



Noteworthy

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February 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 1:** Parks and Recreation Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2:** Planning and Zoning, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 3:** Aldermen Town Hall,* 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10:** Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 11:** Board of Adjustment, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15:** Presidents' Day, City Offices Closed
- Feb. 21:** Mayor's Coffee Talk,* Noon
- Feb. 23:** Downtown Committee, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 24:** Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.

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These events will be held at the Law Enforcement Center (1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd).

Bunny Run 5K & One-Mile Fun Run — Saturday, March 19

Enjoy a race around beautiful Rotary Park before the Easter EGGstravaganza at the Bunny Run 5K and One-Mile Fun Run. The Bunny Run 5K is \$25 by Feb. 19 and \$30 after. The Fun Run is \$20 by Feb. 19 and \$25 after. To register, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 332-9236. On the event day, race packet pickup starts at 6:30 a.m. The Bunny Run 5K starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by the One-Mile Fun Run.

These two fun family events feature a beautiful course, face painting, a visit from the Easter Bunny, post-race food and drinks, a chocolate bunny finishers prize, and overall and age-group awards. If you find an Easter egg along the way, be sure to pick it up for a possible surprise at the finish! A costume contest will be held for best team, best female and best male (judging at 7:15 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 older. The top three overall males and females will also receive awards, but they will not be awarded for winning their age group. Every participant in the 5K/One-Mile Fun Run will receive bunny ears and a chocolate bunny! The first 100, 5K entrants will also receive a custom race T-shirt.

New Year, New You!

Get in shape with a Parks & Recreation fitness class. From Zumba or yoga to senior strength and flexibility classes, Wentzville's Parks and Recreation programs offer something for everyone. In general, sessions include 12 classes, which are 55 minutes in length and are for ages 16 and up. Preregistration is required for all programs; and registration closes one week in advance. For a complete list of classes, please visit bit.ly/winter-spring-FunTimes.



Presidents' Day Reminders

Please note, that although City offices are closed on Monday, Feb. 15, for the Presidents' Day holiday, Progress Park will be open normal business hours — from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Also, this holiday **does not** affect the trash/recycling collection pickup schedule.

Yard Waste Pickup Resumes in March

Yard-waste pickup for the City of Wentzville will resume the first full week in March and will continue through the last week of December 2016.

- **Current Yard-Waste Subscribers:** Those who have not canceled their current service, and who were receiving service when it ended in December, will be automatically put on the list for 2016.
- **New Yard-Waste Subscribers:** To begin service, a 10-month commitment is required. Meaning, residents who begin the service on March 1, 2016, must keep the service through Dec. 31, 2016.
- **How does it work?** Our daily collection schedule allows us to pair your yard-waste pickup with your regular trash/recycling day. Everything should be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. Yard waste is \$9 per month without a yard-waste cart or \$11 per month, with a cart. If you select the \$9 plan, you can place your yard waste in brown recyclable bags or

in your own trash can. If you use your own can, it must be clearly marked "Yard Waste" on both sides. So that drivers can easily identify the yard-waste cans, it's best to use City-furnished "YARD WASTE ONLY" stickers, which are available at Wentzville's Public Works facility at 200 E. Fourth St.

- **What's included?** Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, or limbs and branches. Limbs and branches should not be more than four feet long, 18 inches in diameter, or weigh more than 40 pounds. Also, bundles should be tied with a natural twine or other biodegradable binding material.
- **What's not included?** Yard waste does not include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps or logs more than 18 inches in diameter.
- **Questions?** Please call Public Works at (636) 639-2049, Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or visit the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org and select "Solid Waste and Recycling" from the Residents tab.

The single-digit temperatures that will make their way into Wentzville this winter, will bring with them freezing ponds, lakes and other frozen bodies of water. However, while the ice may be beautiful, it poses some chilling dangers. Ice may appear solid, but will likely not support a small child, much less an adult. It's best to stay off ice at all times. It's also important to remember that ice is dangerous for our pets, too. Though they generally weigh less than humans, they also have the potential to fall through the ice. If you see your pet venture out on the ice, do not follow them — especially if they fall through!

Even with precautions and safety plans in place, ice emergencies can happen. Never try and enter the water to rescue a person or an animal. If possible, try to throw a flotation device or rope to help, but never go on the ice yourself. Call 911 immediately and get help on the way. Stay safe this winter!

**FROZEN
PONDS** pose
**SAFETY
RISKS**

Plans for New City Hall Move Forward

In October 2014, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen selected a site for the new Wentzville City Hall, which is adjacent to the City's Law Enforcement Complex at the intersection of Schroeder Creek Boulevard and Wentzville Parkway. Currently, the City Hall on Pearce Boulevard is one of nine buildings that house City staff. With the completion of this new building, all City departments and administrative offices will be consolidated, leading to more efficiency.

In December of 2015, following a space-needs analysis, several initial designs and many discussions, the Board selected the rendering pictured below as the design concept to move forward with. The L-shaped building will be classical in style with a welcoming entrance. Its appearance from the Parkway will also be aesthetically pleasing. While this project is still a work in progress, groundbreaking for site work is expected in the spring 2016 with completion in the summer of 2017. The current City Hall has been utilized since Wentzville had close to 3,000 residents — this new facility will take the City well into the future in order to serve upwards of 60,000 residents.

"I have been part of this planning process for more than eight years," said Mayor Nick Guccione. "I'm very excited about this new facility, which will make a positive statement about our City for years to come."



Easter EGGstravaganza

Hippity hop, Easter's on its way! The Easter Bunny has been filling thousands of eggs with candy and prizes for the annual **Easter EGGstravaganza on Saturday, March 19 at Rotary Park**. Some eggs will contain a slip of paper for prizes. Don't forget your basket to collect all your goodies. Children will be grouped according to their age. Children may move up to older age groups, but not down to younger age groups. Come early and enjoy face painting and games.

Registration in advance is \$3/child at Progress Park (968 Meyer Rd.). The day of the event, at Rotary Park, the cost is \$5. You must have your ticket on the day of the event to hunt. Don't miss this EGGciting event! Please arrive early to allow time for parking. Questions? Call (636) 332-9236.

EASTER  **Eggstravaganza** 

* Gates open at 8:30 a.m. • 9:30 a.m.:
Ages 1-2, 7-8, 9-10 • 10 a.m.: Ages 3-4, 5-6.

March 2016

*The City of Wentzville is a
community of neighbors
working together to
build a better future.*

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*The Aldermen Town Hall and Mayor's Coffee Talk will now be held at the Law Enforcement Center at 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Planning and Zoning, 6 p.m. | 2 Aldermen Town Hall 6:30 p.m.* | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Parks & Recreation Board, 6:30 p.m. | 8 | 9 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m. | 10 Board of Adjustment, 6:30 p.m. | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Easter Events at Rotary Park! |
| 20 Coffee Talk with the Mayor, 12:30 p.m.* | 21 | 22 Downtown Committee, 6 p.m. | 23 Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m. | 24 | 25 Good Friday, City Offices Closed | 26 |
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