Renaissance Faire Kicks Off 14th Season at Rotary Park on May 19*

This summer take a weekend trip to France—16th century France, that is. For the fourteenth straight year, the St. Louis Renaissance Faire will bring all the pageantry and excitement of the French Renaissance to Wentzville when it transforms a small portion of Rotary Park into a 16th century French village known as Petit Lyon. The St. Louis Renaissance Faire at Wentzville is one of the most unique, family-entertainment opportunities you’ll find, and it’s only minutes from your home.

On weekends from May 19 through June 10, including Memorial Day, you can visit with knights in armor and their fair maidens, or watch jousting matches and axe-toss contests. During these four weekends, the Faire will feature multiple entertainment acts on stages throughout the Faire grounds. Of course, the Knights of the Noble Cause will be back again with exciting jousting matches, but theirs is only the beginning of the entertainment options. Visitors will also be treated to the musical and comedic talents of nationally-recognized groups like 3 Pints Gone, Musical Blades, and Axel the Sot. Other performers scheduled for this year include harpist Melissa Purvis, the Greenleaf Singers, Michael the Magician, the Gateway Storytellers, and many more.

When you enter Petit Lyon, you can interact with the villagers and nobles and become part of the experience; or, you can just relax and be entertained by the ongoing comedy, musical performances and antics of the villagers. You’ll also find a variety of foods for feasting and a wide assortment of handcrafted treasures and unique items brought to Petit Lyon just to entice and delight you. Residents can find out more about this year’s St. Louis Renaissance Faire and the special entertainment and vendors scheduled for it by going to the organization’s Web site at www.renstl.org.

Dates, times and ticket prices for the Renaissance Faire are as follows:

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*This article is based on information obtained from the St. Louis Renaissance Faire Web site, www.renstl.org, as of March 21, 2012.

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Election Results

On April 3, Wentzville residents went to the polls and voted for the candidates they wanted to lead the City. The newly elected Aldermen will serve two-year terms. The Mayoral term is for four years. Below is a list of the newly-elected City officials.

**Mayor, Four-Year Term**
Nicholas “Nick” Guccione

**Alderman Ward 1, Two-Year Term**
Forrest Gosset

**Alderman Ward 2, Two-Year Term**
Sonya Shryock

**Alderman Ward 3, Two-Year Term**
Rick Stokes

Be Part of the July 4th “Hats Off to Our Heroes” Parade!

Freedom is never free. Many heroes, past and present, have sacrificed and paid for the liberties we enjoy today. Join in Wentzville’s salute to all our heroes by taking part in the City’s annual Independence Day Parade. This year’s parade theme is Hats Off to Our Heroes and all entries should in some way reflect that theme.

Area businesses, organizations and individuals are all invited to participate in the parade by creating a float or another type of parade entry. Please note that during the parade, candy or other items cannot be thrown from the car or float, but individuals walking next to the car or float may hand out these items along the parade route.

Parade entries will be judged for first-, second-, and third-place awards. To obtain a parade application/registration form, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9238, or stop by the office in Progress Park. The application form and guidelines can also be downloaded from the Parks and Recreation section of the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. Registration deadline is June 20.

Registration fees for parade entries are $25 for individuals and businesses, and $50 for political candidates or political entities campaigning for an office/election issue. No registration fee will be charged for not-for-profit organizations with 501c3 status, or for current elected office holders.

So whether you’re in the parade this year or watching it, don’t miss your chance to join with others as we recognize our country’s heroes—past and present.

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Wentzville Police Department Kicks Off New “Test My Teen” Drug Prevention Program

Concerned, involved parents are the strongest deterrent kids have for staying off drugs; but peer pressure to experiment with drugs is one of the biggest stumbling blocks kids face. To help both parents and teens win the battle against drug involvement, Wentzville’s Police Department recently kicked off a new Test My Teen drug-prevention program that is designed to keep parents in touch with what is really going on with their teens and give teens a way to stop peer pressure dead in its tracks when friends urge them to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

The program allows parents to download a voucher for one free, home drug-test kit through a link on the Police Department’s section of the City’s Web site, at www.wentzvillemo.org. Parents only pay for shipping of the kit. Electronic vouchers require no interaction with police, thereby providing parents total anonymity and the ability for families to privately address the issue. In addition, the kits are shipped using non-descript packaging to also preserve the family’s privacy. Parents without internet access can pick up a printed voucher at Wentzville’s Police Department, located at 1019 Schroeder Creek Boulevard.

Police Chief Lisa Harrison said she was introduced to the new program through a letter from the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF), and believes the program helps create a very positive, effective partnership in fighting drug experimentation and use. “When teens’ so-called friends pressure them to experiment with drugs or alcohol, they can tell their friends, ‘No thanks. My parents test me.’ That takes the pressure off teens to defend their choice for not using,” said Harrison. “This program, we can work with parents and turn this thing around.”

Chief Harrison explained the program provides families an effective tool in the fight against drug experimentation and use. “When teens’ so-called friends pressure them to experiment with drugs or alcohol, they can tell their friends, ‘No thanks. My parents test me.’ That takes the pressure off teens to defend their choice for not using,” said Harrison. “It also says to peers ‘If I use I’ll get caught for certain and then I’ll have to explain where I got the drugs,’” said Harrison. “This program also provides a way for teens who have previously been caught using drugs to rebuild trust with their parents,” Harrison added. “Parents can know for sure if their teen is telling the truth when they say, ‘No, I am no longer using.’

Parents who would like to know more about the Test My Teen program can go to the program’s Web site at www.testmyteen.com. There they will find the answers to many of their questions, information on what to look for, conversation starters they can use to talk with their teen about drugs, and even references to counselors who can help them. Free kit vouchers, however, must be downloaded or picked up at a participating law enforcement agencies.

Renaissance Faire Again Offers Special Student Day*

Once again the Greater St. Louis Renaissance Faire, in conjunction with its annual Renaissance Faire in Wentzville, will offer a special Student Day when area youth can travel back in time and learn what life was like in 16th century France. On Friday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., middle-school students can visit the Village of Petit Lyon and attend a special living-history event just for them. Student Day is open for all kids in grades six through eighth, including home-schooled students of the same grade level. Tickets for Student Day are just $3 per student, and one free chaperone admission will be supplied for every seven student admissions purchased.

Throughout Student Day, there will be a selection of regular Renaissance Faire professional acts performing and educational presentations by casts of Renaissance players. Students will get to meet peasants, villagers, merchants, and nobles of the court, and even gather at the Field of Honor for a Joust with the Knights of Noble Cause.

Persons wanting more information about Student Day can contact the St. Louis Renaissance Faire by e-mail at education@renstl.org, or call them at (636) 928-4141. Registrations will be acknowledged by phone or email, and an information packet with instructional materials will be sent to the teacher or contact person.

*Scheduled for June 8, 9, and 10 for grades six through eight.

Got an Irrigation System? Irrigation-Backflow Test Reports Are Due by June 1.

All home and business owners whose properties have an irrigation system must have the system’s backflow devices checked each spring by a certified backflow tester to ensure the devices are working properly. This requirement applies even if the system is not used. Debris buildup and damaged parts due to freezing can allow contamination to flow from the sprinklers back into public water lines.

If residents don’t already have the name of a certified backflow tester, they can find a list of local testers in the Public Works/Water Division section of the City’s Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org/water-division.aspx. From the Water Division main page, just click on the Certified Backflow Testers link in the right column, under Quick Links.

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. The same plumber who removes the backflow device must then 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.

Solicitors in Wentzville Must Wear ID Badge

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

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

Fundraising activities by bona fide religious, educational or charitable organizations, however, are exempt from this requirement. Also, people who are only dropping off flyers are not required to have a license or wear a badge.

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

If you don’t want to post a sign in your front yard, but still would rather not deal with solicitors, you can post a sign at your front door and any other entrance through which a guest would normally enter the residence. Signs posted in this manner should also state either “no soliciting” or “no solicitors,” and should be clearly visible to anyone approaching the entrance to the home. By City ordinance, no solicitor is allowed to remain upon any private property posted in this manner.
Mayor’s Comment: City Government Serving Residents Will Be My Foundation

Now that the campaigning is over, the real work begins. I want to thank the residents who showed faith in me by going to the polls and voting for me on April 3. I am honored by the privilege residents have afforded me to serve as their Mayor for the next four years, and promise to do everything within my power to be deserving of the honor of the office.

As I write this column on April 4, my mind is spinning with the opportunities and responsibilities the next four years will bring. While the specifics on some ideas I have for the City have yet to be fully defined, I can say without a doubt that the foundation of my work as Mayor will be serving the people of Wentzville, and making sure that what is done in City government is what is best for our residents.

For five years as Ward 3 Alderman I’ve worked to stay close and accessible to residents through informal meeting formats, such as the monthly Coffee Talk meetings. Some of these meetings were held at City Hall, and some were held in my home. As Mayor, I plan to continue making myself available to residents and reach out to them through more neighborhood meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend our Board of Aldermen meetings, and residents can even watch the meetings online, but I want to take City government a step closer to residents. I want to bring more informal meetings to the people, and ask them face-to-face, “Hey, what’s your issue?”

I also want to make sure residents get the information they need about what is going on in their City and with City government. The Citizen Survey we conducted in 2010 revealed residents rely on the Vision newsletter as their primary source of information about what is going on in Wentzville; and later in 2010 our City’s Web site was named as one of the top five in the state, based on the useful amount of information and services it provided. These are both valuable communication tools, but I want to see us do more to get information to residents.

I am excited about the next four years and believe Wentzville has many things headed in the right direction, such as the General Motors plant adding workers, a new Sam’s Club being built, and other developments springing up around the City. We’re beginning to see slow signs of recovery from this recession that has hurt so many families. As we gradually step out of the dark economic days that have plagued our nation, I look forward to working with City staff members, the Board of Aldermen, and the generous residents who serve on the City’s numerous Boards, Commissions, and Committees. I know working together we can ensure Wentzville stays St. Charles County’s brightest rising star.

I invite residents to call or e-mail me with their ideas and questions. My phone number is (636) 332-1767, and my e-mail address is mayor@wentzvillemo.org. I will be able to serve Wentzville residents best when they share with me their thoughts, needs and dreams for our City.

Mayor
Nickolas Guccione

Free Large Item Pickup Scheduled May 7-11

This spring the free, Large-Item Pickup will take place May 7 through May 11. With the City’s change to a five-day-a-week pickup schedule for trash, residents can put out their bulky items for pickup on their regularly scheduled trash pickup day that week. This service is for residential customers only and all items should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: For safety purposes, semi-air tight containers with a capacity of 1 ½ cubic feet or more and openings of 50 square inches must have the hinges, latches or other hardware removed.

All appliance items limit of 1 of each type per household!

Appliances that will be accepted are:
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air-conditioners
- Washers
- Dryers
- Stoves
- Televisions

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

The following items will not be accepted:
- Tires
- Batteries (lead acid)
- Waste Oil
- Yard Waste
- Bricks
- Railroad Ties
- Any Liquids
- Car or engine parts of any kind

From the Board: Sidewalks Must be Left Open for Pedestrian Use

Wentzville’s elected officials and staff have aggressively worked to add sidewalks and off-street pedestrian paths throughout our City. We’ve included that goal in many of our City’s policy documents, such as our Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan, and Trails Master Plan. Also, our Subdivision Ordinance requires sidewalks be planned for both sides of all streets. We’ve done this because when pedestrians’ are forced to walk in the street because no clear sidewalk is available, their chances of serious injury increase dramatically. Children on their way to and from school are especially at risk.

Although some of our older neighborhoods still don’t have sidewalks, it’s imperative that where there are sidewalks, they are left open for pedestrian use. Unfortunately, many times people walking along a sidewalk must step into the street to get around cars that are parked in driveways and extend out across the sidewalk. Often residents don’t stop to think about how blocking sidewalks in this manner puts their neighbors and neighborhood children at risk when they must walk out into the street to get around the cars.

In this day of multi-vehicle households, and especially during summer months when people may have campers or boat trailers hooked to their vehicles, the Wentzville Police Department and Aldermen frequently get complaints about this problem. Many residents don’t realize it’s against City ordinance to park a vehicle, boat, trailer, etc. in their driveway when it blocks the use of a walkway or sidewalk, and that they can be issued a ticket for doing that.

Another way some residents have obstructed and encroached on pedestrians’ use of sidewalks is by putting up basketball goals adjacent to the sidewalk, skateboard ramps on them, or anything else that hinders the flow of pedestrian traffic. Because sidewalks and the area generally within five feet of the shoulder or curb line of streets are considered right-of-way areas, residents are restricted by City ordinance on what they may and may not place or plant in these areas. If residents have any questions about what they can or can’t do in the right-of-way area in front of their house, they are invited to call the City’s Community Development Department at (636) 639-2040. Residents don’t need to read the City Code to know if they’ve obstructed the flow of pedestrian traffic, however. Their eyes will tell them if there are obstructions that would force pedestrians to leave the sidewalk to get around them.

We’re asking all our residents to be good neighbors and good citizens, and help us make sure our sidewalks stay open and safe for pedestrians. Our Police Department and Code Compliance Inspectors will do their part to ensure everyone complies with City ordinances that are designed to keep our sidewalks safe and free flowing. Residents can do their part by exercising a bit of awareness and consideration.
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- **6:00 p.m.** Planning & Zoning Committee
- **6:00 p.m.** Board of Adjustment
- **6:00 p.m.** Storm Water Advisory Committee
- **6:00 p.m.** Municipal Trials
- **7:00 p.m.** Park Board Meeting
- **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Last Day to Apply for a City Utility Tax Refund at City Hall/Utility Service Center
- **9:00-10:00 p.m.** Free Sunset Concert in the Park

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- **10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Renaissance Faire
- **6:00 p.m.** Planning & Zoning Committee
- **6:00 p.m.** Board of Aldermen
- **6:00 p.m.** Storm Water Advisory Committee
- **8:30 p.m.** Free Movie in the Park: Rango

**See article in this edition of Vision. Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101**
City Pool Opens May 26

Be sure to grab your sun glasses, beach towel, and sun screen and head to Wentzville’s Progress Park pool on Saturday, May 26, for the pool’s official opening of the 2012 season. Beginning on May 26, the City’s pool will be open seven days a week, from noon until 7:00 p.m., through August 14, except in cases of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, on Saturday, June 16, from noon until 7:00 p.m., the City will again host a FREE Resident Swim Day. 2012 daily fees are as follows:

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All-season pool-pass fees:

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*A household membership consists of 2 adults and 3 children (ages 22 and younger), living in the same household. Additional children may be added for an additional $25 per child.

To receive the resident rate, you must show your resident I.D. card each time you visit the pool. Resident I.D. cards can be purchased for $5 at the Parks and Recreation office, and they get you free on the day of purchase. Proof of residency, such as a current water bill, is required to purchase a resident I.D. card.

Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is at least 16 years old. Only children age six and under are allowed in the baby pool, and children must not be left unattended in the baby pool. Toddlers must wear swim diapers. Swim diapers can be brought from home or purchased for $2 at the pool concession stand.

If you work up an appetite while at the pool, you can ease your hunger pangs at the pool’s full-service concession stand. The concession stand offers hot dogs, nachos, pretzels, soft drinks, ice cream and many more food items.

Lockers are available to store personal belongings, but you need to bring your own lock. All locks must be removed at the end of each day.

For special pool fun, you might want to consider either renting the pool for a private party, or choosing one of our regular operating-hour birthday-party packages. For more information, contact the Parks office at (636) 332-9236.

Beat the Rush! Get Your 2012 Pool Pass Early!

Wentzville’s Progress Park pool opens May 26, but you don’t have to wait until then to get your 2012 Pool Pass—come to the Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park and get it now! That way, on the first day of the season you can skip the wait in line to get your pass and start enjoying the pool right away.
Free Movie for the Whole Family!

No need to wreck your budget taking the whole family to the movies when Wentzville hosts its Free Movie in the Park night on Friday, June 1. That night you can bring everyone in the family to beautiful Rotary Park for a free viewing of the Oscar-winning animated film *Rango*. This PG-rated film features the voice talents of Johnny Depp, who portrays an ordinary chameleon that accidentally ends up as the sheriff in the lawless Wild West town of Dirt. The movie start time that evening will be 8:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating, and since a movie just isn’t a movie without something to munch on, concessions will be available for purchase at the park. Also, make sure you arrive early enough to find a spot and get your snacks before the movie begins.

It promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. And best of all, it’s free!

Don’t Forget Citywide Yard Sale is May 5!

Need a map to search for your treasures? Purchase Citywide Yard Sale Booklets with maps for $2 during business hours, through Friday, May 4, at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard, and at the Utilities Service Center, located at 5 West Pearce Boulevard. Booklets can also be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office, located in Progress Park at 968 Meyer Road, all the way through Saturday, May 5.

Happy treasure hunting!

Sunset Concert at Rotary Park

It’s summer time and the living and listening is easy at Wentzville’s Sunset Concert, which will be held on Friday, June 8, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., at beautiful Rotary Park. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, then relax and listen to a live, music concert as the twilight shadows softly fall on the Park’s amphitheater.

The concert is free. Concessions and beer will be available at very reasonable prices. Be sure to come early enough to find a good seat, purchase your snacks, and settle back for a relaxing evening filled with music and the beauty of the outdoors.

Winnie the Pooh Box Car Movie Night at Rotary Park

What could be more fun than a free night of watching everyone’s favorite bear in Disney’s full-length animated film *Winnie the Pooh*? How about watching it while sitting in your very own “box car?”

On Friday, August 3, Wentzville will host a Winnie-the-Pooh themed Box Car Movie Night. Youngsters are encouraged to create their own “box car” from cardboard boxes, using the Winnie-the-Pooh theme. They can bring their cars with them to Rotary Park on August 3 and watch everyone’s favorite cuddle o’ bear on the big screen while sitting in their own box car—it’s a little-tykes version of the old drive-in movies. There will even be a Honey Award given that night for the best themed box car.

Although the little ones will want to watch the movie from the comfort of their own box cars, moms, dads, and older siblings will want to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Concessions will be available for purchase, including hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy and our famous Frito pies!

The movie starts at 8:00 p.m. that evening, but be sure to come early so you can find a good place to sit, park your box cars, and purchase your snacks before the movie begins. It promises to be a fun night the little ones in your family will remember for a long time.

One-Day American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Current or future babysitters ages 11 through 15 will want to make sure they sign up for this one-day American Red Cross Babysitting Course. The course, which will be held from 1:00-7:30 p.m., on Sunday, June 3, at the Green Lantern, will provide information and training babysitters need to keep children safe and make the babysitting experience more fun for everyone. The course will cover topics like safety and safe play, basic care, first aid, leadership, and professionalism.

To keep this six-hour program fun and exciting, it will be filled with videos, lively discussions, fun activities, and real-life situations. Participants will receive a handbook to take home and a certificate for completing the course. They should also bring a sack dinner and snack with them.

Cost for the course is $55 for residents and $60 for nonresidents. The Green Lantern is located at 506 South Linn in the historic area of Wentzville. The class size is limited to a maximum of 15 participants, so early registration is recommended.

Residents can call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236 to register for any of these programs or for more information.
Motorists Can Save Time and Stress by Choosing Alternate Routes

With road improvements planned this year for several high-traffic roads, residents traveling throughout the City will undoubtedly at some time encounter construction projects in progress. Sometimes the only way to get to your destination is by traveling through one of these construction zones. Often, however, we can avoid construction zones completely by taking a slightly different route to our destination. Avoiding construction zones, especially during peak traffic hours, can save you time and reduce your driving stress. Also, the more motorists who choose alternate routes when possible, the less traffic volume there will be through construction zones, and the safer those areas will be for everyone.

When driving through a construction zone is unavoidable, please remember to remain alert and avoid unnecessary distractions like using a cell phone or eating/drinking as you are driving. Also, drive slowly and give yourself more time to react to changes in the traffic.

Below are three major construction projects that will be in progress this summer, and all three are in high-traffic areas. Take a look at these construction projects and the suggested alternate routes you can use to avoid these areas. To make sure this information is available for residents anytime they need it, the City’s Public Works Department is posting suggested alternate routes for each of these areas on the City’s Web site. To find them, click on the Construction Update link on the City’s home page at www.wentzvillemo.org. The alternate routes will be adjacent to the construction update for each of these projects.

Wentzville Parkway/Pearce Boulevard Intersection

Construction on this project began in March and will take approximately 12 months to complete. Improvements include adding dual left turn lanes to all legs of the intersection, as well as dedicated right-turn lanes to northbound Wentzville Parkway and westbound 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. A phasing plan during construction should help alleviate some construction-related traffic problems.

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 plan. Renovations on Church Street also began in March, and are expected to take approximately 12 months to complete. Improvements include upgrading the narrow, three-lane asphalt Church Street to current safety standards, and making it pedestrian friendly with sidewalks on both sides. 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 include things like themed lighting, exposed aggregate trail/sidewalks, stamped-concrete accents, special landscaping, and areas with benches, bike racks and landscaped planters.

Suggested alternate routes:

- Motorists traveling to the southeastern portion of the City might want to consider taking I-64 to the Lake St. Louis Boulevard exit, or the Highway N exit. Motorists whose destination is in the southwestern portion of Wentzville might consider the I-70/Wentzville Parkway exit and take the South Outer Road east to Wilmer Road or west to South Pointe Prairie Road. Since the Church Street and Wentzville Parkway/Pearce projects will overlap, backups could occur during peak times at the I-70/Wentzville Parkway exit. At those times motorists might want to travel farther west on I-70 to the Foristell exit.

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. 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 storm-water 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 can at times avoid the construction zone by just adjusting 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.

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…Since voters approved the Transportation Sales Tax in 1999, it has brought in a little over $18.1 million for transportation improvements in Wentzville, and has allowed the City to not only make important road improvements, but also allowed the City to leverage those funds to bring in an additional $27.1 million in Grant Funding for transportation projects?

Important transportation projects the City has completed over these years include the following:

- Wentzville Parkway Overpass
- Peine Road widening and road loop agreement
- West Meyer Road Phases 1 and 2, and West Meyer bridge by Rotary Park
- Interstate Drive Phases 2 and 3
- Traffic signals at Mexico Road and Highway A, Wentzville Parkway and West Meyer Road, Wentzville Parkway and Heritage Pointe, Wentzville Parkway and Meyer Road
- Schroeder Creek Boulevard in front of Police Department
- Old Business 61 (Luetkenhaus Boulevard)
Holiday Hours

City offices in Wentzville will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day, and again on Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.

There will be no change in the operation schedule of the Wentzville Recreation Center on Memorial Day, and the pool will be open as well. The Wentzville Recreation Center will be closed on July 4, but the pool will be open for Free Swimming that day from noon until 8:00 p.m.