**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Nov. 3:** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 4:** Planning & Zoning, 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day
  City Offices Closed
- **Nov. 12:** Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 13:** Board of Adjustment, 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 19:** Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 20:** Downtown Committee
  Meeting, 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 27-28:** Thanksgiving
  City Offices Closed

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**Annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade**

Wentzville’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. The tree is located at the intersection of Pearce Boulevard and Luetkenhaus Boulevard, in an area of land between Pete’s Drive-In and Dee’s Produce. Gathering for the tree lighting begins at 5:30 p.m. with holiday musical entertainment to kick off the festivities.

Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione will officially light the tree, just prior to the start of the Annual Christmas Parade. The parade starts at Budget Towing on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, travels south on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, then heads west on Pearce Boulevard, and ends at the Wentzville firehouse. At the firehouse, attendees can enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**Don’t Miss the Turkey Dash on Nov. 23**

Don’t eat your way through the holidays! Instead, do something healthy and kick off the holiday season with Wentzville’s annual Turkey Dash. The Turkey Dash winds through our Holiday Night Lights display. Best of all, it isn’t just for fitness buffs and athletes. With nine age groups, and both a 5K and one-mile walk/run, the Turkey Dash accommodates all fitness and age levels.

The first 150 entrants will receive an official Wentzville Turkey Dash T-shirt. All participants are entered into a drawing for a turkey for your Thanksgiving feast. Register yourself and two friends and get $3 off each entry with the Turkey Trio discount. Registration starts at 3 p.m., and the run starts at 4 p.m. at Rotary Park.

The winners of the 5K run in each of the following age groups will receive awards: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and older. The top three overall males and females will also receive awards. Learn more and complete a registration form at http://bitly.com/turkeydash.

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**Holiday Trash Collection Schedule**

The week of Nov. 10, resident’s trash collection days will not change. However, for the week of Thanksgiving, trash collection schedules will be as follows:

- Trash collection will remain the same on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week.
- On Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, trash collection will run a day late. Thursday’s collection will move to Friday and Friday’s collection will move to Saturday, Nov. 29.

The week of Dec. 22, trash collection will be as follows:

- Trash collection will remain the same on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Trash collection on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26 will run a day late. Thursday’s collection will move to Friday and Friday’s collection will take place on Saturday, Dec. 27.

**Trash collection for the week of Dec. 29 will follow the same schedule.**

- Trash collection will remain the same on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Trash collection on Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Jan. 2, will run a day late. Thursday’s collection will move to Friday, and Friday’s collection will take place on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Beginning Jan. 6, trash collection will go back to its normal schedule. For a list of all holidays that impact the collection schedule, visit the Public Works > Solid Waste & Recycling section of the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org. If you have questions about holiday collection schedule changes, call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049, Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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**Holiday Night Lights Drive-Thru**

This scenic drive-thru begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28. Until Dec. 7, the drive-thru will be open Thursday through Sunday evenings from 6-10 p.m. Beginning Dec. 11, it will be open nightly, through Tuesday, Dec. 30 (except for Christmas Day).
Interactive Map Spotlights Wentzville’s History

Wentzville was founded in 1855 by William M. Allen, a landowner in western St. Charles County who provided land along the then-recently constructed railroad right-of-way to build a train station to serve the local area. In the spirit of preserving Wentzville’s rich history, a new interactive story map has been developed. This interactive map highlights various locations of particular historical value as the Wentzville community has grown from the small 19th century village along the railroad to the fast growing 21st century city it is today.

“Wentzville is rich with interesting history, most of which is forgotten. It is up to each of us to rediscover and learn more about what has made Wentzville so great for all the years people have called it home,” Alderman Michael Hays, Ward 3.

This map can be viewed on a computer or, for the urban explorer, it has an integrated mobile interface for a web-enabled tablet or smartphone. To explore the interactive map, visit: http://bit.ly/Wentzville_History. Please note: Many of the photos in this story map, as well as the photo on the right, were provided by the Wentzville Community Historical Society.

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*These events will be held at City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.). All meetings are subject to change. Please check the Calendar of Events at www.wentzvillemo.org for the most up-to-date information.

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