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Ahoy! Pirates and Scallywags Landing at Rotary Park*

Be sure to chart your course for Rotary Park this September, where you'll be able to walk among and visit with some of the most black-hearted pirates and scallywags to ever sail the seven seas. On Saturdays and Sundays, from September 10 through 25, Renaissance St. Louis, Inc. will again bring the St. Louis Pirate Festival to Wentzville's Rotary Park, located at 2577 West Meyer Road. Parking at the Pirate Festival is free, and gates open each day at 10:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

This year the pirates have left the Isle de Martinique, where there was just too much law and order, and have settled on the pirate haven of Tortuga—a place where a pirate can be a pirate and the military is scarce. The only problem is, Tortuga has attracted so many pirates of different nationalities the island has had to be divided into "quarters" to allow for the peaceful coexistence between the inhabitants of each nation. And if you believe that, you've been drinking too much rum! There is one thing, however, you can be certain of when you visit this pirate sanctuary; you'll get to see plenty of clashing steel, sparks flying, and hear the boom of black powder as the pirates and other inhabitants of Tortuga battle it out for supremacy.

In addition to a full contingent of pirates, you'll find a wide selection of bountiful food and drink options, as well as a plethora of shops where you can browse a variety of handcrafted treasures and unique items. And of course, there will also be an impressive assortment of entertainment acts scheduled throughout the event.

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Ward Boundaries Redrawn

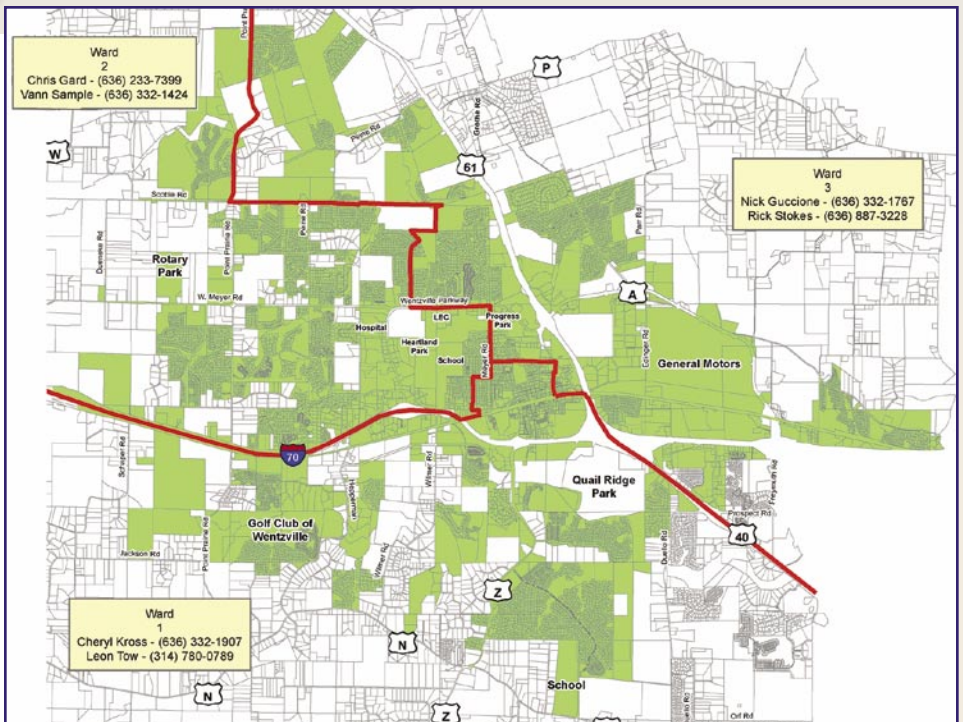
As new homes are built and the City's population shifts, it is necessary to redraw the Ward boundaries for the City's three Wards. Early this summer, the City realigned the Ward boundaries to better ensure equal representation of residents in all three City Wards. If residents don't know which Ward they live in, they can find out by going to the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and clicking on the "Find City Maps" option in the left column of the City's home page. They can then scroll down the list of maps and click on the Ward Boundary link near the bottom of the page. Residents who don't have Internet access can go to City Hall at 310 West Pearce Boulevard, the Utility Service Center at 5 West Pearce Boulevard, or the Public Works office at 200 East Fourth Street and request a Ward map.

To keep populations fairly equal between the three Wards, Ward boundaries don't just run along major streets and roadways. Instead, they often zigzag into and through subdivisions. Because of the way Ward boundaries must zigzag through residential areas, it's difficult to accurately describe them in an easy-to-understand way.

In general, however, the City's Ward One is located to the south of Interstate 70 and west of Interstate 64, with a small section extending north of 70 and into the City's historic area. Aldermen Cheryl Kross, (636) 332-1907, and Aldermen Leon Tow, (314) 780-0789, are the Aldermanic representatives for Ward One.

Ward Two, in general, extends north of Interstate 70 and west of Highway 61. There are, however, a significant number of residential areas along the west side of Highway 61 and north of Wentzville Parkway that are not included in Ward Two, but are instead part of Ward Three. Aldermanic representatives for Ward Two are Chris Gard, (636) 233-7399, and Vann Sample, (636) 332-1424.

Ward Three generally extends east of Highway 61 and Interstate 64, both north and south of Interstate 70. In addition to this area it includes several residential areas along the western side of Highway 61 and north of Wentzville Parkway, as mentioned above. Nick Guccione, (636) 332-1767, and Rick Stokes, (636) 887-3228, are the Aldermanic representatives for Ward Three.



Pirate Festival

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Adult tickets for the Pirate Festival are \$10.95 each, tickets for children ages 6-13 are \$7.95, and children age five and under are admitted free. Military, police, firefighters, and seniors ages 65 and up will receive \$2 off the adult price at the gate.

To make the Pirate Festival even more affordable, Renaissance St. Louis is posting special discounts for the Pirate Festival on its Web site. To access the discounts and find out more about the vendors and entertainment scheduled for the Pirate Festival, go to the Renaissance St. Louis, Inc. Web site at www.renstl.org. From their home page, click on the St. Louis Pirate Festival links in the column on the left side of the page.

Whatever you do, be sure to mark your calendar for this year's Pirate Festival. After all, where else can you travel so far, for so little, and still be home in time for dinner?

**Information for this article was taken from the St. Louis Pirate Festival Web site.*



Fifth Annual Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race is Here!



There may not be the sound of engines revving, but there will be excitement in the air on Sunday, September 11, when Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department hosts its fifth annual Hill of Thrills Soapbox race. This popular event

features local youth steering gravity-powered soapbox race cars, as they fly down Meyer Road's Hill of Thrills to the finish line.

At noon, just prior to the race, there will be a brief 9/11 Ceremony in honor of the tenth anniversary of the tragedy our nation experienced on September 11, 2001. The races will begin at 12:30 p.m. In case of rain, the rainout date for the race will be Sunday, September 18.

Kids interested in driving a car in the race should be between four- to five-feet tall, weigh between 55 and 120 pounds, and able to comfortably fit into the car. All cars for the race are purchased, built and detailed by local sponsors, and racers are randomly placed in the cars. No personal cars will be accepted.

Registration for the race is at the Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park, and participants must be present at the time of registration to verify their height and weight. The registration fee for residents is \$10, and \$13 for nonresidents. Early registration is recommended since the number of heats is limited and this popular program fills quickly.

So come out and cheer on these young, pint-sized racers on September 11. It promises to be a great day of fun.

Join With Neighbors to Fight Crime Through National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual event when residents from about 10,000 communities across the nation join together to send the message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back against crime. 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 that night. By making a point to meet and get to know their neighbors, people can take a big step in combating crime. It shows criminals that neighbors are banding together and watching out for each other.



Traditionally, National Night Out is observed on the first Tuesday in August, but this year municipalities in St. Charles County decided to move the celebration to October 4, the first Tuesday in October. The Wentzville Police Department and other police departments in the County hope the milder, autumn temperatures will make the outdoor nature of the event more enjoyable. Also, fewer families on vacation in October should allow more people to participate. Municipalities in Texas will also observe National Night Out on October 4 this year.

In Wentzville, National Night Out will officially run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. During that time, City officials and representatives from the Wentzville Police Department will circulate through the City and visit registered neighborhood National Night Out celebrations. If groups are planning a National Night Out block party that evening and would like a City representative to visit their group, they need to register with Officer Mary Wheeler at (636) 639-2103 no later than September 20.

Residents can find more information about how to plan a National Night Out activity on the National Night Out Web site at www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno. They can also find information on the Police Department's section of Wentzville's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org/police-department.aspx.

Even if residents aren't participating in an organized National Night Out activity, they are still encouraged to turn on exterior lights and spend some time outside getting to know their neighbors that evening. Neighbors watching out for neighbors are a strong deterrent to criminal activities.

Transportation Open House It's All About Streets!

Come to Wentzville's Transportation Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 18, at the Progress Park Center, located at 968 Meyer Road. City officials will be there to talk to residents about what street projects are going on now, what projects have been completed, and find out what residents would like to see occur. There will also be discussions about street maintenance.

It's residents' chance to find out what's happening and tell City leaders what they would like to happen. And it's all about streets!

Free Fall Pickup of Tree and Shrub Trimmings

To make it easy for residents to dispose of trimmings from trees and shrubs, the City provides a free Chipper Program in both the spring and fall. For residents living north of the railroad tracks, the free pickup of tree and shrub trimmings is scheduled for the week of October 3 through October 7. Residents living south of the railroad tracks will have their tree and shrub trimmings picked up October 11 through October 14.

To ensure pickup, residents should have their tree and shrub trimmings placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the week their area is scheduled for pickup. After the October pickup, the next scheduled free limb and brush pickup won't be until spring of 2012.

Limbs should be 8 inches or less in diameter, and residents should not tie limbs into bundles or place them in bags. Leaves, decorative grasses or grass clippings are not included in this pickup and will not be accepted. All materials not placed at the curb line or that have greater than an 8-inch diameter will not be picked up.

If residents have questions about the Chipper Program, they can call the Wentzville Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102.





Mayor Paul Lambi

Mayor's Comment: Transportation Is the Key

It's not news to anyone that our nation is in the grips of the worst economic downturn we've experienced since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Fortunately, Wentzville has so far weathered this economic tsunami better than many other cities. We are still seeing new businesses open and even some new houses built.

One of the reasons we continue to grow is because our area didn't experience the extreme real-estate bubble or subsequent burst that happened in 2008 and 2009. But another reason we still see economic growth is because years ago City leaders had the foresight to plan and begin work on transportation projects that make residential and commercial growth possible.

Staying ahead of the curve in transportation development does a lot more than just keep motorists moving. It keeps everything moving. Residents and businesses won't continue moving into a community where road improvements lag years behind their need. When traffic grinds to a halt, so does growth and the jobs it brings.

Three significant transportation projects residents will see activity on over the next year are lane additions to every leg of the Pearce Boulevard and Wentzville Parkway intersection, a center turn lane added to Mexico Road from Route A to just north of the Highland Estates subdivision, and the widening and addition of sidewalks to Church Street in the area of the Interstate 70 exit. This last project is part of our Village Center/Downtown Redevelopment Plan, which I discussed in the May/June edition of the *Vision* this year.

While residents will see actual work on these projects this year, the planning for these projects goes back as far as 2000. City leaders knew growth was coming and that we had to proactively plan for it. Major transportation projects require years of studies and planning before the first shovel full of dirt can be turned. If you wait to start until the road is actually needed, you are years behind.

One major commercial development coming to our City and bringing jobs and revenue with it is Sam's Club, which will be located on the northeast corner of May Road and Bear Creek Drive. The planned improvements to the Wentzville Parkway and Pearce Boulevard intersection were all taken into account when a traffic study was done on locating Sam's Club in that area. While some improvements will be needed on Bear Creek Drive to facilitate smooth traffic flow in and around Sam's Club, the improvements already planned and underway at the Pearce and Wentzville Parkway intersection were necessary to make further development in the area possible.

Although we're in an economic slowdown now, we know that condition won't continue indefinitely, and we're already planning for what we will need once the economy recovers. One significant transportation plan we are working on is extending Wentzville Parkway south of Interstate 70, thereby opening up new areas for commercial development. We are also continuing studies and planning for the David Hoekel Parkway, which would begin at South Pointe Prairie Road and Perque Creek, then go north to Interstate 70 and include a new interchange at that point. From there it would continue north and culminate with a new interchange at Highway 61. Once completed, the Dave Hoekel Parkway would move traffic around the City more efficiently and relieve some of the congestion at the Interstate 70/Wentzville Parkway interchange.

The David Hoekel Parkway is a perfect example of how far in advance we need to plan for our transportation needs. Plans for this roadway began in 2000. Eleven years later we've made significant progress and have already acquired over 27 acres in dedication for the construction of this thoroughfare, but actual construction is still several years away.

If residents want to learn more about current transportation developments going on in Wentzville, they can check out the Public Works construction updates on page seven of this edition of the *Vision*. They can also find updates on all kinds of construction projects by going to the home page of our Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and clicking on the Construction Updates link near the bottom of the page.

From the Board: Going Green and Lean

As your elected officials, we are always looking for ways to better serve residents through enhanced services and cost savings. We are taxpayers also and share everyone's desire to trim government budgets wherever possible, without cutting services and creating undue hardships. We've found by going "green" we can not only do the responsible thing for the environment, but we can also save taxpayers money.

Residents can help the City become greener by signing up for e-billing of their City utility bill. Receiving e-bills reduces City costs for paper, printing and postage of utility billing. To sign up for e-billing, 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.

Over the past several years we've also looked at and implemented many other changes to City processes that have resulted in saving hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many of these money-saving changes involved greener practices that take fuller advantage of digital technology, such as e-mailing Parks and Recreation receipts and schedules instead of printing and mailing them. We've also moved from supplying Aldermen individual disks containing the packets and agendas for Board of Aldermen meetings to having Aldermen download the packets directly onto their laptops from the City's Web site.

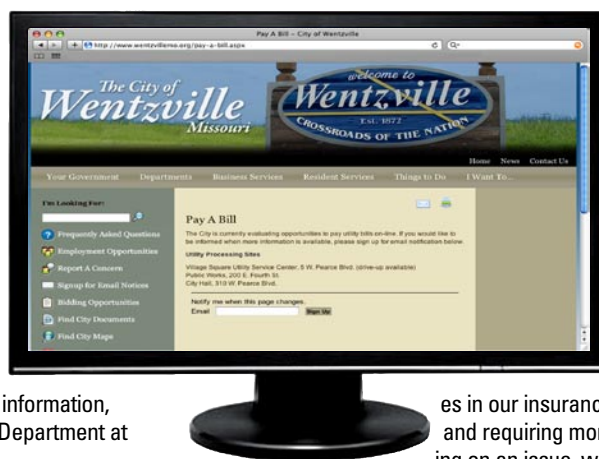
Some processes, however, don't lend themselves to digital technology

options, but we've still rethought what we've been doing and looked for ways to be greener and leaner. For instance, instead of using bagged salt for City buildings during snow events, we've begun using bulk salt. Not only do we save money, we've also kept a large number of empty salt bags out of the waste stream. Instead of only using one side of the paper when printing, we've asked staff to print on both sides; and when mailing out business license renewals, we've asked staff to use a regular #10 envelope instead of 9" by 12" envelopes. Some of these changes only save small amounts of money, but others save hundreds and even thousands of dollars every year. Added together, these savings really add up.

We've also implemented software changes across several City departments, enabling staff to work far more efficiently and saving the City tens of thousands of dollars in the process. The largest savings we've realized have been through changes

in our insurance and legal expenses. By rebidding our insurance and requiring more accountability before City attorneys begin working on an issue, we've managed to save the City well over \$200,000.

We've come a long way on becoming greener and leaner, but we're not quitting. Residents can be certain we'll continue looking for ways to cut costs and save money. If residents would like to see a detailed list of some of the changes we've implemented and how much each change has saved the City, they can go to the Finance Department's section of the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org. From there just click on the "Budget" option and then click on the "Lean Processes Implemented" link. We also invite residents to talk to and share with their Aldermen any ideas they might have about ways the City can become greener and leaner.



September Calendar of Events

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

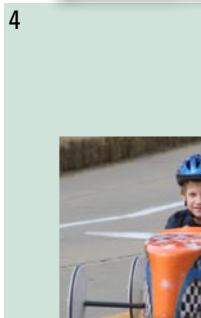
FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Visit the City's Web site: www.wentzvillemo.org

1
6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



5
City Offices Closed for Labor Day**

6
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Pooch Plunge**
Progress Park Pool



7

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

9

10
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pirate Festival**
Rotary Park

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

11
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pirate Festival**
Rotary Park
Starts at Noon
Soapbox Race & 9/11 Ceremony**
Meyer Rd. by Progress Park

12
Last Day for Listing in Citywide Yard Sale Booklet**
7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

13
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

14
Citywide Yard Sale Booklets Available**
City Hall, Utility Service Center & Progress Park
6:30 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

15
6:00 p.m.
Storm Water Committee Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

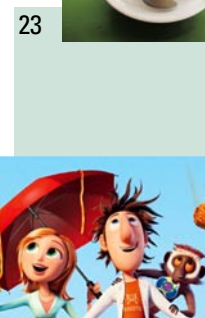


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Citywide Yard Sale**
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pirate Festival**
Rotary Park

18
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pirate Festival**
Rotary Park



22
5:00 p.m.
Taste of Wentzville
Wentzville Community Club
500 W. Main



24
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Coffee Talk With Aids. Nick & Cheryl
310 W. Pearce Blvd.
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pirate Festival**
Rotary Park

25
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Pirate Festival**
Rotary Park

26

27
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

28
6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

29
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Trials
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

30
7:30 p.m.
Movie in the Park: *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs***
Rotary Park Amphitheater

October Calendar of Events

SUNDAY

MONDAY

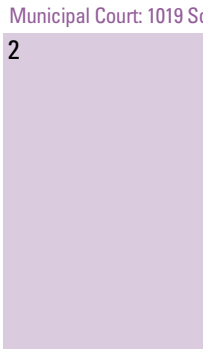
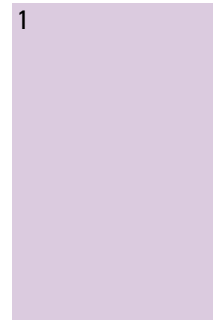
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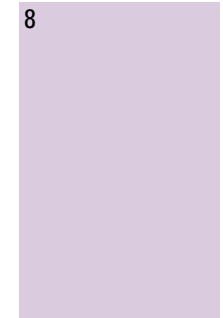
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Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
North of Railroad Tracks
7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

4
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
North of Railroad Tracks
6:00-9:00 p.m.
National Night Out**
Citywide

5
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
North of Railroad Tracks

6
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
North of Railroad Tracks
6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

7
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
North of Railroad Tracks



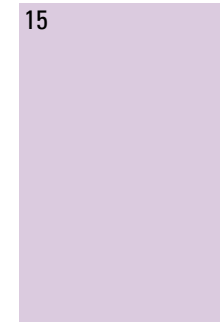
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City Offices Closed for Columbus Day**

11
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
South of Railroad Tracks
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

12
Last Day for Voter Registration for November Election
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
South of Railroad Tracks
6:30 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

13
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
South of Railroad Tracks
6:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

14
Brush & Tree Chipper Program**
South of Railroad Tracks
7:00-9:00 p.m.
H.O.P.P. Nights
Progress Park Center



18
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Transportation Open House**
Progress Park Center



20
4:00-7:00 p.m.
Open House for Chief Noonan's Retirement**
Progress Park Center
6:00 p.m.
Storm Water Committee Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



23
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Halloween Happenings**
Progress Park



25
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.
6:00 p.m.
HOA Symposium
Progress Park Center

26
6:30 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

27
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Trials
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

28
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Fall Fling Dine & Dance**
Progress Park Center

29
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Coffee Talk With Aids. Nick & Cheryl
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



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

GET TO PROGRESS PARK POOL BEFORE IT CLOSES FOR THE SEASON!

Labor Day weekend, September 3-5, is your last chance this summer to laze, splash, and have fun at Wentzville's Progress Park Pool. Make sure to visit over the holiday weekend. You won't get another chance until 2012!



Free Movie in the Park— But Watch for Falling Meatballs!



At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30, at the beautiful Rotary Park amphitheater, Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department will present the fun, animated movie *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* as its final Free Movie in the Park for 2011. This fun, family-friendly movie tells the story of a hapless inventor who accidentally creates a machine that changes raindrops falling from the sky into food, and the unexpectedly disastrous consequences that follow.

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 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!

In case of inclement weather, residents can call Wentzville's Activity/Rainout Hotline at (636) 639-2192 to check the status of the movie presentation.

Fall Fling Dine and Dance

Now that you're mature enough to appreciate an evening of good food, good music, good wine, and good conversation with friends, be sure to make your reservation for Wentzville's Fall Fling Dine and Dance. This special evening is designed for adults ages 40 and up, and will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, at Wentzville's Progress Park Center.

Bring your own bottle of your favorite wine and enjoy a delicious dinner while you listen to music, dance the night away, and share laughs and conversation with friends. The DJ that evening will play a variety of music and will also accept requests.

The cost for the evening is \$12 per person for residents and \$15 per person for nonresidents. Advance registration is required, and the registration deadline for the event is October 21. Ticket availability is limited, however, so make your reservation early to make sure you are a part of this special evening.



Spooktacular Halloween Happenings at Progress Park

Wentzville kids ages one through ten will have a spooktacular time on Sunday, October 23, when Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department hosts its annual Halloween Happenings at the Progress Park gymnasium. In addition to wearing their favorite costumes, kids will get to play games, jump in the bounce houses, and watch clowns create cool balloon gifts just for them. Kids should be sure to bring trick-or-treat bags with them to carry all the treats they get at the event.

This safe, fun-filled Halloween event is for residents only and runs from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The cost per child is \$2 in advance, or two canned food items. Advance tickets can be picked up at Progress Park during regular business hours. Tickets on the day of the event will be \$4, but no canned-goods substitutions will be allowed.

EXPERIENCE *Wentzville*

Progress Park Pool Goes to the Dogs With Annual Pooch Plunge

You know how much fun it is to splash around in the pool with your friends, so why not let the furry member of the family finish out the dog days of summer with a well-deserved plunge at the Progress Park pool? On Tuesday, September 6, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., the City's pool at Progress Park will go to the dogs when the Parks and Recreation Department hosts its end-of-the-season Pooch Plunge.



Owners can bring their pooches that evening and have fun watching their best friends paddle around and enjoy their own time in the pool. Each dog will receive a snack, and there will be door prizes awarded. Sponsors from area pet services will also be on hand to visit with pet owners and let them know about available services.

All dogs must be leashed while out of the water. Preregistration is required and owners must show proof of vaccination at the time of registration. The cost for the Pooch Plunge is \$6 for resident pooches and \$8 for nonresidents. For registration information, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236, or stop by the Parks office at Progress Park.

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

11th Annual Turkey Trot

It's the holiday season, but before you begin eating your way through a month of parties and dinners, why not do something healthy and kick off the season with Wentzville's annual Turkey Trot. Wentzville's Turkey Trot isn't just for fitness buffs and athletes. With nine age groups and both a 5K and one-mile walk/run, the Turkey Trot has fitness and age levels for everyone. The 2011 Wentzville Turkey Trot will take place at Rotary Park on Saturday, November 19, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The winners of the 5K run in each of the following age groups will receive awards: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. The top three overall males and females will also receive awards, but they will not be awarded the plaque for winning their age group.

There is a 300-person maximum for this event, so preregistration is recommended. The first 150 entrants for the Turkey Trot will receive an official Wentzville Turkey Trot T-shirt. In addition, **all participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a turkey for their Thanksgiving feast.**

Entry fees for the Turkey Trot are:

Early-Bird Registration by November 12...\$20

(if mailing, postmark must be November 12 or earlier)

Day-of-Race Registration...\$25



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Below are updates on two significant construction projects currently underway in Wentzville, and a few driving tips that will help motorists navigate safely through construction areas. Residents can also get updates to all the City's significant construction projects by going to the City's Web site at www.wentzvillemo.org and clicking on the Construction Updates link in the News & Events box near the bottom of the City's home page.

MEXICO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The west portion of Mexico Road in Wentzville is located between Highway A and Flint Hill in Wentzville's north-west quadrant. Currently in that area Mexico Road is a narrow, two-lane, asphalt road with roadside ditches and limited sight distance. Improvements planned for Mexico Road call for changing it to a three-lane, concrete road with an enclosed storm system and a basin to treat the storm water discharge from the new roadway. Improvements also include sidewalks on both sides of the road. Also, the improvements to Mexico Road will eliminate the sight distance problems at the intersections, which along with the center turn lane into subdivisions should significantly improve motorist safety.



Currently the contractor is grading for the temporary road on the west side of Mexico Road and placing fill for the permanent lanes on the east side of it. Before construction can fully begin, utility relocation is necessary for utilities like Ameren Power and Gas, CenturyLink, and Charter. At the time this newsletter went to press, Ameren Gas and Ameren Power were both relocating their utilities and paving had begun on the temporary road on the north side of the project. The remaining portions of the temporary road will be constructed after the utilities have been relocated. The project is expected to take a year to complete.

TIPS FOR SAFE NAVIGATION IN CONSTRUCTION AREAS

- **Expect the unexpected**, such as speed-limit and lane changes, as well as workers and construction vehicles on or near the road.
- **Stay alert** and pay attention to the orange, diamond-shaped warning signs or LED sign boards generally posted in advance of road construction projects.
- **Watch for flaggers.** In a work zone, a flagger has the same authority as a road sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions. A "Flagger Ahead" warning sign signals you to stay alert and be prepared to obey the flagger's directions.
- **Be patient and calm.** Expect and plan for delays. If you must travel through a construction zone, leave early to reach your destination on time. Make use of Web sites, newspaper and newsletter notices, signs, and the many other ways highway, county and municipal agencies use to inform motorists of major work zones. Often you can plan a detour and completely avoid the work zone.
- **Merge as soon as possible** when you see flashing arrow panels or "Lane Closed Ahead" signs. Don't zoom up to the lane closure and then try to barge in. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by moving to the appropriate lane at the first notice of an approaching work zone.
- **Don't speed.** A car traveling 60 mph goes 88 feet per second. If you're going

60 mph and you pass a sign that says "Road Work 1,500 Feet," you'll be in that work zone in 17 seconds.

- **Don't tailgate.** The most common crashes in work zones are rear-end collisions, so leave three seconds of braking distance between you and the car in front of you. And remember, the distance needed to stop increases the faster you're driving!
- **Maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and workers, traffic barriers, and construction equipment and vehicles.** Don't crowd them!
- **Observe posted work-zone signs, even if you don't immediately see workers or equipment.** Some work zones like line painting, road patching or mowing are mobile. They move down the road as the work is completed. Just because you don't see the workers as soon as you see the warning sign doesn't mean they're not there. Observe the signs until you see one that says you've left the work zone.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

In 2008, Wentzville voters approved the use of \$50 million in State Revolving Funds (SRF) to finance necessary upgrades and expansion of the City's wastewater treatment system. Missouri's Department of Natural Resources' SRF Loan



Program provides low-cost financing to public utility companies. The SRF funding approved in 2008 covered Phases 2-5 of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The current \$15-million-expansion phase of the Treatment Plant has begun, with completion expected in 2013. This expansion will include improvements and upgrades to the plant's bio-solids treatment, aeration systems, and wastewater treatment abilities. It will also provide the City more wastewater treatment capacity and enable the City's system to meet the current EPA/DNR Water Quality Standards. In addition, the improvements will include new, hard-surface roadways at the Treatment Plant.

Plocher Construction is the construction contractor for this new expansion, which was designed by Carollo Engineering. City staff and C&G Quality Assurance will provide the site inspection of the expansion work taking place.

Fall Residential Large-Item Pickup Helps Residents Cleanup

Got large items that didn't sell at your last garage sale, or unwanted appliances taking up space in your basement or garage? If so, be sure to mark your calendar for the City's Fall Residential Large-Item Pickup. This fall the free, Large-Item Pickup will take place September 19 through September 23. With the City's change to a five-day-a-week pickup schedule for trash, residents can put out their bulky items for pickup on their regularly scheduled trash pickup day that week. This service is for residential customers only and all items should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: For safety purposes, semi-air tight containers with a capacity of 1 ½ cubic feet or more and openings of 50 square inches must have the hinges, latches or other hardware removed.

All appliance items limit of 1 of each type per household!

Appliances that **will** be accepted are:

Refrigerators • Freezers • Air-conditioners
Washers • Dryers • Stoves • Televisions

NOTE: Items with Freon should be put to the side of all other items and a separate truck will pick them up.

The following items **will not** be accepted:

Tires • Batteries (lead acid) • Waste Oil
Yard Waste • Bricks • Railroad Ties • Any Liquids
Car or engine parts of any kind



NEW BUSINESSES

Hankins Express • 225 Creekside Office Drive

Smashing Apparel • 1854 West Pearce Boulevard (retail screen printing)

Treasure Island • 702 West Pearce Boulevard (buys gold and silver)

STC Truck & Jeep Outfitters • 1234 Continental Drive

Shake & Shingle Roofing Supply • 1022 Wilmer Road

North 40 Auction & Flea Market • 5100 East South Service Road



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Wentzville's Chief of Police Retires After 14 Years With the City

After more than 42 years in law enforcement and the last 14 of them as Wentzville's Chief of Police, Chief Robert Noonan is retiring. Noonan's retirement takes effect November 1, but his last day on the job with the City will be in October as he takes some well-deserved vacation days he has accrued. To recognize Chief Noonan's long years of public service, the City will host an open house in honor of his retirement on Thursday, October 20, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at Progress Park Center. Residents are invited to attend the Open House so they can personally thank Chief Noonan and wish him well.

Of Noonan's retirement and service with Wentzville, Mayor Paul Lambi said, "I have come to realize over my nine years of elected office in Wentzville that it's been my honor to work with one of the most respected police chiefs in Missouri. I can scarcely go anywhere and mention Chief Noonan's name without being regaled with fond stories of his integrity, leadership, mentoring and fairness. Chief Noonan built the Wentzville Police Department into one of the most admired departments in Eastern Missouri. I wish him God speed and a long retirement with his family and friends."

Noonan was hired as Wentzville's Chief of Police in September of 1997. At that time, the department consisted of 24 officers and 9 civilian employees. Today, the department has grown to 56 officers and 19 civilian employees.

In 2005 Noonan was named Police Chief of the Year by the Missouri Federation of Police Chiefs, and he served two, two-year terms as president of that organization. Typical of Noonan's well-known modesty, when asked about the honor of being named Police Chief of the Year, Noonan said, "You don't become successful by yourself; you are made successful by the people who do the work, so this award is a reflection on the department; it's really their award. My greatest achievement is that I head a well-organized, productive, professional department."

Prior to coming to Wentzville Noonan was Chief of Police at Troy, Illinois and before that he served in the Jennings, Riverview and Bel-Nor police departments.

City Offices' Holiday Hours

Please note that City offices will be closed Monday, September 5 and Monday, October 10 to allow City employees time to enjoy the Labor Day and Columbus Day holidays with their families.



There will be no change in the operating schedule, however, for Wentzville's Recreation Center at Progress Park during both of those holidays.

Fall Citywide Yard Sale Provides Bonanza of Bargains

Whether you're into trolling for treasures or want to turn your unused items into cash, you don't want to miss Wentzville's annual Fall Citywide Yard Sale on Saturday, September 17. That day bargain hunters from all over will find a plethora of items for sale as Wentzville residents set up scores of garage and yard sales all across the City.

If you're selling items, you can help bring the right buyers to your door by listing your sale in the Citywide Yard Sale booklet for only \$6. To have your yard sale listed, contact Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 332-9236, or come to the Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park before Sunday, September 11. In the event of rain it will be left to the discretion of each individual to determine if they want to cancel their yard sale. There will be no refunds in the event of rain.

If you're looking for bargains, you can buy a booklet that will contain a list of sales and a City map for only \$2. That way, on the day of the sale you'll be able to drive straight to the most promising sales for what you want. Booklets will be available at Progress Park, the Utility Service Center, or City Hall beginning Wednesday, September 14.

Whether you're into selling or buying, Wentzville's Fall Citywide Yard Sale promises to be a great day filled with fun and profit.



Holiday Trash-Pickup Schedule

The week of September 4, residents' trash-pickup days will be moved back by one day to allow for the Labor 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.

Trash pickup schedules will not be affected by the Columbus Day holiday in October. If residents have any questions about the holiday pickup schedule they can call the Public Works office at (636) 327-5102.