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 on the City’s website at www.wentzvillemo.org, at City Hall or by calling (636) 327-5101 to request a copy be mailed. Forms were also included in your most recent City utility bill. Nominators may include photos or documents that support the nomination.

To submit a nomination, a person must be one of the following:

• A resident of the City of Wentzville
• A City of Wentzville business owner
• An organization within the City of Wentzville
• An employee of a business located in the City of Wentzville
• A member of the Citizen Recognition Award Committee

For a nominee to be eligible, he or she must: reside within the city limits of Wentzville at the time the nomination is made; not be an elected official; and not serve on the Citizen Recognition Award Committee.

Completed forms and related attachments must be returned no later than Oct. 15 to City Clerk Vitula Skillman, Attn: Citizen of the Year, 310 W. Pearce Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385. The Wentzville Board of Aldermen will make the presentation of the award to the winning nominee during a regularly scheduled January 2017 Board meeting.

Citywide Yard Sale — Sept. 17

Turn your trash to treasure by hosting a yard sale at your home. For $6 you can list your sale in our yard sale booklet. Each sale will receive an official City Yard Sale sign. To list your sale, stop by Progress Park or call (636) 332-9236.

The deadline to list your sale is Monday, Sept. 12, but be sure to register early! You can place your ad at Progress Park Recreation Center or at City Hall. Please note: Progress Park’s indoor facilities will be closed Sept. 6-11 for maintenance.

Shoppers may purchase booklets beginning Wednesday, Sept. 14 at City Hall, Progress Park or the Utility Service Center drive-thru for only $2. Each booklet comes with a map to help you locate the bargains at the Citywide Sale on Saturday, Sept. 17. Let the bargain shopping begin!

Free Pickup of Tree Limbs

The City’s Chipper Program provides residents a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree limbs twice a year. The 2016 Fall Chipper Program will run the week of Oct. 17-21 for residents living north of the railroad tracks; and Oct. 24-28 for residents living south of the railroad tracks.

To take advantage of this free program, residents should have their tree limbs stacked at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday of the week their area is scheduled for the Chipper Program. Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. The 2016 Chipper Program collection does not include leaves, root balls, shrubs or hedge trimmings, decorative grasses, or grass. Questions? Please call Public Works, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at (636) 327-5102.

It’s Back: Free Large-Item Pickup!

The week of Oct. 3-7, the City will offer its free fall large-item pickup. During that week, residents may place bulky items out for pick up on their regularly scheduled collection day. This large-item pickup service is free for Wentzville residential customers only. Place items at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day that week. Please limit large-item disposal to four items per free pickup. For a list of accepted items, please visit /bit.ly/accepted_items. The following items will not be accepted: tires, batteries, waste oil, yard waste, concrete, bricks, railroad ties, hot tubs, any liquids, and car or engine parts. For questions, call (636) 327-5102.

Throughout the year, additional large-item pickups may be scheduled in advance, but there is a fee for this service. To schedule a large-item pickup, please call (636) 639-2049.
Community Highlights

Report a Concern
Do you have a concern about a pothole, tall grass or an abandoned vehicle or other neighborhood issue? We want to know! Simply visit www.wentzvillemo.org and click “Report a Concern” at the top of the homepage. From here, you can ask a question, make a request, and even track the status of your request online. As always, you are welcome to call our Customer Service line to report a concern at (636) 639-2121.

Holiday Night Lights Turkey Dash
On Saturday, Nov. 19, you can be one of the first to enjoy Holiday Night Light display with a 5K or one-mile run! The Holiday Night Light Turkey Dash will take you through the light display at Rotary Park just in time to see the lights before the holiday season kicks off! This race is fun for the entire family. Registration will open at 3 p.m. and the race kicks off at 4 p.m. Prior to the race, there will be a costume contest with awards for team, best male and best female (judging at 3:45 p.m., just before the race begins.).

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; 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.

Check out these new Wentzville businesses!

- Legacy Realty Group
  510 W. Pearce Blvd.
- Consignment Gallery
  606A E. Pearce Blvd.
- Friendship Brewery and Benefits Bistro
  107 E. Third St.
- Stone Summit Steak & Seafood
  17 Cliffview Dr.

Downtown Murals
“Come one, come all. Come young and small. Come little and big, and guess for the Pig.” This mural announces a Picnic and Lawn Fete (or celebration) held in Wentzville in 1907.

An upclose look reveals that following an opening address on “Citizenship,” attendees could participate in a number of activities and win prizes such as a minced ham, two teeth extracted for free, a bottle of hair tonic, a three-year tornado insurance policy and more!

During a Board meeting this spring, the Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance that established a Mural and Public Art Program. The program provides a three-tiered approval process to establish a mural in the Village Center Zoning Districts (or downtown Wentzville). The mural approval process involves the Downtown Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen.

The first mural was placed in June by the Crossroads Arts Council on the oldest commercial building in Wentzville, which is located at the intersection of Main Street and Linn Avenue.
A BIG "Thank You" to Our Local First Responders

The men and women who work with the Wentzville Police Department, the Wentzville Fire Protection District and St. Charles County Ambulance District risk their lives on a daily basis to protect and serve the residents in our community. It is with great pride that I work side by side with many of these heroes and I can’t say “thank you” enough.

While we cannot remove the dangers that come with serving in these capacities, our local first responders know this, accept this and still continue to serve. Wentzville’s first responders are humble public servants and they don’t ask for much, but we must continually think of them and their sacrifices.

Our hearts grieve for the family, friends and colleagues of those who make the ultimate sacrifice. There is not much we can say in a time of grieving but we can say thank you. Thank you to the firefighters. Thank you to the police officers. Thank you to the paramedics and EMS teams. Thank you for protecting me, my family, my constituents, my friends, my staff and each other. And, above all, thank you for putting the lives of others above your own.

Swing by the Law Enforcement Center at 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd., and thank the police officers; make a quick stop at a local fire station or EMS station and get to know the men and women who sacrifice their safety to protect yours. You don’t have to empty your wallet to show them you care — a simple “thank you” will have a bigger impact than you might think. Once again, on behalf of myself as Mayor of Wentzville, my constituents and my staff, I would like to give a big “THANK YOU” for all you do for our community!

Want to get more involved? There are numerous opportunities to get involved with local first responders. Reach out to the various groups in Wentzville to see how you can make a difference. One way to get involved is by participating in CERT or TEEN CERT.

Last year, the City of Wentzville partnered with the Mid-America Teen Community Emergency Response Team (TEEN CERT), to offer residents of the City another avenue to learn how to plan and prepare for any type of emergency situation. The training program for adults and teens is a hands-on course, focusing on such topics as personal and family preparedness, fire suppression, first aid and light search and rescue.

The idea behind TEEN CERT is to prepare citizens 12 years of age and older to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a major catastrophic event. For more information about TEEN CERT or emergency preparedness, please visit facebook.com/groups/MIDAMERICATEENCERT. A TEEN CERT class is taking place later this month (Sept. 30-Oct. 2). The class is open to anyone 12 years or older and is perfect for members of National Honor Society, Boy or Girl Scout Troops, 4-H, etc. To learn more, email cherylzink@me.com.

Serve Our City by Volunteering on a Board, Commission or Committee

Are you looking for a way to be more involved in our community? Volunteer to serve on one of the City’s boards or committees! The City of Wentzville is seeking public service-minded residents to fill vacant seats on various City boards, committees and commissions such as:

- The Board of Adjustment
- Board of Appeals
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Stormwater Committee
- Wentzville Economic Development Committee
- Downtown Committee
- Citizen Recognition Award Committee

Holiday Hours & More

- On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, City offices will be closed. However, the Progress Park Recreation Center will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Progress Park Pool will be open on Labor Day from noon to 5:45 p.m. and Splash Station will be open from noon to 6:30 p.m.
- Trash Collection for the Labor Day holiday, the week of Sept. 5, will run a day late. Monday’s collection will move to Tuesday, Tuesday’s collection will move to Wednesday, and so forth, with Friday’s collection taking place on Saturday, Sept. 10.
- On Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 10, City offices will be closed. Progress Park Recreation Center will be open regular hours. Trash/recycling/yard waste will not be affected by the Columbus Day holiday.

Business Spotlight

Have a suggestion for a business to feature? Email Wentzville’s Economic Development Director at Dan.Lang@wentzvillemo.org.

Our Urgent Care
1111 W. Pearce Blvd.

Business Name: Our Urgent Care
What year did you open? 2006
Business Owners: Drs. Shivaram, Atluri, Raikar, Konala and Anand
What influenced you to locate your business in Wentzville? We wanted to provide walk-in clinic services to Western St. Charles County.
What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? We bring an added service by being available every day for both minor and major emergencies from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
What products/services does your business offer? On-site lab, X-rays, strep tests, sports physicals, workmen's comp, occupational medicine.
What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? It’s such a fun community and the people are very welcoming.

What’s next for your business? Renovating and doubling the size of our Wentzville facility and opening a new facility in Richmond Heights.
What do you hope Wentzville will be or evolve into five years from now? A family-friendly community focused on fun and family activities.
Other comments, advice or news you would like to share: We are excited about celebrating our 10th year in business in this community. We look forward to continuing to offer the highest quality of patient care.

West Allen Grill
9 W. Allen St.

Business Owners: Dean Laughlin
What year did you open? 1996
What influenced you to locate your business here? I was running the Country Club at Innisbrook and this former restaurant became available. It was an established location, which I thought could be successful.
What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? An all-day menu with a neighborhood-grill feel.
What products/services does your business offer? A food and beverage restaurant that also provides catering.

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? The community support we have received over the last 20 years.
What’s next for your business? Continuing to enhance the look of the building.
What do you hope Wentzville will be five years from now? Continued improvement in Downtown Wentzville.
Other comments, advice or news you would like to share: We have a reputation for good ribs and steaks. Come join us!
National Night Out

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, residents across Wentzville gathered with roughly 15,000 other communities nationwide to send a message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back against crime. Neighborhoods hosted block parties, cookouts and more. Here a few photos from the 2016 event.

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. Vendor space is still available. To learn more, please visit .
Building Strong Partnerships and Relationships

The efforts of the Department do not go unnoticed by our residents. Most recently, following the tragedies in Dallas and Baton Rouge, the outpouring of appreciation for WPD from local residents and businesses has been astounding! From approximately 200 roast-beef sandwiches from Lion’s Choice and Gatorade and waters from Sam’s Club, to donations from the Heritage Point Subdivision including blue line support wristbands for the officers and a more than $800 donation to the K9 Program, and more – our staff are humbled and thankful. We all feel the love!

WPD greatly appreciates the opportunity to interact with residents one-on-one. During one week this past July, as part of a partnership with LINC (which serves disadvantaged families in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties), command staff and support services staff spent 2.5 hours each day participating in the organization’s summer camp – making crafts, watching movies, taking bike rides and even partaking in potato-sack races and egg relays! These children are our future and we want to have a positive impact on their lives moving forward.

As we mentioned earlier, part of WPD’s mission is to “build strong partnerships and relationships with residents, visitors, and businesses in the City of Wentzville.” In order to achieve this, WPD provides other services to the community in addition to its law-enforcement function. The Department offers a variety of services that inform, educate and protect the residents of our community, with the ultimate goal of providing services that improve Wentzville’s overall quality of life.

• Citizens Police Academy: The Department held a Citizens Police Academy last April, which gave area residents a first-hand look at how and why the Department operates. Instructors provided an in-depth overview of the culture of police work and the organization. The Academy provided an excellent opportunity for residents to interact with Department members. A spring session of the Citizens Police Academy is in the works; please look for more details coming soon.
• Teen Academy: The goal of WPD’s Teen Academy, which is open to youth ages 12-16, is to create dialogue with local teens, helping them to better understand why and how we do what we do. A new Teen Academy will take place this fall, to learn more please call Sgt. Jennifer Bell at (636) 639-2143.
• National Night Out (NNO): Held each August, NNO brings neighbors together to send a message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back against crime. Be sure to check out the 2016 NNO photos on pg. 5.
• Police Station Tours: WPD offers guided tours of its headquarters for groups of 15 or less. To arrange a tour, please call Officer Mary Wheeler at (636) 639-2103.

Superior Law Enforcement Services

The Board of Aldermen strongly supports WPD officers by providing opportunities for dynamic training in a number of areas from a variety of sources. This varied approach insures that WPD officers are trained to respond to any given situation with the appropriate strategies necessary that provide the best overall outcome. One such training is provided by the Department’s situational simulator, which was purchased with Board of Aldermen approval earlier this year.

The simulator has the ability to create varying real-life scenarios to help better prepare our officers. This training is primarily focused on helping participants diffuse intense situations, by providing training in de-escalation tactics. The simulator also serves as a training tool for firearms proficiency. The simulator training goes hand-in-hand with the Department’s current firearms training program, which includes qualifications, failure drills, shooting on the move and training scenarios incorporating the shoot house at the St. Charles County Firearms Training Facility. WPD also partners with a local indoor gun range to provide training opportunities and qualifications at this indoor training facility.

WPD: Serving with Pride, Courage and Integrity

The Wentzville Police Department (WPD) is simply the best! We have top-notch field operations and support services staff, who are each highly dedicated to the Department’s mission, which requires them to “deliver Constitutionally sound, superior law enforcement services with professionalism; ensuring citizens peacefully and safely enjoy their lives, building strong partnerships and relationships with residents, visitors and businesses in the City of Wentzville, while demanding the officers who serve, and the staff who support, do so with the utmost pride, unmatchable courage and unwavering integrity.”

WPD is comprised of 65 Commissioned Law Enforcement professionals, along with 22 full-time and several part-time support staff employees. Chief Kurt Frisz leads the agency, which is comprised of two Divisions: Field Operations and Support Services. Major Paul West is the Assistant Chief of Police and commands the Bureau of Support Services and Captain Kevin Pyatt commands Field Operations.

WPD works tirelessly to maintain the safety and quality of life our residents have come to expect; to connect with community members at all levels – from children to senior citizens; and to maintain a high-level of ongoing training.

"... The officers who serve, and the staff who support, do so with the utmost PRIDE, unmatchable COURAGE and unwavering INTEGRITY."
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. To register, call (636) 332-9236.

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.

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. The cost will be $10 for residents and $13 for non residents. To register, please visit Progress Park at 968 Meyer Rd. Please note: Due to facility closures registrations will not be accepted Sept. 6-10. Race-day registrations will be accepted. (Rainout date: Sept. 18 at noon.)

Family Ghoulish Party and Movie Spooktacular

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

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 pre-registered 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 pre-registers will receive a hot dog, bag of chips and drink. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.

Park Watch — We Need Your Help!

Vandalism continues to be a problem in our City parks. The Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department strives to partner with the community to help stop this frustrating and destructive crime. Vandalism impacts our residents directly as taxpayer dollars must be spent to repair and replace the damages.

Vandalism is a serious, unnecessary and costly problem. Each year, the City spends thousands of tax dollars to remove graffiti and repair damage done by vandals. We would much rather use your funding to enhance and beautify the parks!

We need your help to commit to "no tolerance" for vandalism in our community. Report vandalism if you see it, educate your kids about taking care of our parks, and help us keep Wentzville looking clean and beautiful!
• Call the Wentzville Police Department at (636) 327-5105 if you see anyone acting suspicious, damaging property, driving on the grass or defacing playground equipment.
• Report vandalism through the City’s website at bit.ly/reportaconcern.

Halloween Window Decorating Contest

The Wentzville Downtown Business Association and Wentzville Parks and Recreation have teamed up again for the annual Halloween Window Painting Contest for 4th and 5th graders. Paints are supplied; however, participants must bring their own brushes. Downtown Wentzville window locations will be assigned when paints are picked up. Applications are due: Oct. 17. Paint pickup: Oct. 20-21. Painting will take place Oct. 22-23, and judging will happen Monday, Oct. 24. First-, second-, and third-place certificates will be awarded.
Back-to-School Safety Tips

Summer vacation is officially over and that means, school buses, new teen drivers and other young travelers have once again joined Wentzville’s morning traffic commute.

Although many motorists are focused on getting to school or work on time, the City of Wentzville encourages everyone to make safety your top priority. Leave in plenty of time to get to your destination, so that you don’t have to rush. Below are a few back-to-school safety tips for drivers.

When dropping off students, don’t park alongside another parked vehicle — this blocks visibility for other children and vehicles. Never load or unload children across the street from their school; and, if possible, carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

Remember you are sharing the road with young pedestrians. You should never block crosswalks when stopped at red lights or while waiting to make a turn. This can force pedestrians to walk around the vehicle and enter the path of traffic. Remember to always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections, especially when flashers are blinking in a school zone. Always stop for crossing guards and patrol officers, and never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

Don’t forget you’re once again sharing the road with school buses too! Never pass a bus if it’s stopped to load or unload children; if the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; so, stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. Also, allow for a greater following distance behind a bus than if you were driving behind a car.

With school in session again, more bicyclists will also be on your commute. When passing a bicyclist, proceed slowly and leave three feet between your car and the cyclist. When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass. Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this. In addition, watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars, and check side mirrors before opening your door.

The new school year also means new teenage drivers. Teen drivers should take the following precautions. First, make sure you and all passengers are wearing seat belts, also remember to obey all speed limits, and don’t make assumptions about what other drivers, cyclists or pedestrians are going to do. Always watch for kids getting on and off school buses. It is highly recommended that you don’t use a cell phone while driving, especially in or near school zones.

If motorists remember to always travel with caution and care, everyone will be able to reach their destinations safely.