



## Resident and Dedicated Volunteer, Mary Tow, Named Wentzville's 2017 Citizen of the Year

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At Wentzville's Jan. 24 Board of Aldermen meeting, the City presented Wentzville resident Mary Tow with the 2017 Citizen of the Year award. The award recognizes outstanding residents and business owners whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

Mary Tow is the face you never see, and, perhaps, the name you never hear – until now. As a volunteer, Mary works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep several local nonprofit and religious organizations up and running, including: Wentzville Community Club, Wentzville Area Senior Services, Inc., Wentzville Historical Society, Wentzville Main Street Association, Crossroads Art Council, Saint Theodore Catholic Church, Green Lantern Senior Center and more.

Mary has donated countless hours of time spent recording minutes, organizing files, creating letters and notices, and updating social media pages. Her volunteer role, expertise and skills have benefited many local start-up clubs and organizations.

No matter the role or time of day, Mary is willing and able to help. Whether it's collecting signatures from residents in support of the road improvements on Highway 40/61 or setting up the BBQ Hut at the Community Club at 5 a.m. on a Sunday – Mary is up for the challenge!

Mary's work with the Crossroads Art Council and Wentzville Community Club has resulted in a now annual art show, where local artists of all ages can showcase their work.

Mary Tow loves Wentzville and shows that through her volunteer work at many organizations that are making a positive impact on our community. Mary's volunteer efforts have greatly benefited our senior community, local artists of all ages, Wentzville's downtown revitalization and historic preservation efforts, safety improvements along the 40/61 corridor and more.

*Last fall, residents, Wentzville business owners and employees of Wentzville businesses were invited to submit nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award. The nominations were reviewed and the final selection was made by the Citizen Recognition Award Committee.*

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