NOTeworthy
July 2017
City of Wentzville news, information, important dates and more!

Fighting Back against Crime during Wentzville’s National Night Out

This August, as part of the National Night Out event, residents from roughly 15,000 communities nationwide will join together to send a message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back against crime. That night, Wentzville residents are invited to turn on their porch lights, go outside and join with neighbors in block parties, cookouts, flash-light walks and other activities. Making a point to meet and get to know your neighbors can take a big step toward combating crime.

In Wentzville, National Night Out is celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. During that time, City officials, along with representatives from the Wentzville Police Department and Wentzville Fire Protection District will circulate through the community and visit neighborhood National Night Out celebrations. Weather permitting, helicopter flyovers are being planned for our local events.

If your neighborhood would like a visit from City officials, or if you need more information and suggestions about how to plan your own National Night Out activities, please call Officer Michael Mainieri at (636) 639-2171. In addition to scheduling your event with Officer Mainieri, you may also go online to the National Night Out website and register your subdivision at www.NNO.org.

Safety Dispose of Unwanted HHW

Each year, St. Charles County residents are given the opportunity to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Residents can drop off items at the Wentzville Recycle Works location (2110 E. Pitman Ave.) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (through Sept. 30). Recycle Works will collect HHW items such as chemicals, auto fluids, pesticides and oil-based paints (no latex paints).

No appointment is necessary, but a $15 fee applies for loads up to 50 pounds (+$1 per pound over 50). For additional details and a list of accepted items, please visit the County’s website at bit.ly/recycleworks or call (636) 949-1800.

City Street Improvements

The City annually reviews all City streets and develops a cost-efficient schedule designed specifically to replace deteriorated concrete slabs based upon individual concrete slab condition. To equitably select these slabs, City staff performs field inspections and uses GPS equipment to identify the street segments that are in the worst overall condition within the City. This information is processed with in-house engineering staff to cost effectively prepare the annual slab replacement program. For a list of 2017 projects, please visit bit.ly/slabreplacementprogram.

Submit Nominations Through Oct. 16

Do you know someone whose service or actions deserve special recognition? Nominations for Wentzville’s 2017 Citizen of the Year award are open until Oct. 16. Forms are available on the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org. You can also pick up a form at City Hall, or call the City at (636) 327-5101 to request a copy be mailed.

REMINDEERS:

4th of July

Wentzville’s annual 4th of July Parade starts at 10 a.m. at Holt High School (600 Campus Dr.) and travels east on Pearce Boulevard, ending at Luetkenhaus Boulevard. This year’s theme is, “Hail Our American Heritage.”

After the parade, join us at Progress Park for Liberty Fest, which includes FREE activities during the afternoon and evening! Free swim (at Progress park Pool ONLY) from noon-5 p.m. Inflatables, ultimate bungee, inflatable mini-golf and face painting from 5-8:45 p.m. Live music from 6-9 p.m. by The Riverside Band. And, the evening concludes with fireworks at 9:05 p.m.

City offices, including the Parks and Recreation office, will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Due to the holiday, trash, recycling and yard waste collection will run one day late. Monday’s collection will not be affected. However, Tuesday’s collection will move to Wednesday, Wednesday’s collection will move to Thursday, and so forth, ending with Friday’s collection taking place on Saturday, July 8.

Fireworks allowed from noon to 11 p.m. on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. Read more on the back.
MEETING DATES

To Honor and Remember

Renovation & Expansion of Vietnam War Memorial

The City of Wentzville is the site of the nation’s very first Vietnam War Memorial, and 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the memorial.

In preparation for this significant anniversary, the City of Wentzville’s Board of Aldermen voted to allocate Board contingency funds to expand and improve the memorial. The project includes new lighting, an ADA ramp, a rock wall, beautiful landscaping and more.

On May 17 a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the expansion of this important Wentzville landmark. The work on the memorial began in February, with a completion goal of May — just in time for the annual Run for the Wall.

During this event, motorcyclists from across the country travel to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. On May 23, on their way to the nation’s capital, more than 400 motorcyclists stopped at the Vietnam War Memorial in Wentzville to honor those who served.

Wentzville is proud to be home to the first Vietnam War Memorial in the country. This expansion and renovation project ensures that it will be preserved for years to come.

Water Division Awards Three Scholarships

Each year, seniors in the Wentzville School District compete for scholarships from the City of Wentzville’s Water Division. This year, three $750 scholarships were awarded to one student from Holt, Liberty and Timberland high schools.

As one of the only fine-arts related scholarships in the area, students paint fire hydrants in celebration of National Water Week. One first-place winner from each school was then selected to receive the scholarship. This year’s first-place winners include Katie Dains (Holt), Emilee Reed (Liberty) and Shauna Rainey (Timberland).

The hydrants have been placed around downtown Wentzville at various locations. They will be on display until late this year. To view a map of their locations, please visit bit.ly/firehydrants17.

Friends of the Wentzville Parks

Local Nonprofit Supports Wentzville Parks

Friends of the Wentzville Parks (FOTWP) is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) foundation, which works with public and private partners to supplement and support the City of Wentzville Parks & Recreation Department’s programs, services and capital projects; particularly those that help children, at-risk youth, seniors and the disabled. The foundation is dedicated to preserving, enriching and maintaining cultural, environmental, and recreational facilities and programs in our community.

FOTWP was founded in 2008 by Greg Younger who is a passionate individual that understands the importance of having places of play for everyone to enjoy access to recreational activities for youth. With Younger’s original thoughts in mind, the FOTWP has set the following goals:

- Improve and preserve park facilities, programs and ongoing leisure-service needs
- Provide a revenue source beyond our parks’ annual operating funds
- Offset growing cost through public support and individual and corporate donations
- Ensure all members of the community have access to recreational opportunities

While the foundation has had limited volunteers and board members, they have been able to accomplish great things. Since the inception of the foundation, FOTWP has contributed and committed more than $80,000 in community support. Consider becoming a FOTWP member today! To learn more, please visit www.fotwp.org or call (636) 639-2169.

What You Need to Know About Fireworks

City ordinance now allows fireworks on July 3 and July 4 of each year, between the hours of noon and 11 p.m., each day. The ordinance states “any person 16 years of age or older or any minor under age 16, with constant adult supervision, may set off, use, burn, explode or fire off fireworks within the municipal boundaries of the City.” These restrictions will be strictly enforced. Outside of the allowed time frame, a summons may be issued and fireworks may be confiscated.

Please take precautions when shooting off fireworks and be mindful and courteous of your neighbors. To report illegal fireworks use, please call (636) 327-5105. To learn more, please visit bit.ly/fireworksinwentzville.

Meeting Dates

July 5: Planning and Zoning, 6 p.m.
July 10: Parks and Recreation Board, 6:30 p.m.
July 12: Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
July 13: Board of Adjustment, 6 p.m.
July 19: Tree Committee, 5 p.m. (Progress Park)
July 25: Downtown Committee, 6 p.m.
July 26: Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
July 27: Friends of the Wentzville Parks, 6 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.). For up-to-date meeting times/locations and cancellations, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org.

Save the Date

July 4: City Offices Closed (Independence Day)
July 25-29: St. Charles Co. Fair (Rotary Park)
Aug. 4: Rod Run (down Pearce Blvd.)
Aug. 15: Cardboard Boat Race (Progress Park)
Sept. 4: City Offices Closed (Labor Day)
Sept. 5: Pooch Plunge (Splash Station)
Sept. 6-11: Progress Park Recreation Center Closed for Facility Maintenance

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