The Future of Wentzville
It’s official! Thanks to the hard work of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Staff, the City has officially broken ground on its new City Hall facility. The new building will be constructed at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd., adjacent to the Wentzville Police Department’s Law Enforcement Center.

The current City Hall, which was built in the 1970s, is one of nine buildings that house City staff. With the completion of this new building, all City departments and administrative offices will be consolidated, leading to more efficiency. Residents will be able to address any department, sign up for service, pay bills, go to court or attend City meetings — all at one complex. Additionally, the cost of this facility comes from internal resources, with no debt. In fact, this project has come in under budget. The new facility is expected to open late next year.

Protecting Our Trees: A Free Course in Tree Preservation
Wonder what happened to the beautiful ash tree in your yard? It could be Emerald Ash Borer. This pesky insect has been decimating ash tree populations throughout Missouri. Join the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department for an informative and timely presentation by Danny Moncheski, community forester for the Missouri Department of Conservation. Danny will share his knowledge about the Emerald Ash Borer, fireblight and several other problems that plague our urban trees. This promises to be an entertaining and informative presentation! This class will be held at The Green Lantern (located at 505 S. Linn Ave.) on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Minimum class size is 10. This is a free class, but please sign up by Oct. 6 to avoid class cancellation. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR — Applications Due Oct. 15
Nominations for Wentzville’s 2016 Citizen of the Year will be accepted until Oct. 15. To download the form, please visit http://bit.ly/COTYApp.

Octoberfest — Oct. 8-9
Experience the best of local art, music, food and beverages with the return of Octoberfest, brought to you by the Wentzville Downtown Business Association and sponsored, in part, by the City of Wentzville. Again this year, this two-day festival, will feature fine art vendors, a wine, craft beer and spirits garden, live music, art demonstrations, local food trucks and more. To learn more, please visit www.wentzvilleoctoberfest.com.

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; 50-69; and 70 and older. The top three overall males and females will also receive awards, but they will not be awarded for winning their age group. The first 100, 5K entrants will also receive a custom race shirt! Sizes are not guaranteed. The entry fee for the 5K is $25 by Oct. 30, or $30 after; the entry fee for the one-mile run is $20 by Oct. 30, or $25 after. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.
Family Ghoulish Party and Movie Spooktacular

Put on your costumes and head over to Fireman’s Park at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 for the all new Family Ghoulish Party and Movie Spooktacular, jointly sponsored by the Wentzville Firefighters Community Outreach and Wentzville Parks and Recreation! Every preregistered child (14 and under) will receive their own pumpkin! Families will be able to enjoy games, activities, a costume contest, hay-maze and giveaways. Then at 7 p.m., grab your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy “Hocus Pocus” on the big screen! *Everyone who preregisters will receive a hot dog, bag of chips and drink. Please preregister by Oct. 21 by calling (636) 332-9236. Event entry fee required for both adults and children.

When: Friday, Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Fireman’s Park (203 W. Pearce Blvd.)
Cost: Residents/$5; Nonresidents/$7*

Sign 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. 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 are donated to our local Meals on Wheels program. Since the program’s inception in 2014, we’ve raised almost $7,000.

As the cost of food and day-to-day purchases go up, this support from residents helps defray the cost of the Meals on Wheels program. On a regular basis, a check is sent to the Green Lantern Senior Center, which directly impacts Wentzville’s senior residents.

The result of an initiative from the Mayor, along with City staff, this program highlights the difference just a few cents can make. “This is a great opportunity to help our seniors and improve their quality of life,” said Mayor Nick Guccione.

To sign up to have your monthly utility bill rounded up to the nearest dollar, please visit bit.ly/signuptogiveback and complete the form. Questions? Please call (636) 639-2155.

Please note: Trash/recycling/yard waste is not affected by the Columbus Day Holiday. Collection service will run as normal.

View employment opportunities at bit.ly/wentzvillecareers.