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Wentzville's Fourth of July Celebration

[Wentzville, MO — June 8, 2022] Make plans to attend Wentzville's Fourth of July Celebration! This year's event will include a parade, FREE swim at Progress Park Pool (for residents and season pass holders only) and FREE fireworks visible from Progress Park. We invite Wentzville to come celebrate our nation's independence with us!

We are proud to announce that this year Mark Schmitz will be Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July Parade. Mark and his wife Jaclyn are the founders of Freedom 13, a non-profit (application pending) created to honor the life of their son, Jared Schmitz and all thirteen United States service members lost on Aug. 26, 2021 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Freedom 13 is dedicated to improving quality of life at home for service members by providing homes, PTSD support, recreational retreats and service dogs to veterans. Through these efforts, they aim to strengthen the bonds veterans share with their families and rediscover themselves.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. at the Wentzville Ice Arena and travels south on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, turns right onto Pearce Boulevard and ends at the Wentzville Community Historical Society Museum at Pearce Boulevard and Allen Street. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade by designing a float. This year's theme is "Wentzville Cheers to 150 Years." Floats will be judged for overall first-, second- and third-place, along with Mayor's Choice and Best Musical Entry for first- and second-place.

After the parade, join us for a fun-filled afternoon at Progress Park, which is located at 968 Meyer Rd. From noon to 5 p.m., free swimming will be available at Progress Park Pool for residents and passholders only. Please note: parking at Progress Park will be limited. Guests are invited to drive-in and drop-off attendees before they park off-site.

This year's event does have changes from years past. To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/fourthofjuly.