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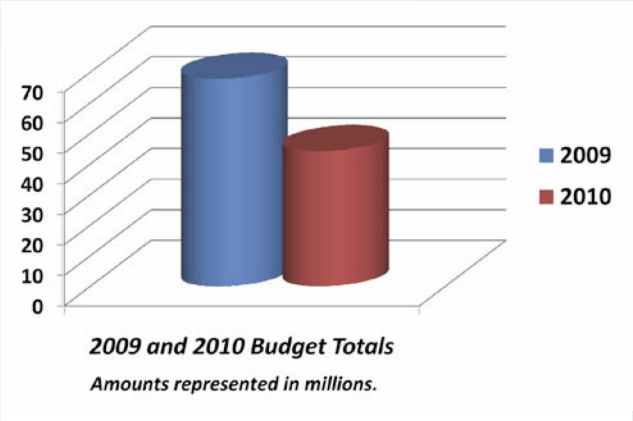
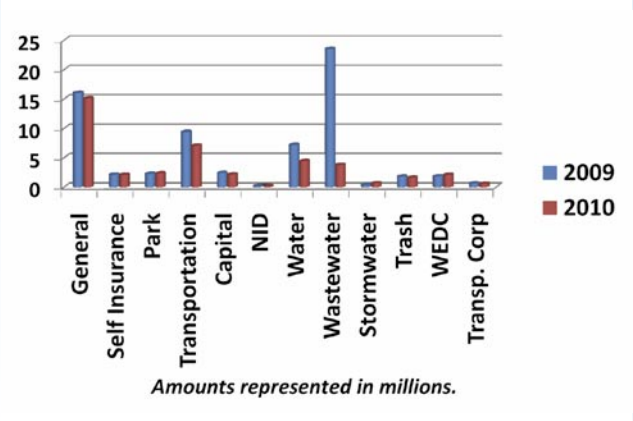
Operational Costs Reduced by More Than $2 Million in 2010 Budget

In 2009, the City experienced a 1.3-percent decrease in sales and use tax revenue, and although there have been signs that the economy is slowly beginning to recover, City officials project zero growth in sales and use tax revenue in 2010. The downsizing of operations at the Wentzville General Motors plant, a stagnant housing market, and a continued lack of consumer confidence and spending have all taken their effect on the City's budget. As a result, the bottom line of the City's 2010 Budget reflects more than a $2-million reduction in operational costs from the 2009 Budget.

City officials' goal is to maintain a balanced budget reflective of the current economic climate, but at the same time sustain the necessary level of services for residents. Sound, conservative fiscal management in better economic times will enable the City to ride out the current economic downturn in better condition than many municipalities. Cuts, however, had to be made to ensure the City ends 2010 on as sound of a financial footing as it began the year.

One cut was a reduction of the City's workforce by a total of four percent by implementing a hiring freeze on vacant positions. In addition, the City made changes to employees health care that netted a nearly 10-percent reduction in costs. Another measure the City took included combining City contracts on a citywide basis, resulting in increased efficiencies and cost savings.





Nearly 40 percent of the $2-million cost reduction was in deferred capital and supplemental expenditures. The City put off $803,874 in planned purchases for better economic times. All total, expenditures in eight of nine of the City's primary budget funds in the 2010 Budget were reduced from their levels in the City's 2009 Budget.

Going forward, the City will continue its cautious approach for expenditures. With economic conditions, one must continually review and measure the past in order to accurately gauge one's present position. For that reason, even once the general economy begins to recover, the impact of the recovery on the City's revenue stream will be delayed.

To the left are graphs showing the comparison between the 2009 and the 2010 Budgets. Residents who would like more information can view a full copy of the 2010 Budget at City Hall or online at www.wentzvillemo.org.

MOVE CARS OFF STREETS WHEN SNOW IS PREDICTED

After a snowfall, cars parked on streets and in cul-de-sacs present real problems for snowplow crews, especially if two cars are parked across from each other. In some instances, there is not enough room for snowplows to safely plow between the cars. When that happens, streets must be left unplowed.

Moving your car anytime snow is predicted not only makes it easier for snowplows to clear your street more effectively, it also lets you avoid the problem of digging through a snow pile to get to your car afterward. Remember to move your car before the snowstorm next time. You, your neighbors and our snowplow crews will all be glad you did.

Candidate Filing Closes January 19

Residents who want to file as candidates for the April 6 election have until 5:00 p.m., January 19 to file. Candidates will need to file at City Hall, 310 West Pearce Boulevard.

Positions open for filing are Mayor, and one Alderman seat from each of the City's three Wards. All positions are for two-year terms.

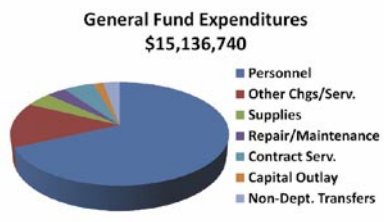
Anyone interested in filing to run for City office and who would like more information should call the Wentzville City Clerk at (636) 327-5101.

OVERVIEW OF SEVEN OPERATING FUNDS

The City's budget is made up of 14 separate Funds. All City expenses and revenues are assigned to a designated Fund. Nine of these Funds are for operational expenses, and in the 2010 Budget, eight of these nine operational Funds are reduced from their 2009 level.

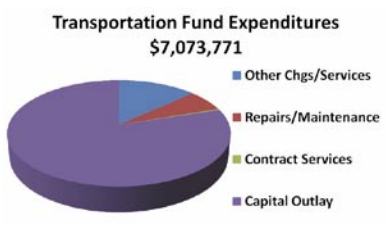
Seven significant Funds in the 2010 Budget are the General, Park, Transportation, Capital, Stormwater, Water, and Wastewater Funds. These seven funds total nearly $36 million, and represent approximately 80 percent of the total 2010 Budget. Below is a brief overview of those seven Funds.

General Fund



The 2010 General Fund Budget is $15,136,740, representing roughly 24 percent of the total 2010 City Budget. Major revenue sources for the General Fund are property taxes, sales/use tax, gross receipts, fines/forfeitures, and non-revenue receipts. Much of the operational expenses for City departments are drawn from the General Fund.

Transportation Fund



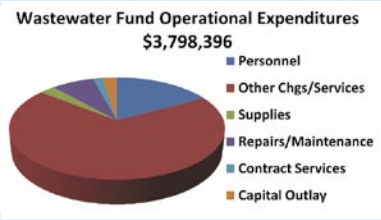
Transportation Fund expenditures in the 2010 Budget are $7,073,771, making it the second-largest Fund in the 2010 Budget, and representing about 16 percent of the total Budget. Capital outlay makes up approximately 79 percent of the total forecasted expenditures in the 2010 Transportation Fund Budget. The two primary revenue sources for the City's 2010 Transportation Fund are intergovernmental funding (61.2%), and sales/use tax (30%).

Water Fund

The Water Fund Budget is the third-largest Fund in the 2010 Budget, and represents approximately 10 percent of the total 2010 Budget. Operational expenses for this Fund in 2010 are projected to be $4,451,420. Approximately 66 percent of that total is for the other-charges/services category, which includes the cost of wholesale water purchases and restocking meters. Charges for services represent the largest revenue source for this Fund—approximately 98 percent. The City's wholesale water provider, Public Water Supply District #2, has notified the City they will increase their rates, effective January 2010. As a result, the average resident water bill will increase by about $2.52.

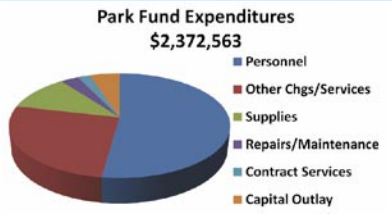
Wastewater Fund

Expenditures for the 2010 Wastewater Fund are projected at $3,798,396.



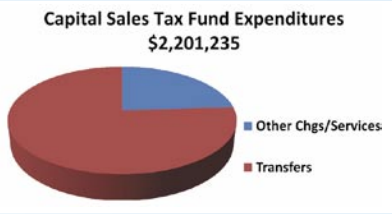
Charges for services represent 84 percent of this Fund's total revenue. The 2010 Wastewater Fund Budget includes a proposed customer rate increase that would affect the average customer's monthly bill by approximately $3.78, based on the average customer use of 5,000 gallons per month. Wastewater rates are based on customers' winter water consumption. This rate increase was anticipated with the issuance of the 2005 SRF financing for Phase 1 of the treatment plant expansion.

Park Fund



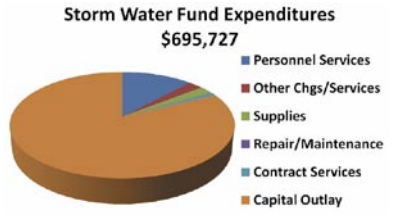
The 2010 Park Fund Budget is $2,372,563. The largest source of revenue for the Park Fund is from charges for services, which accounts for a little more than 40 percent of its revenue. The second largest revenue source is from taxes, which accounts for a little more than 21 percent.

Capital Sales Tax Fund



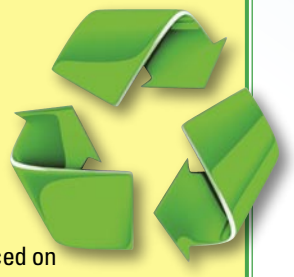
Capital Sales Tax Fund expenditures for 2010 are forecasted at $2,201,235. The primary expense category in 2010 is in transfers to other Funds, totaling $1,672,602. The two largest transfers are $634,018 to the Wastewater Fund to cover debt service payments, and $572,590 to the Stormwater Fund to incorporate the Board of Aldermen's goal of addressing storm water issues in the City. Nearly all of the 2010 Capital Sales Tax Fund revenue comes from sales and use taxes, with less than one percent coming from interest.

Storm Water Fund



The Storm Water Fund is the only Budget Fund in 2010 that was increased from its 2009 level. This portion of the City's Budget covers capital expenses for correcting storm water problems in the City, and the Board of Aldermen felt extra funds were needed to address some current storm water issues. The 2010 Storm Water Fund Expense Budget is $695,727, up from $379,551 in 2009. The Fund's largest expense category is capital outlay, which comprises over 82 percent of the 2010 Stormwater Fund Budget. The second largest expense category is for personnel services, which comprises nearly 12 percent of this Fund's Budget total.

WANTED: RECYCLERS – REWARD OFFERED!



Recycling is always a good idea, but now you can be rewarded for doing it. Starting in January, Wentzville is kicking off its new Recycling Rewards Program. Here's how it works. Use your blue recycling cart the City provided you to recycle your household waste, and be sure to have it at the curb for pickup every Wednesday, by 6:00 a.m. Each month, the City will select a number of addresses at random, throughout the City. Each of the addresses may be checked up to two times during that month. If those homes are recycling, they will win a $75 Recycling Rewards Prize Basket, filled with restaurant and local entertainment gift cards and eco-friendly products. Prizes will be distributed equally between all City Wards, and each address can only win one prize basket per year.

In addition to the monthly prize winners, two times per year the addresses that were verified recyclers will be entered to win a grand prize of an Energy Star Appliance, valued at up to $1,500. It's that easy to win big just for recycling! The Grand prize winners will be announced on Earth Day and America Recycles Day.

Official rules for Wentzville's Recycling Rewards Program are available online at www.wentzvillemo.org. Residents can also call Wentzville's Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102.

Mayor
Paul Lambi

Mayor's Comment

2009-2010—ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

As we move into a new year, I thought it was appropriate to look at what I believe was our biggest accomplishment in 2009 and what I see as our biggest challenge in 2010. After reviewing the past 12 months and looking at what awaits us in 2010, it became clear that both our biggest accomplishment and our biggest challenge could be summed up in three words—it's the economy.

In 2009, I think our biggest accomplishment was ending the year with a balanced budget that left nearly all City fund balances in better shape than they were at the beginning of the year. We achieved this feat despite 18 months of the worst recession our country has seen in 70 years. If you don't agree ending 2009 with all budget funds in sound position is a great achievement, I suggest you look at some of the recent news reports on the abysmal financial conditions of many other municipalities and states.

We didn't get to that enviable position through lucky happenstance. We achieved it by a willingness to make tough midyear budget cuts, and through years of conservative financial management in good times. I discussed the measures we took to achieve a balanced budget in my November-December *Vision* article, so I won't go into it in depth at this time. If you would like to see it, you can download a copy of that edition of the *Vision* from the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org.

When I look to the foreseeable future in 2010, I have to conclude our biggest challenge will be to end 2010 on a high note financially, while still maintaining the level of services our residents need. I don't have to tell you news reports on the economy have been a mixed bag for months. One day reports say we're beginning to climb out of the recession, but a few days later reports indicate recovery may be a ways off. As I write this article, the housing market is still down, unemployment is rising, our tax revenue is either flat or dropping, and turmoil in the credit market continues.

These obviously are not the best economic circumstances for starting out a new year, but I'm confident that at the end of 2010 we'll be able to say we've met the challenge and remain sound financially. Our City staff and elected officials already laid the groundwork for success with the 2010 Budget. For instance, the 2010 Budget reduces the City's workforce by four percent, reduces the expenditures in eight of the nine operating funds, and reduces operational costs by more than $2 million. Just like many of our residents, we're economizing wherever we can and putting off some major expenses until better economic times.

This is just a brief mention of some of the ways we're working to meet the challenges the economy has presented. The bottom line is we're doing whatever is necessary to keep our City financially sound. I invite our residents to talk to me and the members of our Board of Aldermen. The more residents share their thoughts with us, the better job we can do representing them.

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF A SCAM

When the economy falters, sometimes people fall for scams they wouldn't even consider during better economic times. The Wentzville Police Department warns residents to be alert to offers that may be nothing more than a way to scam residents out of their hard-earned savings.

These scams can come to residents as e-mails, letters, or phone calls. However people are approached, they should be highly suspicious of unsolicited contacts that request personal information or account numbers, or promises them money in exchange for fees or other services. Below are several scams that are currently being perpetrated on people.

There are numerous scams going on at the moment where people are contacted by phone, stating they have won a large amount of money. In this scam, the caller asks the winner to send money to a certain address as a "processing fee." The person who thinks he or she has won prize money sends the processing fee, but then never receives the winnings.

Other scams relate to a person posing as a bank representative. The so-called bank representative gives a reason why he or she needs a person's bank account information. Once the scammer has the account information, money is taken out of the person's account.

Another scam is when a person is contacted in regards to a large amount of money in the form of a check or a money order. The person who is being scammed is asked to cash the check and send only a portion of the money to a certain address, but to keep the rest of the money. What happens with this scam is after people have cashed the check and sent one of their checks for the specified portion to the requested address, they will find out that the check they received wasn't good. The bank will then deduct the amount of the phony check from the victim's account.

These are just a few of the numerous scams being worked at this very moment. To keep from becoming a victim, don't give out personal information to anyone who calls or e-mails you requesting it. Also, remember the old adage, "If it sounds to good to be true, then it probably isn't true." If you suspect a scam is being perpetrated, do not cooperate with the perpetrator and contact your local authorities. Also, contact the authorities if you've already been scammed. It may be embarrassing to admit you've fallen for one of those schemes, but reporting them is the only way to ensure other people don't fall victim to these scam artists.

City Parks & Recreation Gains Ground With Grant—But Still Short of Goal

Wentzville is about to get its first soccer field, thanks to a $30,802 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant the City received. In addition to the grant funds, City funding of $27,647 and private donations of $10,000 will round out the approximately $68,450 needed for planned improvements at Memorial Park.

The new soccer field is good news for Wentzville kids wanting to participate in the sport. Currently, the City's soccer program is limited to Soccer Tots, because the City has only one field and it is mainly used for football. The Little League Football Association has approximately 800 youth participating in spring and fall leagues.

According to National Standards recommendations for a city the size of Wentzville, which is approximately 26,000, Wentzville should have 8 soccer fields, 8 football fields, 17 ball diamonds, 4 pools, 19 picnic shelters, 19 playgrounds, 11 tennis courts and 6.5 miles of trails. By contrast, the City has no soccer fields, 1 football field, 3 ball diamonds, 1 pool, 7 picnic shelters, 5 playgrounds, 2 tennis courts, and 1.3 miles of trails.

In addition to the installation of soccer/football goals, the improvements will include park benches, a new playground, and safety surfacing in play areas. The new additions along with the removal of existing fencing, concrete slabs, the existing playground and pea gravel will not only enhance the park, but also meet current safety guidelines and ADA requirements. The project is expected to be completed before the end of 2010.

Make-a-Difference Day 2009 Was Big Success

Approximately 160 area residents showed up for the 2009 Make a Difference Day, making it the biggest in the City's history.

Wentzville's 2009 Make-a-Difference Day was the City's biggest on record, thanks to 160 volunteers who showed up on October 24 to help clean up along City streets and make a difference in their City. A total of 12 groups, several of which participate in Wentzville's Adopt-a-Street program, showed up for the event. A big thank you goes out to the following groups and their members who showed up to Make a Difference: CERT, Coldwell Banker, Friends of the Wentzville Parks, Hapkido USA, Holt High School Honor Society, Wentzville Rotary Club, Sam Vitale Family, Teen CERT, Wentzville Walmart, the City of Wentzville Employee Wellness Club, Wentzville Lions Club, Girl Scout Troop 1611.

In addition to the groups that came out, a number of individuals also called to inquire about the event. Wentzville's Public Works Office Manager Janet Barber-Bennett promised to find a way to accommodate individuals who want to volunteer in 2010. "I'm going to be sure to have something worked out next year to accommodate individuals, also," said Barber-Bennett. Anyone who would like more information about either the Adopt-a-Street program or next year's Make-a-Difference Day can contact Barber-Bennett by e-mail at janetbb@wentzvillemo.org, or call her at (636) 327-5102.

PET PHOTO CONTEST

Think your pet is the biggest sweetheart of them all? Then grab your camera and show off that special member of the family in Wentzville's annual Pet Photo Contest. Photos should be no larger than four by six inches, and should have your name and phone number written on the back of the picture.

The cost per entry is $4, and the photo-entry deadline is February 9. All photos must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation office by the deadline. No late entries will be accepted.

Photo entries will be displayed at the Progress Park Recreation Center and judged on February 12. The winner of the contest will receive a prize of pet supplies. Photos will remain on display through the end of February, and participants can pick up their photos on March 1.

For more information, call (636) 332-9236.

Home Weatherization—Saves Money, Adds Comfort

If heating bills have you reeling from sticker shock, take a walk around your house and see if it is properly weatherized. A little effort and money spent now on weatherizing your home will not only save on heating bills in the winter, but will also save on air-conditioning costs next summer. Below is a list of things to look for that will let you know if there is something you can do to better weatherize your home.

- Walk around the exterior of your home and seal up any cracks or gaps you find with an exterior grade of caulk. Pay particular attention to gaps around electric or gas meters, air conditioning lines, exterior receptacles and hose bibs.
- Check for gaps under and around door jambs that may leak air. If a candle flickers when passed near the door, this area may need caulking, sealing or weather-stripping. Products for threshold and sweep infiltration can be purchased at local hardware stores and installed in minutes.
- Check windows for air admittance, and tighten any locks. Seals can be checked for leakage in the same manner as doors. Leaking windows can be repaired with new weather-stripping.
- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on exterior walls.
- Check the insulation placed at the exterior cavity between each joist in the basement. Insulation blankets may have settled or moved out of place.

Sealing up the cracks and gaps in your home's exterior could reduce your heating and cooling bills by as much as 10 percent. For additional information about weatherizing your home, check out the Department of Energy's Web site at www.doe.gov.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 City Hall & Progress Park Recreation Center Closed for New Year's Day**	2 Youth Baseball & Softball Signups Start**
3	4 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting 968 Meyer Rd.	5	6 6:00 a.m. Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling**	7 6:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	8	
10	11 4:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance Session 1 Starts Progress Park	12 6:00 p.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Turbo Kickboxing Starts** Progress Park	13 6:00 a.m. Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling** 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	14 6:30 p.m. Board of Adjustment 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	15	
17	18 City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday** Jr. Basketball Registration Deadline	19 5:00 p.m. Municipal Election Candidate Filing Closes** 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	20 6:00 a.m. Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling**	21 Last Drop-off Day for Christmas Trees at Progress Park	22 7:00-9:00 p.m. H.O.P.P. Nights Progress Park	23
24 / 30 9:00 a.m. Your Opinion Counts: Let's Get Together Alderman Guccione's Home 1063 Highland Estates Dr.	25 6:00 p.m. Jr. Basketball Begins Progress Park Gym	26 6:00 p.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.	27 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	28 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.	29	30

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Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues

Kids ages 5 through 16 can all enjoy America's favorite sport, regardless of their ability level. Wentzville has a variety of Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues with three levels of play, depending on the youth's skills. Both individual and team registration are accepted. Kids registering individually will be placed randomly on draft teams. Practices begin in March with games beginning in April or May, depending on the age level. Volunteer coaches are needed for teams, but any individual who coaches a Wentzville youth sports team must pass a criminal background check as well as two to eight hours of sport-specific training.

The cost per individual is $80 for residents and $100 for nonresidents. ***Registration begins January 2 and continues through February 15.*** A late-registration fee of $5 will be added for any youth registering after the deadline, and late registrants will be placed on teams on an as-needed basis. Team registrations will not be accepted after February 15. To register or for more information, call Parks and Recreation at (636) 332-9236.

Leagues scheduled for this season are as follows:

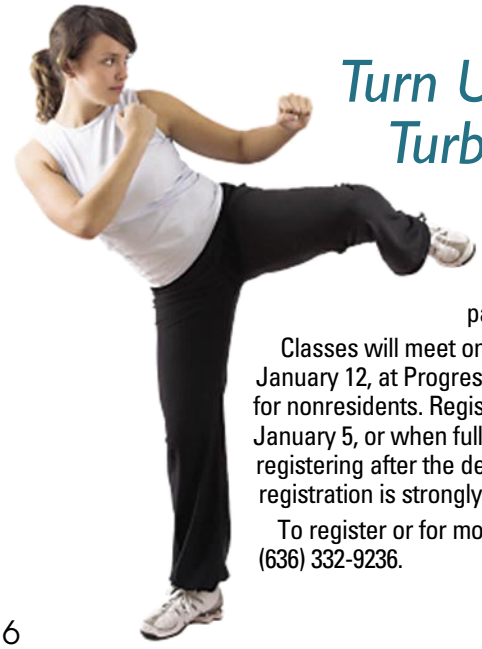
5-6 years old	T-Ball Co-ed
7-year-old boys	Machine Pitch
7 to 8-year-old girls	Coach Pitch
8 to 16-year-old boys	Kid Pitch
9 to 16-year-old girls	Kid Pitch

Junior Basketball

Kids ages 6 through 10 who want to learn the basics of basketball and play against kids of the same skill level are sure to love this 8-week, instructional basketball league for beginners. There are no practices, and recreational officials will officiate the games. Kids ages 6 and 7 will play on 8-foot rims, and kids ages 8 through 10 will play on 9-foot rims.

The league will meet at the Progress Park Gym on Mondays, from 6:00-8:45 p.m., starting January 25. Cost is $50 per resident child and $65 for nonresident children. Registration deadline is January 18, or when full. This is a very popular program, so early registration is strongly advised. A $25 late-registration fee will be added for children registering after the deadline.

Volunteer coaches are needed! To register or for more information about the Junior Basketball League, call (636) 332-9236.



Turn Up the Fun With Turbo Kickboxing

Tired of the same old workout routines? Then why not kick it into high gear with Wentzville's new Turbo Kickboxing program? This one-hour, six-week class is fun, fast paced, and sure to get you into shape for spring.

Classes will meet on Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., starting January 12, at Progress Park. The cost is $30 for residents and $40 for nonresidents. Registration deadline for Turbo Kickboxing is January 5, or when full. A $15 late fee will be added for those registering after the deadline. Class size is limited to 15, so early registration is strongly recommended.

To register or for more information, call Parks and Recreation at (636) 332-9236.

DADDY'S LITTLE SWEETHEART DINNER AND DANCE

Give the little sweetheart in your life a night to remember this year when Wentzville hosts its annual Little Sweetheart's Dinner and Dance. On February 5 and 6, little sweethearts ages 3-12 can share a special night of dinner, dancing and games with Dad or another special man in their life. Each couple will receive a 5x7 photo to remember their evening together. Escorts for the girls can be their dad, grandpa, uncle, adult brother, or special family friend. The Sweetheart Dinner and Dance evenings will be held at Progress Park, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost for the evening is $50 per resident couple, $62 per nonresident couple, and $20 for each additional child. Registration deadline for the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance is January 29, or when full. A $10 late registration fee will be added for couples registering after the deadline.

To register or for more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236.

HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES FOR KIDS

Hey kids, come learn to dance like Beyonce and Usher in Wentzville's new Hip Hop Dance classes for kids ages 5-7 and 8-10. Hip Hop is one of the current most popular styles of dance, and is often seen in music videos and commercials.

The 30-minute, six-week class, will be held on Mondays, with Session 1 beginning January 11 at Progress Park. Classes for kids ages 5 through 7 start at 4:30 p.m., and classes for kids ages 8 through 10 start at 5:00 p.m. Session 2 begins March 1, and Session 3 begins April 12.

Cost for Hip Hop Dance class is $35 for residents and $40 for nonresidents. Registration deadlines for the sessions are one week prior to the start of the session, or when full. A $10 late-registration fee will be added to students registering after the deadline.

Students who enroll in both Sessions 2 and 3 will have the opportunity to participate in a recital. For more information or to register, call the Parks and Recreation office at (626) 332-9236.

BUILDING Wentzville

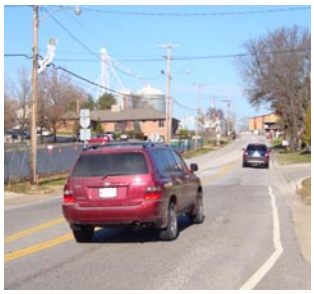
2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Economic constraints hit the City's finances in 2009, the same as it did many families. As housing starts and consumer spending slowed, tax revenues that fund capital improvement projects dwindled. Some projects originally scheduled for 2009 were delayed to 2010. Four of the eight 2010 capital improvement projects listed below were held over from 2009.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Design Project

Church Street: Church Street is the only design project scheduled for this year; however, the design of this project actually began in December 2009. Currently, Church Street is a narrow, three-lane road without sidewalks. The substandard lane widths frequently cause traffic congestion, especially when activities are held at St. Patrick's School. Plans for this project include widening the road to current safety standards and providing sidewalks on both sides. As Church Street at I-70 is a primary entrance to Wentzville's Village Center area, this project will be closely tied to the Downtown Study recently completed, and will implement aesthetic elements of the final plan. Renovations on Church Street are expected to begin in the spring of 2011 and will take approximately 12 months to complete.



Church St. improvements will widen the road and incorporate elements aesthetic elements of Wentzville's Downtown Village Center plan.

Construction Projects: Two of the transportation construction projects scheduled for this year, Interstate Dr. III and Old Business 61, were carried over from 2009.

Interstate Drive III: This extension of Interstate Drive consists of a four- and five-lane road, with sidewalks that will connect Wilmer Road to Hepperman Road. Funding for the road will come from the City's capital funds, the St. Charles County Road Board, and from the City's transportation sales tax. The project is expected to be completed by late 2010.

The scheduled extension of Interstate Dr. will run east and west from Wilmer Rd. to Hepperman Rd.

Old Business 61: This project will improve Old Business 61 from Pitman Avenue to Wall Street. The existing deteriorating, two-lane asphalt road will be reconstructed to a new three-lane asphalt section with concrete curbs, gutters and a sidewalk on both sides of the road. One major new feature in this project is a roundabout at the intersection of Old 61, Wall Street and Main Plaza Drive. Construction on the project is scheduled to begin this spring, and is estimated to take 12 months to complete. Primary funding sources for this project are the City of Wentzville, St Charles County Road Board, and the East West Coordinating Council of Governments.

One of the improvements planned for Old Business 61 is a roundabout at the intersections of Old 61, Wall St., and Main Plaza Dr.

Mexico Rd.: This project will improve several sight-distance problems along Mexico Road, from Route A to just north of the Highland Estates subdivision entrance. Improvements include upgrading the existing two-lane asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road with sidewalks on both sides and an enclosed storm water drainage system. The City is currently finishing up acquisition of right-of-way and easements on this project, and anticipates bidding the project out this spring. Construction, which is anticipated to begin this summer, should take about 18 months to complete.

STORM WATER PROJECTS

Northview Court: This area has had ongoing, localized flooding issues. To alleviate the flooding, the City will install a storm water system in several rear yards on Northview Court. Once completed, the newly-installed system will capture storm water runoff during heavy rain events, and direct the runoff into the City's existing storm system.

Northview Box Culvert Removal: Two properties on Northview Drive have a history of overland storm water runoff problems. To address these problems, the City will remove about 250 lineal feet of concrete pipe, and re-grade the rear yards to reduce flooding in this area.

Broken Rock Drive: This project will address creek-bank erosion along a creek that runs behind several homes in the 4200 block of Broken Rock Drive. The City will correct the problem by installing slope protection in various locations, which should reduce erosion resulting from the discharge of a storm water pipe that empties into the creek.

WASTEWATER

Wastewater Treatment System Phase 2 Expansion and Upgrade: This project is one that originally was scheduled to begin in 2009. On November 4, 2008, Wentzville voters approved the use of $50 million in State Revolving Fund (SRF) bonds to finance Phases 2-5 of necessary expansions and upgrades of the City's wastewater treatment system. The City will begin Phase 2 of the expansion this year, using approximately $21 million of the approved $50 million. Construction of the Phase 2 expansion is expected to begin this spring, with the expansion going online in the fall of 2012. Once the Phase 2 expansion is completed, the City's wastewater treatment plant will be able to process up to 6.1 million gallons of wastewater per day, which is estimated to be sufficient for a population of up to 43,000.

Phase 2 of the City's wastewater treatment system expansion is schedule to begin this spring. The expansion was put off from 2009 due to budget constraints.

WATER

East Booster Station: This project was also originally slated for 2009. The City has scheduled the replacement of the existing undersized East Booster Pump Station and the construction of a new facility, located in the vicinity of Prospect Road and Highway 40. Construction on this expansion is expected to start this spring and take approximately 10 months to complete. Once completed, the expansion will result in increased water pressure and volume for residents in that area, and enhanced fire protection.

System Expansion: In conjunction with the Mexico Road widening, the City will install a 12-inch water main along Mexico Road to reinforce the reliability of water pressure and water volume in this area.

NEW BUSINESSES

STL Audio
1844 West Pearce Boulevard

Perfection Detail
1005 Callahan Road

Taylor Tots Children's Boutique
807 East Pearce Boulevard

310 West Pearce Blvd.
Wentzville, MO 63385

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Christmas Tree Recycling in January

To help residents easily dispose of live Christmas trees in an environmentally responsible way, the City will provide three special days when residents can place live Christmas trees curbside for pickup and recycling. On Wednesdays, January 6, 13, and 20, the City will pick up residents' live Christmas tree for free. Residents should be sure to have their trees placed at the curb by 6 a.m., and be sure to remove the tree stand, tinsel, lights and plastic bag or tree cover.

If residents aren't able to take advantage of the curbside pickup, they can bring their live Christmas trees to a drop-off location at the upper parking lot of Progress Park, which is located at 968 Meyer Road. Trees will be accepted through January 21 at this location, in conjunction with the St. Charles County Environmental Services tree recycling program. All ornaments, tinsel, lights, and transportation bags must be removed from the tree before it is left at the drop-off location.

For more information, residents can call (636) 327-5102.

Don't Let Her Be Left Out!

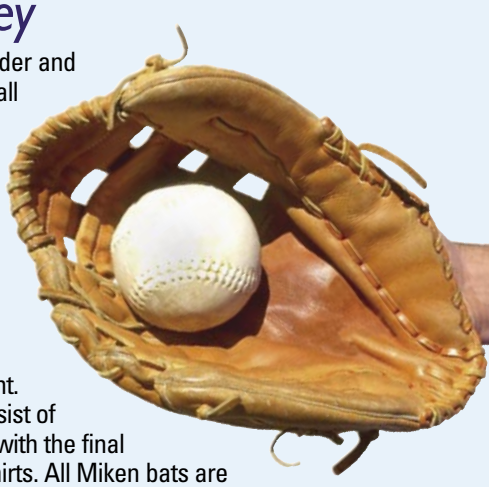
Don't let your Little Leaguer be left out of the game. Youth softball and baseball signups start January 2, and due to field limitations, they fill up fast! See page 6 in this edition of the *Vision* for more information.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that City Hall will be closed on the following days so City employees can spend the holidays with their families:

January 1, for New Year's Day
January 18, for Martin Luther King's Birthday
February 15, for Presidents' Day

Men's "Snowball" Recreational Softball Tourney



Hey guys, if you're 16 or older and getting the itch to play softball before spring arrives, then be sure to sign up for Wentzville's fourth annual Snowball Recreational Softball Tourney. Teams will be divided into different pools for a round-robin tournament, with the winners of each pool playing a single elimination tournament. The full tournament will consist of a minimum of three games, with the final winning team receiving T-shirts. All Miken bats are banned from this tournament.

Tournament dates are February 20-21, with games starting at 9:00 a.m. at both Progress Park and Fireman's Park. The cost per team is $160, which covers umpires, a new softball for each game, and T-shirts for the tournament winners. Registration deadline is February 13, and a $15 late fee will be added for teams registering after the deadline.

On Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Progress Park Conference Room, there will be a mandatory coaches meeting. Any team without a representative at this meeting will forfeit its first game of the tournament. To register or for more information, call (636) 332-9236.