to the City’s Web site home page at www.wentzvillemo.org. From the home page, place your mouse cursor on the “I Want To” tab. When the drop-down box of choices appears, click on the “Sign up for the W.I.N.D. Program” link that appears near the bottom of the box, and follow the directions from there. For more information about W.I.N.D., residents can call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

**Holding a Yard/Garage Sale? Don’t Forget Your Permit.**

Yard and garage sales are great ways to get some money for unused items, and they’re also a good way to recycle stuff you no longer need. Before posting a sign announcing your sale, however, don’t forget to get your Yard/Garage Sale Permit from the City.

According to City ordinance, a permit number is required anytime residents post a yard/garage sale sign or a sign for a similar sort of sale. No more than two yard sale sign permits can be issued per calendar year for a single address.

An exception to that rule is when residents list their yard sale in the Parks and Recreation Department’s Citywide Yard Sale booklet. In that instance, a single permit number is issued for all listed sales, and residents will use that permit number on their signs. Those permits do not count toward the two-permits-per-address limit.

It’s easy to get your Yard/Garage Sale Permit when you do it online. You can even opt to have your yard sale listed on the City’s Facebook page. To get your permit online, just go to the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, place your mouse cursor over the “I Want To…” tab near the top of the page, and then click on the “Have a Garage/Yard Sale” option in the dropdown box that appears. From the Yard/Garage Sale Sign Application page you’ll find everything you need to apply for your permit, have your sale listed on the City’s Facebook page, and a list of guidelines on how to post your yard sale sign.

To allow City staff time to process your request, just make sure you request your permit no later than 4:45 p.m. the night before you want to hold your sale. If you have other questions about holding your yard sale and posting your sign, call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

**Property Maintenance Inspections Begin April 2**

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 2012, all structures in the western half of Wentzville will be inspected, with inspections beginning April 2. 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
- Fences deteriorated
- Masonry damaged or deteriorated
- Windows damaged or broken/screens missing or broken
- Garage or main doors deteriorated or broken
- Exterior wall surfaces deteriorated—need paint
- Guttering damaged or missing
- Roof shingles damaged or missing

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 service and remaining vigilant in ensuring all Wentzville properties are suitably maintained, the City hopes to keep Wentzville a desirable place to live and work.
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! To register for either of these events, call the Parks Department at (636) 327-7665 or (636) 332-9236.

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 31 • Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Come early for parking! • Rotary Park
$2 in advance • $3 on the day of the event
Ages: 1-2 • 9:30 a.m. • Ages: 3-6 • 9:45 a.m. • Ages: 7-10 • 10:30 a.m.
$2 advance tickets sold at Progress Park until March 30 at 6:00 p.m. and you must bring ticket with you on the day of the event.

Bone Hunt
This event is for the furry member of the family! Door-prize drawings, and all pooches receive a “doggie bag” to take home. Dogs must remain leashed at all times.

March 31 • 2:00 p.m. • Any age in dog years • Rotary Park Upper Field
$8 Resident pooch • $10 Nonresident pooch (March 24 registration deadline.)

Soccer Leagues and Programs for Kids
This spring, kids ages four through nine can enjoy playing soccer and experience the fun of being part of a team. Check out the soccer opportunities below. All three are six-week programs that meet at Progress Park on Saturdays, and run from April 21 through June 2, with no games played Memorial Day weekend.

Soccer Totz Cost: $45 resident, $60 non resident
This micro soccer league meets from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and is for kids ages four and five. Through it kids will learn basic soccer skills and experience actual game play. Participants will be divided into teams for four-on-four instructional games in 45-minute increments. Each child will receive a game shirt and an award at the end of the season.

Kick Start Soccer Cost: $50 resident, $65 nonresident
Designed for six and seven year olds, Kick Start is the perfect next step from Soccer Totz. Kick Start runs from noon to 3:00 p.m., and the one-hour games are held on a bigger soccer field with more of the rules applied. Teams are coed with a minimum of 12 on each team, and each team will play a minimum of six games. Space is limited, so sign up early!

Hot Shotz Soccer Cost: $50 resident, $65 nonresident
In this instructional soccer league, which is designed for eight and nine year olds, scores will not be recorded. Teams will be coed with a minimum of 10 players on each team, and games will consist of four, 10-minute quarters. Each team will play a minimum of six games. Hot Shotz Soccer meets from 3:00-5:00 p.m., and space is limited.

Wentzville’s State of the City is Online!
During rocky economic times, everyone wants to know what the State of the Union is, but what about issues close to home? Local issues often have a more direct impact on our daily lives than national ones. If residents want to know what the state of our City is, they will want to check out Wentzville’s 2012 State of the City address, which 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; from the drop-down box choose the “Mayor and Alderman” option and then click on the “State of the City Address-2012” link. The 2012 State of the City address is full of information about Wentzville housing trends, economic development, and major construction initiatives residents will see in 2012, including the construction of two new parks and a second outdoor aquatic center. It’s great information about your City and it’s all at your fingertips.

Learn to Write a Song in One Lesson!
Ever dreamt of writing your own songs, but want to learn how to do it NOW? Then don’t wait to sign up for Wentzville’s Just Once Song Writing class. The class will meet March 21, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Green Lantern Center, located at 506 S. Linn. In just a few hours that night you’ll cover topics like how to write the hook, lyric writing, melody and chords, arranging and refining, copyrighting, marketing your music, and more. All materials will be provided. Cost for the class is $50 for residents and $55 for nonresidents. The class is designed for students ages 13 and up, and is limited to 15 students, so be sure to sign up right away.

Free Arbor Day Event Promises Family Fun
From noon to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 14, in beautiful Rotary Park, Wentzville families can enjoy an afternoon of fun and games, a seedling giveaway, and even special handouts for kids when Wentzville hosts its annual Arbor Day Celebration. This FREE event is not only fun, but it also promises to be educational. This year, the City is joining with the Missouri Department of Conservation to offer a class on tree planting and pruning.

For more information about the Arbor Day Celebration, call the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236.

Old Enough to Remember When…? We’ve Got a Dance for That!
If the music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s triggers fond memories for you, you won’t want to miss Wentzville’s Social Dance for Mature Adults from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 14, at the Progress Park Center. It will be a great evening of music from the 40s, 50s and 60s, with the opportunity to dance swing, fox trot, waltz, rumba, and the cha-cha. You can even bring your own bottle of wine and share it with your friends as you spend the evening listening to music, dancing, and talking over old times and good times with friends.

The cost for the evening is $8 per person for residents and $10 per person for nonresidents. Advance registration is required.

Free Large Item Pickup Scheduled May 7-11 This Year
Wentzville’s free Large Item pickup will take place the week of May 7-11 this year. Because this year’s Spring Citywide Yard Sale will take place the first Saturday in May, scheduling the Large Item pickup for the following week will help residents easily dispose of any of the bulky items that don’t sell at their yard sale. Watch the May/June Vision newsletter for more information about the Large Item pickup.

Residents can call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236 to register for any of these programs or for more information.
As the City focuses on improvements to its roadway infrastructure, residents traveling throughout the City will undoubtedly at some time encounter road construction or repair projects in progress. There are two primary rules when driving through any work zone. The first is to remain alert at all times. Looking down to reach for something, fumbling with a cell phone, or taking your eyes off the road for just an instant because of a distraction can result in serious and sometimes tragic accidents. The second rule is to be patient. Drive slowly through work zones and give yourself more time to react. Yes, work zones slow you down slightly, but usually far less than we imagine.

Below are three major construction projects residents will see going on this year—Wentzville Parkway/Pearce Boulevard intersection, Church Street, and Mexico Road. When completed, these projects will provide more efficient, safer travel in these busy areas. During construction, every effort will be made to minimize the impact on motorists. Motorists may, however, want to consider the alternate routes suggested below to get to their destinations, especially during peak traffic hours.

**Wentzville Parkway/Pearce Boulevard Intersection**

This project is expected to begin this spring and take approximately 12 months to complete. Plans call for the Pearce Boulevard/Wentzville Parkway intersection to receive dual left turn lanes to all legs of the intersection, as well as dedicated right-turn lanes to northbound Wentzville Parkway and eastbound Pearce Boulevard. Signal upgrades as well as access management to the QT and Schnucks properties at that location should also help mitigate some of the congestion that frequently builds up at the intersection.

The City’s portion of this nearly $2.2-million project is only approximately 17 percent, which will come from Wentzville’s Transportation Sales Tax. More than 82 percent of the project will be funded through the St. Charles County Road Board ($399,658), and a federal government Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant ($820,913), through the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

A phasing plan during construction should help alleviate some construction-related traffic problems. Once construction begins, however, motorists can expect increased traffic congestion at the intersection and will need to be patient.

**Suggested alternate routes:**

Motorists might want to consider the Highway A exit off I-70, or the Pitman Avenue exit off of Highway 40/61. The Highway Z exit off of I-70 would also be a viable option when work is not underway on the Church Street project. Work on the Church Street project and the Parkway/Pearce intersection project will overlap at times. Residents might also want to consider taking the Foristell exit on I-70, and then taking the north or south outer roads, or West Meyer Road.

**Church Street**

The Church Street project is part of the City’s Village Center plans. Renovations on Church Street are expected to begin this spring and take approximately 12 months to complete.

The project includes upgrading the narrow, three-lane asphalt Church Street to current safety standards, and making it pedestrian friendly with sidewalks on both sides. In fact, the sidewalk on the east side of the street will be wider and become part of the City’s pedestrian trail system. There will also be streetscape enhancements that will set our Village Center apart. These enhancements include things like themed lighting, exposed aggregate trail/sidewalks, stamped-concrete accents, special landscaping, and areas with benches, bike racks and landscaped planters.

The City’s portion of this nearly $2.1-million project is only approximately 38 percent, which will come from Wentzville’s Transportation Sales Tax. More than 62 percent of the project will be funded through the St. Charles County Road Board ($110,571), and a federal government Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant ($683,832), through the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

**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. According to the most recent traffic count for this section of Mexico Road, an average of 7,812 cars travel through this stretch of road every day. The initial contract construction cost for this project is $4.1 million, and up to 79 percent of those costs will be reimbursed to the City through a St. Charles County road grant.

Construction on this project began in early 2011 and is expected to be completed by this fall. Improvements include upgrading the existing two-lane asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road with sidewalks on both sides and an enclosed stormwater drainage system. During construction the road will remain open both ways, but for the safety of workers and motorists the speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph during construction. Motorists can expect delays during certain construction operations and particularly at peak traffic times.

**Suggested alternate routes:**

As motorists can travel both north and south on Mexico Road to reach Highway 61, they may want to adjust their route in and out of the area as construction progresses.

Residents can follow the progress of these and other Wentzville construction projects through the Engineering Division link, under the Public Works section of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. Just look for the “Project Updates” quick link in the right column.

### 2011 City-Utility-Tax Refunds Available to Eligible Residents

From April 2 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 2011.

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 2011 gross income of $38,950 for single-person households and $44,500 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.

---

**New Businesses**

- **Chick-Fil-A** 1918 Wentzville Parkway
- **Interaseal** 12618 Veteran’s Memorial Parkway
- **Mikalor USA, Inc.** 111 Avalon Industrial Dr
- **Precision Medical Supply** 100 East Pearce Boulevard
- **New Businesses**
- **Club Fitness** 7 Wentzville Center
- **Chick-Fil-A** 1918 Wentzville Parkway
- **Interaseal** 12618 Veteran’s Memorial Parkway
- **Mikalor USA, Inc.** 111 Avalon Industrial Dr
- **Precision Medical Supply** 100 East Pearce Boulevard
Holiday Hours
Please note that City offices will be closed for Good Friday on April 6 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, April 8.

Free Spring Pickup of Tree and Shrub Trimmings

Now that spring is here, many residents will be tidying up and trimming 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 pickup of tree and shrub trimmings is scheduled for the week of April 9 through April 13. Residents living south of the railroad tracks will have their tree and shrub trimmings picked up April 16 through April 20.

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. After the April pickup, the next scheduled free limb and brush pickup won’t be until this fall.

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) 327-5102.

Daylight Savings Time Starts March 11
Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour that day.

Your Mission…
Join Mission: Clean Stream on April 14
When we EACH do a little, we can ALL do a lot!

On Saturday, April 14, residents are invited to be part of Mission: Clean Stream and help clean up our community’s waterways. Meet at Quail Ridge Park at 8:30 a.m. for site assignments. Picnic lunch follows at 11:30 a.m. To sign up, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236. Preregistration isn’t necessary, but everyone who preregisters by April 1 will receive a free Mission: Clean Stream T-shirt.

For more information on Mission Clean Stream, go to www.wentzvillemo.org/mcs.aspx.

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 2012. Residents who were not receiving yard-waste pickup last year and want to subscribe to the service in 2012 will need to call Wentzville’s Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102. 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.

Residents can find more information about fees, recycling, yard waste, or regular sanitation pickup 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by going to the Public Works section of the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, and clicking on the Solid Waste and Recycling Quick Link in the right column. Residents can also have their questions answered during business hours, Monday through Friday, by calling the Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102.