

Celebrate July 4th With Full Day of FREE Activities!

No need to worry about high gas prices and holiday traffic to celebrate Independence Day in style this year. You can stay right here in Wentzville and enjoy a full day of fun, family-friendly activities for FREE! The fun starts with Free Swimming at the Progress Park pool, and doesn't stop until the explosive grand finale fireworks display that evening.

Swimming Pool Free and Open to Public

Starting at noon, grab your beach towel, sunglasses, plenty of sunscreen and head for the Progress Park Swimming Pool where you can cool off and relax for free until 7:00 p.m. The concession stand will be open and you're certain to work up an appetite, so be sure to bring some money for snacks.

Parade

If you're not still relaxing at the pool at 3:00 p.m., you'll want to find a good spot where you can watch Wentzville's annual Independence Day Parade. The parade begins at 3:00 p.m. and will travel along East Pearce Boulevard, heading west where it will terminate at Holt High School. This year's parade theme is "We the People," and the Grand Marshal will be lifelong Wentzville resident Jim Pitman. In addition to serving on the boards of many local organizations over the years, Pitman is the owner of the family-run Pitman Funeral Home in

Wentzville. (find Grand Marshal Jim Pitman's full bio on the City's Web site under the News and Events link on the City's home page at www.wentzvillemo.org)

Free Concerts and Activities

At Progress Park, a whole evening of fun and musical entertainment is planned. Kids can enjoy inflatable rides from 5:00-8:45 p.m., and from 5:00-8:00 p.m. there will be clowns and balloon sculpting for everyone's enjoyment. From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. you can sit back and enjoy a live, classic-rock concert by Radio Rich. And don't forget to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on so you can relax as you listen to the tunes.

You can bring your own food, but if you'd rather avoid the hassle of preparing, packing, and hauling food to the park, consider visiting the Progress Park snack bar. Concessions will be available for purchase and are very reasonably



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WENTZVILLE CELEBRATES RAILROAD HERITAGE WITH ANNUAL WABASH DAYS

Like many communities, Wentzville's history is inextricably linked to our country's expansion of railroads. To celebrate its connection to railroads, Wentzville annually hosts

Wabash Days—a three-day, family-oriented street event.

Wabash Days will be held August 26-August 28 this year, in the City's historic downtown area, along Allen Street and Main Street—appropriately paralleling the train tracks. Festivities will run 5:00-11:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26; noon until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27; and noon-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 28.

An estimated 10,000 people are expected to attend this three-day event, which will feature carnival rides, craft booths, live concerts, food, and lots of

family-style fun and entertainment. Ongoing, free entertainment will be featured throughout the celebration on Main Street and on the Allen Street stage. (see adjacent Entertainment Schedule) There is no admission fee for the concerts and entertainment. There are, however, small fees for the carnival rides, food, and drinks. Vendor booths will also have other items available for purchase.

Back again this year will be the Saturday parade, starting at noon on East Pearce Boulevard, and eventually ending at the Wentzville Community Club on Main Street. For nostalgia buffs, the Wentzville Historical Society will again open for viewing its railroad caboose on Main Street. The authentic, historic rail caboose provides visitors a step back in time with a full measure of historical Wentzville memorabilia.

The City of Wentzville, the Wentzville Chamber of Commerce, Wentzville Historical Society, and Wentzville Downtown Business Association sponsor Wabash Days, but additional sponsorships are available for interested businesses and organizations. Booth space at Wabash Days is also still available. Booth-space reservations will remain open until August 12. Booth Registration and Activity Forms are available online in the Parks and Recreation section of the City's Web site.

To inquire about sponsorships or booth space, call the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 327-7665.

2011 WABASH DAYS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Allen Street Stage	5:00-7:00 p.m.	The Shakey Ground Blues Band
	8:00-11:00 p.m.	Hudson & the Hoo Doo Cats (40s, 50s & 60s Blues/Swing)

SATURDAY

Historic Downtown	8:00 a.m. start	Pound the Pavement for Parks 5K & 1-mile Fun Run
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West on E. Pearce Blvd., ending at Community Club on Main St.	Noon	Parade
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Allen Street Stage	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Square Dance
	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Our Affliction (Rock & Roll, 70s-today)
	5:00-7:30 p.m.	Devon Allmans Honeytribe
	8:00-11:00 p.m.	The Melissa Neels Band (Blues & Rock)

SUNDAY

Allen Street Stage	Noon-2:30 p.m.	Freese's Pond (Classic & Country Rock)
	3:00-6:00 p.m.	That 80s Band (80s Pop)

New Yard-Waste Option

Don't need yard-waste pickup every week, but have occasional trimmings you want picked up? Good news! The City now offers another option for yard-waste pickup. Rather than subscribing for the entire season, residents can order a special pickup for \$3.50 per paper bag. Residents who don't receive regular yard-waste pickup, but need a special yard-waste pickup should call (636) 639-2155 or (636) 327-5102 prior to their normal sanitation pickup day.

City Awarded Total of \$21.3 Million in SRF Loan and 319 Grant for Wastewater System Improvements and Pollution Prevention

City Receives \$20.6 Million SRF Loan for Expansion and Improvement of Wastewater Treatment System

At a news conference held at Wentzville's Water Reclamation Center in April, Missouri Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon announced the state's approval of a low-interest, State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan of \$20.6 million to Wentzville for expansion and improvement of the City's wastewater treatment system. The expansion is needed to keep pace with the City's growth. Governor Nixon called Wentzville's 322-percent growth over the past decade as "nothing short of phenomenal," and in an aside to Wentzville Mayor Paul Lambi, Governor Nixon said, "Mayor, you all must be doing a lot right!"

The low interest rate of 1.66 percent on the SRF loan will save the City millions of dollars over the life of the loan, and the attractive interest rate on these loans puts them in high demand. Governor Nixon praised the job Wentzville staff members did in putting together an effectual loan application and stated, "...these types of applications are very competitive."

The Reclamation Center expansion project is estimated to employ 100 workers during the construction process, which should take approximately 18 months to complete. The expansion will take the Reclamation Center's treatment capacity from 5.1 million gallons per day (mgd) to 6 mgd, and expands its additional bio-solid digester storage capacity from 1.95 million gallons to 2.6 million gallons.

Mayor Lambi stated at the press conference that this multi-million-dollar project and the 100 jobs it creates will produce secondary and tertiary economic benefits for the community. "Economists say the money for this project can be multiplied at least three times and some say up to seven times in economic impact," said Mayor Lambi.

Residents can follow the progress of the improvements this SRF loan will make to the City's Reclamation Center by going to the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, and then choosing the Public Works and then Wastewater options in the drop-down boxes under the Departments tab.

DNR Grant of Almost Three-Quarters of a Million Will Help Clean Stormwater Runoff

Water is essential for life, and clean water is one of the most precious commodities on earth. In April the City received a \$748,015 boost to reduce contaminants flowing into area creeks when Governor Jay Nixon and Missouri's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Sara Parker Pauley announced Wentzville received a 319 Grant through DNR and U.S. EPA Region VII under the Clean Water Act. Non-point-source (NPS) pollution results from fertilizers, trash, oil, and other contaminants that stormwater picks up along its route to drainage ways, as opposed to point-source pollution that flows directly from a pipe or readily identifiable location. Because NPS pollution comes from a variety of sources over a wide area, preventing it from getting into our waterways is particularly challenging.



In April Gov. Jay Nixon announced Wentzville would receive a total of \$21.3 million through a SRF Loan and 319 Grant for the City's Wastewater Treatment facility and pollution prevention project. (pictured from left to right: Missouri DNR Director Sara Parker Pauley, State Rep. Chuck Gatschenberger, State Rep. Bart Korman, Gov. Jay Nixon, Wentzville Mayor Paul Lambi)

The 319 Grant combines with a City match of \$500,000 to cover the total \$1,248,015 project costs for the Dry Branch Watershed: Clear Stormwater and Green Parks Project. The first year of this four-year project includes a watershed management study and retrofitting the detention basin at the City's Law Enforcement Center (LEC) to integrate a more "green" infrastructure. Changes at the LEC include a biofilter of native wetland and prairie plants, and a river cobble path to help treat and clean runoff before it leaves the site. The City will also begin water quality monitoring at this and ten other locations to measure pollution reduction over the course of the project.

The second year of the project will include designing "green" stormwater management features for the City's new Heartland Park. Wetlands, pervious pavement, athletic-field biofilters, a native meadow, and parking-lot bio-swales may be used to clean stormwater runoff before it gets to the park's lake. Another feature upstream from the lake will trap mud, collect trash and remove pollutants in stormwater runoff from roughly 500 acres of development along I-70 and Wentzville Parkway. The Clear Stormwater and Green Parks Project also promotes public awareness of NPS pollution with an interpretive trail and signage at Heartland Park, and a boardwalk around the lake.

Years three and four of the project will cover construction of stormwater management features at Heartland Park and implementation of similar features in one residential subdivision. The exact subdivision will be determined after the City has reviewed the Watershed Management Plan's recommendations for areas of water-quality concern.

Other project highlights include reducing pollution at two commercial properties, demonstrating ways property owners can reduce maintenance costs while keeping streams clean, and providing opportunities for public input. Anyone who would like to be part of the Dry Branch Watershed Planning Team and help steer the Watershed Management Plan are invited to call (636) 639-2055. As part of the team, citizens would participate in periodic meetings, evaluate data, identify missing components or other areas of consideration, increase public awareness of the project, and work with potential commercial and residential retrofit sites.

NPS pollution of our waterways is something that affects everyone, but it's also something we can work together to reduce. The key is to learn how, and then encourage others to join in the effort. Clean water is something we all want and need—not only now for ourselves, but also for the generations to come.

Find out more about the Dry Branch Watershed: Clear Stormwater and Green Parks Project by going to www.wentzvillemo.org/319.aspx on the City's Web site.

National Night Out to be Celebrated in October This Year

For the past 27 years, tens of thousands of communities across the nation have celebrated National Night Out (NNO) on the first Tuesday in August, to send the message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back against crime. NNO is when residents are invited to turn on their porch lights, go outside and join with their neighbors in block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, and other activities. This year, St. Charles County municipalities will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, October 4. By moving the celebration to October, when the temperatures are cooler and fewer families are on vacation, County law enforcement officials hope more people will be able to join in the celebration.

Watch for more information about NNO in the September-October edition of *The Vision*.





Mayor Paul Lambi

Mayor's Comment:

Volunteer Hours Pay Off in Wentzville: 2007 Study Shows Nearly 650,000 Hours Logged in City

Wentzville's Volunteers Impact Prosperity (VIP) group works to advocate volunteerism. Recently the VIP group released data from a survey of 86 local nonprofit agencies, showing Wentzville benefited in 2007 from an estimated 642,116 hours of volunteerism, worth over \$12 million. To put this in perspective, I should point out Wentzville's General Fund budget of fixed operating expenses in 2011 is \$15 million.

Without volunteers, government tax dollars would have to fund more critical human needs of health, safety and welfare. Worse yet, many needs and people would go un-served. Mission endeavors don't have to be funded by taxpayers.

The number of volunteer hours in Wentzville is impressive, but according to national research only about 29 percent of Americans volunteer during a year. I wonder what we could do if more than 29 percent of us volunteered. A question that really hits home is, "If you are among the 71 percent of people who are not volunteering, why not?"

If the satisfaction of knowing you're making a positive difference in your community and in the lives of others isn't enough reason to volunteer, consider this. According to a study released by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a strong relationship has been established between volunteering and health. Studies reveal people who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life. How's that for a reason to step forward?

There are many needs in our community which municipal government is not equipped to address, and Senior Services is one. One of the newest organizations serving seniors and looking for volunteers and members is Wentzville Area Senior Services, Inc. (WASSI). I believe we have some very talented individuals in our community who could put their skills to work in this area. And let's face it. Improving the lives of seniors is something we can all benefit from sooner or later.

I know among Baby Boomers there is a new paradigm of what it means to be a senior citizen. We've all seen the commercials that show seniors enjoying an independent, active, carefree life. I have to admit, I am one of the over-60 crowd who is more likely to be riding my Harley than engaging in more sedate activities. But I am also taking care of my 94-year-old father and in touch with the reality that someday, God willing, I will be where he is. And when that time comes, I'll also need help with daily activities, and a cost-effective, efficient place to live. As active seniors, we have a unique opportunity right now to shape our own future.

Senior Services isn't the only place where volunteers are needed, however. Wentzville's Parks Department depends on approximately 80 volunteers each summer for tasks like umpiring ball games and providing trainers for weight equipment. If you're more into administrative functions, you might want to consider serving on one of our City's Boards or Commissions. All the City's Boards, such as Planning and Zoning, Appeals, Parks, and Adjustments, are served by volunteers.

I urge you to look around and find a place to volunteer your talents. You'll be amazed at how rewarding it will be for you as well as for all the people you help in our community.

Important Sanitation Pickup Reminders

Now that residents have a single day for trash, recyclables and yard-waste pickup, **it's important residents place all items at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on their assigned pickup day.** Also, as three different trucks pick up the various sanitation items, residents need to be sure they place their trash, recyclables, and yard-waste in the proper containers.

The three important reminders below will help residents ensure all their sanitation items are picked up in a timely fashion.

Trash items should only be placed in a rented trash cart or in the resident's own trash receptacle. Never place trash in a recycle cart.

Recycle carts are for recycling only. Never use them for yard waste or trash.

Yard waste should only be placed in a rented yard-waste cart or paper bags. Plastic bags are not acceptable.

From the Board:

Senior Citizen Resources in St. Charles County

Board of Aldermen members are frequently asked about the types of programs available in our area to assist senior citizens. The scenarios triggering these questions are generally very similar. A senior citizen has begun having problems with tasks he or she used to be able to handle. If they can get just a little assistance, they can continue living in their own homes and remain independent.

Fortunately, there are many programs and services in Wentzville and St. Charles County for seniors. These programs cover a wide variety of services like transportation, home delivery of meals, tax-filing assistance, and social activities to keep seniors healthy and energetic. Below are some of the organizations that can connect our senior residents to the services they need.

Wentzville's Green Lantern Senior Center (636) 327-8720, where seniors can go for lunch, enjoy live music, quilting, Wii games and many other activities. Green Lantern has free transport services for seniors to and from the Center. Located at 506 South Linn in Wentzville, the Green Lantern has served as the center of senior activities for the past four decades. Go to the City of Wentzville Web site link www.wentzvillemo.org/pr-older-adult-programs.aspx for more information.

Green Lantern's Meals on Wheels is a program that delivers meals to the homes of seniors age 60 and over. Contact the Senior Center at (636) 327-8720 to arrange for a meal delivery.

Home Repair Assistance: call Mayor/Alderman/City Staff (636) 327-5101 The City of Wentzville can put you in touch with a number of volunteer groups that can help seniors who are challenged with simple home repairs.

Wentzville Area Senior Services, Inc. (WASSI) (636) 639-2151 In August WASSI will sponsor a Senior Appreciation Day to celebrate the special role seniors play in our lives and community. The event will include a health fair, games, a pie-baking contest for bakers ages 60 and above, and an old-fashioned apple-pie social. Residents can get more information about the event, making donations to WASSI, or volunteering to help with projects by contacting WASSI at (636) 639-2151. Residents can also find out more about WASSI through its Web site at www.wassi.org, or by designating WASSI as a "friend" on Facebook.

The Community Council of St. Charles County (636) 978-2277 The Community Council acts as a bridge between the needs in our community and the services that address those needs, and can put residents in touch with a wide variety of senior-service programs. To reach the Community Council, call (636) 978-2277 or e-mail them at info@communitycouncilstc.org. Residents can also find out more about the Community Council through its Web site at www.communitycouncilstc.org.

Midwest Area Agency on Aging STAR Transport Program (636) 978-3306 The STAR Program provides transportation to medical services for elderly residents of St. Charles County who have no other means of transportation. Call the program coordinator at (636) 978-3306 to schedule an in-home assessment of your transportation needs. The program coordinator will complete the application to get you started in the STAR Program.

The main thing to remember is help is out there for seniors. You just need to know where to look, and the organizations above will help you take that first step.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY




FRIDAY

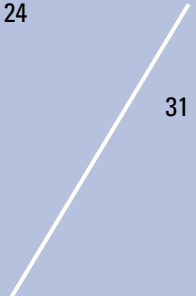
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	<p>4 Noon.-9:05 p.m. Independence Day Activities** Pearce Blvd. & Progress Park City Offices Closed for Independence Day** 3:00 p.m. Independence Day Parade** Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>7 6:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
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** See article in this edition of *Vision*. * Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101. Visit the City's Web site: www.wentzvillemo.org

<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.</p>	<p>13 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>14 6:30 p.m. Board of Adjustment 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>15 6:00-9:00 p.m. Mid Summer Night Dine & Dance Progress Park Center</p> 	<p>16 Civil War Reenactment** Linn & Main Streets</p>
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<p>17 Civil War Reenactment** Linn & Main Streets</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21 6:00 p.m. Storm Water Advisory Committee 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 
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<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 4:00-11:00 p.m. County Fair** Rotary Park</p>	<p>27 8:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. County Fair** Rotary Park 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>	<p>28 8:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. County Fair** Rotary Park 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.</p>	<p>29 8:00 a.m.-Midnight County Fair** Rotary Park</p>	<p>30 8:00 a.m.-Midnight County Fair** Rotary Park 9:00-11:00 a.m. Coffee Talk With Aids. Nick & Cheryl 310 W. Pearce Blvd.</p>
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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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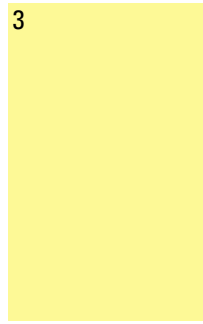
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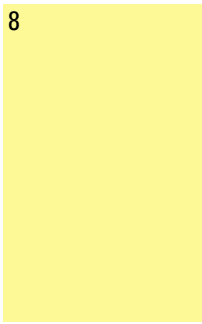
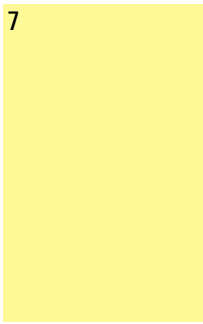
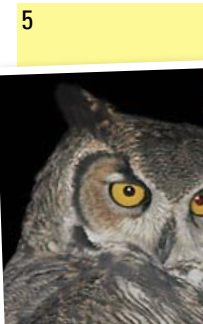
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Park Board Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



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6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
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Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

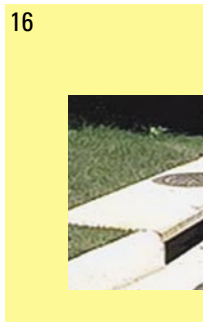
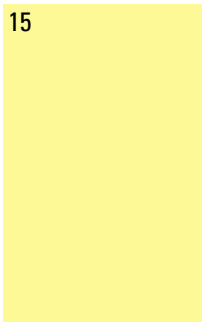
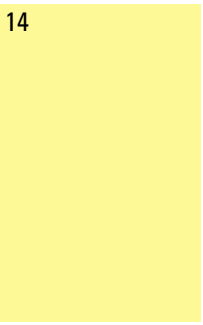
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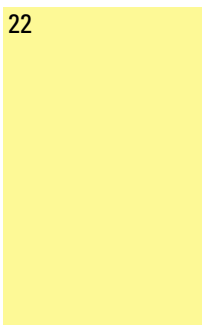
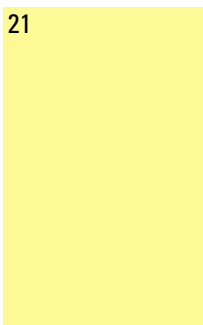
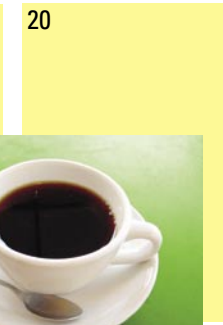
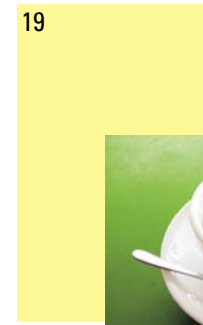
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8:00-10:00 p.m.
Songs of the Night Nature Walk**
Rotary Park Lions Pavilion



Municipal Court: 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. • Park Board Meetings: 968 Meyer Rd.



18
6:00 p.m.
Storm Water Advisory Committee
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



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9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Men's Flag Football**
Memorial Park
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

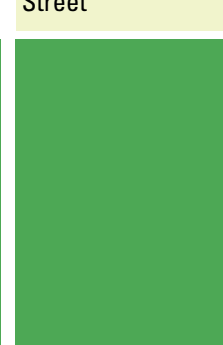
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Wabash Days**
Allen & Main Street



* Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101. ** See article in this edition of Vision.



Civil War Battle of Wentzville Reenactment

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War skirmish that took place in Wentzville on July 16-17, 1861, the Fifth Regiment Missouri Cavalry will present a reenactment of the Battle of Wentzville on Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17. Event activities will be located in Wentzville's historic downtown area, along Linn and Main Streets, with the actual battle reenactment taking place at the Wisk property. In addition to the battle reenactment, military unit drills, and a medical demonstration at a surgeon's tent, the public will be invited to attend and participate in a free, Victorian military ball, held Saturday evening outside the Green Lantern Senior Center. Residents can find the full schedule and more details about the Battle of Wentzville Reenactment at www.thecavalry.org.



July Is National Parks and Recreation Month CELEBRATE!

In 1985 the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) designated July as National Parks and Recreation month to recognize the importance parks and recreational activities play in people's quality of life. According to the NRPA, being active and spending time in parks reduces stress, improves cardiovascular health, helps ward off obesity and decreases feelings of depression.

Kids know how much fun parks are, but sometimes adults forget. Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department encourages residents to join with the NRPA's Rock Your Park! theme this year by pledging to Take Five in July. Residents are challenged to get outdoors every one of the five weekends in July and go to a park, take a walk, ride a bike, start an exercise class, or find some other activity that gets them moving. Once you've made it a habit, you'll want to get out and get moving every month.

Just start with all the free activities offered on July 4, and make a point to schedule something for each of the remaining weekends. You'll find a wealth of opportunities in Wentzville's *Fun Times*, or in the Parks and Recreation section of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org.

Together we can Rock Your Park and show everyone how important parks are to us.

End of Season Pool Hours

Beginning Monday, August 15, through Labor Day, Wentzville's Progress Park pool will be closed during the week and only open on weekends. The cutback in hours at the end of the season is due to the majority of Wentzville's lifeguard staff returning to school in August. The final three weekends the pool will be open this summer are:

- August 20-21
- August 27-28
- September 3-5

EXPERIENCE Wentzville

Tennis Lessons—Anyone?

Now anyone from the age of four on up can learn to play the great game of tennis. In this introductory program that emphasizes the fun and social aspect of tennis, students will participate in a series of active, instructional lessons that will lead to supervised play. The cost for this six-week series of lessons is \$80 for residents and \$95 for nonresidents. Tennis balls will be provided, but participants must bring their own racquet.

All lessons will be held on Sundays, from September 11 through October 16, on the tennis courts at Holt High School. Age divisions and times for the lessons are as follows:

Ages 4-6	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Ages 7-12	5:00-6:00 p.m.
Ages 13-17	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Ages 18-Adult	7:00-8:00 p.m.



“Songs of the Night” Nature Walk

Take time to listen to nature's nighttime symphony on Friday, August 12, from 8:00-10:00 p.m., when Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department hosts its Songs of the Night Nature Walk through Rotary Park. That night you'll be serenaded by nighttime songbirds and a chorus of insects and frogs. In addition to the evening serenade of nature's finest musicians, you'll have the chance to see owls, raccoons, deer, and other wildlife as you explore the park.

This is a FREE event, but *preregistration is required due to minimum and maximum participation limits*. Also, although it is open to all ages, youth ages 16 and under must have an adult register with them. Participants will meet at Rotary Park's lower pavilion, where the walk will begin. The difficulty level of this walk is mild to moderate. As this is an outdoor walk, participants should dress appropriate for the weather. Bug spray, a small flashlight and hiking boots are suggested—absolutely no open-toed or open-heeled shoes.



Men's Flag Football Tournament



This one-day tournament for guys ages 16 and older will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 23, at the Memorial Park football field. There will be four players to each team and a maximum of six players to a roster, with substitutions allowed. United States Flag Touch Football League (USFTL) and house tournament rules will apply. Games will last approximately one hour. All equipment will be provided and all players will receive T-shirts. The winning team will receive a trophy. Team fee is \$80. Registration deadline is July 16.

Residents can call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236 to register for any of these programs or for more information.

BUILDING *Wentzville*

Improvements to Wentzville Parkway-Pearce Boulevard Intersection Could Begin End of 2011

Construction on improvements to Wentzville's busiest intersection could begin as early as the end of 2011. Plans call for the Pearce Boulevard-Wentzville Parkway intersection to receive dual left turn



lanes to all legs of the intersection, as well as dedicated right-turn lanes to northbound Wentzville Parkway and eastbound Pearce Boulevard. Signal upgrades as well as access management to the QT and Schnucks properties at that location should also help mitigate some of the congestion that frequently builds up at the intersection.

The City's portion of this nearly \$2.2-million project is only about 17 percent, which will come from Wentzville's Transportation Sales Tax. More than 82 percent of the project will be funded through the St. Charles County Road Board (\$986,858), and a federal government Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant (\$820,913) through the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Wentzville's Public Works Department expects to complete the easement acquisitions for the project by the end of July. After that, final plans, specifications and construction estimates will be forwarded to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for approval. Construction bidding for the project will begin once the City receives MoDOT's approval.

Involved easement negotiations with some of the properties surrounding the intersection have delayed the start of construction, but Wentzville's Public Works Director, Scott J. Smith, says he remains optimistic construction will begin late this year. Once begun, construction on the project is estimated to take between 8 and 10 months to complete.

Although a phasing plan during construction should help alleviate some construction-related traffic problems, Smith says once construction begins, motorists can expect increased traffic congestion at the intersection and will need to be patient. Smith says whenever possible, motorists should try to use alternate routes to reach their destinations. "I would suggest motorists consider the Highway A exit off Interstate 70, the Pitman Avenue exit off of Interstate 40/61, or the Church Street/Highway Z exit off of Interstate 70 as viable options," says Smith.

Residents can follow the progress of this and other Wentzville construction projects through the Engineering Division link, under the Public Works section of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. Just look for the "Project Updates" quick link in the right column.

NEW BUSINESSES

True Image Design Photography • 809 East Pearce Boulevard

Ink Doctor Tattoo • 978 Wentzville Parkway

Lulu's Shaved Ice & Frozen Custard • 904 Main Plaza Drive

City Now Offers E-Billing

Want to get your City utility bills by e-mail instead of in your mail box? The City is now offering residents that option at no additional cost. To sign up for e-billing for your City utility bills, just go to the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and click on the "Receive E-Billing" link from the drop-down box under the "I Want To" tab. Once you've signed up, you should start receiving your City utility bills by e-mail within two billing cycles. For more information, residents can call the City's Utility Billing Department at (636) 639-2155.

Catch the WIND! Stay in the Know.

To provide residents up-to-the-minute notifications of important and emergency announcements, Wentzville is kicking off its Wentzville Important Notification Delivery system (WIND). When residents sign up for WIND they will receive automatic emergency and important announcement notification calls to whichever phone number they register. WIND will allow residents to sign up for several levels of notifications they want to receive. The levels will vary from Citywide emergency announcements, to Police Department notifications of significant traffic problems due to accidents or light malfunctions, to event or meeting cancellations.

Residents will be able to sign up for WIND at the City's booth during Wabash Days. After Wabash Days, WIND signups will be available through City Hall. For more information about WIND, residents can call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

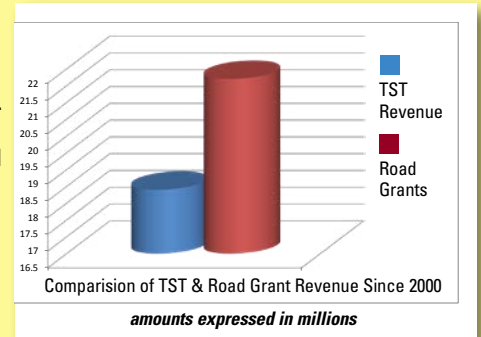


How Do You Turn \$500 Thousand Into \$1 Million? Leveraging!

What many residents might not realize is cities often use local tax dollars to bring in additional funds in the form of state, federal, and private grants. This is known as leveraging, and it enables cities to provide residents higher-quality roads, programs, and services.

Leveraging tax dollars is an important part of the strategy Wentzville City staff and officials use. A prime example of leveraging is how the City has used revenue from its Transportation Sales Tax (TST) to bring state and federal tax dollars back to Wentzville to improve residents' roads. Residents approved the ½-cent Transportation Sales Tax in August of 1999, and over the past 10 years the Transportation Sales Tax has brought in over \$18.4-million for transportation-improvement projects.

The \$18.4-million is only half of the story, however. To qualify for many state and federal grants, cities are often required to provide a specified percentage of the cost



for the proposed project. Since 2000, Wentzville has used its Transportation Sales Tax revenue to bring home more than \$21.7-million in grant funding. If the City hadn't had adequate funds to cover its portion, this grant money would have gone to other municipalities around the state and the nation. Some of the important projects the City has completed during this time include the Wentzville Parkway overpass, Peine Road widening, West Meyer Road improvements, and improvements to Old Business 61 (now called Luetkenhaus Boulevard).

Roads aren't the only area where the City has leveraged City funds to bring state and federal tax dollars back to Wentzville. Since 2005, Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department has secured over \$111,000 in grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the playgrounds at Progress and Memorial Parks, and a \$75,000-Recreation-Trails Grant through the Department of Natural Resources for the Rotary Park Trail.

No one likes to pay taxes, but it's nice to know that often your local tax dollars can bring many more state and federal tax dollars back to Wentzville for you and your neighbors' benefit.



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City Offices Holiday Hours

- Please note that City offices will be closed Monday, July 4, and Monday, September 5 to enable our employees to enjoy the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays with their families.
- Also, on July 4 the Progress Park Gym, Weight Room and Track will be closed, but the pool will open from noon to 7:00 p.m. for FREE Swimming. (see "Celebrate July 4th" article for full details) On September 5, the Parks Office and recreation center at Progress Park will remain open.

Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

The week of July 3, residents' trash-pickup days will be moved back by one day to allow for the Independence Day holiday. Monday pickups will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday pickups will be moved to Wednesday, and so forth, ending with Friday pickups taking place on Saturday that week. The following week trash pickups will go back to their regular schedule. The same holiday schedule will be implemented the week of September 4 to accommodate the Labor Day holiday. If residents have any questions about the holiday pickup schedule they can call the Public Works office at (636) 327-5102.

July 4th Activities

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priced. If you choose to bring your own food, be considerate and use the trash containers for all your litter. Also, please remember not to bring any glass containers into the park.

Fireworks Display

Starting at approximately 9:05 p.m., the City will kick off its annual fireworks display at Progress Park. You can sit in your lawn chair or spread a blanket on the ground, and then just lay back and enjoy this spectacular show.

This year's Independence Day celebration promises to be a great day full of fun from beginning to end. And best of all, it's FREE!

Park Location and Information

To get to Progress Park, take I-70 to Exit 208. Turn north at the traffic signals and continue past SSM St. Joseph Health Center. Then go approximately one mile before making a right onto Meyer Road. Progress Park sits on the left at 968 Meyer Road. For questions or more information about the July 4th celebration, you can call (636) 332-9236.



Attention: Racers Needed for Fifth Annual Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race—Be There!

When: Sunday, September 11, races starting at 12:30, immediately following special 9/11 Ceremony.

Where: Meyer Road in front of Progress Park

Fee: Early-bird registration before August 28: \$5 for Residents, \$8 for Nonresidents
Regular registration: \$10 for Residents, \$13 for Nonresidents

Racers must be between 4-feet and 5-feet tall, and weigh between 55 and 120 pounds. Registration at Progress Park office required. Maximum of 200 racers accepted, so register early! For more information, see May-August 2011 edition of Wentzville's *Fun Times*, or call (636) 332-9236.

Don't Miss St. Charles County Fair at Rotary Park, July 26-July 30.

For hours, events, entertainment schedules and ticket prices, go to the St. Charles County Fair's Web site at www.stcharlescofair.org.



Independence Day Event Schedule

Make plans now to attend Wentzville's full day of fun on July 4. You won't want to miss any of it, and it's all FREE!

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Noon - 7:00 p.m.	Free Swimming at City Pool	Progress Park
3:00 p.m.	Independence Day Parade	Pearce Blvd.
5:00 - 8:45 p.m.	Inflatable Kids' Rides	Progress Park
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Clown & Balloon Sculpting	Progress Park
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Live Music by Radio Rich (Classic Rock)	Progress Park
9:05 p.m.	Fireworks Display	Progress Park