

The Vision

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November/December 2016

Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade

The annual Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. The tree is located at the intersection of Pearce and Luetkenhaus boulevards, in an area of land across from Pete's Drive-In.

Gathering for the tree lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with holiday musical entertainment to kick off the festivities. Mayor Nick Guccione will officially light the tree, just prior to the start of the Annual Christmas Parade.

The Parade will begin at Budget Towing on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, travel south on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, then head west on Pearce Boulevard, ending at the Wentzville firehouse (209 W. Pearce Blvd.). At the firehouse, following the parade, attendees can enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Holiday Night Lights Turkey Dash 5K & Fun Run

Be the first to enjoy Holiday Night Light display with a 5K or one-mile run on Saturday, Nov. 19! The Holiday Night Light Turkey Dash will take you through the light display at Rotary Park just in time to see the lights before the holiday season kicks off!

This race is fun for the entire family. There is a costume contest for team, best male and best female (judging at 3:45 p.m. before the Race begins at 4 p.m.). Registration starts at 3 p.m.; race starts at 4 p.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. The first 100, 5K entrants will also receive a custom race shirt! Sizes are not guaranteed. The cost is \$30 for the 5K and \$25 for the Fun Run. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.



Buddy the Elf is Back!

Between Nov. 28 and Dec. 19, look for Buddy, the life-sized elf, at one of Wentzville's parks or a building within Wentzville city limits. Buddy will move to a new location every few days, and will post pictures and/or clues about his location on Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Facebook page (www.facebook.com/wentzville.parks). Simply find Buddy, take creative pictures and send them to fun@wentzvillemo.org.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and family-fun photos with Buddy, on Dec. 22. This contest is open to both residents and nonresidents; enter as often as you like. Buddy is one-of-a-kind, so remember to be nice to him or Santa will know. Every family that enters will receive a prize. All photos must be submitted by Dec. 20, and photos become property of the City of Wentzville.

How Do I Pay My Bill?

For your convenience, the City offers many ways to pay your utility bill. To learn more, please visit bit.ly/pay-a-bill. Below are the convenient bill payment options available:

- **Online** at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/wentzvillemo.
- By completing an **auto draft by credit card** form.
- By completing an **auto draft by checking or savings** account form.
- By **phone** with your Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express; call (636) 639-2155, (636) 327-5101 or (636) 327-5102.
- With **various forms of payment** — cash, check, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are accepted at each payment location.
- At a **payment drop box**, located at Public Works (located at 200 E. 4th St.) or the Utility Service Center (located at 5 W. Pearce Blvd.).
- In the **drive-thru** at the Utility Service Center, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In the **lobby** of City Hall (located at 310 W. Pearce Blvd.) or Public Works; lobby service is available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



INSIDE: Shop Local, Holiday Happenings, Who to Call & More!



"Round Up" to Make a Difference During the Holidays

By simply signing up to "round up" your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar you can make a great, positive impact on our senior community. This is much needed, especially during the holiday season.

So how does it work? If you sign up, your monthly bills will be rounded up to the next highest dollar. For example, if your bill is \$44.25, your bill will be rounded up to \$45.00. Making your contribution 75 cents. The funds raised from this program will be donated to our local Meals on Wheels program. To sign up to have your monthly utility bill rounded up to the nearest dollar, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org to complete a form. Questions? Please call (636) 639-2155.

Community Development Block Grants

Maintaining our neighborhoods and helping our residents are top priorities for the City of Wentzville. Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) are instrumental in helping us achieve these goals. CDBG funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of helping low- and moderate-income households. CDBG funding covers several programs, from helping to maintain a home or buy a home, to receiving transportation.

- **Home Improvement Program** – This program provides 0% interest, five-year forgivable \$5,000 loans to income-qualifying households for home improvement project.
- **Emergency Repair Program** – This program will provide 0% interest, five-year forgivable \$5,000 loans to income-qualifying households for emergency repairs.
- **Property Maintenance Program** – This program offers a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 to qualified homeowners to use toward addressing existing cited violations by a Wentzville inspector. The grant must be used to bring existing housing, garages and/or fencing up to code.
- **Transportation Program** – This program provides transportation to eligible residents for necessary medical, shopping and other essential services. A limited number of trips for each selected applicant will be made available.

Various restrictions apply for each of these programs, including income verification. Applications will be available at <http://bit.ly/WentzvilleCDBG>; deadlines may apply. Questions regarding any of these programs can be directed to Wentzville's Building Official Mark Chase by email to Mark.Chase@wentzvillemo.org or by calling (636) 639-2043.

Hide-N-Seek

A new scavenger-hunt style activity encourages residents and visitors to explore downtown Wentzville on the hunt for art — fire hydrant art that is. Each year, seniors from Holt and Timberland high schools participate in a fire hydrant painting contest in conjunction with Drinking Water Week. And, each year, two winners are selected to receive scholarships from the City of Wentzville's Water Division. This year, the City has extended the life of these artistic hydrants by displaying them in our historic downtown, in order to encourage residents and visitors alike to explore downtown Wentzville and have a little fun!

>> Take a photo of a hydrant (or a selfie with one) and share your pic on Instagram. You can tag the City @WentzvilleMo and use the hashtag #DowntownWentzville. <<

1. In front of the Public Works Facility
2. On the current display area in front of the water tower on Pearce
3. Near the Lindenwood University sign
4. Near the Luetkenhaus Boulevard roundabout
5. Next to the License Office sign on Pearce
6. In front of the USC building
7. At the Fireman's Park ball field
8. At City Hall
9. Near the Post Office on West Allen
10. 105 S. Linn St.

Hydrant
Locations

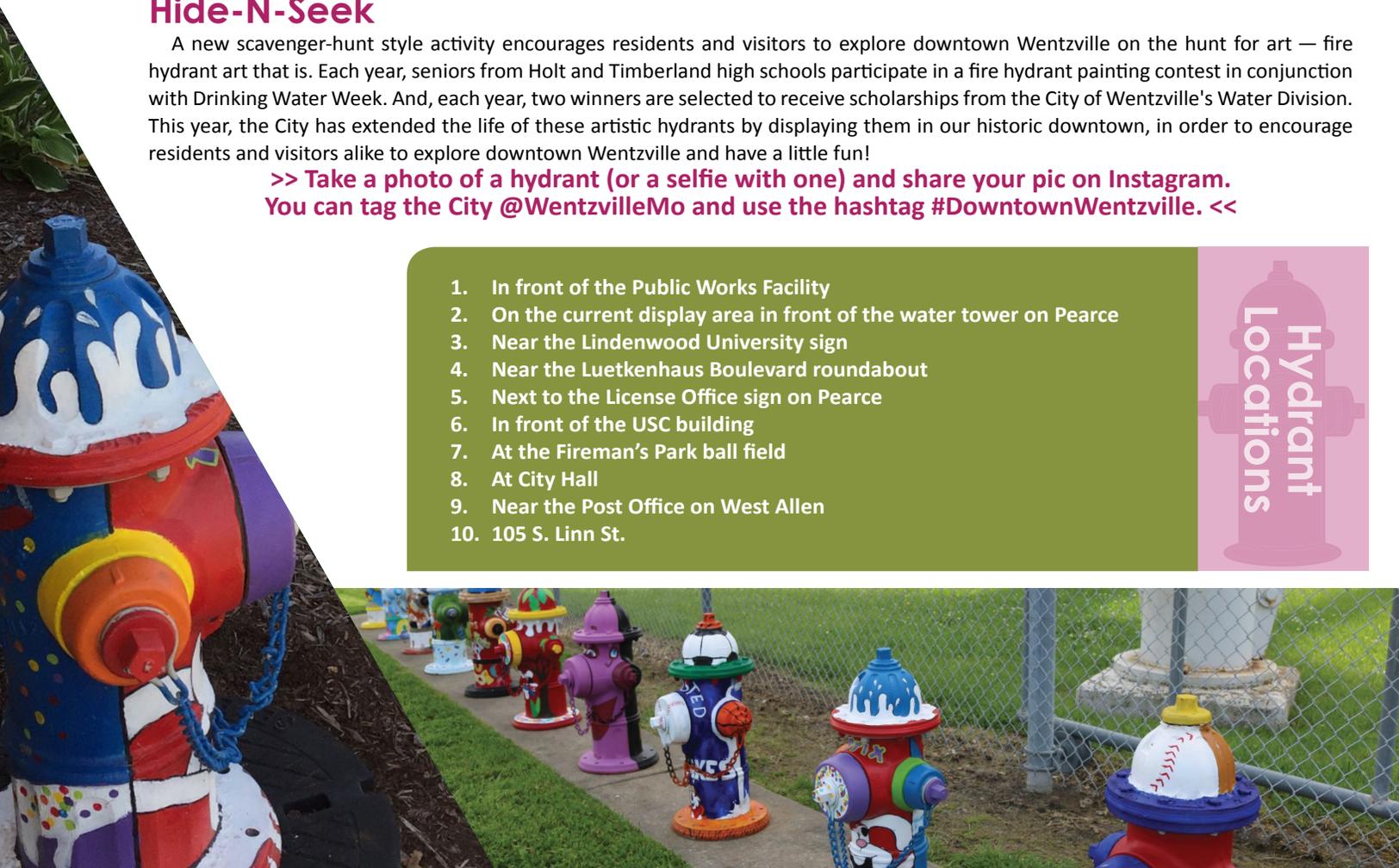
Check out these
new Wentzville
businesses!

Ellbee's General Store
6 W. Main St.

Smokin' Aces Disc Golf
402 S. Church St.

Crossroads Automotive Group
12594 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.

Comfort Keepers
100 Midland Park Dr. #215



HOAs, Indentures and Permits: Everything You Wanted to Know and More!

Subdivisions in the City of Wentzville form private associations known as homeowners associations (HOAs) which are formal, legal entities created to oversee matters of the subdivision as explained in its indenture. These matters are typically ownership and maintenance of common grounds (commonly owned areas and stormwater structures), recreational facilities, entrance/monument signs, or other special fencing, upgraded street lights, etc. Some of the features of a subdivision association may include: mandatory membership for all homeowners, collection of annual dues, establishment of a corporation with formal by-laws, the authority to create and enforce restrictions and design standards (which are private development standards in addition to City ordinances), and more.

When subdivisions are formed, covenants and restrictions are recorded with the plat(s), which can place restrictions on properties within the subdivision. Copies of the recorded plats, and the recorded covenants and restrictions (the indenture) may be obtained at the St. Charles County Recorder of Deeds located at 201 N. Second St., in St. Charles, or by calling (636) 949-7505.

Please remember that while a City ordinance violation is a municipal violation, an indenture violation is a private matter. If a violation of Wentzville's Municipal Code is found, the Code Enforcement Department will take steps necessary to remedy the violation. If there is found to be a violation of language in the subdivision indenture, that matter must be addressed privately by the association's trustees (residents that are elected to serve for the Association). To report, suspected concerns of violations of the Wentzville Ordinance, call (636) 639-2121.

Construction codes and zoning ordinances are required to protect the health, safety and well-being of the public. Please take time to become informed of your subdivision's indentures, as indentures may be more restrictive than Wentzville Public Municipal Code. Changes to your property may require a building permit from the City, but just because a permit is granted it doesn't mean that your change is approved by your subdivision association. Before submitting for a permit, make sure you read your indentures (and/or inquire with your HOA or subdivision association) regarding home additions, fences, pools and other improvements.

As I mentioned, building permits from the City are required to construct, modify or in some cases, repair a structure. Permits can be applied for at the Public Works building, located at 200 E. Fourth Street. Typically, permits can be turned around in 5-7 days, if the paperwork submitted is complete, accurate and neatly described. All applications are reviewed, and staff may call with questions regarding your project. If you have a question about your home project, call the Building Department at (636) 327-5102.

Once permits are reviewed and approved, staff will contact you to let you know that your permit is approved, where to pick it up and the amount of the permit fee. Permit fees vary depending upon the project. Once your permit is paid for, you may begin the work, and call the Department to schedule inspections at (636) 327-5102. Any permit issued shall become invalid if the authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months.

Following the guidelines set forth by local HOAs and subdivision associations, coupled with Wentzville municipal code, help to preserve the look and feel of our great City! For additional questions, please call Public Works at (636) 327-5102.



Mayor
Nickolas Guccione



Make a Difference

Shop Local!

As consumers, we have the power to shape our City. Isn't that an amazing thought? When you shop in Wentzville you are pledging to make a concerted effort to impact our local businesses — both big and small. So why should you choose to shop local?

- Your money stays here. Locally owned businesses usually purchase from other locally owned businesses.
- Local business owners typically contribute more to local charities — keeping the money in Wentzville.
- Unique businesses create character and represent our hometown culture.
- Wentzville businesses provide jobs for residents and commuters from neighboring cities.
- The sales tax you pay in Wentzville supports our parks, police and general government services.
- Shopping in Wentzville reduces your environmental impact.
- Wentzville business owners invest in the community and have a vested interest in its future.



Filing Opens for Municipal Offices

Beginning **Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8 a.m.**, candidates may begin filing for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 2017 ballot. Candidates will need to file at City Hall, at 310 W. Pearce Blvd. The filing period will remain open until **5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017**. If you would like more information, please call the City Clerk's office at (636) 639-2010.





The Spirit of Christmas Dinner and Dance (Ages 50+)

Seniors, catch the spirit of Christmas with a dinner and dance on Friday, Dec. 2! Participants will enjoy dinner from Pete's Drive-In served by the Parks and Recreation Department staff and volunteers. This will be a delightful evening with music, dancing, door prizes and even a visit from Santa himself! Reserve a table of eight or 10 and save. Dinner includes chicken, bread, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. The cost is \$15 for residents and \$18 for nonresidents. To register, please call the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 332-9236.



Business Spotlight



{Have a suggestion for a business to feature? Email Wentzville's Economic Development Director at Dan.Lang@wentzvillemo.org.}

Pete's Drive-In

1009 E. Pearce Blvd.

Business Owners: Pete and Marilyn Luetkenhaus

What year did you open? 1966

What influenced you to locate your business in Wentzville? The business was for sale and we bought it the way it was at that time.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? A good, family-friendly country restaurant.

What products/services does your business offer? Fried chicken, hamburgers and a full-breakfast menu.

What's your favorite thing about Wentzville? It's a good country town.

What's next for your business? We plan to let the next generation take over the restaurant with our daughter Marsha Perotti.

What do you hope Wentzville will be or evolve into five years from now?

We hope to keep the downtown area the way it is with its rich history.

Other comments, advice or news you would like to share: This year we are celebrating our fiftieth year in business and we have never turned anyone away.

Celebrating 50 Years!



Owners Pete (left) and Marilyn (right) Luetkenhaus and their daughter, Marsha Perotti (center).

Ellbee's General Store

6 W. Main St.



Ellbee's owners Brent and Linda Styer.

Business Owners: Brent and Linda Styer

What year did you open? 2016

What influenced you to locate your business here? We have owned the building [Ellbee's is housed in] for 16 years and wanted something other than an antique/resale business.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? A new, fresh feel for Downtown Wentzville.

What products/services does your business offer? A full barista, more than 35 flavors of old-fashioned soda, a variety of coffee, tea and gourmet products, candy and Ellbee's garlic products.

What's your favorite thing about Wentzville? Having our business by the railroad tracks.

What's next for your business? We have room to expand in the building, which has five apartment units.

What do you hope Wentzville will be five years from now? We would like to see more business activity downtown with perhaps a clothing store.

Other comments, advice or news you would like to share: We are the newest business in Downtown Wentzville and we would love to see the old-town feel continue.

New Business!

Making Memories

Sleigh Hay Rides

Book a wintertime tractor-pulled hayride through beautiful Rotary Park to tour the breath-taking Holiday Night Lights. Rides are available, beginning Nov. 28, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. (Except Monday, Dec. 5). Sleigh Hay Rides are perfect for scouts, church groups, company parties or family/neighborhood get-togethers. Sip hot chocolate, munch on cookies and listen to holiday music while sitting around the bonfire. The hayride will hold a maximum of 25 people, including lap children. Rides are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. You must register ahead of time. Rides are \$125 for residents and \$140 for nonresidents. A two-week notice is required; no refunds will be given, unless the display is closed. You can pay ahead of time for an additional lap around the park with your group for an extra \$25.



Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru

One special night a year, Wentzville Parks and Recreation presents the Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru at Rotary Park. This walk-thru event, which will be held on Monday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m., allows participants to enjoy the lights at a slower, more intimate pace. On this magical night, attendees will stroll through the one-mile light display, experiencing enchanted scenes, twinkling lights and holiday-themed music. After walking the illuminated route, participants will enjoy refreshments and a photo with Santa. Cost is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door, per person.

Holiday Night Lights Drive-Thru

The annual Wentzville Holiday Night Lights display at Rotary Park opens on Friday, Nov. 25 for the holiday season. Come enjoy a one-mile light display that features large illuminated commercial scenes and tunnels of twinkling lights. This holiday display is a great way to experience the magic and joy of a winter wonderland close to home. Drive-thru admission is only \$8 for vehicles holding up to six passengers; \$1 per additional person after the sixth. SEE SCHEDULE BELOW.



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m.
\$12/residents; \$15/nonresidents

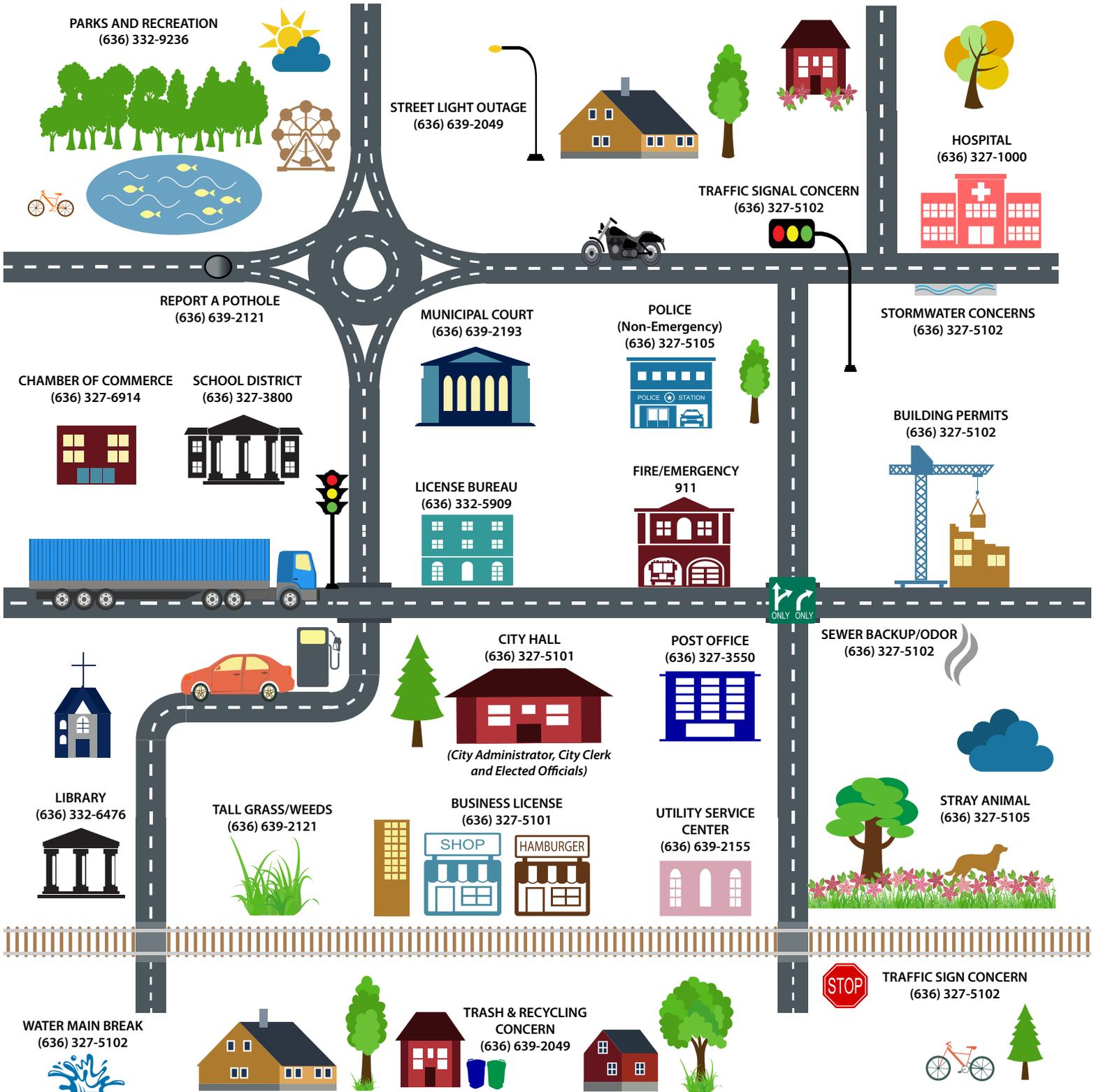
Join Santa for breakfast followed by a craft, games and coloring. Each child will have individual time with Santa for pictures. Crafts and games are geared toward children ages 2 and up. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, milk and orange juice. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$12 for nonresidents, per person. You can also reserve a table for 10 for \$90 for residents and \$110 for nonresidents. Guardians may pre-register to eat with your child for an additional \$5 per person.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The display is open 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the dates in RED: NOV 25-DEC 11, the display is open Thursday through Sunday only; beginning DEC 15, the drive-thru is open nightly until Friday, DEC 30 (except DEC 25).					25	26
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Who to Call in Wentzville

Use these contact numbers to reach the City of Wentzville department or other local agency you need. For emergencies that threaten life and require immediate attention, call 911. You can also report a concern online at <http://bit.ly/reportaconcern>.



Utility Setup

TRASH/WATER/SEWER
City of Wentzville
(636) 639-2155

ELECTRIC
Ameren: (800) 552-7583
Cuivre River: (636) 695-4700

GAS
Ameren: (800) 552-7583
Laclede: (800) 887-4173



Which Ward Do I Live in?

The City of Wentzville is divided into three wards. Wentzville's Board of Aldermen is comprised of six members, two from each of the City's three wards.

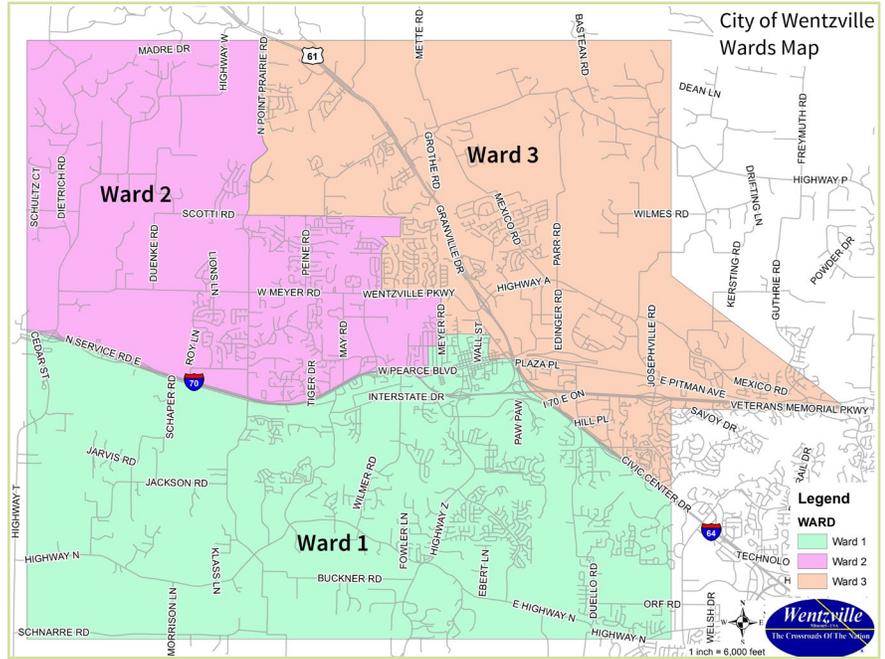
You can use the City of Wentzville Interactive map at www.wentzvillemo.org to learn what City ward you live in and who your aldermanic representatives are.

To access the interactive map, from the City's homepage, first, select the "Departments" tab from the blue bar menu, and locate the "City Maps" link under the Community Development header.

To launch the map, select the "Interactive Map" link, read the disclaimer and select the highlighted link.

Note: the zoom tool to the left side of the map and the map navigation tools on the right. There are a number of preset map tabs along the top of the map. Clicking the "Wards" tab will change the map to show the aldermanic ward boundaries, and will indicate which aldermen represent a specific ward. You can use the navigation tools to locate your home and ward, or you can use the address search function to zoom directly to your home. To use the search function, click the "Search" link that is located in the upper right corner of the map. When you select the "Address Search" link at the top of the search menu, the menu dialog changes to allow you to enter an address to search.

If you have any problems or additional questions, please contact GIS Coordinator Jason Robertson by phone at (636) 639-2033 or via email at Jason.Robertson@wentzvillemo.org.



Ward 1



Alderman Robert Hussey
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Alderman Cheryl Kross
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Ward 2



Alderman Michael Rhoades
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Alderman Sonya Shryock
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Ward 3



Alderman Matt Swanson
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Alderman Linda Wright
Linda.Wright@wentzvillemo.org



Project Update

City Hall Construction is Moving Forward

As of the end of September, construction on the new Wentzville City Hall was in full swing. In addition to site grading, excavation of the basement is taking place. The new City Hall will be located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd., at the corner of Wentzville Parkway and Schroeder Creek Boulevard (next to the Law Enforcement Center). The 44,500-square-foot facility, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017, is currently \$1.6 million under budget.



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. The new structure is designed to offer a more customer-service oriented environment, with adequate parking, technology-driven meeting facilities and one-stop services for residents. The building will also include security features designed for resident and employee safety. Residents will be able to address any department, sign up for service, pay bills, go to court or attend City meetings — all at one complex. Additionally, the cost of this facility comes from internal resources, *with no debt*.



310 W. Pearce Blvd.
Wentzville, MO 63385

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Permit #14

Don't miss the many holiday events planned for residents of all ages! See pg. 5.



Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Various upcoming holidays may impact your normal trash collection schedule.

The Veterans Day holiday will not affect your collection schedule.

For the week of Nov. 21, trash collection will be as follows:
▶ Trash collection will remain the same on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
▶ On Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, trash collection will run a day late. Thursday's collection will move to Friday and Friday's collection will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays will not affect your collection schedule this year.

If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102, Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Upcoming EVENTS	
Planning & Zoning	6 P.M. NOV. 1 AND DEC. 6
DHP Phase II Public Hearing	4 P.M. NOV. 3 (at the LEC)
Parks and Rec Board	6:30 P.M. NOV. 7 AND DEC. 5
Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.	NOV. 9 & 30 AND DEC. 14
Board of Adjustment	6 P.M. NOV. 10 AND DEC. 8
Veterans Day Holiday	NOV. 11 CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Park Board Tree Committee	5 P.M. NOV. 17 AND DEC. 15
Downtown Committee	6 P.M. NOV. 22 AND DEC. 27
Thanksgiving Holidays	NOV. 24-25 CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Friends of the Wentzville Parks	6 P.M. NOV 29 AND DEC. 27
Christmas Holidays	DEC. 23 & 26 CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Holiday Hours

City offices will be closed on the following holidays:
 Veterans Day, Nov. 11
 Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 & 25
 Christmas, Dec. 23 & 26
 New Year's Day, Jan. 2

Progress Park Recreation Center holiday hours:
 Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, closed
 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Christmas Day, Dec. 25, closed
 New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
 New Year's Day, Jan. 1, closed



Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.).