Starting Tuesday, Dec. 12

Filing Opens for Municipal Offices

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8 a.m., candidates may begin filing for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 2018 ballot. Candidates will need to file at City Hall, located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd. The filing period will remain open until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.

Positions open for filing include one Alderman from each of the three Wards. City ordinances state that candidates running for Alderman must be at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States; and an inhabitant and resident of the City for at least one year prior to the election. Candidates running for Alderman must also be a resident, at the time he/she files and during the time he/she serves, of the Ward from which he/she is elected.

If you would like more information about the duties and qualifications for serving on Wentzville’s Board of Aldermen, please call the City Clerk’s office at (636) 639-2010. Please note: all filing fees are $25 and must be paid when filing for the position of Alderman.

Visit Us At Our New Location
As of Nov. 13, Wentzville City Hall has a new address at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd., near the intersection of Wentzville Parkway and Schroeder Creek Boulevard. The new facility allows residents to pay their utility bills, get a permit, attend a Board of Aldermen meeting, visit Municipal Court and more. Questions? Please call us at (636) 327-5101.

Jan. 6: Electronics Recycling Event
Need a way to properly dispose of old computers, modems, printers, cell phones, VCRs or other electronic items? We’ve got a solution for you! Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 6. On this day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heartland Park (100 William Dierberg Dr.), the City will host an electronics recycling event. This “drive-thru and drop-off” event will be for Wentzville utility customers only (water/sewer/trash). Residents must present a utility bill and a valid driver’s license in order to participate. This event is partially funded through a grant from the St Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Visit bit.ly/electronicrecyclingevent for a list of more than 60 items that will be accepted FREE of charge. Some items may incur a small fee.

Holiday Happenings
Visit bit.ly/ParksSpecialEvents to learn more about upcoming holiday events, programs and classes for you and your family to enjoy.

Holiday Trash Collection
Trash/Recycling collection will be affected for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

For the weeks of Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, collection will be as follows: Monday’s collection will move to Tuesday; Tuesday’s collection will move to Wednesday; Wednesday’s collection will move to Thursday and so forth, with Friday’s collection taking place on Saturday, Dec. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 7, respectively.

The Holiday Shopping Season is Upon Us
Shop Safe!

Please take time to ensure you have a safe and happy holiday season! These steps may help reduce your chances of falling prey to a criminal act. For more information, please call the Wentzville Police Department at (636) 327-5105. When shopping, take the following precautions.

1. Be aware of your surroundings.
2. Remember where you parked your car. Take a photo of your car or a nearby landmark.
3. When shopping after dark, park in a well-lit area.
4. Shop in pairs. Take a friend shopping with you.
5. When returning to your car, keep your car keys in your hand.
6. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit or debit cards.
7. Don’t leave your phone, purse or other valuables visible in your parked car.
8. Hide your bags. Don’t leave purchased merchandise in your parked car where it can be seen.
Round Up to Give Back

By simply signing up to “round up” your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar you can make a great, positive impact on our senior community. This is much needed, especially during the holiday season.

So how does it work? If you sign up, your monthly bills will be rounded up to the next highest dollar. For example, if your bill is $44.25, your bill will be rounded up to $45.00. Making your contribution 75 cents. The funds raised from this program will be donated to our local Meals on Wheels program. To sign up to have your monthly utility bill rounded up to the nearest dollar. To complete a form, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org. Questions? Please call (636) 639-2155.

Holiday Hours

City offices will be closed on the following holidays:

- Christmas, Dec. 22 & 25
- New Year’s Day, Jan. 1

Progress Park Recreation Center holiday hours:

- Christmas Eve (observed), Dec. 22, open 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, open 12-4 p.m.
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25, closed
- New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31, open 12-6 p.m.
- New Year’s Day, Jan. 1, closed

Utility Payments

How Do I Pay My Bill?

- By completing an auto draft by credit card form.
- By completing an auto draft by checking or savings account form.
- Over the phone with your Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express; please call (636) 639-2155.
- With various forms of payment — cash, check, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express.
- At the payment drop box located at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.) The box is just to the left of the front entrance.
- In the lobby of City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). The lobby is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Please note: Payments made with a credit or debit card will incur a 2% surcharge.

Community Development Block Grants

Maintaining our neighborhoods and helping our residents are top priorities for the City of Wentzville. Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) are instrumental in helping us achieve these goals. CDBG funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of helping low- and moderate-income households. CDBG funding covers several programs, from helping to maintain a home or buy a home, to receiving transportation.

Various restrictions apply for each of these programs, including income verification. Applications will be available at bit.ly/WentzvilleCDBG; deadlines may apply. Questions regarding any of these programs can be directed to Wentzville’s Building Official by calling (636) 639-2043 or emailing Mark.Chase@wentzvillemo.org.

Frozen Ponds Pose Safety Risks

The single-digit temperatures that will make their way into Wentzville this winter, will inevitably bring with them freezing ponds, lakes and other frozen bodies of water. However, while the ice may be beautiful, it poses some chilling dangers.

At most, the ice on our ponds and lakes is only about a half to three-quarters of an inch thick. In order to support even the smallest child, it needs to be upwards of two to three inches thick. It’s also important to remember that ice is dangerous for our pets, too. Though they generally weigh less than humans, they also have the potential to fall through the ice. If you see your pet venture out on the ice, do not follow them — especially if they fall through!

Even with precautions and safety plans in place, ice emergencies can happen. Although hypothermia is the greatest danger, getting out of the water is critical. Never try and enter the water to rescue a person or an animal. If possible, try to throw a flotation device or rope to help, but never go on the ice yourself. Call 911 immediately and get help on the way. The City reminds you to be safe and aware as you enjoy winter in Wentzville!

Electronics Recycling Event

WHEN: Jan. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: Heartland Park
100 William Dierberg Dr.

Flip to the front page of this newsletter or visit bit.ly/electronicreyclingevent for more information.