

# The Vision

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## Honor Roll Memorial Gets New Life

In 1944, the Wentzville Community Club erected an Honor Roll on its property at the corner of what is now Pearce Boulevard and Elm Street. The Honor Roll listed all the service men and women who lived in Wentzville and surrounding communities

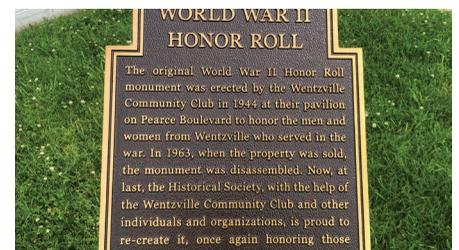
when they enlisted in World War II. The Honor Roll stood in the center of town for 20 years before it was dismantled when the Community Club relocated.

**Wentzville memorial honors the service men and women who served in World War II.**

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THE ORIGINAL MEMORIAL IN 1944



PLAQUE AT BICENTENNIAL PARK

## Welcome New Businesses!

### Harmonic Healing

950 Corporate Pkwy., Ste. 106

### Lavender Rose Roots

12595 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.

### Reisch Sansone Properties

950 Corporate Pkwy.

### Streamline Swag LLC

100 Midland Park Dr.

### Soulard Gyro

1004 Quartz Canyon Dr.

## Crime Tip Hotline



### Have a tip to share?

The Wentzville Police Department has a new, easy way to share crime tips. To report a tip, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/crimetips](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/crimetips) or call (636) 639-2180. All calls are confidential. This new option provides an additional way for you to be connected to our Police Department and help us solve crime.

Please don't hesitate to contact the emergency number 911 or the non-emergency number (636) 327-5105 to report a crime or suspicious activity.

714 W. PEARCE BLVD.



## Business Spotlight: Q&A with Chillax Tap & Co.

**Historic Downtown Wentzville welcomes a beer specialty store and tap room owned by Wentzville residents Archie and Ashley Harmon.**

**WHEN DID YOU OPEN?** March 7, 2020. After years of developing and designing, Chillax opened just days before the COVID-19 shutdowns.

**WHY DID YOU LOCATE YOUR BUSINESS IN WENTZVILLE?** To put it simply, we live in Wentzville and love our community. We wanted to live, work and play in Wentzville. Ashley is a 4th-grade teacher at Peine Ridge Elementary, and we are a vested part of Wentzville. Although we searched all over the metro St. Louis area for an ideal place that would be responsive to Chillax, Wentzville reigned supreme due to the family atmosphere as well as the steady business growth.

**WHAT DO YOU BRING TO WENTZVILLE BY HAVING YOUR BUSINESS HERE?** Chillax maintains a local community focus through partnerships with Wentzville restaurants, craft beer charity groups and local festivals. Chillax doesn't serve food, but customers are welcome to bring in food or have it delivered. In this way, Chillax is a vessel to help support other local businesses.

**WHAT PRODUCTS/SERVICES DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER?** Chillax focuses on a singular purpose: to serve craft beer and ciders in a modern space. Chillax also offers a selection of wine as well and nonalcoholic beverages. Chillax has more than 30 different craft beers and ciders

on tap to sip and sample, as well as an extensive selection of bottled and canned beers/ciders to grab-and-go or enjoy on-site. Chillax provides a family-friendly atmosphere, with plenty of board games available for entertainment. The patio is also pet-friendly.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE?** We love the fact that Wentzville supports Wentzville. Our customers have a vested interest in Chillax because we are a business that is locally owned and operated. We always like to see growth over time and this is evident to anyone who is driving around town.

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?** We're focused on providing an excellent customer experience, each and every time.

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE WENTZVILLE WILL EVOLVE INTO IN FIVE YEARS?** We look forward to the business growth in both Historic Downtown Wentzville and on Wentzville Parkway.

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS, ADVICE OR NEWS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?** We are excited to create a community gathering space for the beer-centric customers here in Wentzville. For more information, please visit [www.chillaxstl.com](http://www.chillaxstl.com) or follow "Chillaxstl" on social media.



# Message from the Mayor: Slow Down and Stay Safe

Summer is officially here. On hot summer days, kids are out in their yards, riding their bikes and walking around our neighborhoods. Increased pedestrians and bicyclists mean it's a great time to remind everyone to take it easy.

I want to urge you to slow down. Slow down when driving through our neighborhoods. Slow down in construction zones. Just

slow down, period. In addition, cut out distractions such as texts, phone calls, social media, etc., and concentrate solely on driving – everything else can wait. We want our City streets to be safe; please do your part to help Wentzville be a safer place to live, work and explore.

Speaking of kids and safety, the “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” program is one that is near and dear to my heart. Neighborhood speeding is one of the biggest complaints I receive year in and year out. The Drive 25 program is designed to change the way people drive on neighborhood streets and beyond. The goal is to put an end to deaths and injuries caused by speeding and distracted driving on our roads. The City of Wentzville aims to educate and actively engage residents in the common

commitment of creating safer streets for the benefit of all, beginning in our neighborhoods.

If requested by a local Home Owners Association (HOA), and with City approval, the City will install “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” signs at additional locations. Additional signpost costs will be incurred by the HOA at \$20 per post. The signs, which must be purchased by the HOA, will be installed below existing speed limit signs, and shall not exceed 18” x 24”. To start this program in your neighborhood, contact the Police Department at (636) 639-2103 or (636) 639-2143. To learn more, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/pdinthecommunity](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/pdinthecommunity).

## Pools Not Opening this Year

In accordance with guidance from the state of Missouri and the St. Charles County Public Health Department, the City has begun to gradually open facilities using a phased approach.

Progress Park Recreation Center opened on May 11 and playgrounds re-opened on June 15. The City's aquatic facilities, however, will not be among those opening this season. This includes both the Splash Station Aquatic Center and Progress Park Pool. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution and based on a variety of factors including health and safety, staffing concerns, and finances.

“We know many of our residents and visitors look forward to summertime activities at our pools. However, we, like many communities across the country, are analyzing our programs and services to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps to protect everyone and to continue being good stewards of the resources we have,” Mayor Nick Guiccone said. “Unfortunately, this involves making tough decisions by myself, the board and staff related to the facilities, programs and events that our community has come to know and love.”

Every day, the Parks and Recreation Department is tasked with three major objectives: 1) to offer and operate programs and facilities that are clean, safe and financially sustainable; 2) to ensure individuals using our facilities or participating in our programs have a safe, enjoyable and quality experience; and 3) to ensure every Department employee is well trained, customer-oriented and able to work in a safe work environment.

“Opening the pools does not necessarily meet these objectives at this time,” said Mike Lueck, Parks and Recreation Director. “As we have progressed through this pandemic and continue to move forward, our focus remains on safely providing services that residents value and on building relationships with members of our community.”

Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.org/parksandrec](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/parksandrec) or follow the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department on social media.



## Protect Your Pets This Summer

As temperatures rise, please be mindful about the time your animals spend outside. The Humane Society offers these tips to protect your pets during summer months. To learn more, visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/protectyourpets](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/protectyourpets).

1. Don't leave your pets in a parked car.
2. Limit pet exercise on hot days.
3. Keep an eye on the humidity.
4. Always keep a bowl of water out.
5. Watch for signs of heat stroke.
6. Don't rely on a fan to cool pets down.



## Board Update: Wentzville Community Center

In 1999, the City of Wentzville began a conversation about the future of recreation in our community. This conversation culminated in 2004 with a formal feasibility study, which was presented to the Board of Aldermen for a new recreation facility to be located at Progress Park. In 2014, as part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, residents again expressed a strong desire to pursue the development of a new indoor recreation facility. In 2017, staff was directed to conduct another feasibility study for a multigenerational recreation facility. In each of these processes, public input was the key element in determining what our residents wanted in the design of a new facility. Residents also determined the name for this new facility, selecting the “Wentzville Community Center” in an online vote earlier this year. After years of study, community meetings and the completion of a Master Plan, the City has started its journey to complete a new recreation facility here in Wentzville.

“We are designing the building with the goal of cross-promoting activities, mixing all ages within the community, and making them visible throughout the center. This design allows visitors to customize their own experience and increases user involvement across the facility,” said Parks and Recreation Director Mike Lueck.

This community center project includes the extension of both Great Oaks Boulevard and Crystal Creek Parkway and the design

and construction of a 83,100-square-foot indoor community center. This facility will encompass a variety of recreational amenities including an indoor aquatic component, senior activity space, a gymnasium with an elevated track, weight/cardio/group fitness areas, a Kids Zone, class/meeting/multipurpose rooms and related support spaces. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$40 million and is funded through a developer-initiated ½-cent sales tax generated through a newly established community improvement district. The community center site is located in the heart of the community on Wentzville Parkway between West Meyer Road and Schroeder Creek Boulevard, near City Hall.

The project design kicked off in late 2019 when the City created a design team to lead the process. The team includes members of City staff, Hastings+Chivetta Architects, and the City’s owner representative — Navigate Building Solutions. At the May 13 Board of Aldermen meeting, the design team was given authorization to move from the schematic design phase to the design development phase. The schematic design phase entails comprehensive and detailed drawings of sections, floor plans, elevations, schedules, the scale of the components, and their mutual relationships. The design development phase plays a huge role in predicting the expenses to be incurred and

the overall cost of the project. By the end of the design development phase, final building sections and floor plans will be complete.

The Wentzville Community Center is being developed with the community in mind and is designed to be more than just a recreation center. Directly influenced by resident feedback, the center reflects the unique Wentzville lifestyle and rich cultural history.

“The building’s amenities provide something for everyone,” said Mayor Nick Guccione. “From a zero-depth entry aquatic area for small children, to an elevated walking track for active adults. I have no doubt this facility will serve our community for many years to come.”



**“The design allows visitors to customize their own experience.”**



**We want your input! Share your feedback about this facility, view more renderings and see floor-plan designs at [www.wentzvillemo.org/wcc](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/wcc).**



## Honor Roll Cont'd

Thanks to a cooperative effort among the Wentzville Community Historical Society, Wentzville Community Club, Crossroads Art Council, American Legion, VFW, Demien Construction, the City of Wentzville, and various other individuals and organizations, the Honor Roll once more stands in Wentzville. It is now located in Bicentennial Park (near Pearce Boulevard and Blumhoff Avenue), and is a testament to what can be accomplished when organizations and a community work together.

The Honor Roll side of the new sign lists the veterans from WWII, however, the decision was made to also honor WWI veterans on the second side of the memorial. Unfortunately, the unveiling ceremony for this new tribute has been postponed due to COVID-19. We hope to plan a ceremony in the future. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit



Bicentennial Park (at 22 W. Pearce Blvd.) and pay homage to our hometown veterans.

*Special thanks to the Wentzville Community Historical Society for its contribution to this article and for its continued support of the Wentzville community.*

**“The world will long remember what they did.”**

## Prevent Mosquitos in Your Yard

- Drain areas where water settles.
- Clean birdbaths weekly and stock ornamental pools with fish.
- Bring any toy or garden equipment that can hold water inside or cover it.
- Clean clogged rain gutters.
- Repair dripping faucets.
- Change the water in outdoor pet bowls daily.
- Replace damaged window and door screens.
- Remove or fill in standing water areas in the yard.
- Don't dump grass clippings, branches or other items in creeks.

## Protect Yourself Outdoors

An increase in outdoor activities during the summer and fall, brings with it a greater risk for insect bites and exposure to diseases that mosquitoes and ticks may carry.



The most effective ways for minimizing illnesses from insect bites are to use repellent whenever outdoors and to check for bugs after you return home.

An insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus has been proven to provide protection when used according to manufacturer's instructions. Products containing permethrin can be applied to clothing but should not have direct contact with skin. In addition, those outdoors should wear long-sleeved shirts/jackets, long pants and should tuck pants into socks to minimize exposure. When returning from the outdoors, check for ticks on your body and your pets, and remove them immediately (use tweezers to ensure you remove the entire creature).

Watch for signs of illness such as rash or fever in the days and weeks following a tick bite, and see a health care provider if these develop. Your risk of acquiring a tick-borne illness depends on many factors, including where you live, what type of tick bit you, and how long the tick was attached. If you become ill after a tick bite, see a health care provider. To learn more, please visit the Center for Disease Control online at [www.wentzvillemo.org/stopticks](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/stopticks).

See tips in the blue box about preventing mosquitoes in your yard. To learn more, please visit the St. Charles County Health Department online at [www.wentzvillemo.org/stcharlesmosquito](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/stcharlesmosquito).



# Promoting from Within

**The City congratulates new City Administrator Douglas Lee and newly appointed Police Chief Paul West.**



In April, the Board approved the Mayor’s appointment of Douglas Lee as the new City Administrator.

Lee began his career with the City in 2004 first working in the engineering division, later serving as the Interim Director of Public Works, Assistant to the City Administrator, and, most recently, as the Assistant Public Works Director since 2013.

Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione had this to say about Lee’s appointment, “I’m pleased to announce that I have appointed Doug Lee to the position of City Administrator for the City of Wentzville. I am confident in his abilities to fill this position as he has shown exemplary leadership skills in his more than 16 years with the City.”

During the Board of Aldermen meeting on Wednesday, May 27, the Board approved the

Mayor’s appointment of Paul West as the new Chief of Police, following former Police Chief Kurt Frisz’s departure in February.

West began his law enforcement career in 1980, serving almost four years with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. After leaving Montgomery County, West served for 29 years with the St. Charles City Police Department. In St. Charles, his career included undercover drug work as part of the St. Charles County Drug Task Force.

“As a City, we strive to promote from within. West has been a strong asset to the City of Wentzville and the Wentzville Police Department for the last eight years. We are honored to have him further his career with WPD. We are confident that Chief West will be highly successful in his new leadership role,” said Mayor Guccione.

## Extra Patrol and Vacation Checks

Protecting You Even When You’re Away

Leaving town for a few days? The Wentzville Police Department provides Extra Patrol and Vacation Checks free of charge to residents within Wentzville city limits.

To take advantage of this great service, complete the forms at [www.wentzvillemo.org/vacationcheck](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/vacationcheck).



To read the press releases for both appointments, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/pressreleases](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/pressreleases).

## Fireworks Reminders

City ordinance allows fireworks to be discharged ONLY on July 3 and July 4, between the hours of noon and 11 p.m. each day. Outside the allowed time frame, a summons may be issued and fireworks may be confiscated. Please note, fireworks are not allowed to be set off on any property owned by the City, including any streets and cul-de-sacs or any park within the City at any time.

Also of note, fireworks stands within city limits were approved by the Board of Aldermen in 2017. By ordinance, a maximum of five stands are allowed within city limits each year. Please take precautions when shooting off fireworks and be mindful and courteous of your neighbors.

To report illegal firework use, please call the Police Department at (636) 327-5105. To read the ordinance in its entirety, including the types of fireworks permitted to be discharged only on July 3 and July 4, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/fireworks](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/fireworks).



## Wentzville City Hall Now Re-Open

City Hall is now re-open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Health and safety precautions have been put in place to protect our visitors and employees. Daily sanitization will take place at City Hall and hard-surfaces will be cleaned regularly. The number of visitors in the lobby and Board Chambers may be limited as necessary.

Residents can call City Hall at (636) 327-5101 to learn more about procedures and/or to make an appointment, if necessary. Appointments can be made for plan reviews, permits and more. However, there are many ways to do business with the City online. You can complete permit forms, pay bills, register for programs and more — all at [www.wentzvillemo.org](http://www.wentzvillemo.org).

For up-to-date information, visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/COVID-19](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/COVID-19) or call (636) 327-5101.

### SPRING AT CITY HALL

## Meetings and Upcoming Events

### FRIENDS OF THE WENTZVILLE PARKS

5:30 P.M. \ JULY 2 AND AUG. 6

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

6 P.M. \ JULY 8 & 22 AND AUG. 12 & 26

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

6 P.M. \ JULY 9 AND AUG. 13

### PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

6:30 P.M. \ JULY 13 AND AUG. 3

### PARKS AND REC BOARD ART COMMITTEE

4 P.M. \ JULY 14 AND AUG. 11

### PARKS AND REC BOARD TREE COMMITTEE

6:30 P.M. \ JULY 16 AND AUG. 20

### DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

6 P.M. \ JULY 28 AND AUG. 25

### PLANNING AND ZONING

6 P.M. \ AUG. 5



**FREE\*** **electronics**  
 RECYCLING EVENT + DOCUMENT SHREDDING  
 OCT. 31, 2020  
 AT HOLT HIGH SCHOOL \ 9-11:30 A.M.

\*Some items will incur a fee, to learn more please visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/electronicsrecycling](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/electronicsrecycling).

**ECRWSS**  
**Postal Customer**



## Sign up for Emergency Alerts

The W.I.N.D. program (or Wentzville Information Notification Delivery) allows residents and businesses to sign up to receive City emergency notifications and City announcements in multiple ways.

Residents and business owners can get calls on their landlines and cell phones, as well as text messages and emails to whatever device they desire. The program is completely free and you can

un-enroll at any time. You can customize the types of notifications and alerts you would like to receive.

The information that you provide will only be used for emergency and City announcements. We will not distribute your telephone numbers or email addresses to any vendor or other organization. To sign up and learn more, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.org/windfaqs](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/windfaqs).

## Ready in 3: Be Prepared for Severe Weather

Storms can come together quickly, so it's important to be ready. Being prepared ahead of time can help get you to safety as quickly as possible. "Ready in 3" from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, is a three-step program designed to help you be prepared!

**01** **Create a Plan** that determines how you could respond to different events. You should consider at least two scenarios — sheltering-in-place and evacuating.

**02** **Prepare a Kit** to supply your family, coworkers and pets with materials that sustain well-being for up to three days. This could include canned food and bottled water.

**03** **Listen for Information** in order to receive warnings and updates from government officials, local media or other responding agencies. Sign up for W.I.N.D. notifications from the City.