



2014 Renaissance Faire Comes to Rotary Park With Special Themed Weekends*

Once again, the St. Louis Renaissance Faire will transform a small portion of Wentzville's Rotary Park into a Sixteenth Century French village known as Petit Lyon. The 2014 St. Louis Renaissance Faire runs Saturdays and Sundays, from May 17 through June 8, and will also be open to visitors on Memorial Day, May 26. Once admitted into this magical village, you can interact with colorful villagers, nobles, knights in armor, fair maidens, and personalities of ages past.

Every weekend of the Faire you can roam among the village shops filled with unique crafts and goods, and watch artisans demonstrate period skills. If you don't feel like shopping, the plethora of comedy acts, music, and feats of daring are sure to keep you entertained. And if sports are your thing, there will be jousting matches and axe-toss contests to entertain you. Once you work up an appetite, indulge yourself in delicious food and drink while strolling minstrels entertain you.

This summer, in addition to bringing Sixteenth Century France to Rotary Park, the Renaissance Faire will feature special themed weekends with Pirates, Gypsies, Celtic music and dancing, and even a Monty Python weekend. While every weekend will transport you back to Sixteenth Century France, the special themed weekends will be as follows: Monty Python, May 17-18; Celtic, May 24-26; Gypsy, May 31-June 1; and Pirates, June 7-8.

Whether you choose to interact with the villagers and nobles and become part of the experience, or just relax and be entertained by the ongoing comedy, musical performances, and antics of the villagers, your visit to Petit Lyon is sure to be a highlight of your summer. Residents can find out more about this year's St. Louis Renaissance Faire and the scheduled special entertainment and vendors by going to the organization's website at www.renstdl.org.

Dates, times and ticket prices for the Renaissance Faire are as follows:

Dates: May 17 - 18
May 24 - 26
May 31 - June 1
June 7 - 8

Times: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

| Tickets: | Daily Pass | Season Pass |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Adults | 15.95 | \$49.95 |
| Children (6-13) | \$8.95 | \$24.95 |
| Free for ages 5 and under | | |

Parking: Free



*This article is based on information obtained from the St. Louis Renaissance Faire website, www.renstdl.org, as of March 21, 2014.

FROM THE BOARD: A PROMISE FULFILLED WITH OPENING OF

Memorial Day weekend Wentzville's promise of enhanced parks facilities becomes a reality with the opening of Splash Station Aquatic Center. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are excited to share the culmination of a community's vision and commitment in tax support, collaboration, and development. The new facility will bring to residents and visitors aquatic features currently unavailable in the City. These new features include:

- 400-Foot Lazy River with Water Sprays • 24-Foot-Tall Water Flume
- Zero-Depth Beach Entry • 3-Meter Diving Platform with Dive Tank
- Children's Splash Playground • 60-Foot Lap Lanes
- Water Basketball • Bench With Water Jets • Water Shade Structures

Residents can view and tour the new aquatic center and everything it has to offer at a Splash Station Open House, scheduled for May 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. That will also be the last day residents can take advantage of the Early-Bird Discount for Splash Station memberships. Memberships are currently on sale at Progress Park. Enrollment is also open for aqua-fitness classes, aqua Zumba, river walking, SCUBA lessons, and diving lessons. Registration for swim lessons will open to residents on May 6, at 8:00 a.m., followed by nonresident registration on May 13.



In addition to the Splash Station Open House, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen invite the community to participate in a special event at Splash Station on Thursday, May 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event will include food and beverages, duck races with prizes, other games, and the opportunity to be the first patrons to swim at and enjoy all the fun Splash Station offers. Some of the prizes for the *continued on page 2*



Be a Good Fire-Pit Neighbor

Campfires hold special memories for many of us, and thanks to the growing popularity of home fire pits, many families needn't travel farther than their own backyard to enjoy the warmth and fun of sitting around a crackling campfire. Along with the enjoyment, the privilege of putting a fire pit in your backyard comes with safety responsibilities and the need to be considerate of others.

Below are rules to follow when installing and operating your backyard fire pit.

- Select the proper style of fire pit. It should be one made specifically for recreation and have screening on all sides including the top.
- Position the fire pit at least 15 feet from any structure, and make sure an extinguishing means is nearby, such as a water hose, fire extinguisher or sand.
- Only burn clean, dry wood in your fire pit. Never use it to burn trash, construction material or green wood.
- Always have an adult in constant attendance of the fire pit.
- Ensure that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area. Hot embers can be smoldering under a top layer of ashes, and if not completely extinguished, they can erupt into flames and quickly grow out of control.
- Never use a fire pit when a "No-Burn" order is in effect. If you're not sure, check with the fire district.
- High, sustained winds can spread a fire rapidly, so don't build a fire in a fire pit when there are sustained winds of 30 mph or more.
- Remember to watch the wind direction when using your fire pit, and don't build a fire so large it produces a lot of smoke.
- If a fire gets out of control, call 911 immediately.



City Addresses Tall Grass and Weeds on Vacant Lots on Concern Basis

To protect the safety, welfare, and investments of residents who live in Wentzville neighborhoods that are not fully developed, City ordinance governs the acceptable height of grass and weeds on vacant and undeveloped lots. City ordinance states vacant lots adjacent to a structure have to be mowed and maintained, and that weeds and grass on these lots can't be taller than eight inches. According to the ordinance, "adjacent" includes adjacent properties across the street from a structure as well as next to it. Weeds and grass on vacant lots not adjacent to occupied properties can be slightly taller, but must be kept to a maximum of 12 inches.

When vacant lots are found to be in violation of this ordinance, the owner of the lot is notified of the violation by the City, and is then given a specified amount of time to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected within the specified time limit, the City has the authority to have the weeds/grass mowed and removed, and then assess the property owner the cost for doing so. The cost then becomes a first lien on the property until it is paid.

Undeveloped land of three or more acres does not fall within the above limitations. Undeveloped lots that are not adjacent to a dwelling require the land owner to only maintain the area to the above height limits within a 16-foot boundary along the road right-of-way and boundaries. Except for instances where violations would be injurious or dangerous to public health, some tracts of land that are not bound by these restrictions include agricultural cropland, forested areas, storm-water facilities, mitigation areas regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and native or seasonal grasses on public recreational facilities.

Splash Station Opening

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duck races include Splash Station daily-entry passes, household membership, front-row parking, six-week aquatic fitness class, concession gift cards, and a reserved lounge chair for the season. Tickets for the May 22 special event can be purchased at Progress Park. The cost is \$20 for the first person in a household, and then \$10 for each additional person (limit of five total).

The Grand Opening for Splash Station Aquatic Center will take place on Friday, May 23, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Admission for the Grand Opening will be free, but limited to residents only. Starting May 24, Splash Station will be open daily, from noon-8:00 p.m. We welcome everyone to come out and enjoy this new enhancement to our community.

SPLASH STATION OPENING & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Splash Station, located at 1131 Peine Road, offers visitors a 400-Foot Lazy River, 24-Foot-Tall Water Flume, Zero-Depth Beach Entry, Covered Pavilions, 60-Foot Lap Lanes, a 3-Meter Diving Platform, Wet Deck Spray Ground, Children's Splash Pad, Water Basketball, Therapy Seat & Water Benches, Concession Stand, and Changing Rooms.

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| Open House May 15 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Free Admission Open to the Public | Tour Splash Station, enjoy live music, refreshments, and samples from the concessions menu. This is the last day for residents to purchase Early Bird memberships, with a 30% discount. |
| Soft Opening Special Event May 22 6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$20 Per Person Open to the Public | Attendees receive plastic ducks to enter in the Duck Race. Winners of the Duck Race and other games can win seasonal prizes like Daily-Entry Passes, Household Membership, Concessions Gift Card, and more. |
| Grand Opening May 23 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Free Admission Residents Only | Free swimming and use of Splash Station's aquatic features. Concessions available for purchase. |

The City addresses high weeds and grass violations on a concern basis, except in cases where violations are extreme or safety comes into play, such as for proper vision at intersections. In addition, when a City staff member responds a non-compliance concern, if a violation is noticed in the immediate area of the logged concern, staff will initiate a new concern on that violation also.

Some landowners, however, have habitually allowed the weed and grass on vacant lots to exceed City code standards, which requires City staff to repeatedly issue code violation notices on the same properties. Although in the past citations have not been issued to repeat offenders of this City Code, the City's current Municipal Code does have enforcement sections that provide City staff the ability to issue summons to owners for non-compliance.

To reduce the number of repeat concerns and the cost to the City for repeatedly processing and enforcing them on the same lots, in 2014 the City will follow normal processing requirements for up to three occurrences. When a landowner reaches the third occurrence, staff will provide the owner a citation to the Wentzville Municipal Court.

Residents who live in neighborhoods with vacant lots that are in violation of City ordinance restrictions need to call the Building Division of the City's Community Development Department at (636) 327-5102 and report the violations. Residents can also report violations through the City's Concern Center by calling (636) 639-2121, or by logging onto the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org and clicking on the "Report a Concern" link in the left column on the City's home page.

By reporting these types of violations, residents can assist City staff in monitoring and enforcing this ordinance, and help keep Wentzville a great place to live, work and play for everyone.

MAYOR'S COMMENT: Wentzville Welcomes Run for the Wall Motorcyclists for Twenty-Sixth Year



**Mayor
Nickolas Guccione**

On Monday, May 19, our City will once again have the honor of extending a welcome to approximately 500 participants in the annual Run for the Wall. Each year, motorcyclists from across the nation make this cross-country run to honor and remember U.S. POW and MIA servicemen, and this will mark the twenty-sixth year the group will make an overnight stop in Wentzville. The run will begin in southern California on May 14, and end at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., on May 24.

What many people don't realize is Wentzville holds the distinction of being the only stop along the route that has been part of the run every year since it began. One reason our City has always been honored as a scheduled stop is because Wentzville is the home of the first Vietnam Veteran's memorial erected in the United States. The memorial is located near Fireman's Park and the Wentzville Fire Department station, at 209 West Pearce Boulevard. Each year a visit to the memorial has been part of the run.

This year, we expect the motorcyclists to begin arriving at Wentzville somewhere between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., on Monday, May 19. The riders will exit from east-bound Interstate 70 at the Wentzville Parkway exit. From there they will travel north to Pearce Boulevard and go east on Pearce to Linn Avenue. At Linn they will cut over to Church Street and continue along Church Street to Highway Z. They will go south on Highway Z to Wentzville's Post 5327 VFW Hall at 1414 Highway Z,

where they will spend the night. Also, the Wentzville Fire District plans to station two ladder trucks that will suspend a large American flag over Highway Z. The fire district has provided this inspiring tribute to the Run for the Wall event for many years, and it's always a moving sight to see our nation's flag flying high above these motorcyclists as they arrive in waves.

I'm proud to say for years many of our residents, waving American flags, have lined up along the entrance route to welcome the riders as they arrive. I hope this year even more residents will come out and welcome the Run for the Wall riders. I'd also like to invite everyone to attend the brief welcoming ceremony at the VFW Hall, which will begin somewhere around 5:30 p.m. on May 19. The ceremony is open to the public and will give us all time to pause and recognize the sobering purpose of this annual motorcycle run.

On Tuesday morning, May 20, at about 7:45 to 8:00 a.m., the Run for the Wall riders will hold a brief ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial on West Pearce Boulevard, near the Wentzville Fire Department station. Although brief, it will be a moving ceremony as a color guard places a wreath at the base of the memorial.

I hope many area residents join with me the evening of May 19 to welcome this group and take time to remember our soldiers and those who never came back home. If people would like to know more about the annual Run for the Wall, they can check out the organization's website at www.rftw.org. From a local perspective, people can make contributions to Wentzville's VFW Post 5327 to help them defray some of the costs of hosting the Run for the Wall riders this year. To find out about making contributions, the public is asked to call the treasurer for the event, Doug Niemeier, at (636) 262-5290.



All entries in the parade will in some way reflect the Star Spangled Salute theme.

Area businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the parade by creating a float or another type of parade entry. Please note that during the parade, candy or other items cannot be thrown from the car or float, but individuals walking next to the car or float may hand out these items along the

Be Part of Wentzville's "Star Spangled Salute" Independence Day Parade!

parade route.

Parade entries will be judged for first-, second-, and third-place awards. To obtain a parade application/registration form, call the Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236, or stop by the office in Progress Park. The application form and guidelines can also be downloaded from the Parks and Recreation section of the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org. Registration deadline is June 18.

Registration fees for parade entries are \$25 for individuals and businesses, and \$50 for political candidates or political entities campaigning for an office/election issue. No registration fee will be charged for not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)3 status, or for current elected office holders.

So whether you're in the parade this year or watching it, don't miss your chance to join with others as we give a Wentzville-style Star Spangled Salute to American Independence. (see the "Independence Day Event Schedule" in this issue for time and location of all the July fourth activities)

Congratulations to Marilyn Chivetta— Wentzville's 2013 Citizen of the Year!



At the City's March 26, 2014, Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Nick Guccione and Board of Aldermen President Rick Stokes presented Marilyn Chivetta with Wentzville's 2013 Citizen of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding residents or business own-

ers whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others. Ms. Chivetta owns and operates Miss Marilyn's Second Chance nonprofit boutique and resale shop, located at 144 East Pearce Boulevard. Ms. Chivetta uses revenue raised through her resale shop to perform "Acts of Kindness" by working with at-risk teens, young mothers, and special-needs children. Pictured above from left to right are 2011 Citizen of the Year Bob Burke, 2013 Citizen of the year Marilyn Chivetta, Wentzville Board of Aldermen President Rick Stokes, and Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione.

Election Results

On April 8, Wentzville residents went to the polls and voted for the candidates they wanted to lead the City for the next two years. Below is a list of the newly-elected City Aldermen.

**Alderman
Ward 2,
Two-Year
Term**

Michael
Rhoades



**Alderman
Ward 3,
Two-Year
Term**

Linda L.
Wright



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



May Calendar of Events

SUNDAY

MONDAY

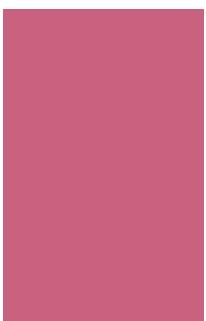
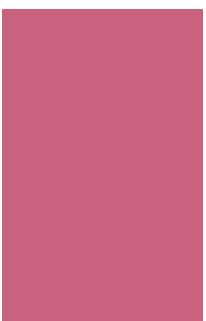
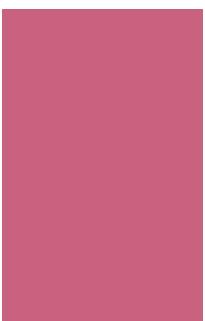
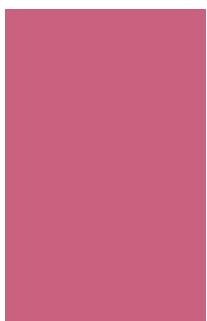
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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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

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5
6:00 a.m.
Large-Trash Pickup

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

6
6:00 a.m.
Large-Trash Pickup

8:00 a.m.
Swim Lessons Registration
Opens for City Residents
Parks & Recreation Office

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



7
6:00 a.m.
Large-Trash Pickup

8
6:00 a.m.
Large-Trash Pickup

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

9
6:00 a.m.
Large-Trash
Pickup

8:00 p.m.
Free Movie
in the Park:
FROZEN
Rotary Park



11

Mother's Day



12

13
8:00 a.m.
Open Registration for Swim
Lessons
Parks & Recreation Office

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

14
6:00 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

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

15
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Splash Station Open
House**
1141 Peine Road

16
7:00-9:00 p.m.
H.O.P.P. Nights
Progress Park Center



17
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Faire**
Rotary Park



Visit the City's website: www.wentzvillemo.org

18
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Faire**
Rotary Park

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



19
5:00 p.m. ETA
Run for the Wall**
W. Pearce Blvd.

20

21

22
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Splash Station Special
Event**
1141 Peine Road



23
4:00-8:00 p.m.
Splash Station Grand
Opening**
1141 Peine Road

24
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Faire**
Rotary Park

Noon
City Pools Open for 2014
Season**
Progress Park & Splash
Station

25
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Faire**
Rotary Park



26
City Offices Closed for
Memorial Day**

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Faire**
Rotary Park

27
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Aldermen Town Hall
Meeting
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

28
6:00 p.m.
Board of Aldermen
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

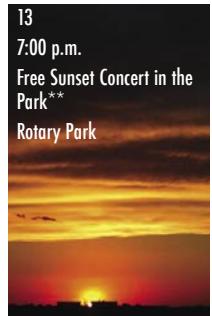
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30
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Last Day to Apply for a City
Utility Tax Refund at City
Hall/ Public Works Bldg.**
310 W. Pearce Blvd. &
200 E. 4th St.

31
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Faire**
Rotary Park



June Calendar of Events

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Irrigation Backflow Test Results Due** 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park  | 2 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting 310 W. Pearce Blvd. | 3 6:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning 310 W. Pearce Blvd. | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park  |
| 8 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Renaissance Faire** Rotary Park | 9 9:00 a.m. Camp Wentzville Day Camp Opens** Progress Park  | 10 9:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. | 11 6:00 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd. | 12 6:30 p.m. Board of Adjustment 310 W. Pearce Blvd. | 13 7:00 p.m. Free Sunset Concert in the Park** Rotary Park  | 14 |
| 15 Father's Day  | 16 | 17 | 18 July 4th Parade Registration Deadline** Parks & Recreation Office | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Visit the City's website: www.wentzvillemo.org | | | | | | |
| 22 | 23 6:30-7:30 p.m. Aldermen Town Hall Meeting 310 W. Pearce Blvd. | 24 9:30 a.m. Municipal Court 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd. | 25 6:00 p.m. Board of Aldermen 310 W. Pearce Blvd. 6:00 p.m. Municipal Trials 1019 Schroeder Creek Blvd.a | 26 6:00 p.m. Storm Water Advisory Committee 310 W. Pearce Blvd | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | July 1 | July 2 | July 3 | July 4 City Offices Closed (see July 4th events schedule in this issue)** | July 5 |

Camp Wentzville—A Full Summer of FUN!



Camp Wentzville promises kids ages 6-12 a full summer of FUN this year. With a variety of activities like arts and crafts, field trips, swimming almost every day, and much more, there's something for all kids to enjoy!

Camp Wentzville will meet at Progress Park from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and run for 9, one-week sessions, Monday through Friday, beginning June 9, and continuing through August 8. No camp will be held on Friday, July 4, however.

The cost per session for Camp Wentzville is \$80 per child for residents, and \$95 for nonresidents. **Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the start of each session, but this popular program fills up quickly, so early registration is recommended.** A \$15 late fee will be added to registrations after the deadline. Birth certificates must be presented at the time of registration to verify the age of the camper.

For kids who need more time, there are Sunrise and Sunset Camps available before and after our regular camp times. Sunrise Camp is from 7:00-9:00 a.m. and is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. Sunset Camp is from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. If campers wish to register for both Sunrise and Sunset Camps during a session, the cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

For more information about Camp Wentzville, check out the summer edition of the *Fun Times* Parks and Recreation magazine, or call the Wentzville Parks and Recreation office at (636) 332-9236.

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

Award-Winning FROZEN Comes to Rotary Park And It's Free for the Whole Family!

Don't be left out in the cold when Disney's Academy Award Winning *Frozen* comes to the big screen at Rotary Park, on May 9. This delightful PG-rated animation combines a extraordinary musical score with Disney's special blend of comedy and adventure as Princess Anna, a hapless snowman named Olaf, and the dependable Kristoff set off on an epic journey to find Anna's sister and rescue the kingdom from an eternal winter.



The movie starts at 8:00 p.m. that evening. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating, and since a movie just isn't a movie without something to munch on, concessions will be available for purchase at the park. Also, make sure you arrive early enough to find a spot and get your snacks before the movie begins.

The Wentzville Parks and Recreation Department thanks I-70 Auto Body for helping to sponsor this movie treat for our residents. It promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. And best of all, it's free!

Sunset Concert at Rotary Park

On Friday, June 13, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., come out to beautiful Rotary Park for a Sunset Concert by Smash Band. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, then relax and listen to this live, music concert as the twilight shadows fall on the Park's amphitheater.

The concert is free. Concessions and beer will be available at very reasonable prices. Be sure to come early enough to find a good seat, purchase your snacks, and settle back for a relaxing evening filled with music and the beauty of the outdoors.

experience **WENTZVILLE**

FUN! Coming to a Pool Near You!

On May 24, grab your sunglasses, beach towel, and sunscreen, then head to one of Wentzville's two great outdoor pools for the official opening of the 2014 swimming season! Beginning on May 24, Splash Station will be open seven days a week, from noon until 8:00 p.m. Progress Pool will be open only on weekends until June 6. Starting June 7, Progress Pool will be open daily from noon until 7:00 p.m. The daily swim season will run through August 12, except in cases of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. After August 12, both pools will remain open during weekends until September 1.



There are many events scheduled to celebrate the opening of Splash Station, including an Open House on May 15, and Duck Races on May 22. In addition, there will be FREE Resident Swim at Splash Station, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., during the Grand Opening on Friday, May 23. A FREE Resident Swim is also scheduled at Progress Pool on Friday, June 6, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The last FREE Swim of the 2014 season will be held at Progress Pool on Friday, July 4, from noon-7:00 p.m.

Below are daily fees for both facilities. Residents can find information about special membership packages and rates by calling (636) 332-9236, or by going to the Parks and Recreation section of the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org. From the Parks and Recreation main page, click on the "Pool" link, under Quick Links in the right column.

2014 Progress Park (gym or pool) daily fees are as follows:

| Users | Resident Card Holder | Nonresident |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Age 13 & Under | \$2.00 | \$3.00 |
| Age 14 & Older | \$3.00 | \$4.00 |
| Senior Citizen (60 & up) | \$2.00 | \$3.00 |

2014 Splash Station daily fees are as follows:

| Users | Resident Card Holder | Nonresident |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Age 13 & Under | \$5.00 | \$7.00 |
| Age 14 & Older | \$6.00 | \$8.00 |
| Senior Citizen (60 & up) | \$5.00 | \$7.00 |

INDEPENDENCE DAY Event Schedule

Make plans now to attend Wentzville's full day of fun on July 4. You won't want to miss any of it, and it's all FREE!



| July 4th Activity Schedule | Time | Event | Location |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 10:00 a.m. | Independence Day Parade | Pearce Blvd. |
| | Noon-7:00 p.m. | Free Swimming at Progress Park Pool | Progress Park |
| | 5:00-8:45 p.m. | Inflatable Kids' Rides | Progress Park |
| | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Live Music* | Progress Park |
| | 9:05 p.m. | Fireworks Display | Progress Park |

* Individual band contracts not finalized at publication time.

2013 City-Utility-Tax Refunds Available to Eligible Residents Through May 30

Eligible residents have through the end of business hours on May 30 to 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 \$38,750 for single-person households and \$44,300 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, or at the Public Works building, located at 200 East Fourth Street. 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.



Free Large-Item Pickup Scheduled May 5 – 9

If you have large, bulky items or appliances you want to dispose of, take advantage of the City's free Large-Item Collection scheduled the week of May 5 through 9. **Residents may place their large items out for collection on their regularly scheduled trash collection day this week.** This free service is for Wentzville residential customers only, and all items must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Below is a list of the items that are eligible and ineligible for the large-item trash collection. Residents with questions about this free Large-Item service may call the Department of Public Works at (636) 639-2049, Monday–Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: For safety purposes, remove lids, hinges, latches or other hardware from semi-air-tight containers with a capacity of 10 gallons or more.

Items eligible for collection:

- Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Televisions
- Appliances with Freon, such as Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, and Freezers
- Carpet in rolls, less than 4 feet long, and less than 50 pounds
- Basketball hoops are collected only if the resident calls (636) 639-2049 for collection. Please specify a basketball hoop pickup during the Large-Item Collection. Include your name, address of the collection, and a phone number where you may be reached.



Appliance collections are limited to one of each type, per household.

Items NOT eligible for collection:

- Tires, Batteries (lead acid), Waste Oil, Yard Waste, Bricks, Concrete, Railroad Ties, Construction Materials, Liquids, Paint, Car or Engine Parts of any kind.

NEW BUSINESSES

JS & CO Salon
128 East Pearce Boulevard

Allure Skin Care
24 West Main Street • Suite 314

All Backflow Tests Including Lawn Irrigation Backflow Test Reports Are Due by June 1.

All lawn irrigation systems must have the backflow device checked each spring by a certified backflow tester to ensure the devices are working properly. *This requirement applies even if the system is not used.* Debris buildup and damaged parts due to freezing can cause contamination of the public water system.

If residents don't have a certified backflow tester, they can find a list of DNR certified testers on the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org/water-division.aspx. At the Water Division page, click on Certified Backflow Testers in the right column, under Quick Links.



The property owner and tenant are responsible for making sure the test results are submitted to the City. **Test-result reports must be received no later than June 1 of each year. Reports received after June 1 will be assessed a \$30 late fee. 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 lawn irrigation system, they must have a certified plumber remove the backflow device, and send the City a letter verifying that the device has been removed. The discontinued lawn irrigation system may not be reconnected without reinstallation of a backflow device. The City performs periodic inspections to ensure the proper use of backflow devices on residential irrigation systems.

Residents who want to install a lawn irrigation system must obtain a permit from the City prior to installation. If residents have any questions about installing an irrigation system, testing of their irrigation system, or submitting the test results, they can call the Wentzville Water Department at (636) 327-5102 or email questions to backflow.test@wentzvillemo.org.

Keep Kids Safe—Drive 25 in Residential Neighborhoods

As you drive through residential neighborhoods this summer, adhere to the posted 25 mph speed limit, and anytime you see children in the area, expect them to do the unexpected. Children playing in yards and along the roadway sometimes dart from between parked cars without looking as they chase after a ball, a pet, or just to run across the street. Also, watch for children on bicycles. Sometimes they don't pay attention and will turn into oncoming traffic.



Exceeding the 25 mph speed limit can be catastrophic if a child suddenly runs out in front of you. If a pedestrian is hit by a car traveling only 20 mph, there is a 5-percent fatality rate. At 30 mph the pedestrian-fatality rate jumps to 45 percent, and at 40 mph, the fatality rate zooms to 85 percent.

So this summer when driving through residential neighborhoods, be extra vigilant, and Keep Kids Alive—Drive 25. It's a rule we can all live with.



310 West Pearce Blvd.
Wentzville, MO 63385

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City Offices' Holiday Hours

City offices in Wentzville will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day, and again on Friday, July 4, for Independence Day.

There will be no change in the operation schedule of the Wentzville Recreation Center on Memorial Day, and both the Progress Park Pool and Splash Station will be open as well. The Wentzville Recreation Center will be closed on July 4, but the Progress Park Pool will be open for Free Swimming that day from noon until 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Trash-Collection Schedule

MEMORIAL DAY: The week of May 26 - May 30, residents' trash collection schedule will be moved forward by one day to allow for the Memorial Day holiday. Monday collections will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday collections will be on Wednesday, and so forth, ending with Friday collections taking place on Saturday. The following week trash collection will return to its regular schedule.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: The week of June 29 - July 5, Friday collections will be affected, in order to accommodate the Independence Day holiday on July 4. That week, Friday collections will be on Saturday, July 5. Monday through Thursday collections will remain unchanged. The following week, trash collection will return to its regular schedule.

For questions about the holiday trash-collection schedule, please call the Public Works office at (636) 639-2049, Monday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The holiday trash-collection schedule is also available on the Public Works/Solid Waste & Recycling page of the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org.

Ready for a Treasure Hunt? Citywide Yard Sale is May 3!

Don't forget Wentzville's Spring Citywide Yard Sale is Saturday, May 3. To make it easy to find the treasures you're looking for, before you start cruising the sales pick up a Citywide Yard Sale Booklet for only \$2—less than the cost of a gallon of gas! The booklet includes a map, a listing of all the registered yard sales, and a brief description of the items to be sold and the hours of each yard sale.

Citywide Yard Sale booklets will be available during regular business hours through Friday, May 2, at City Hall, located at 310 West Pearce Boulevard, and at the Utilities Service Center drive-up window, located at 5 West Pearce Boulevard. **Booklets can also be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office, located in Progress Park at 968 Meyer Road, all the way through Saturday, May 3.**

So get your Citywide Yard Sale booklet, and happy treasure hunting!



Work Zones Call for Extra Caution by Motorists



This summer motorists in Wentzville will undoubtedly encounter several work zones as the City addresses road projects scheduled over the next several months. One of the most significant projects will be widening Wentzville Parkway from William Dierberg Drive to Schroeder Creek Boulevard, to allow for a center turn lane. Once completed, this road improvement should help mitigate some of the traffic congestion that occurs when motorists in this area are trying to make a left turn off of Wentzville Parkway.

In addition to this project, the City has scheduled a considerable amount of asphalt street repairs and slab replacements this summer. Three locations scheduled for slab replacement are Wentzville Heights Subdivision, West Pearce Boulevard, and Perry Cate Boulevard.

Anytime motorists approach any of these construction work zones, they should slow down before they reach the work zone, and then use extreme caution when driving through it. Watch for work crews, lane changes, and other motorists when navigating through those areas, and avoid distractions like cell phones, adjusting your stereo, eating, or anything else that draws your attention from the road. It only takes a second of inattention to cause an accident.

Residents can find out where construction projects will be in progress around the City by going to the home page of the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.org, and clicking on the Construction Updates link near the bottom of the page. Once they're on the Construction Updates page, they will find links taking them to not only updates on street construction, but also updates for stormwater, parks, and transportation projects.

Don't Miss Wabash Days

August 22, 23, & 24 in Wentzville's Historic Downtown

**Watch for more information in the
July/August Vision newsletter.**

