**Fight the Bite**

In the last few years, and especially during the past several months, awareness about the potentially dangerous conditions associated with mosquito-related illnesses has been heightened. Although most of these diseases are focused in more tropical destinations, mosquitoes can be a problem for Wentzville area residents as well, especially as warmer temperatures return.

You can help protect yourself and your family by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds. Mosquitoes can be discouraged from biting with the use of insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, IR 3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus when outdoors. In addition, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants and staying indoors at dawn and dusk can minimize opportunities for mosquito bites.

Mosquito larvae requires seven to 14 days of still water for development, so it’s best to take steps to drain areas where water settles, and clean clogged gutters, fountains, ponds and bird baths to help eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. To learn more, please visit the St. Charles County Health Department’s website at bit.ly/StCharlesMosquito.

**Nominate Someone Today for Wentzville’s Citizen of the Year!**

Do you know someone whose service or actions deserve special recognition? Nominations for Wentzville’s 2016 Citizen of the Year award are open until Oct. 15. Forms are available online at www.wentzvillemo.org, at City Hall or by calling (636) 327-5101 to request a copy be mailed.

**Holiday Trash Collection**

Due to the holiday, trash/recycling/yard waste collection will run a day late. Monday’s collection will move to Tuesday, Tuesday’s will move to Wednesday and so forth, ending with Friday’s collection taking place on Saturday, July 9.

**Schroeder Creek Boulevard Extension**

Construction on the Schroeder Creek Boulevard extension project is well underway. In an effort to alleviate traffic congestion on Wentzville Parkway, this project provides a much-needed north-south connector between the Parkway and Pearce Boulevard.

The Schroeder Creek Boulevard extension begins just past the Law Enforcement Center and runs south to West Pearce Boulevard, providing a connection to both William Dierberg Drive and the Wentzville School District campus. A 10-foot wide trail and sidewalks will run adjacent to the Schroeder Creek extension and will connect to the walking trails at Heartland Park. A signal will be added to the Pearce Boulevard/ Schroeder Creek Boulevard intersection. The project is expected to be open to traffic on Jan. 1, 2017.
Make Plans Now for Summer Fun in Wentzville

Youth Triathlon — July 23
On Saturday, July 23, beginning at 8 a.m. at Splash Station Aquatic Park, children ages 5 to 8 will compete in a 40-yard swim, one-mile bike ride and 0.5-mile run, while children ages 9 to 12 will compete in a 60-yard swim, 1.5-mile bike ride and one-mile run. Medals will be awarded to all race finishers. The first 100 participants will receive a custom triathlon T-shirt; sizes are not guaranteed. The cost is $40 and registration closes July 17; no race-day registrations will be accepted.

Movie in the Park at Heartland — Aug. 5
Movie in the Park is back! Come join us at the beautiful Heartland Park for a FREE, fun, family night out! Join us for “The Little Rascals” on Friday, Aug. 5, the movie begins at 8:15 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase. No glass is allowed in the park. Space is limited, so make sure to arrive early. Gates open at 7:15 p.m. Don’t forget lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Cardboard Boat Race — Aug. 23
On Tuesday, Aug. 23, you can enter your own cardboard creation in the Cardboard Boat Race at Progress Pool. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and it’s only $15 to enter.

Build your boat from only corrugated cardboard and duct tape, decorate it, and hope it survives the race. Two people must be in the boat during the race. All boats must be human-powered (no motors). You must haul away your boat after the event (in a nearby dumpster). Fun awards will be given in a variety of categories. Life jackets will be available for use and must be worn while racing your boat. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.

Pooch Plunge — Sept. 6
Bring man’s best friend to Splash Station on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. for this once-a-year chance for your canine friend to enjoy the pool like the rest of Wentzville’s residents. Each dog will receive a snack, and have a chance to win door prizes. All dogs must be leashed while out of the water. You must show proof of vaccination at the time of registration. Prior to the event, you can preregister at a cost of $8 for residents and $10 for nonresidents. Please note: on the event day, the cost will be $15/dog and a snack is not guaranteed. Rainout date: Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race — Sept. 11
The Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race is a community event, which features cars donated by businesses and organizations. The event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11 at noon at Progress Park. If you register by Aug. 21, the cost is only $5 (residents) and $8 (nonresidents).

Racers are randomly placed in the cars. This race isn’t fueled by gas or electronics: it’s just simple gravity as the racers compete against the clock. Racers must be between 4 and 5 feet tall, weigh between 55 and 120 pounds, and fit comfortably in the car (height and weight restrictions are due to the construction of the car). A maximum of 200 racers are accepted, so register early! The child must be present at the time of registration, no mail-in registrations accepted. The races take place on Meyer Road in front of Progress Park. After Aug. 21, the cost will be $10/13. Please note: Due to facility closures at Progress Park, registrations will not be accepted Sept. 6-10. Race-day registrations will be accepted. Rainout date: Sept. 18 at noon.

For details, please call (636) 332-9236.