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Fight the Bite!

In the last few years, and especially during the past several months, awareness about the potentially dangerous conditions associated with mosquito-related illnesses has been heightened.

Although most of these diseases are focused in more tropical destinations, mosquitoes can be a problem for Wentzville area residents as well, especially as warmer temperatures return.

You can help protect yourself and your family by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds. Mosquitoes can be discouraged from biting with the use of insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, IR 3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus when outdoors. In addition, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants and staying indoors at dawn and dusk can minimize opportunities for mosquito bites.

Mosquito larvae requires seven to 14 days of still water for development, so it's best to take steps to drain areas where water settles, and clean clogged gutters, fountains, ponds and bird baths to help eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. To learn more, please visit the St. Charles County Health Department online at bit.ly/StCharlesMosquito.

Protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes this summer!



Park Update

PERUQUE VALLEY PARK

Peruque Valley Park is the last of the three projects from the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department that were approved as part of a half-cent sales tax in 2010. This park is located off of South Point Prairie Road, which is in the very southwest region of the community.

Currently, construction is a little slow due to rain, but the rough-grading and parking lots are complete. While the ball fields are being graded, the Department is working to install the fences, restrooms and concession facilities.

Peruque Valley Park has four full-size softball/baseball fields as part of phase one; and roughly one-mile of trail. There will also be several passive-recreation areas, with space for activities such as fishing and more. Phase two will include additional fields as space and funding allows. The City also hopes to apply for grant funding to install a playground facility.

As the project comes together, the Department will continue to expand the park amenities adding bleachers, landscaping, and, finally, maintenance facilities. Peruque Valley Park is scheduled to open later this fall.

Construction at Peruque Valley Park



JAKE'S FIELD OF DREAMS PLAYGROUND AT HEARTLAND PARK

The City has received statements of qualifications from firms to design and construct a universally accessible playground at Heartland Park. This project will be a welcome addition to the park, which is located at 101 William Dierberg Dr.

Currently, a committee to review these submittals has been established and the group is working closely with our partners to develop a short list of qualified firms to provide concept plans for the playground. The shortlisted firms will then submit those plans to the City for consideration and a selection will be made to finalize the plans. At the point that a concept plan is finalized, there will be a significant fund-raising effort spearheaded by Unlimited Play. The City anticipates construction on this project to begin once private funding goals have been met.

Jake's Field of Dreams is named for Jake Vollmer, who dreamed of playing sports. However, he was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The disease weakened his muscles but not his spirit. While Jake passed away in 2012, his positive spirit of love and support for others lives on. This playground is dedicated to the kids who share that spirit!

Know the Facts about Fireworks in Wentzville



- Fireworks can be used within City Limits, **ONLY on JULY 4 between 5 and 10 p.m.**
- These restrictions will be strictly enforced. Outside of this time frame, summonses may be issued and fireworks may be confiscated.
- Take precautions when shooting off fireworks and please be mindful and courteous of your neighbors.
- To report illegal use of fireworks, please call (636) 327-5105.

INSIDE: Construction Projects, Upcoming Summer Events & Run for the Wall Photos



Community Highlights



2016 National Night Out

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, as part of National Night Out event, residents from roughly 15,000 communities nationwide will join together to send a message to criminals that they are organized and fighting back against crime. That night, you are invited to turn on your porch light, go outside and join with your neighbors in block parties, cookouts, flash-light walks and other activities. Making a point to meet and get to know your neighbors can be a big step in combating crime.

For information on National Night Out in Wentzville, visit bit.ly/communityprograms, or visit the Police Department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WentzvillePD.

Residents can also call the Police Department for information at (636) 639-2103. To get ideas for your own neighborhood National Night Out activity, visit www.natw.org.



Check out these new Wentzville businesses!

Amy's Art Studio & Gallery
2 E. Main St.

Naturale Nails & Spa
1201 Wentzville Pkwy.

BU Boutique & Salon
11 Wentzville Bluffs Dr.,
Suite 107

Peak Nutrition
1968 Wentzville Pkwy.

B Street Productions
102 E. Pearce Blvd.

Investor's Title Company
1810 Wentzville Pkwy.

Concrete Slab Replacement Projects

In response to resident input, the City's elected officials have once again focused their attention on the annual street maintenance program. In 2016, \$2.9 million has been approved by the Board of Aldermen for contracted street maintenance projects to improve the condition of collector and neighborhood streets. The City annually reviews all City streets and develops a cost-efficient schedule designed specifically to replace deteriorated concrete slabs based upon individual concrete slab condition. To equitably select these slabs, City staff performs field inspections and uses GPS equipment to identify the street segments that are in the worst overall condition within the City. This information is processed with in-house engineering staff to cost effectively prepare the annual slab replacement program. For more detailed information, including a list of 2016 projects, please visit bit.ly/engineeringprojectupdates.



2015 Consumer Confidence Report

The Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report or CCR) is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water to Wentzville residents. For 2015, there were no violations.

A copy of the complete 2015 CCR can be found at the "direct delivery" <http://dnr.mo.gov/ccr/MO6010849.pdf>. If computer access isn't available, a hard copy can be requested and mailed to you by contacting the City of Wentzville's Water Division at (636) 639-2062, ext. 4.



ST. CHARLES COUNTY FAIR

@ Rotary Park • July 26-30

Don't miss the fun when the St. Charles County Fair returns to Wentzville's beautiful Rotary Park, which is located at 2577 W. Meyer Rd. Enjoy carnival rides, live entertainment, races, a demolition derby and lots more! For hours, events, entertainment schedules and ticket prices, visit www.stcharlescofair.org.

*Information obtained from <http://stcharlescofair.org> as of May 26, 2016.

Maintaining Our Community

As warm weather approaches, I want to remind residents about property maintenance standards in our community. Please remember to cut your lawn, maintain attractive curb appeal, clean out your gutters, and generally help maintain the healthy, safe and stable community we all desire.

Few things have more potential to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community than neighborhood pride. The City works with property owners and neighborhoods to address nuisance properties and housing violations, protecting property values and making your neighborhood more pleasant and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

Keeping your property in good condition helps to insure your family lives in a clean, safe and pleasant environment, enhances property values, and contributes to neighborhood revitalization.

The City's annual property maintenance program is in place to help meet this need. Each year, between April and September, half of the City is inspected. In even numbered years, the west side of the City is inspected and in odd numbered years the east side of the City is inspected (Wilmer Road is the dividing point between east and west). Residents found to be in noncompliance will be left with a notice of the violation and a timeline to make repairs.



Mayor Nickolas Guccione

In addition to the annual program, throughout the year code enforcement inspectors respond to resident concerns such as:

- Tall grass and weeds in excess of eight inches
- Trash and debris on premises
- Peeling paint
- Gutters in need of repair
- Broken windows and doors
- Sidewalk or driveway deterioration
- Standing water attracting mosquitoes
- Abandoned vehicles
- Damaged/deteriorated fences

If you have a specific concern regarding a property maintenance issue, please call (636) 639-2121 or enter a concern at <http://bit.ly/reportaconcern>. Inspectors will verify the concern within 72 hours and respond back upon your request. Concerns may be filed anonymously as well.

Important Information

Animal Welfare

The City is continually concerned about the welfare of our animals. To that end, the Wentzville Police Department has two, full-time Animal Control Officers. To report complaints of animals at large, dog bites, barking dogs, vicious animals, or for other domesticated animal complaints or questions, please contact the Wentzville Police Department's Communications Division at (636) 327-5105. For issues that are non-emergency related or are not in progress, an email may also be sent to animalcontrol@wentzvillemo.org. Please note, the email is only checked when the Animal Control Officers are on duty. Below are a few FAQs regarding animals in Wentzville. For more detailed information and additional FAQs, please visit bit.ly/wentzvilleanimalcontrol.

- **Are Electronic/Invisible/Underground Fences Allowed in Wentzville?** Yes, per Municipal Code Section 205.545.A.d. electronic fences are acceptable with restrictions.
- **Are there Breed Restrictions in Wentzville?** No, per City Ordinance, there are no breed-specific restrictions for canines within the city limits of Wentzville.
- **How Many Domesticated Animals May I Own?** Per Municipal Code Section 205.505, if you are not licensed to operate a kennel, you may only own three dogs, four cats, or four other domestic animals or a combination not to exceed 10.
- **Is there a Leash Law in Wentzville?** Yes. The City of Wentzville requires animals to be on a leash through the animal at large ordinance (Municipal Code Section 205.545). If your animal is found at large, Animal Control will make every attempt to return the animal to the rightful owner.
- **What Do I Do if My Animal is Lost/Missing/Impounded?** If your animal is lost, missing or if you suspect it has been impounded for running at large, please monitor the Police Department on Facebook (www.facebook.com/WentzvillePD) and Twitter (twitter.com/wentzvillepd), as the Department posts photos of animals who have been picked up by taken to the Pet Adoption Center. You will need to contact the Pet Adoption Center at (636) 949-7387 to see if they have an animal matching the description of your pet. If the Pet Adoption Center has your animal, you will need to report to 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376 to retrieve your pet. The owner must provide the following: positive identification of pet; proof of rabies vaccination; and payment for required fees. A municipal summons may also be issued and mailed to the animal owner. A court appearance may also be required and an additional fine may be imposed by the Municipal Judge.





Traffic Calming Solutions May Help Reduce Speeding, Accidents

During a Work Session held before the Board of Aldermen meeting on May 25, Public Works Director Susan Spiegel addressed the Board about possible solutions for reducing speeds and accidents on Wentzville’s residential streets.

There are currently two practices in place to raise awareness and educate the public. First, a SMART trailer can be placed in a neighborhood experiencing speeding or the neighborhood can choose to take part in the Keep Kids Alive program. This program reminds drivers to drive the speed limit. Second, based on a resident petition of 51% or more and/or an HOA letter of support, a Double-Fine Zone speed study can be initiated. If warranted by the findings of the speed study, a Double-Fine Zone ordinance would be recommended for approval by the Board. If approved, Double Fine signs would be installed in the neighborhood and more enforcement would be added.

Additional options were presented to the Board, ranging in cost from under \$5,000 to more than \$10,000. A measure ranging in cost from \$2,500 to 3,000 per installation would be a pavement dip. This measure is suggested for further consideration and study.

In order to implement a pavement dip in Wentzville neighborhoods, several criteria would need to be met including affected residents indicating support of the pavement dip measure and construction cost sharing between the interested residential neighborhood and the City. Look for more details coming soon.

Schroeder Creek Boulevard Extension

Construction on the Schroeder Creek Boulevard extension project is well underway. In an effort to alleviate traffic congestion on Wentzville Parkway, this project provides a much-needed north-south connector between the Parkway and Pearce Boulevard.

The Schroeder Creek Boulevard extension begins just past the Law Enforcement Center and runs south to West Pearce Boulevard, providing a connection to both William Dierberg Drive and the Wentzville School District campus. Additionally, a 10-foot wide trail and sidewalks will run adjacent to the Schroeder Creek extension and will connect to the walking trails at Heartland Park. A signal will be added to the Pearce Boulevard/ Schroeder Creek Boulevard intersection. The entire project is expected to be open to traffic on Jan. 1, 2017.



Business Spotlight



Sixth North Café - Wentzville 10 Cliff View Dr. – Wentzville Bluffs

Business Owners: The Altrudo Family

What year did you open? 2013

What influenced you to locate your business here? The overall growth of the community with an opportunity for a drive-through at a free-standing restaurant location.

What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here? We bring a menu with fresh ingredients, Kaldi’s coffee, made-to-order food from scratch, vegetarian and gluten-free options.

What products/services does your business offer? Soups, salads and sandwiches, as well as homemade cookies, oatmeal bars, pastries, muffins and smoothies.

What’s your favorite thing about Wentzville? The community feel.

What’s next for your business? Expanding the liquor business in a family-friendly environment.

What do you hope Wentzville will be five years from now? Continued improvement of Downtown Wentzville.



Above: Maria Altrudo, Owner

Nominations are Now
Open for Wentzville's
2016 Citizen of the Year



Do you know someone whose service or actions deserve special recognition? Nominations for Wentzville's 2016 Citizen of the Year award are open until Oct. 15.

Forms are available online at www.wentzvillemo.org, at City Hall or by calling (636) 327-5101 to request a copy be mailed. Nominators may include any photos or documents that support the nomination.

To submit a nomination, a person must be one of the following:

- A resident of the City of Wentzville
- A City of Wentzville business owner
- An organization within the City of Wentzville
- An employee of a business located in the City of Wentzville
- A member of the Citizen Recognition Award Committee

For a nominee to be eligible, he or she must: reside within the city limits of Wentzville at the time the nomination is made; not be an elected official; and not serve on the Citizen Recognition Award Committee.

Completed forms and related attachments must be returned no later than Oct. 15 to Wentzville's City Clerk, Vitula Skillman, at Wentzville City Hall, 310 W. Pearce Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385. The Wentzville Board of Aldermen will make the presentation of the award to the winning nominee during a regularly scheduled January 2017 Board meeting.

Run for the Wall

On Monday, May 23, and Tuesday, May 24, more than 350 cyclists made their way to Wentzville as part of the 28th annual Run for the Wall event. During this event, motorcyclists make their way to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. On their way to the nation's capitol, the cyclists stopped in Wentzville at both the VFW Hall and the Vietnam Memorial to honor those who served. Below are a few photos from this inspiring event.





Board of Aldermen: Michael Rhoades (Ward 2), Sonya Shryock (Ward 2), Mayor Nick Guccione, Linda Wright (Ward 3), Robert Hussey (Ward 1), Cheryl Kross (Ward 1) and Matt Swanson (Ward 3).

Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results

Earlier this year, at the direction of the Board, the City administered a citizen satisfaction survey. The survey was conducted through ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas. A seven-page survey was mailed to a random sample of households throughout the City of Wentzville. The goal was to obtain at least 450 completed surveys; this was exceeded with 686 surveys returned. The last time a survey of this scope was completed was in 2010. The purpose of the 2016 survey was four-fold:

1. To assess citizen satisfaction with the delivery of major City services.
2. To measure trends from 2010 to 2016.
3. To compare the City's performance with other communities regionally and nationally.
4. To help determine future priorities for the City.

The completed surveys provided a good distribution and representation across city limits. There were several major findings that were assessed as part of the survey results. First, residents have a very positive perception of the City. Second, satisfaction areas have improved in most areas since 2010. Finally, satisfaction with City services is significantly higher in Wentzville than other communities.

POSITIVE PERCEPTIONS

One question asked respondents to rate items that influence their perception of the City as a whole. Eighty-five percent of residents rated quality of life in the City of Wentzville as either "Excellent" or "Good." While 82 percent rated quality of services provided by the City as either "Excellent" or "Good."

A separate question asked respondents to reflect on their overall satisfaction with specific major City services. Eighty-four percent of residents rated the quality of Wentzville's police services as "Excellent" or "Good."

"There were significant increases reported in the items that influenced residents' perceptions about the City."

2010 VS. 2016

In the overall satisfaction category, residents reported significant increases in satisfaction with major City services. There were also significant increases reported in the items that influenced respondents' perceptions about the City. These included increases in ratings about the appearance of the City, quality of residential development in the City, how well the City is planning for growth, value received for tax dollars and fees, and, finally, appeal as a place to retire.

When asked about satisfaction relating directly to City maintenance or public works services, respondents rated 10 of the 11 items higher than in 2010. The items with significant satisfaction rating increases included snow removal on major City streets; maintenance of City buildings; landscaping of public areas along streets; maintenance of City streets; condition of City sidewalks; and quality of street sweeping services.

COMPARISONS

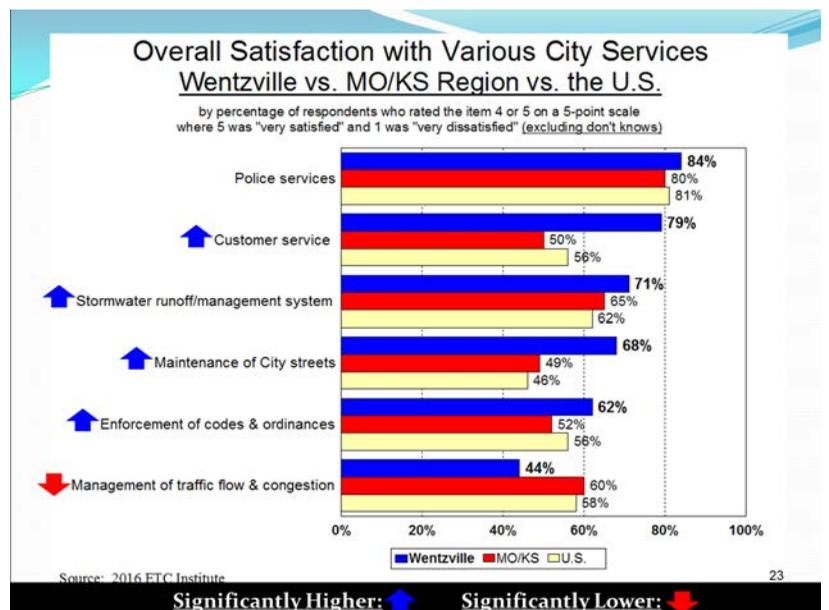
When compared to other communities in the Missouri/Kansas region, and when compared on a national level, Wentzville ranked higher on every item in the satisfaction with City services and perceptions of the City categories, along with the satisfaction of public safety, City maintenance, communication, customer service, and parks and recreation categories.

FUTURE PRIORITIES

The survey also allowed for an in-depth look at what residents believe should be the top priorities for the City, moving forward. Among others, the top priorities included:

- Maintenance of neighborhood streets
- Maintenance of major City streets
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Walking and biking trails in the City
- Flow of traffic and congestion management
- And increased enforcement of City codes and ordinances.

The Board is committed to improving satisfaction in these areas, and will further discuss these priorities as part of our strategic planning and budget process.





Youth Triathlon — July 23 SS

On Saturday, July 23, beginning at 8 a.m. at Splash Station Aquatic Park, children ages 5 to 8 will compete in a 40-yard swim, one-mile bike ride and 0.5-mile run, while children ages 9 to 12 will compete in a 60-yard swim, 1.5-mile bike ride and one-mile run. Medals will be awarded to all race finishers. The first 100 participants will receive a custom triathlon T-shirt; sizes are not guaranteed. The cost is \$40 and registration closes July 17; no race-day registrations will be accepted.

Movie in the Park at Heartland — Aug. 5 HP

Movie in the Park is back! Come join us at the beautiful Heartland Park for a FREE, fun, family night out! Join us for "The Little Rascals" on Friday, Aug. 5, the movie begins at 8:15 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase. No glass is allowed in the park. Space is limited, so make sure to arrive early. Gates open at 7:15 p.m. Don't forget lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Cardboard Boat Race — Aug. 23 PP

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, you can enter your own cardboard creation in the Cardboard Boat Race at Progress Pool. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and it's only \$15 to enter.

Build your boat from only corrugated cardboard and duct tape, decorate it, and hope it survives the race. Two people must be in the boat during the race. All boats must be human-powered (no motors). You must haul away your boat after the event (in a nearby dumpster). Fun awards will be given in a variety of categories. Life jackets will be available for use and must be worn while racing your boat. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.

Pooch Plunge — Sept. 6 SS

Bring man's best friend to Splash Station on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. for this once-a-year chance for your canine friend to enjoy the pool like the rest of Wentzville's residents. Each dog will receive a snack, and have a chance to win door prizes. All dogs must be leashed while out of the water. You must show proof of vaccination at the time of registration. Prior to the event, you can preregister at a cost of \$8 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents. Please note: on the event day, the cost will be \$15/dog and a snack is not guaranteed. Rainout date: Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race — Sept. 11 PP



The Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race is a community event, which features cars donated by businesses and organizations. The event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11 at noon at Progress Park. If you register by Aug. 21, the cost is only \$5 (residents) and \$8 (nonresidents).

Racers are randomly placed in the cars. This race isn't fueled by gas or electronics — it's just simple gravity as the racers compete against the clock. Racers must be between 4 and

5 feet tall, weigh between 55 and 120 pounds, and fit comfortably in the car (height and weight restrictions are due to the construction of the car). A maximum of 200 racers are accepted, so register early! The child must be present at the time of registration, no mail-in registrations accepted. The races take place on Meyer Road in front of Progress Park. After Aug. 21, the cost will be \$10/13. Please note: Due to facility closures registrations will not be accepted Sept. 6-10. Race-day registrations will be accepted. Rainout date: Sept. 18 at noon.

PP Progress Park

SS Splash Station

HP Heartland Park

Wentzville's LIBERTY FEST
★ FOURTH OF JULY ★

EVENT SCHEDULE

Parade: 10 a.m.
(down Pearce Boulevard)

After the Parade, attend these FREE events at Progress Park, located at 968 Meyer Rd.

Free Swim: Noon-5 p.m. PP
(only at Progress Pool)

Inflatables & Face Painting: 5-8:45 p.m.

Live Music: Queens Blvd. 5-7 p.m. & Dr. Zhivegas 7:20-9 p.m.

Fireworks: 9:05 p.m.

Progress Park Facility Closure

The indoor facilities at Progress Park will be closed Sept. 6-11, 2016, for facility maintenance.



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City offices are closed Monday, July 4 | Get **Liberty Fest** info on pg. 7!

Household Hazardous Waste

From leftover cleaning supplies to lawn-care products and other chemicals, the average home stores more than 100 pounds of unwanted and potentially harmful threats to the environment and the ones we love. Each year, St. Charles County residents are given the opportunity to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at both Recycle Works locations. Collections are accepted now through Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, as well as the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no appointment necessary to participate in this program, but there is a \$15 fee for loads up to 50 pounds, with a supplemental fee of \$1 for each pound of material over 50.

Residents may bring unwanted HHW items such as chemicals, auto fluids, pesticides and oil-based paints (no latex paints) to the Recycle Works Central location (60 Triad South Drive in St. Charles) or the Recycle Works West location (2110 E. Pitman Ave. in Wentzville). For a list of materials accepted at each location, visit the County's website at <http://bit.ly/recycleworks> or call (636) 949-7900.

Water Division Awards \$2,000 in Scholarships

Each year, seniors from Wentzville School District's Timberland and Holt high schools compete for two, \$1,000 scholarships from the City of Wentzville. As one of the only fine-arts related scholarships in the area, students paint fire hydrants in celebration of National Water Week. First-place winners from each school are then selected to each receive the scholarship. This year's first-place winners are Anahi Anchondo-Sakoda (Timberland) and Autumn Pinkley (Holt).



From left to right: Public Works Director Susan Spiegel, Anahi Anchondo-Sakoda, Mayor Nick Guccione and Autumn Pinkley.

Upcoming Events

Parade down Pearce 10 a.m. and Liberty Fest at Progress Park JULY 4

Parks and Rec Board 6:30 p.m. | JULY 11 and AUG. 1

Planning & Zoning 6 p.m. | JULY 5 and AUG. 2

Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m. JULY 13 & 27 and AUG. 10 & 24

Board of Adjustment 6:30 p.m. | JULY 14 and AUG. 11

Park Board Tree Committee 5 p.m. | JULY 21 and AUG. 18

Downtown Committee 6 p.m. | JULY 26 and AUG 23

Stormwater Committee 6 p.m. | AUG. 25

Friends of the Wentzville Parks 6 p.m. | JULY 26 and AUG. 30

Unless otherwise noted, these events will be held at City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.). All meetings are subject to change. Please check the "All Events" link online at www.wentzvillemo.org for the most up-to-date information.

WENTZVILLE HISTORY BUFFS:

Do you have a photo of Wentzville's "Founding Father"?

The Economic Development Department is on the hunt for a photo of William M. Allen. If you have a photo, please send it to Dan.Lang@wentzvillemo.org. Thank you!