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Electronic Recycling + Document Shredding

Do you have electronic waste – old phones, broken laptops, worn-out power tools? You can recycle them all during the City's next Electronics Recycling and Personal Document Shredding event. Aside from keeping electronic waste out of our landfills, electronics recycling

helps conserve our natural resources and save money. Help us keep our local landfills free of electronic waste and join us for this electronics recycling event.

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THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT HOLT HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome New Businesses!

Debbie House Insurance Agency

14 E. Main St., Suite 107

Gutter Duck

2325 Markoe Ave.

Satins and Sashes

24 W. Main St.

Happy Cloud

709 W. Pearce Blvd.

National Night Out: Oct. 6



Each year residents from more than 15,000 communities join together to celebrate National Night Out (NNO), a nationwide initiative to fight back against crime and build ties between community members and law enforcement.

As part of this event, Wentzville invites residents to join us on Tuesday, Oct. 6 by turning on your porch lights, going outside and safely visiting with your neighbors. Remember to practice physical distancing and wear masks when you can't be six feet apart.

To request a visit from City officials during NNO, or if you need more information about how to plan your own National Night Out activities, please call Officer Mainieri at (636) 639-2171 or send an email to Michael.Mainieri@wentzvillemo.org.

For more NNO ideas, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/NNO.



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Business Spotlight: Q&A with Souland Gyro

The Wentzville Bluffs is home to the Cavka brothers' newest location in the St. Louis area. Souland Gyro's fast-casual concept specializes in Mediterranean dishes.

OWNERS: Senad and Ernad Cavka (pictured above)

WHEN DID YOU OPEN? Souland Gyro was started in the St. Louis area in 2009, there are currently four locations. As licensees, we opened our first location in O'Fallon, Missouri, in 2018 and our second location in Wentzville in 2020.

WHY DID YOU LOCATE YOUR BUSINESS IN WENTZVILLE? We realized that there wasn't this type of food (Mediterranean) available in the area.

WHAT DO YOU BRING TO WENTZVILLE BY HAVING YOUR BUSINESS HERE? We feel that we bring a little diversity to such a strong and growing community. We love that we are able to provide a Mediterranean option to the Wentzville community.

WHAT PRODUCTS/SERVICES DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER? As our name implies, we offer different types of gyros, but also bowls, wraps, salads and other vegetarian options.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE? Everyone here is friendly and supportive. The community is very welcoming, which has made it easier to jump in and get our business started.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS? Only time will tell but we have plans for a

bright future! We are constantly looking for new ways to improve our products and our overall business.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE WENTZVILLE WILL EVOLVE INTO IN FIVE YEARS? I strongly believe that Wentzville as a community will only continue to expand and grow. This positive growth means more businesses and services will continue to be offered to community members down the road.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS, ADVICE OR NEWS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE? We make our bread and tzaziki sauce from scratch. We also offer catering and customers can order online through our website for delivery or pickup. Learn more at www.soulandgyro.com.





Message from the Mayor: Safe-Driving Reminders

While back-to-school certainly looks a little different this fall, it is still important to share some safe-driving reminders.

When dropping off students, don't park alongside another parked vehicle — this blocks visibility for other children and vehicles. Never load or unload children across the street from their school.

Remember, you're sharing the road with young pedestrians. Don't block

crosswalks when stopped at red lights or while waiting to make a turn. This forces pedestrians to walk around the vehicle and enter the path of traffic. Always stop for crossing guards and patrol officers, and never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

Don't forget you're once again sharing the road with school buses, too! Don't pass a bus if it's stopped to load or unload children; if the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The 10-foot area around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; so, stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.

With school in session again, more bicyclists will also be on your morning

commute. When passing a bicyclist, proceed slowly and leave three feet between your car and the cyclist. Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars, and check side mirrors before opening your door.

Going back to school also means new teenage drivers are at the wheel. Teen drivers should take the following precautions. First, make sure you and all passengers are wearing seat belts, also remember to obey all speed limits, and don't make assumptions about what other drivers, cyclists or pedestrians are going to do.

When motorists remember to travel with caution and care, everyone can reach their destination safely. Stay safe, Wentzville!

City Named Top Workplace Second Consecutive Year

The City of Wentzville has been named to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2020 Top Workplace list. This list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey which measures several aspects of workplace culture, including how employees feel about pay, benefits, managers and leadership – just to name a few.

The anonymous survey also measures employee engagement, retention and motivation. The City of Wentzville was the only municipal government to be honored again this year. More than 188 City of Wentzville staff members, representing 63% of City employees, responded to the survey this spring, and took the time to provide valuable feedback.

“It is reassuring to know that although 2020 has been far from ‘business as usual,’ our City of Wentzville employees feel connected, respected and appreciated. We are committed to being flexible, providing the best employment experience in local government, and

sustaining a workplace that values our employees and their dedication to serving the Wentzville community. Receiving this recognition two years in a row is an honor and we will continue to engage and support our employees moving forward,” said City Administrator Douglas Lee.

Only those employers that scored the highest locally and met national benchmarks made the list. More than 186 organizations in the St. Louis area were surveyed – representing 45,120 employees – however, only 140 organizations were awarded a 2020 Top Workplace designation. To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/2020topworkplace.



Staff Celebrates #CityHallSelfie Day

On Aug. 14 City employees took a few minutes out of their day to celebrate City Hall Selfie Day.

The day is a worldwide celebration of local government service. The day showcases pride in local government institutions. City employees love their jobs and are committed to their roles as public servants. Learn more about the day at elgl.org/cityhallselfie.



Golf Carts in Wentzville: Rules of the Road

On July 22, the Wentzville Board of Aldermen amended an ordinance regarding the operation of golf carts on City streets. Federal guidelines, Missouri state law and local ordinances like this set guidelines for the operation of golf carts while maintaining a focus on protecting the driver and passengers of golf carts and pedestrians. It is important to note that vehicles classified as ATVs and UTVs are not included in this amendment and may not be operated on City streets. Here's a quick look at the rules of the road as they apply to golf carts operated within Wentzville city limits.

How is a golf cart defined? A golf cart is any vehicle propelled by an electric or gas engine with no less than three wheels in contact with the ground, designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes, and not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour. Motor vehicles classified as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs) or off-road vehicles are expressly excluded from this definition.

When can a golf cart be operated? No golf cart can be operated:

- At a speed of more than 20 MPH.
- On private property without permission.
- In a negligent manner, such as endangering any person or property.
- Under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- With more passengers than it's designed to carry.

Where can a golf cart be operated?

Unless otherwise posted, a golf cart may be operated upon a Wentzville City street in accordance with the following:

- A golf cart may not be operated on a street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour.
- A golf cart may not cross a City street or highway with a posted speed limit of greater than 35 miles per hour – even if there is a traffic light at such intersection.
- Golf carts operated on City streets (and designated golf-cart lanes) will be driven as close to the right shoulder as possible and must not impede the regular flow of vehicular traffic.
- Golf carts will not be driven on any sidewalk, trail, path or walkway designed for pedestrians/bicyclists unless designated as a golf-cart lane. Golf carts can cross these pathways, when necessary.

What is a golf-cart lane? A designated golf-cart lane is an authorized municipal roadway expressly allowing for the operation of golf carts at the time of the establishment of the subdivision. The subdivision streets located within Bear Creek and Golf Club of Wentzville are the only designated golf cart lanes currently in Wentzville city limits.

Who can operate a golf cart? Each person operating a golf cart must have a valid driver's license. The golf cart operator must observe all traffic laws and ordinances of the City of Wentzville regarding the

rules of the road. Additionally, every golf cart operator must maintain insurance as required by Missouri state law (Chapter 303, RSMo).

What equipment is required for a golf cart to operate in Wentzville city limits?

- A rear-view mirror
- A parking brake
- A VIN (vehicle identification number)
- A seat belt or other safety restraint for rear-facing passengers.
- If operating a golf cart during the period from half-an-hour before sunset to half-an-hour before sunrise must also have 1) A front-facing headlamp with a white light visible at night under normal conditions at least 500 feet away; and 2) a rear-facing red tail light visible at night under normal conditions from at least 500 feet away.

How will enforcement work? The Wentzville Police Department will have full authority to enforce state and local traffic laws as they apply to motor vehicles' operation, including the authority to impound a golf cart in the same manner that it would impound other motor vehicles upon the violation of applicable state or local traffic laws.



To read more specific details about golf-cart operation and to view the ordinance in its entirety, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/golfcarts.



THIS DRIVE-THRU AND DROP-OFF EVENT WILL BE HELD OCT. 31

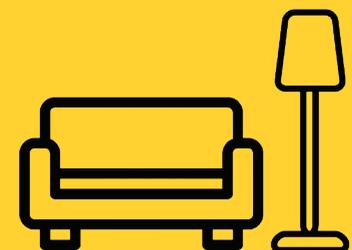
Large-Item Pickup: Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Twice each year, Wentzville offers free large-item pickup. This service is perfect for residents who are looking to dispose of old furniture and appliances. To participate in the Fall Large-Item Pickup, please place your large items at the curb by 6 a.m. *on your regularly scheduled solid waste/recycling collection day during the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2. **Please note: this large-item pickup is for Wentzville residential solid waste customers only and there is a FOUR-ITEM LIMIT per household.**

Again this fall, participating residents are required to take the following precautions in order to protect the health and safety of all program participants and staff.

- Please place items at the curb **72 HOURS BEFORE** collection day to allow items to be outside for three days.
- When possible, **SANITIZE YOUR LARGE ITEMS** before placing them at the curb. Cloth items can be sprayed with disinfectant; other items should be wiped down with cleaning wipes or soap and water.
- **DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALK** or other walkways with your large items, as they will be at the curb for an extended period of time.
- **WEAR GLOVES** when moving your large items from your home to the curb.

To learn more and view accepted and not-accepted items, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/largeitempickup. Questions? Please call (636) 327-5102.



Electronic Recycling Cont'd

Any changes or updates to this event will be published at www.wentzvillemo.org/electronicrecycling.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 31 — This FREE* drive-thru and drop-off event will run from 9-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: This year's event will be held again at Holt High School, located at 600 Campus Dr. The event will take place at the back of the school (behind the tennis courts).

WHO: The event is open to individuals and families; no businesses, please.

WHAT: Almost anything with a plug is accepted FREE* for this electronics recycling event. To view a list of accepted (and not accepted) items, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/electronicrecycling.

SHREDDING LIMITS: Personal shredding is limited to six "Bankers Boxes" (or boxes of the same size) OR three 13-gallon

(kitchen-sized) garbage bags, per vehicle. NOTE: Please only shred items with personally identifiable information. Items that don't contain personally identifiable information should be recycled at a drop-off site or in your FIBER recycling cart.

ITEMS WITH A FEE: While the majority of items are accepted FREE, some items (including TVs and items containing Freon) will incur a fee. *Fee-based items include:

- CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) TVs 26" or less: \$30
- CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) TVs 27" or greater (This includes Console TVs, True Big Screen TVs and Projection TVs): \$50
- Flat Screen TVs - All sizes (LED, LCD, and Plasma): \$20
- Freon Containing Items (Freezers, Refrigerators, AC Units, Dehumidifiers, etc.): \$10
- Tanning beds with lamps: \$150
- CRT Monitors: \$5

Fall Citywide Yard Sale: Sept. 25 & 26

Whether you're looking for bargains or cleaning out your home, Wentzville's Citywide Yard Sale is for you! Join us Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25 and 26 to rid your home of any unwanted items by listing your sale for \$7. The deadline to list a sale is Monday, Sept. 21.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 23, treasure hunters may purchase a booklet at City Hall or Progress Park for only \$2 listing all of the area sales. Customers that purchase a booklet will also be able to access the digital version online. To learn more, please call the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 332-9236.



Tree-Limb Pickup: Over a three-week period, by ward

Fall tree-limb collection is provided to Wentzville residents through the Chipper Program. To view program details, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/treelimbpickup. The fall tree-limb collection will take place — by ward — over a three-week period. Determine which ward you live in at www.wentzvillemo.org/wardmap.

The fall 2020 collection schedule is as follows:

- Ward 1: Week of Oct. 5
- Ward 2: Week of Oct. 12
- Ward 3: Week of Oct. 19

Please stack your tree limbs at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday of your scheduled week. Tree-limb pickup is NOT associated with your regular solid waste/recycling collection day or the City’s contracted solid waste hauler. Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. Leaves, root balls, decorative grass or grass clippings are not included in this collection.

Board Update: Preserving Our Parks

City facilities enhance the lives of our residents in numerous ways. For instance, City parks provide green spaces and help keep visitors physically active. Wentzville boasts more than 340 acres of park land and 18.1 miles of trails and pathways. Our parks offer a wide variety of amenities including athletic fields, playgrounds, fishing, basketball courts, an indoor walking track and gymnasium, paved trails, nature areas, a sand volleyball pit and much more! Plus, with the new Wentzville Community Center in the works there’s even more fun, recreational opportunities on the horizon.

The City of Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department provides many opportunities for people of all ages. Programs offered include fitness, sports leagues, and cultural arts and enrichment classes. The Department’s mission is to enhance community unity, health and open space preservation through people, parks and programs. The Department prides itself in keeping each park safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy. However, Wentzville residents must also take pride in helping to keep our City parks and recreational areas clean, green and beautiful.

City parks are an extension of your own back yard and as such we need your help to take care of these beautiful green spaces. This means preventing litter in our parks and leaving the spaces as clean or cleaner than you found them. We must all feel a sense of responsibility for our community. When you embrace the idea that our parks belong to you – that they belong to all of



us – you are less likely to litter or to allow people around you to litter!

Vandalism in our parks is also a serious, unnecessary and costly problem. Each year the City spends thousands of tax dollars to remove graffiti and repair damage done by vandals. We would much rather use your funding to enhance and beautify the parks! If you have a cell phone with you or live adjacent to a park you can help us out with our “Park Watch” program. If you see anyone acting suspicious, damaging property, driving on the grass or defacing playground equipment, please report it by calling the Wentzville Police Department at (636) 327-5105. Thank you for doing your part to preserve our City parks!



Sign up Now for the All-New Parks and Rec eNewsletter

Wentzville Parks and Recreation is going digital! We are excited to announce the launch of our eNewsletter!



Stay up to date on programs, events and more, when you sign up for our monthly Parks and Recreation eNewsletter – which will be delivered right to your inbox! Sign up at any time at www.wentzvillemo.org/WPReNewsletter.

Picture Perfect: 2020 Photo Contest Winners

In early June, residents were invited to submit photographs capturing the beauty of Wentzville. All of the photos were submitted through the City's Instagram channel. We received over 30 submissions this year, and more than 200 people cast their vote for their top three favorites.

If you didn't get your photo submitted in time, don't worry! The 2021 photo contest will be back bigger and better than before. Look for details in late spring. Visit the City on Instagram @WentzvilleMo to view all of this year's entries.



1ST PLACE: @TERRAHYDROJETT



2ND PLACE: @h2omomkat



3RD PLACE: @hotcorner020photography

*Congratulations
2020 Winners!*

Labor Day Hours and Collection Changes

City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7. However, the Progress Park Recreation Center (indoors) will be open regular hours. To view current Recreation Center hours, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org/rechours.

Solid waste, recycling and yard-waste collection will run one day late the week of Sept. 7. There will be no collection on Monday, Sept. 7. Monday's collection will move to Tuesday; Tuesday's collection will move to Wednesday and so forth, with Friday's collection taking place on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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**Applications are accepted year-round;
nominate someone today!**

Questions? Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101

WENTZVILLE'S
CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR

Submit your nomination and view award
criteria at www.wentzvillemo.org/coty.

The Citizen Recognition Program was created by the Citizen Recognition Award Committee of Wentzville to acknowledge outstanding individuals and groups that make a significant contribution, a positive impact, or improving the quality of life for citizens in the community. Applications are accepted year-round. Please review eligibility criteria, nomination procedures and more at www.wentzvillemo.org/coty.