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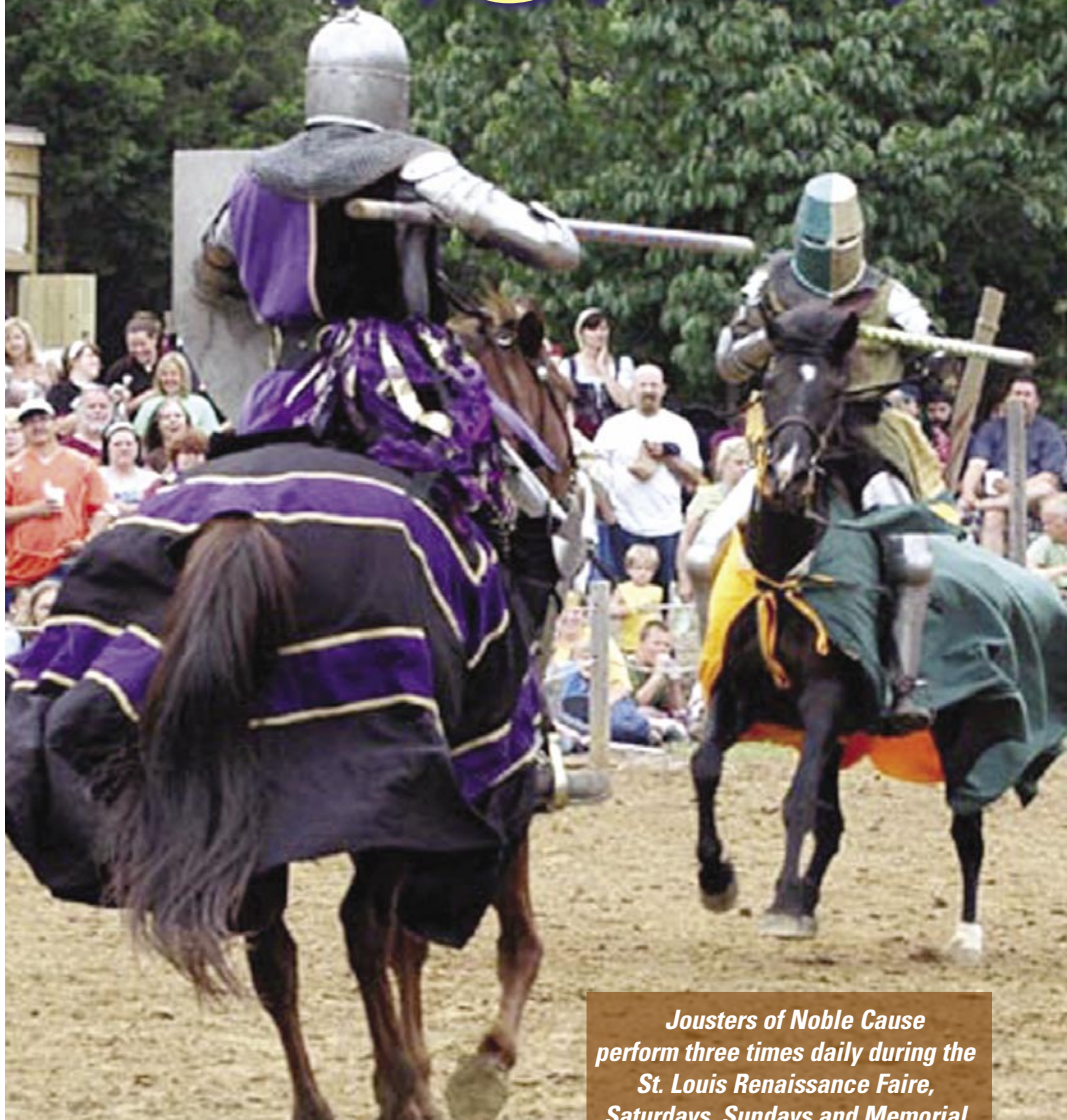
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Jousters of Noble Cause perform three times daily during the St. Louis Renaissance Faire, Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day, May 14-June 5 in Rotary Park.

Renaissance Faire Opens its 13th Season at Wentzville's Rotary Park

This summer take a weekend trip to France—16th century France, that is. For the thirteenth straight year, the St. Louis Renaissance Faire will bring all the pageantry and excitement of the French Renaissance to Wentzville when it transforms a small portion of Rotary Park into a 16th century French village known as Petite Lyon. The St. Louis Renaissance Faire at Wentzville is one of the most unique, family-entertainment opportunities you'll find, and it's only minutes from your home.

On weekends from May 14 through June 5, including Memorial Day, you can visit with knights in armor and their fair maidens, or watch jousting matches and axe-toss contests. During its four-week run, the Faire will feature multiple entertainment acts on eight stages throughout the Faire grounds.

When you enter Petite Lyon, you can interact with the villagers and nobles and become part of the experience; or, you can just relax and be entertained by the ongoing comedy, musical performances and antics of the villagers. You'll also find a variety of foods for feasting and a wide assortment of hand-crafted treasures and unique items brought to Petite Lyon just to entice and delight you.

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ELECTION RESULTS

On April 5, Wentzville residents went to the polls and voted for the candidates they wanted to lead the City for the next two years. Residents also voted on whether or not to extend the Mayoral and Aldermanic terms from two years to four years. Below are the results of the election.

Municipal Judge (Two-Year Term):
Stephen Martin

Alderman Ward 1 (Two-Year Term):
Cheryl Kross

Alderman Ward 2 (Two-Year Term):
Chris Gard

Alderman Ward 3 (Two-Year Term):
Nickolas Nick Guccione

Extension of Mayoral Term to Four Years:
Passed

Extension of Aldermanic Terms to Four Years:
Failed

Don't Just Stand There, Be Part of the July 4th Parade!

Parades are fun to watch, but this year rather than just watching Wentzville's Independence Day Parade, why not be part of it? Area businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in Wentzville's annual July 4th Parade by designing and making a float. This year's parade theme is "We the People," and floats will be judged for first-, second-, and third-place awards.

To obtain a parade application/registration form, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236, or stop by the office in Progress Park. Registration deadline is June 22. Please note that during the parade, candy or other items cannot be thrown from the car or float, but individuals walking next to the car or float may hand out these items along the parade route.

So before the parade passes by, make sure to register and be part of this fun, annual tradition.



Renaissance Faire continued from front page

Residents can find out more about this year's St. Louis Renaissance Faire and the special entertainment and vendors scheduled by going to the organization's Web site at www.renstl.org.

Dates, times and ticket prices for the Renaissance Faire are as follows:

Dates: May 14-15
May 21-22
May 28-30
June 4-5

Times: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tickets:

Daily Pass	Season Pass
Adults \$14.95	\$49.95
Children (6-13) \$7.95	\$29.95
Free for ages 5 and under	

Parking: Free

**This article is based on information obtained from the St. Louis Renaissance Faire Web site, www.renstl.org, as of March 24, 2011.*



IRRIGATION-BACKFLOW TEST REPORT DUE BY JUNE 1

All home and business owners whose properties have an irrigation system must have the system's backflow devices checked each spring by a certified backflow tester to ensure the devices are working properly. Once their system has been tested, residents are required to send the test results to Wentzville's Water Division no later than June 1. Commercial water users may be able to save their businesses time and money by having all their backflow prevention devices, such as fire and domestic, tested in the spring when they turn on their irrigation systems.

Test-result reports should be sent to:

Attention: Matthew Martin
Wentzville Water Division
200 E. 4th Street
Wentzville, MO 63385



Testing of the irrigation system must be done every spring, regardless of whether or not the system is used. If residents have decided to completely discontinue use of their irrigation system, the backflow device should be removed and the plumber who removes the backflow device must send the City a letter verifying that the device has been removed.

The City makes these requirements to safeguard the purity of residents' water. If backflow devices on irrigation systems do not work correctly, they can allow contamination to flow back into public water lines. This can happen when devices have debris buildup or damaged parts due to freezing.

If residents have any questions about having their irrigation system checked, submitting the test results, or removing backflow devices on systems that are not in use, they can call Wentzville's Backflow Prevention Coordinator, Matthew Martin, at (636) 639-2062. They can also find out more about backflow devices and inspections in the Public Works section of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org.

From the Board: TAKE ACTION TO MAKE SUMMER SAFER FOR EVERYONE



As summer gets into full swing we're all happy to see winter behind us, and anxious to embark on long summer days filled with outdoor fun, vacations, or just lazing around and soaking up warm weather. As you start off the summer, we encourage you to take action to improve the safety of yourself, your home and your neighborhood. Below are some simple steps you can take.

First, start or join a Neighborhood Watch Program. An active Neighborhood Watch Program lets you know who your neighbors

are, who does and does not belong in your neighborhood, and what vehicles go to what homes. When neighbors know and are watching out for each other there is less chance criminals can operate successfully. Although not everyone will have all the information, police say if everyone knows a little about what is going on in the neighborhood, the collective information can help them piece everything together and solve a case.

If your neighborhood doesn't already have a Neighborhood Watch Program, talk to your neighbors about starting one. Then call the Wentzville Police Department at (636) 639-2103 to arrange for an officer to attend your first meeting and help you get your Neighborhood Watch group off to a good start. The officer will be able to answer your questions and provide you with a Citizen's Handbook on setting up and running a Neighborhood Watch Program. The Police Department can also provide you with a street sign identifying your participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program. Once a Neighborhood Watch Program is started, it's important to have regular get-togethers with neighbors to keep everyone up to date and bring new neighbors into the group.

Second, don't advertise your absence when you go on vacation. Have a trusted neighbor take in mail and newspapers, or stop their delivery while you're gone. And if you're going to be gone for a week or more, arrange to

have someone cut the grass. Also, be careful about announcing on Facebook and other social-media sites that you are or will be away from home. Unless you can be certain everyone who sees your posting is a person you trust, wait to post those vacation pictures until you get back home. Wentzville residents can also contact the Police Department to request extra patrol checks while they are on vacation.

Third, keep garage doors down during the day and doors leading into the house locked, especially at night. When it's nice outside it's tempting to leave the garage door up; but an open, unattended garage is an invitation to thieves. Also, beer, pizza and anything else left in a garage refrigerator are often too tempting to young thieves. When that happens, not only are you impacted by the theft, but it can end with alcohol in the hands of minors. Also remember to lock your car doors at night to deter thieves from stealing items from your car. Thieves are opportunists. Don't provide them an easy opportunity.

Last of all, be especially cautious when driving in residential neighborhoods. Remember, kids are out of school for the summer and they often forget to watch out for motorists, so it's imperative that motorists watch out for kids. During the summer there are also more adults walking, jogging and riding bikes in our neighborhoods. Most residential street speed limits are posted 25 mph. It's important that motorists adhere to these speed limits. Even a five-mile-per-hour increase in speed can have tragic consequences. A pedestrian hit by a vehicle traveling 30 mph is 3 times more likely to die than one hit by a vehicle traveling 25 mph.

For more safety tips, go to the Police Department section of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, and click on the Safety Tips link in the right column under Quick Links. There you'll find an extremely valuable list of safety tips pertaining to many different areas—from how to protect yourself from Internet Fraud to Vacation Crime Prevention Tips.

Wentzville is a great City and our residents are what make our City great. Let's work together to make the summer of 2011 the best and safest one for everyone.



Mayor's Comment: Village Center Project Preserves Our Past and Builds Our Future

**Mayor
Paul Lambi**

When the City conducted its Citizen Satisfaction Survey last year, one of residents' top three concerns was the development of our historic Village Center. Their answers made it clear they understood the importance of preserving our past while building our future. Our Village Center area represents the roots, heart and soul of our City. I fully understand and agree with residents' desire to see this important area revitalized and again become a dynamic commercial center.

What some residents might not know, however, is not only do we have a comprehensive redevelopment plan in place for our Village Center, we've already begun to implement it. We commissioned the plan in 2008, the Board of Aldermen adopted the Downtown Redevelopment Plan in 2009, and in January, 2010, the Planning and Zoning Commission formally adopted the Plan as a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Plan includes design elements for new and expanding businesses in the Village Center, streetscape design, and public amenities. It also addresses future expansion and infrastructure needs.

A plan like this can't be implemented quickly. We will implement it a step at a time over a period of years. This year we are undertaking an important part of it with improvements planned for the area around Church Street, at the Interstate 70 exit. This is a primary access into the Village Center from the south, and as such plays a key role in setting the tone and direction for our Village Center.

The project includes upgrading the narrow, three-lane asphalt Church Street to current safety standards, and making it pedestrian friendly with sidewalks on both sides. In fact, the sidewalk on the east side of the street will be wider and become part of our pedestrian trail system. There will also be streetscape enhancements that will set our Village Center apart. These enhancements include things like themed lighting, exposed aggregate trail/sidewalks, stamped-concrete accents, special landscaping, and areas with benches, bike racks and landscaped planters.

All in all, we plan to create a unique shopping and business center that will offer an attractive, enjoyable, and convenient place to shop and visit. It will create a hometown feel; and the small, local-owned businesses that typically locate in these types of historic areas can offer shoppers the personalized attention not available at large chain stores.

At this time the City is finalizing right-of-way acquisition in this area, and once that phase of the project has been completed the work to relocate utility lines will begin. Residents could well see the relocation work start before the end of this year. Once construction begins, renovations are expected to take approximately 12 months to complete.

The Downtown Redevelopment Plan encompasses far too much for me to cover it in this article, but I highly recommend residents check out the Plan on our Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, under the Marketing and Business Development section. You will find a link to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan under the Quick Links options in the right column.

Once you've seen all we have planned for our historic Village Center, you can't help but be excited about what is happening. Personally, I'm proud that as we continue to grow we haven't forgotten our roots.

Change in City Hall's Extended Hours

Beginning May 1, City Hall's extended hours on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Board of Aldermen meeting nights, will be moved back to 6:30 p.m. For the past several years City Hall has held extended office hours until 7:00 p.m. on evenings when Board of Aldermen meetings were scheduled. The extended hours give residents two nights per month when they can pay water bills and get water service connected after City Hall's normal 5:00 p.m. closing time. The extended hours only apply to City Hall.

Free Movies for the Whole Family!



Hey, let's all go to the movies...for FREE! On the Friday nights of May 20 and June 24, Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department invites you, your family and friends all to the City's Movies in the Park series at the Rotary Park amphitheater.

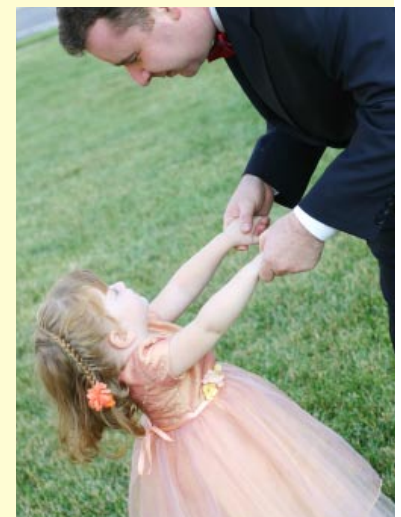
On May 20, at 8:00 p.m., enjoy the animated fun of *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*, which tells the story of a hapless inventor who accidentally creates a machine that changes raindrops falling from the sky into food. Then on June 24, at 8:30 p.m., you'll laugh out loud as you watch a lovable collection of misunderstood, ragtag monsters fight to protect the world from an alien invasion in *Monsters vs. Aliens*.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating, and since a movie just isn't a movie without something to munch on, concessions will be available for purchase at the park. Be sure to arrive early enough both evenings to find a spot and get your snacks before the movie begins. It promises to be a lot of fun for everyone, and best of all, it's free!

Grandparents' Ball

What better way to celebrate the special relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren than with a special ball designed just for them? On Saturday, May 7, grandparents and their grandchildren ages 3-12 can dress up and create special memories together at Wentzville's Grandparents' Ball. The evening runs from 5:00-8:00 p.m., at the Progress Park Center and will include food, dancing, games, and goody bags for the kids. Each couple will also receive a 5x7 photo, taken by a professional photographer.

Cost for the evening is \$45 for resident couples, and \$55 for nonresident couples. A couple consists of one grandparent and one grandchild. Additional grandparents are \$10 each and additional grandchildren are \$15 each. Registration deadline is April 30, and an additional \$10 late fee will be added for those registering after the deadline.



MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

FRIDAY




SATURDAY

1	2 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	3 8:00 a.m. Swimming Lessons Registration Begins for Residents** Progress Park & by Phone	4	5 6:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	6	7 5:00-8:00 p.m. Grandparents' Ball** Progress Park Center
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** See article in this edition of *Vision*. * Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

8 Mother's Day 	9	10 8:00 a.m. Swimming Lessons Registration Begins for Nonresidents** Progress Park & by Phone 9:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.	11 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	12 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. 6:30 p.m. Board of Adjustment 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	13 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Student Day at Renaissance Faire Rotary Park 	14 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park
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15 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park 	18	19 6:00 p.m. Storm Water Advisory Committee 310 W. Pearce Blvd. 	20 8:00 p.m. Free Movie in the Park: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** Rotary Park	21 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park
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22 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park 	23	24 25 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd.	26 27 7:00-9:00 p.m. H.O.P.P. Nights Progress Park Center 	28 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park Noon City Pool Opens** Progress Park 9:00-11:00 a.m. Coffee Talk With Aids. Nick & Cheryl 310 W. Pearce Blvd. 
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Municipal Court: 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. • Park Board Meetings: 968 Meyer Rd.

29 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park	30 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park City Offices Closed for Memorial Day**	31 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last Day to Apply for a City Utility Tax Refund at City Hall** 310 W. Pearce Blvd. 	
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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
Irrigation
Backflow Test
Results Due**



2
6:00 p.m.
Planning &
Zoning
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.



4
10:00 a.m.-
6:00 p.m.
Renaissance
Faire**
Rotary Park

5
10:00 a.m.-
6:00 p.m.
Renaissance
Faire**
Rotary Park

6
9:00 a.m.
Camp Wentzville
Begins**
Progress Park
7:00 p.m.
Park Board
Meeting
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.

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8
6:30 p.m.
Board of
Aldermen
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.

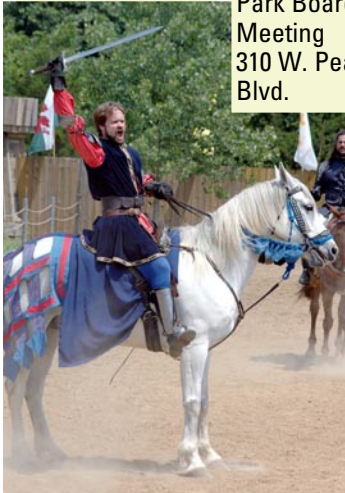
9
6:30 p.m.
Board of
Adjustment
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.

10
7:00 p.m.
Free Sunset
Concert in the
Park
Rotary Park

11
Noon-3:00 p.m.
Art in the Park**
Rotary Park



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



14
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder
Creek Blvd.

15

16
6:00 p.m.
Storm Water
Advisory
Committee
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.

17
Noon-7:00 p.m.
Free
Resident
Swim
Progress
Park

18



19
Father's Day



20

21
Wentzville
Scavenger Hunt
See
wentzvillemo.org

22
July 4th Parade
Registration
Deadline**
Parks & Recreation
Office
6:30 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.

23

24
8:30 p.m.
Free Movie in the
Park: *Monsters
vs. Aliens***
Rotary Park



25
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Coffee Talk With
Alds. Nick &
Cheryl
310 W. Pearce
Blvd.



* Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

** See article in this edition of *Vision*.

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28
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder
Creek Blvd.

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30
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Trials
1019 Schroeder
Creek Blvd.

CITY POOL OPENS MAY 28

Celebrate summer's official arrival this year on opening day at Wentzville's City Pool on Saturday, May 28. The City's pool at Progress Park opens for the summer at noon that day, and will be open seven days a week, from noon until 7:00 p.m., through August 13, except in cases of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, on Friday, June 17, from noon until 7 p.m., the City will again host a FREE Resident Swim Night.

2011 daily fees are as follows:

Users	Resident Card Holder	Nonresident
Age 13 & Under	\$2.00	\$3.00
Age 14 & Older	\$3.00	\$4.00
Senior Citizen (60 & up)	\$2.00	\$3.00

All-season pool-pass fees:

Pool Membership	Resident	Corporate	Nonresident
Individual	\$60.00	\$85.00	\$110.00
Household*	\$100.00	NA	\$175.00
Senior Individual	\$45.00	NA	\$80.00
Senior Household	\$65.00	NA	\$120.00

*A household membership consists of 2 adults and 3 children (ages 22 and younger), living in the same household. Additional children may be added for an additional \$25 per child.

To receive the resident rate, you must show your resident I.D. card each time you visit the pool. Resident I.D. cards can be purchased for \$5 at the Parks and Recreation office, and they get you in free on the day of purchase. Proof of residency, such as a current water bill, is required to purchase a resident I.D. card.

Children age nine and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is at least 16 years old. Only children age six and under are allowed in the baby pool, and children must not be left unattended in the baby pool. Toddlers must wear swim diapers. Swim diapers can be brought from home or purchased for \$2 at the pool concession stand.

If you work up an appetite while at the pool, you can ease your hunger pangs at the pool's full-service concession stand. The concession stand offers hot dogs, nachos, pretzels, soft drinks, ice cream and many more food items.

Lockers are available to store personal belongings, but you need to bring your own locks. All locks must be removed at the end of each day.

For special pool fun, you might want to consider either renting the pool for a private party, or choosing one of our regular-operating-hours, birthday-party packages. For more information, contact the Parks office at (636) 332-9236.

Art in the Park

Artists and art lovers alike will want to mark their calendars for Wentzville's FREE afternoon of Art in the Park, which will be held on Saturday, June 11, from noon until 3:00 p.m., at Rotary Park. This event provides local artists of ALL ages the opportunity to display and even sell their creations that day. If artists sell their pieces, a 10-percent gratuity will go to the City of Wentzville.

There is no charge for admission to Art in the Park or for artist participation, but artists must preregister, and the number of artists who can participate is limited. Early registration is strongly advised. Artists should bring their own tables to display their work, but some tables will be available for a \$10 maintenance fee if artists need one set up for them. All artwork must be family friendly and will be inspected by Parks and Recreation staff to ensure it is appropriate.

To find out more about the Art in the Park event, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236.

EXPERIENCE *Wentzville*

Swim Lessons Available for Kids at All Levels!

Wentzville Parks and Recreation swim lessons offer a variety of age and skill levels, times, and sessions throughout the summer. This variety allows parents to choose just the right swim-lesson time and level for their children. Wentzville's youth swim-lessons program has everything from group lessons for children as young as six months, to one-on-one help for children ages five and older. If you are unsure where your child should be placed, don't worry. Our instructors will be able to determine within the first class if adjustments are needed.



Resident registration starts at 8:00 a.m. on May 3, and nonresident registration starts at 8:00 a.m. on May 10. Walk-in registrations will receive priority. Call-in registrations will be returned in the order they are received. The program is broken into four, two-week sessions, with classes running Monday-Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays may be used to make up cancellations due to weather. Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the start of the session. If students want to cancel a registration, but do not have a doctor's excuse for the cancellation, a \$15 administrative fee will be charged.

Fees vary according to classes, but generally range from \$35 to \$40 for residents, and from \$45 to \$50 for nonresidents. Fees for one-on-one private lessons are \$70 for residents and \$85 for nonresidents. For more specific information, refer to the May-August edition of the *Fun Times*, or call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236.

Session Schedule:

Session 1 June 6-16 • Session 2 June 20-30

Session 3 July 11-21 • Session 4 July 25-Aug. 4

Camp Wentzville is Known for its F.R.O.G.S.

Green frogs that hop and croak "Ri-bitt" are fun for some kids, but the F.R.O.G.S. (Friendly, Reliable, Outstanding, Genuine, Summer fun!) at Camp Wentzville promises to be fun for ALL kids this summer. Camp Wentzville is designed for kids ages 6-12 and features a variety of activities, such as games, arts and crafts, field trips, swimming almost every day, and much more!



The camp will meet at Progress Park from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and run for nine, one-week sessions, beginning June 6 and continuing through August 5. The cost per session for Camp Wentzville is \$70 per child for residents, and \$85 for nonresidents. Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the start of each session, but this popular program fills up quickly, so early registration is recommended. A \$15 late fee will be added to registrations after the deadline. Birth certificates must be presented at the time of registration to verify the age of the camper.

For kids who need more time for F.R.O.G.S., there are Sunrise and Sunset Camps available before and after our regular camp times. Sunrise is from 7:00-9:00 a.m. and is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. Sunset camp is from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. If campers wish to register for both Sunrise and Sunset Camps during a session, the cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

For more information about Camp Wentzville, check out the May-August *Fun Times* Parks and Recreation magazine, or call the Wentzville Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236.



Resident Keith VanHoy won the City's Name That Number 2010 Census Contest with his guess of 29,204 for the City's population. His guess was only 134 higher than the official 2010 Census figure.

Resident's Guess Only 134 Off From Census Total

The full results of the 2010 Census are still being tabulated, but the City has already received official notice that last year's U.S. Census showed a total population of 29,070 for Wentzville. That number was of particular interest to Keith VanHoy, who had entered 29,204 as his best population guess in the City's Name That Number 2010 Census Contest. VanHoy, whose guess netted him the top spot in the contest, was presented a Best Guess Award certificate and recognized at the March 9 Board of Aldermen meeting. In addition, VanHoy was given his own street sign showing Wentzville's new, official population.

BE AWARE WATER METERS ARE OUT THERE

Warm weather means most of us spend more time outside mowing, raking, and caring for our lawns. As you go about your yard-care routine, it's important to be aware of where your water meter is located and not to damage it. The City of Wentzville's Water Division uses a water-meter system that can be read by radio transmissions and the information is then sent to a special computer data base. The individual water meter systems are weather proof and durable, however, continual contact to the water meter-box lid from lawn-care equipment like mowers, rakes, and shovels can damage the transponder, the device which sends information to the computer data base, located in the water meter-box lid.



When these systems are damaged, the materials, manpower and equipment costs to repair them average around \$154. To avoid passing these repair costs on to all water customers, homeowners whose water meter systems have been damaged are charged the cost to repair or replace them.

If residents have any questions or concerns about their water meter system, they can feel free to call the Wentzville Water Division at (636) 327-5102.

MEXICO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE



The Mexico Road project is one of the major transportation-improvement projects slated for Wentzville in 2011. This project will improve several sight-distance problems along Mexico Road, from Route A to just north of the Highland Estates subdivision entrance. Estimated construction costs for this project are \$4.6 million, and up to 79 percent of those costs will be reimbursed to the City through a St. Charles County road grant.

Improvements to Mexico Road include upgrading the existing two-lane asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road with sidewalks on both sides and an enclosed stormwater drainage system. According to the most recent traffic count for this section of Mexico Road, an average of 7,812 cars travel through this stretch of road every day.

Below is a brief rundown on the status of this important road project and what motorists can expect to see as it progresses:

- The project has already been put out to bid, and bid opening is anticipated for mid April, 2011.
- Construction on the project should begin by mid to late May, 2011.
- Once construction begins, it should take about 12 months to substantially complete the project.
- During construction the road will remain open both ways, but for the safety of workers and motorists the speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph during construction.

Motorists can expect delays during certain construction operations and particularly at peak traffic times. As motorists can travel both north and south on Mexico Road to reach Highway 61, they may want to adjust their route in and out of the area as construction progresses. Most importantly, motorists should use caution and be patient when driving in this area while the road is under construction.

Residents can follow the progress of this and other City transportation projects by going to the home page of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, and clicking on the Construction Updates link, next to the picture of Billy Barrel.



NEW BUSINESSES

GNC (General Nutrition Center)

Wentzville Crossroads
Marketplace
1921 Wentzville Parkway

Urgent Care for Kids
1413 Wentzville Parkway

Duke's

1799 Mall Parkway

GRAND REOPENING
Century Motors Corp.
13500 Veterans Memorial
Parkway



310 West Pearce Blvd.
Wentzville, MO 63385

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Wentzville, MO
Permit #14



HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices in Wentzville will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day, and again on Monday, July 4, for Independence Day.

The Wentzville Recreation Center will be closed on July 4, but the pool will be open for Free Swimming that day, from noon until 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Trash-Pickup Schedule

The week of May 29, residents' trash-pickup days will be moved back by one day to allow for the Memorial 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 July 3 to accommodate the Independence Day holiday. If residents have any questions about the holiday pickup schedule they can call the Public Works office at (636) 327-5102.



City-Utility-Tax Refund Application Available Until May 31

Eligible residents who want to apply for a refund on City utility taxes they paid in 2010 have until the end of office hours on May 31 to do so. To be eligible for the refund, individuals need to either rent or own their primary residence in the City of Wentzville, be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security, and have a maximum 2010 gross income of \$38,300 for single-person households and \$43,750 for married-couple households. Refunds are only available for the months when the resident lived in Wentzville and was at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled.

Residents can apply for the refund at either the City's Utility Service Center, located at 5 West Pearce Boulevard, or at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard. When applying for the refund, residents will need proof of residency (such as a current utility bill), income, age and/or disability, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills for the months they were eligible. Also, to comply with Missouri's section 208.009 that prohibits a local public benefit being distributed to illegal aliens, residents will be required to present one of the following: a driver's license, social security card, or birth certificate.

For more information, residents can call Wentzville City Hall at (636) 327-5101, or the Village Square Utility Service Center at (636) 639-2155.

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

Two Ways to Report a Concern 24/7

Have a concern you want to report but it's after business hours? No problem. The City provides two convenient ways residents can report concerns any time of the day, any day of the week. To report a concern by phone, call Wentzville's Concern Hotline at (636) 639-2121. Once connected you will be asked to leave your name, address, a phone number where you can be reached during regular business hours, and a brief description of the concern. A customer service representative will then return your call during regular business hours. If you prefer to register your concern online, you have that option also. Just go to the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org, and click on the Report a Concern link in the left column. That will take you to the online Report a Concern form. Just fill out the form and then click on the Submit button. It's that simple.

