

Splash Station Construction Wraps Up As Heartland Park Gets Underway



Several of the young members of the Wildcats who are looking forward to playing on the new athletic fields at Heartland Park took part in the official groundbreaking ceremony on January 11.



By the end of January, the finishing touches were being added to Wentzville's new, state-of-the-art aquatic center, Splash Station.



This year promises to be an exciting time for parks development in Wentzville with the opening of the City's new 62,600-square-foot aquatic center, Splash Station, and construction beginning on the City's next new park—Heartland Park.

In January of this year, the final touches were being put on Splash Station, readying it for its May 15 Open House and the Opening activities scheduled for May 22 and 23. More information about everything planned for the Grand Opening of Splash Station will be in the May/June *Vision* newsletter, and posted in the Parks and Recreation section of the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org.

Located on Peine Road, adjacent to Peine Ridge Elementary, Splash Station will offer water features like a 400-foot lazy river with tubes for people to float, a 90-foot-long and 24-foot-tall fiberglass water flume with plunge pool, and a 35-foot by 40-foot diving pool with a 3-meter diving platform. Other amenities will be a recreation pool featuring a zero-depth beach entry and shade umbrellas over portions of it, 60-foot lap lanes, water basketball, a therapy seat, water benches, and more.

On January 11, the City celebrated the groundbreaking of Heartland Park, which is located behind Dierbergs, just off Wentzville Parkway. The opening of Heartland Park is expected by late this year, or early 2015. When it opens, Heartland Park will provide residents trails, a lake, and two synthetic-turf fields for playing football, soccer or lacrosse.

For its construction of Heartland Park, Wentzville was awarded a 319 Grant to support nonpoint source pollution prevention projects, including \$477,000 towards construction of green infrastructure at Heartland Park. Funding comes from US EPA Region 7 through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources under the Clean Water Act. Features such as rain gardens, a lake forebay, wetlands, and pervious pavements help remove contaminants such as trash, oil, and chemicals on parking lots from rain water runoff before it flows into Crossroads Creek. The City matched \$500,000 for construction costs at the park for the grant.

Don't Miss It!

Mark your calendars so you don't miss all the fun activities for Splash Station's opening in May! Everyone's invited!

May 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open House

May 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.— Soft Opening with "duck" races, games, and prizes.

May 23, 4:00-8:00 p.m.— Grand Opening

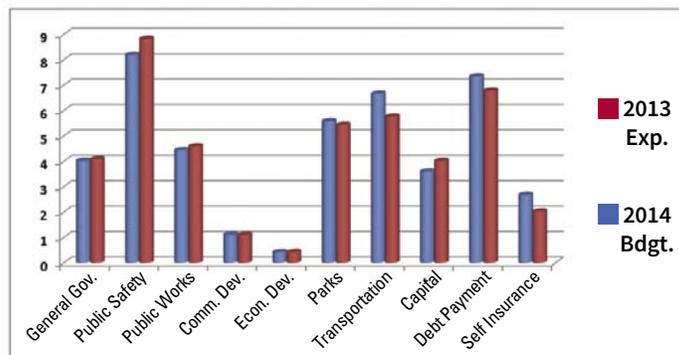
Watch for more information in the May/June *Vision* newsletter, the *Winter/Spring Fun Times*, and on the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org.

2014 Budget Continues Conservative Approach With Reduced Spending

The City of Wentzville operates on a January 1 through December 31 budget year. In late December of 2013, the Board of Aldermen gave final approval to the City's 2014 Budget of just over \$56.53 million in total City expenditures, which is about one percent less than what year-end estimates were for the City's 2013 total expenses.

Revenue projections for 2014 are a little over \$57.19 million, which reflects a four-percent increase over the City's 2013 estimated revenue totals. The projected one-percent drop in budgeted expenditures despite a predicted four-percent increase in revenue is typical of the conservative fiscal approach the City has followed for years, and one of the reasons the City has been able to maintain an Aa2 bond rat-

Citywide Expense by Category
2014 Comparisons



Amounts represented in millions.

ing by recognized bond rating services.

Below are a few highlights of Wentzville's 2014 Annual Budget. Residents can find the full budget on the City's website, www.wentzvillemo.org, by clicking on the Budget link from the Finance Department's section of the website. Residents can also view a printed copy of the full 2014 Annual Budget at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard.

Revenue

The 2013 reassessments dropped assessed property values in Wentzville by three percent. Property tax for 2014 is anticipated to remain flat. The good news last year was a 10-percent increase in the City's sales tax collected. While the 2014

Robert Bartolotta Hired as New City Administrator

At their January 22 Board of Aldermen meeting, Wentzville's Board members reviewed and approved a contract agreement to appoint Robert Bartolotta as the City's new City Administrator. Wentzville has been without a City Administrator since the unexpected passing of T. Michael McDowell in August of 2013.



Bartolotta holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and his experience includes 35 years in municipal management—cutting across four states and multiple suburban areas. He says he manages with a focus on customer service, continuous improvement, planning, and employee development. Under his contract agreement with the City, Bartolotta will assume his City Administrator duties in late February, and be paid an annual salary of \$130,000. The City will also provide Bartolotta an automobile for his use.

Of his upcoming move to Wentzville, Bartolotta said, "We are looking forward to living and working in Wentzville and becoming active in community programs." Bartolotta said his wife, who is a social worker, is active in dog rescue and takes classes in agility with their three family dogs. She is hoping to continue the sport in the Wentzville area and is quite excited about living fairly close to the Purina Farms at Grey Summit.

Bartolotta grew up in St. Louis County and still has family members living in the area. In addition to family in St. Louis, Bartolotta said he and his wife have five grandchildren and three grown children—a son in North Carolina, a daughter in Georgia, and a son in Arizona.

2014 Budget Highlights | *continued from front page*

increase in sales tax collected is expected to be a more modest three-percent, the City still expects an increase in this important revenue source in 2014.

The increased production volume at the

General Motors Assembly Plant and more new homes coming to Wentzville are expected to result in increased revenue in 2014 for Charges for Services. Charges for Services include the City's charges for water, sewer, and trash, as well as for park programs and facility fees.

Intergovernmental revenue is primarily grant funding, and varies greatly each year depending on the number of large road projects or other grant-related projects scheduled. There was not much change in the capital projects total in 2014 from the total in 2013.

Expenditures

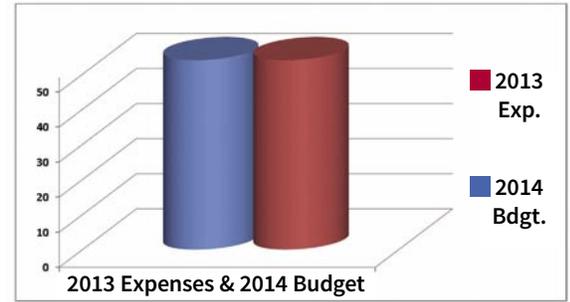
Total City expenditures budgeted for 2014 are one percent lower than what year-end estimates were for expenditures in 2013. The reduction, in large part, is due to fewer large capital projects budgeted in 2014.

The 2014 Budget does reflect increases in personnel, other charges and services, repairs and maintenance, and contract services. Additional personnel in the Police, Public Works, Community Development, and Finance departments accounted for some of the increased personnel costs. Some of the potential cost increases were offset, however, by a change in the medical insurance plan for City employees. The new plan changes employee contribution for family coverage from \$10 per month to \$132.20 per month.

An increase in the area of Repairs and Maintenance is due primarily to increased road maintenance planned for FY 2014. Approximately \$2 million is planned this year for concrete replacement and asphalt overlays.

The amount the City plans to spend in 2014 for Contract Services is also up \$87,090 over the budgeted amount for 2013. The category for Contract Services in 2014 includes \$1.3 million for the City's share of a Mo-DOT project constructing the new Peine Road and Hwy P interchange, lifeguard positions at both Progress Park and Splash Station, and all mowing, with the exception of ball fields.

Budget Totals Comparisons



Amounts represented in millions.

2013 City-Utility-Tax Refunds Available to Eligible Residents



From April 1 through May 30, eligible residents can apply for a City-utility-tax refund. The refund amount is according to what was listed as "City Tax" on the resident's electric, gas and phone bills during 2013.

To be eligible for the refund, individuals need to either rent or own their primary residence in the City of Wentzville, be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security, and had a maximum 2013 gross income of \$39,450 for single-person households and \$45,050 for married-couple households. Refunds are only available for the months when the resident lived in Wentzville and was at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled.

Residents can apply for the refund at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard. When applying for the refund, residents will need proof of residency (such as a current utility bill), income, age and/or disability, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills for the months they were eligible. Also, to comply with Missouri's section 208.009 that prohibits a local public benefit being distributed to illegal aliens, residents will be required to present one of the following: a driver's license, Social Security card, or birth certificate.

If residents have further questions about the refunds, they can call Wentzville City Hall at (636) 327-5101, or the Village Square Utility Service Center at (636) 639-2155.

April 8 Municipal Candidates

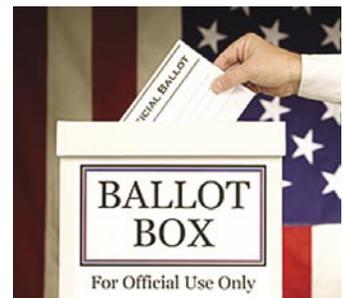
All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 8, 2014, election. Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 12 to register. Voter registration forms are available at all Missouri State offices that provide public assistance, any City Hall, public library, public school, vehicle registration office, St. Charles Community College, or at the St. Charles County Election Authority's Office, which is located at 397 Turner Boulevard in St. Peters.

Below are the Wentzville candidates running for seats on Wentzville's Board of Aldermen this April.

Alderman Ward 1, Two-Year Term
Forrest Gossett
Robert "Rob" Hussey

Alderman Ward 2, Two-Year Term
Michael Rhoades

Alderman Ward 3, Two-Year Term
Linda L. Wright
Rick Stokes



MAYOR'S COMMENT: 2014 State of the City



Mayor
Nickolas Guccione

I'm happy to say the state of our City is good and our future is bright. In large part, this enviable state is due to the City's long history of taking a conservative fiscal approach, while at the same time positioning our City for future development.

Our City is financially sound. We still maintain an Aa2 bond rating, and at the end of 2013, the Board of Aldermen approved a balanced budget of \$56,539,388 for 2014—one percent less than our estimated expenses in 2013. Although property assessment values dropped 3 percent in 2013, we saw a 10-percent-sales-tax increase last year, and we expect to see a 3-percent increase this year. We also expect an increase in our utility revenue in 2014, due to continued residential growth and the expansion at the General Motors Wentzville Assembly Plant.

Wentzville continues to see residential and commercial growth. In 2013 we issued 538 permits for new housing units, which is the highest number of new housing starts we've seen since 2007. In 2000 our population was only 6,896, but by late 2013, our estimated population had risen to 32,500, and we expect our population to top 44,000 by 2020.

In 2013 we saw 35 million construction dollars invested in our City, which is the highest amount we've experienced since 2008. Last year we issued 627 business licenses, 48 of which were for new businesses. This new commercial development has brought hundreds of new jobs to Wentzville, and more are expected this year.

Even through a brutal recession, our **infrastructure has kept up with growth.** Two community-development projects completed in 2013 were the Church Street improvements, and the scheduled expansion of our Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will make it possible for us to stay ahead of our population growth. In 2013 we also invested \$1.2 million in slab replacement on our roads, implemented an

FROM THE BOARD:

Board Endorses Pilot Program to Reduce Speeding in Neighborhoods

At press time for the March/April *Vision* newsletter, the Board of Aldermen, with the support of the Mayor, was giving final passage to an ordinance crafting a pilot program to address drivers speeding through our neighborhoods. The "Increased Safety Area" initiative calls for double fines for speeding in certain subdivisions.

The initial streets selected for the pilot project are:

- Bear Creek (Bear Creek Drive)
- Woodlands at Bear Creek (Rocky Mound Drive only)
- Villages at Stone Gate (Stone Run Boulevard only)
- Great Oaks (all streets in Great Oaks)

Wentzville's Police Chief Lisa Harrison said, "The goal of the program is to increase the safety of the residents in these neighborhoods through the promotion of safer driving habits. Both the motoring and pedestrian public will benefit from these increased safety zones."

Chief Harrison said that signage is being installed in all the affected neighborhoods. After the Board of Aldermen gives final passage to the measure, there will be a 45-day educational period for all areas. Chief Harrison explained the educational period is designed to give all drivers notice of the double-fine zones for speeding.

The request for increased traffic safety zones originated with residents of the neighborhoods selected for the pilot program. The pilot program is scheduled for one year, after which the Wentzville Police Department will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

If residents would like their neighborhood streets to be included in the Increased Safety Area initiative, they should contact their representatives on the Board of Aldermen.

online payment process for utility bills and court fines, and implemented body cameras for all our police officers. Steady growth and maintaining adequate fund balances have made it possible for us to continue community-development projects at a time when other cities are struggling to maintain status-quo.

We've also continued adding recreational amenities. As we move into 2014, we're putting the finishing touches on our new, state-of-the-art aquatic center, Splash Station. On May 15 we'll hold an Open House to show off this 62,000-square-foot aquatic center, with the Grand Opening scheduled for May 23. On Jan 11 of this year we celebrated the ground breaking of our next new park, Heartland Park. We expect Heartland Park to open for use by late 2014 or early 2015. When it opens, Heartland Park will provide residents trails, a lake, and two synthetic-turf fields for playing football, soccer or lacrosse.

There are several significant projects scheduled in 2014. We've budgeted \$2 million for slab replacement and asphalt overlay this year to keep our roads up to acceptable standards. Also, by the end of July or early August, we expect to see the implementation of a new, regional radio communications system. The new system will provide interoperability of communications between police departments, fire and ambulance districts, public works, and parks departments within seven counties and the city of St. Louis. It will also hook into the state communications system. Because the new system will move our communications from analog to a digital basis, it will eliminate many of the communication challenges that currently exist.

We also expect to see the replacement of the current 911 emergency system. The new system will accept text as well as spoken calls for help, and will be better at identifying a person's location when he or she dials 911 from a cell phone.

As I said in the beginning of this article, the state of our City is good and our future is bright. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Wentzville throughout 2014.

Wentzville's State of the City is Online!

Would you like to know what the City's population trend has been and where it is expected to go? Maybe you're interested in the number of new businesses that came to Wentzville in 2013, and how last year's construction dollars stacked up against previous years. All that information and more is included in Wentzville's new State of the City address, and it's only a couple mouse clicks away. The most current State of the City address can be downloaded from the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org. From the City's home page, place your cursor on the "Your Government" tab; then from the drop-down box, choose the "Mayor and Alderman" option and then click on the "State of the City Address" link. It's full of great, easy-to-understand information about your City, and it's all at your fingertips.



NEW BUSINESSES

Fairfield Inn & Suites

130 Crossroads South Drive

Magical Adventures Learning Center

5293 Quail Ridge Parkway

Neskas Insurance Agency

(Farmer's Insurance)

15366 Veteran's Memorial Parkway

Homenations, Inc.

(Wholesale Furniture Warehouse)

121 Avalon Industrial Parkway

The Tattooed Dog

Restaraunt & Food Truck

403 Luetkenhaus Boulevard

Sundberg Photography

24 West Main Street, Suite 217

International Tool & Equipment Group

160 Enterprise Drive

Hotshots Sports Bar & Grill

49 Wentzville Bluffs Drive

March Calendar of Events

SUNDAY

MONDAY

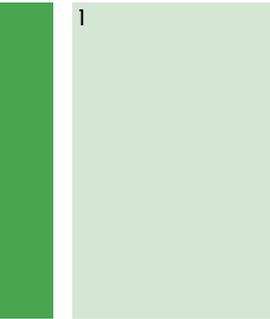
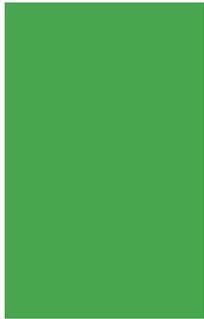
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



3
Yard Waste Pickup Resumes**
7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



4
6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



6
2:00-6:00 p.m.
Summer Job Fair**
Progress Park

7
6:30 p.m.
Trivia Night**
Progress Park Center



** See article in this edition of Vision. * Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.

9
Daylight Saving Time Begins**



11
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

12
Last Day to Register to Vote in April Election
6:00 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

13
6:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

14
7:00-9:00 p.m.
H.O.P.P. Night
Progress Park



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16
12:30-2:00 p.m.
Coffee Talk With the Mayor
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



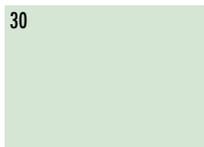
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6:00 p.m.
D.T. Hist. Preserv. Committee
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

21
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wine, Dine & Dance
Progress Park Center

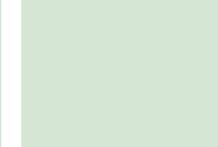
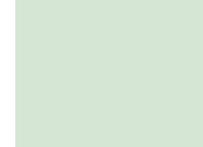
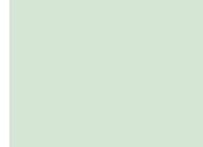
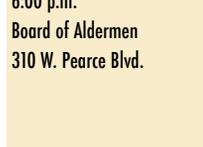


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9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

26
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Trials
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.



31
6:00 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



April Calendar of Events

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

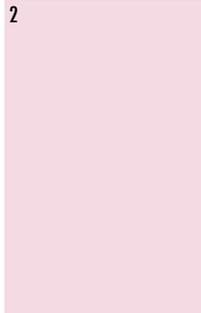
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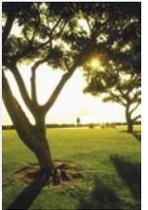
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Property Maintenance
Inspection Begins**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
First Day to Apply for City
Utility Tax Refund**
310 W. Pearce Blvd. &
5 W. Pearce Blvd.
6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



4
7:00-10:00 p.m.
H.O.P.P. EGGstravaganza**
Progress Park



5
10:00 a.m.-Noon
Arbor Day Celebration
Rotary Park



** See article in this edition of Vision. * Call City Hall at (636) 327-5101.



7
7:00 p.m.
Park Board Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

8
Municipal Elections**

9
6:00 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

10
6:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment
310 W. Pearce Blvd.



12
8:30 a.m.
Mission Clean Stream**
G.M. Assembly Plant
1500 E. Hwy A

8:30 a.m.
Easter EGGstravaganza**
Rotary Park
2:00 p.m.
Bone Hunt
Rotary Park



15
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.



17
5:30-8:15
Egg Decorating**
(times vary according
to age)
Progress Park
6:00 p.m.
D.T. Hist. Preserv.
Committee
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

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City Offices Closed for Good
Friday Holiday**



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Easter

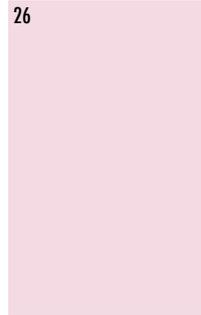
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Tree Limb Chipper Program
on North Side of City**

22
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on North Side of City**

23
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on North Side of City**
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Trials
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.
6:00 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

24
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on North Side of City**
6:00 p.m.
Storm Water Committee
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

25
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on North Side of City**



27
Last Day to Have Yard Sale
Listed in Booklet**
Progress Park

28
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on South Side of City**

29
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on South Side of City**
9:30 a.m.
Municipal Court
1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

30
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on South Side of City**
Citywide Yard Sale Booklet
on Sale**



May 1
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on South Side of City**



May 2
Tree Limb Chipper Program
on South Side of City**

May 3
Citywide Yard Sale

Easter Activities for Everyone!

This year Wentzville has Easter activities planned for all kids—from age one through eighth grade! Check out the special events below.

Easter EGGstravaganza

Kids ages 1-10 can hunt for thousands of eggs filled with candy and special prizes. Kids will be grouped according to their age. Don't forget to bring your basket, and come early for face painting, games and to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

April 12 • Gates open at 8:30 a.m. • Rotary Park
Come early for parking and special fun activities!

Tickets: \$3 in advance • \$5 on the day of the event, sold at Rotary Park

9:30 a.m. Ages 1-2, 7-8 and 9-10

10:00 a.m. Ages 3-4 and 5-6

Advance tickets sold at Progress Park until April 11, at 6:00 p.m., and you must bring purchased ticket with you on the day of the event.

Egg Decorating

Keep the mess out of your kitchen and provide your child the fun of decorating and dyeing eggs with other children of his or her own age. Each child will decorate a dozen eggs to take home, and enjoy a snack of punch and cookies. Due to limited space, parents will be asked to wait outside the room while class is in session.

April 17 • Progress Park
\$12 for Residents • \$15 for Nonresidents

5:30-6:15 p.m. Ages 2-3

6:30-7:15 p.m. Ages 4-6

7:30-8:15 p.m. Ages 7-9



H.O.P.P EGGstravaganza

Kids from sixth through eighth grade will have fun at this special H.O.P.P. night when in addition to hanging out with friends and dancing to their favorite tunes, after dark they get to hunt down eggs containing prizes. Kids pay at the front door, and everyone is required to stay the entire time unless signed out by an adult.

Please leave your hats and backpacks at home.

April 4 • 7-10 p.m. • \$8 • Progress Park

Youth Soccer Skills

Ages: 3-8

Cost: \$40 Resident, \$50 Nonresident

This introductory program will teach kids the basic skills of soccer. Each child will receive a size three soccer ball and a T-shirt; and work one-on-one with their parent or guardian in performing drills like dribbling, shooting, passing and throw-ins. The 45-minute, Wednesday-evening sessions will be held for three consecutive weeks, beginning May 7. Sessions for kids ages three to five start at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Starting time for kids ages six to eight is 7:30 p.m.



Adult Softball Leagues

This spring Wentzville will offer a **Co-Rec Softball League** for men and women ages 16 and up, and **Men's Recreational Softball Leagues** for men ages 16 and up. All leagues will be governed by USSSA rules and house rules. All bats must be USSSA approved, and a list of approved bats can be found at ussa.com. **Registration deadline for all Adult Softball Leagues is April 6.**

Men's Recreational Softball Leagues

Friday evening league that begins April 11, and will consist of a minimum of 10 games. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. and be played at Progress Park and Fireman's Park. T-shirts will be awarded to the first-place team in each league.

Fee: \$440 per team, which includes a new softball for each game, USSSA fees, and two umpires for each game.

Co-Rec Softball League

Sunday afternoon, double-header league that begins April 13, with a minimum of 14 games. Games will start at 1:00 p.m. and be played at Progress Park and Legion Park. T-shirts will be awarded to the first place team.

Fee: \$490 per team, which includes a new softball for each game, USSSA fees, and one umpire for each game.

Residents can call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236 to register for any of these programs or for more information.

Test Your Useless Trivia Knowledge

Put your "useless" trivia knowledge to the test on Friday, March 7, when Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department hosts another fun night of Trivia competition at the Progress Park Center. The night will consist of 10 rounds of questions, covering categories like college mascots, Disney, current events, and name that tune. You can also take part in a 50/50 raffle and games between rounds.

The doors for the Trivia Night will open at 6:30 p.m., with trivia rounds beginning at 7:00 p.m. Trivia teams will consist of 8 people, and the cost for the evening is \$160 per table of 8. A light snack and beverages are also included in the evening.

Registration deadline is February 28, but space is limited so register early to make sure your team doesn't get left out. For more information or to sign up your team, please contact the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 332-9236.



Irrigation Systems Require Permits and Annual Spring Testing

Irrigation systems are a great convenience, but they come with some responsibilities. First, residents who want to install an irrigation system must obtain a permit from the City prior to installation.

Second, the State of Missouri requires everyone with an irrigation system to have the backflow devices checked each spring by a certified backflow tester to make sure the system's backflow device is working properly. This requirement even applies to systems that are not used. Debris buildup and damaged parts due to freezing can allow contamination to flow from the sprinklers back into public water lines.

Once the testing has been completed, the homeowner is responsible for making sure the results are submitted to the City, whether the inspector sends in the results or the homeowner sends them. **Test-result reports must be sent to Wentzville's Public Works Department no later than June 1 of each year. Reports received after June 1 will be assessed a \$30 per month fine and non-compliance after July 1 results in the property being scheduled for water disconnection.**

The reports should be sent to:

Wentzville Public Works Department
Attention: Backflow Testing 200 E. Fourth Street
Wentzville, MO 63385

Or you may e-mail results to: backflow.test@wentzvillemo.org

If residents wish to completely discontinue use of their irrigation system, they must have a certified plumber remove the backflow device, and that same plumber must send the City a letter verifying that the device has been removed. The discontinued irrigation system may not be re-connected without re-installation of a backflow device.

If residents have any questions about having their irrigation system checked or submitting the test results, they can call the Wentzville Water Department at (636) 327-5102.



Yard-Waste Pickup Resumes March 3

Yard-waste pickup for the City of Wentzville resumes the first full week in March and continues through the last week of December. **Cancellations are accepted this year between January 1, 2014, and February 28, 2014. Residents who have not cancelled the service and were receiving yard-waste pickup when it ended December 31, 2013, will automatically receive the service again, beginning March 1, 2014.** Residents who receive yard-waste pickup should set yard waste out on the same day they set out trash and recycling. Everything should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the appropriate morning.

Residents can place their yard waste in brown recyclable bags or in a trash can. Residents can rent a yard-waste cart for \$3.00 a month, or they can use their own can. If residents use their own can, it must be clearly marked "Yard Waste" on the both sides. Residents can obtain "Yard-Waste-Only" stickers at Wentzville's Public Works Building, located at 200 E. Fourth Street.

Yard Waste includes leaves, grass clippings, or limbs and branches. Limbs and branches should not be more than 4-feet long, 18 inches in diameter, or weigh more than 40 pounds. Also, bundles should be tied with a natural twine or other bio-degradable binding material. Yard waste **DOES NOT** include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps or logs over 18 inches in diameter.

If residents have questions about yard-waste pickup or fees, they can call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049. They can also find information in the Public Works section of the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org. Just click on the Solid Waste and Recycling Quick Link in the right column.



Property Maintenance Inspections Begin April 1

For most people, their homes are their single largest investment. To help protect Wentzville homeowners' investments and ensure property values remain stable, the City annually conducts property-maintenance inspections. All properties are inspected every two years, with one half of the City inspected one year and the other half inspected the following year. The City is vigilant with these inspections, because deteriorating exteriors of homes can lower the marketability and value of neighboring properties.

In 2014, all structures in the western half of Wentzville will be inspected, with inspections beginning April 1. The City conducts these exterior inspections based upon the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code.

The items inspected on properties are as follows:

- Address numbers
- Sidewalk/driveway deterioration
- Overgrown grass/weeds/dead trees
- Garbage, trash or rubbish in yard
- Derelict autos or parts in yard
- Porches deteriorated
- Fences deteriorated
- Masonry damaged or deteriorated
- Windows damaged or broken/screens missing or broken
- Garage or main doors deteriorated or broken
- Exterior wall surfaces deteriorated—needing paint
- Guttering damaged or missing
- Roof shingles damaged or missing
- Accessory Structures



When City inspectors find a property that needs attention, they leave a notice on the door of the property. This notice allows a reasonable time for completion.

If residents have a concern about the exterior maintenance of properties in their neighborhood, they don't have to wait for the City's biannual inspection. Residents can call the Customer Service Center at (636) 639-2121 anytime to alert the City of a problem. By remaining attentive to ensure all Wentzville properties are suitably maintained, the City works to keep Wentzville a desirable place to live and work.

Your Mission...

Mission: Clean Stream & GM Earth Day Festival on April 12

When we EACH do a little, we can ALL do a lot!

On Saturday, April 12, residents across St. Charles County are invited to be part of the Eleventh Annual Mission: Clean Stream event and help clean our community's waterways. Families, organizations and individuals in the Wentzville/Lake St. Louis area who want to participate can call (636) 332-9236. Be sure to register early, because space is limited.



Over the last 9 years, more than 1,000 Mission: Clean Stream volunteers from Wentzville have removed 66,461 pounds of trash from our streams and lakes.

This year Wentzville is again teaming up with the GM Earth Day Festival for Mission: Clean Stream. Volunteers should meet at the GM Assembly Plant, located at 1500 E. Highway A in Wentzville, at 8:30 a.m. that morning. Be sure to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring gloves—trash is messy! Transportation is not provided. Volunteers will finish by noon and are encouraged to go to the Earth Day Festival at GM for lunch following the pickup.

Even if you can't help with the trash pickup that day, be sure to come for the family-friendly GM Earth Day Festival activities. There will be lots to see and do, including hands-on activities for all ages, raffles, live demonstrations, local artists welding Stream Trash Art from up-cycled materials, green products to sample, music, and food vendors. You can even enter to win free recycling and trash pickup for a year! In case of inclement weather on April 12, both Mission: Clean Stream and the GM Earth Day Festival will be held on April 26.

For more information about this year's Mission: Clean Stream, go to www.wentzvillemo.org/mcs.aspx.



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City Offices' Holiday Hours

Please note that City offices will be closed for Good Friday on April 18 so that City employees can spend the holiday with their families. The Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park will be open regular operation hours on Good Friday, but will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Daylight Saving Time Starts March 9

Don't to forget to set your clocks ahead one hour that day.

Chipper Program Provides Easy Disposal of Small Tree Limbs

The City's Chipper Program provides residents a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree limbs twice a year—once in the spring and once in the fall. The 2014 Spring Chipper Program will be the week of April 21 through April 25 for residents living north of the railroad tracks. For residents living south of the railroad tracks, the Spring Chipper Program will be the week of April 28 through May 2. The Fall Chipper Program will be October 20 through October 24 for residents north of the railroad tracks, and October 27 through October 31 for the residents south of the railroad tracks.



To take advantage of this free program, residents should have their tree limbs stacked at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the week their area is scheduled for the Chipper Program. Tree limbs must be less than eight inches in diameter and should not be bundled or placed in bags. The 2014 Chipper Program collection **does not include leaves, root balls, shrub and hedge trimmings, decorative grasses, or grass.**

Residents with questions may call Public Works Department at (636) 327-5102, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Score Big With Wentzville's Citywide Yard Sale

Whether you have seldom-used items you want to get rid of, or you're into searching for hidden treasures, you'll want to mark your calendar for this year's Spring Citywide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3. Just like previous years, this year's Spring Citywide Yard Sale is expected to attract thousands of shoppers from surrounding areas and as far away as Illinois!

To help you attract the right buyers or find the perfect treasure, take advantage of the Citywide Yard Sale Booklet the Parks and Recreation Department will put together and print. The booklets will include a treasure map listing all of the registered yard sales, a brief description of the items to be sold at each yard sale, and the hours of each listed yard sale. Residents who list their sales in the booklet will also receive an official City Yard Sale sign.

Sellers can list their yard sales with the Parks Department for \$6 through Sunday, April 27. If three neighbors want to go together and list their yard sales, the cost is only \$15. Beginning Wednesday, April 30, buyers can purchase the booklets for \$2 each at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard; the Utilities Service Center drive-up, located at 5 West Pearce Boulevard; or the Parks and Recreation Office, located in Progress Park at 968 Meyer Road. Shoppers can purchase booklets at the Parks and Recreation Office all the way through Saturday, May 3, but the other two locations will only be open regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

So, no matter whether you're buying or selling, this year's Spring Citywide Yard Sale is something you won't want to miss. For more information about the Citywide Yard Sale, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236 or (636) 327-7665.

Job Fair for Summer Parks and Recreation Positions



Don't miss out on the chance to have fun while earning a little extra cash this summer. On Thursday, March 6, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department will host a job fair at Progress Park to fill temporary summer positions. Positions available include Day Camp Counselors, Recreation Aids, Lifeguards, Concessionaires, and Umpires. Starting pay varies depending on position and experience.

Applicants should be highly motivated and age 16 or older by March 6, 2014. Applications can be filled out in advance by downloading them from the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org/employment-opportunities.aspx, or they can be picked up and completed on the day of the job fair. No advance appointments will be provided.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at (636) 332-9236.