

# The Vision

Your Source for City of Wentzville News



May/June 2016

## City Pools Open May 28!

Grab your sunglasses, beach towels and sunscreen and kick off summer at Splash Station or Progress Pool.

Both pools open on Saturday, May 28 for the 2016 season. Splash Station Aquatic Center will be open Monday-Friday from noon until 6:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Progress Park Pool will be open Monday-Friday from noon to 5:45 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The swim season will run through Aug. 10, except in cases of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. After Aug. 10, both pools will remain open on weekends until Sept. 5, as well as Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.



Pool Passes  
now available.  
For details, call  
(636) 332-9236.

## Solicitors License

Did you know that anyone soliciting within Wentzville city limits is required to obtain a badge from the City Clerk's office? The solicitor is required to wear the badge on the front of his/her outer garment. Each company representative receives a badge.

A solicitor is a person who attempts to make personal contact with a resident at his/her residence, without prior specific invitation or appointment from the resident, for the primary purpose of attempting to sell a good or service. A solicitor can also be a person who distributes handbills or fliers for a commercial purpose, advertising an event, activity, good or service that is offered to the resident for purchase at a location away from the residence or at a time different from the time of visit.

If individuals or groups are coming to your home or you see them in your neighborhood and they are not wearing a badge, please contact the Wentzville Police Department at (636) 327-5105.



## Irrigation Permits and Testing

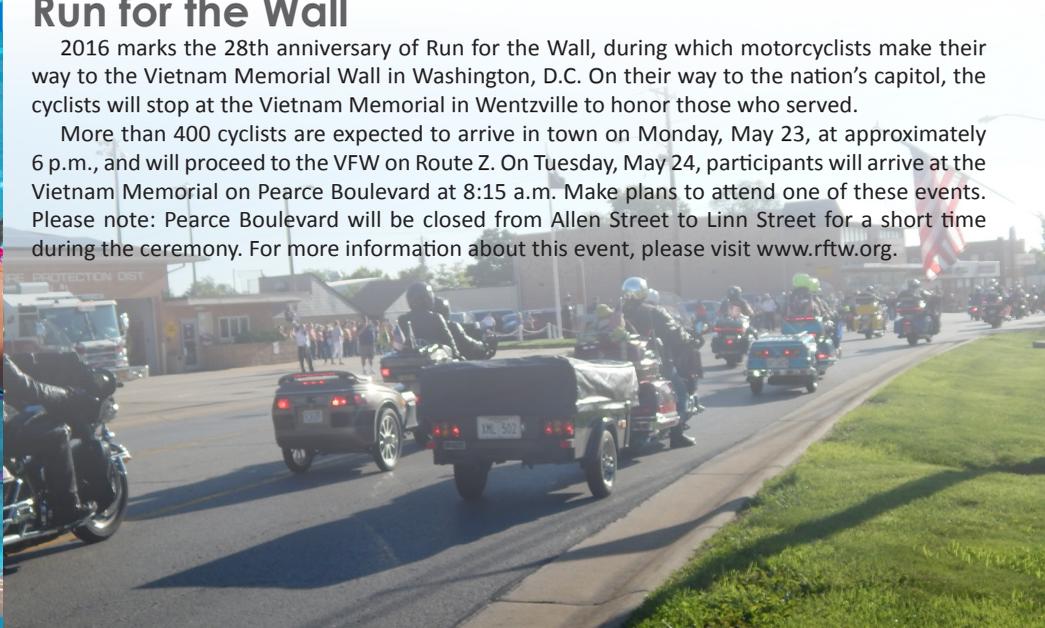
Wentzville requires all Irrigation Backflow Prevention Devices to be tested by a State Certified Backflow Tester. This requirement also applies to systems that are not used. Test results need to be sent to Public Works by June 1. Email reports to [Backflow.Test@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:Backflow.Test@wentzvillemo.org), mail to 200 E. Fourth St., Attn: Backflow Testing, Wentzville, MO 63385, or fax to (636) 327-4892. If reports are not received by June 1, accounts will be assessed a \$30 per month fine until the report is received.

Also, all new installations of irrigation devices must apply for a miscellaneous permit and pay a \$65 residential permit fee. Permits can be obtained and dropped off at the Public Works located at 200 E. Fourth St. Questions? Please call the Wentzville Water Department at (636) 327-5102.

## Run for the Wall

2016 marks the 28th anniversary of Run for the Wall, during which motorcyclists make their way to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. On their way to the nation's capitol, the cyclists will stop at the Vietnam Memorial in Wentzville to honor those who served.

More than 400 cyclists are expected to arrive in town on Monday, May 23, at approximately 6 p.m., and will proceed to the VFW on Route Z. On Tuesday, May 24, participants will arrive at the Vietnam Memorial on Pearce Boulevard at 8:15 a.m. Make plans to attend one of these events. Please note: Pearce Boulevard will be closed from Allen Street to Linn Street for a short time during the ceremony. For more information about this event, please visit [www.rftw.org](http://www.rftw.org).



INSIDE: Citizen Survey, Tax Breakdown, Meet Your Aldermen





## Survey Highlights Feedback from Residents

As part of Wentzville's ongoing effort to involve residents in its long-range planning process, the City retained ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas, to administer a Citizen Satisfaction Survey and gather input from residents about the quality of City services.

During January and February of 2016 the survey was administered, and the information gathered will be used to help the City improve existing programs and services and inform future community priorities. A seven-page survey was mailed to a random sample of households throughout the City of Wentzville. The goal was to obtain at least 450 completed surveys – this was surpassed with 686 surveys returned. The survey results have a 95% level of confidence with a precision of at least +/-3.7%. Overall, the City's 2016 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Executive Report is very positive.

Eighty-two percent (82%) of the residents surveyed rated the overall quality of services provided by the City as "excellent" or "good." This is significantly higher than the regional average of 54% and the national average of 56%.

Of the residents surveyed, 85% also rated the overall quality of life in Wentzville as "excellent" or "good," which is also higher than the regional average of 74% and the national average of 76%.

A Citizen Satisfaction Survey was last completed in 2010. Since then, satisfaction ratings have improved in 51 of the 68 areas that were assessed. Over the 51 areas that have shown increases, there was a significant difference in 33 of these areas. The top five areas that have improved are: value received for City tax dollars and fees; overall responsiveness of City employees; quality of the stormwater runoff and management system; maintenance of City streets; and snow removal on neighborhood streets.

Residents also rate safety in Wentzville very highly. Overall 99% of residents feel "very safe" or "safe" walking alone in their neighborhoods during the day, and 98% feel safe walking alone in business areas during the day or in their neighborhoods in general.

When asked about the most important reasons they chose to live in Wentzville, residents indicated these top-three choices: quality of public schools, safety and security, and quality of housing.

Later this year, the full report will be shared on the City's website. The detailed report will include comparisons to the 2010 survey, benchmarks against regional and national averages, details about each of the questions asked, charts and graphs to help visually display the survey results, and more.

### Check out these new Wentzville businesses!

Olive Tree Marketplace  
513 W. Pearce Blvd.

Gypsy Moon Boutique  
6 W. Main St.

Elite Printing & Packaging  
100 Mall Pkwy. #200

Show Me Credit Solutions  
14 E. Main St

Otto Orthodontics  
1002 Schroeder Creek Blvd.

Total Access Urgent Care  
1890 Wentzville Pkwy.

Kirkland's Store  
1259 W. Pearce Blvd.

Blue Frog Plumbing  
210 S. Linn Ave.

Drift Float Spa  
120 W. Pearce Blvd.

Alberto Melendez Designs  
1127 Wentzville Pkwy.

The Glass Guru  
2182 E. Pitman Ave.



85%

RATED THE OVERALL

*Quality of Life*

in Wentzville as  
"Excellent" or "Good"



Visit [bit.ly/wentzvillecareers](http://bit.ly/wentzvillecareers)  
to see job descriptions and to  
apply.



## Looking Forward

### Thank You

First, I'd like to say I sincerely appreciate all of the residents who exercised their right to vote and to select our community leaders in the April 5 election. I am grateful for the support the residents have shown and continue to show me and the rest of the Board of Aldermen. I appreciate the trust and confidence the people of Wentzville have placed in me by allowing me to serve another term. I respect this position and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Wentzville. I will continue to work cooperatively with our elected officials at every level for the betterment of our wonderful City!

### Transparency

I will always do my best to represent each of you in a fair, honest and ethical manner. I promise to continue the same readily accessible, problem-solving and responsive approach as I always have. If you ever have a question about something you've heard or are just curious about a project or program, please ask me directly. I will be transparent and honest with you.

### Connect with Me

I am available to meet with you personally and am more than happy to attend a meeting for your organization or HOA. Just call me at City Hall to set up a meeting time or to ask a question. You can reach me at (636) 327-5101 or mayor1@wentzvillemo.org.

Another way to reach out is to attend a Mayor and Aldermen Coffee Talk. These meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at City Hall, located at 310 W. Pearce Blvd. Mayor and Aldermen Coffee Talks provide the perfect opportunity to share your opinions, contribute ideas and connect with your City leaders.

### The Road Ahead

As I begin my second term as Mayor, I know we have much work ahead of us, and I look forward to getting started. I am mindful of the need for myself, along with the Board of Aldermen, to work together in order to serve the best interest of this community. We all have our differences as elected officials, but will strive to work together as we face upcoming challenges and opportunities.

As our work begins, I plan to address several areas that many of you raised as I went door to door throughout the community. I look forward to working with and serving you for the next four years, and again I thank all of you for this opportunity. Our residents and business owners are the heart and soul of our community. My ultimate mission as your Mayor is to keep Wentzville a great place to live, work and play.



## Explore the City's new website at [www.wentzvillemo.org](http://www.wentzvillemo.org)!

Looking for agendas, minutes or video from a particular meeting?

Simply click the "Government" tab and select "Agendas and Minutes." From this page, select the board, commission or committee you are interested in.





## Election Results

On April 5, Wentzville residents took to the polls to voice their opinions about City leadership and aldermen term limits. The term amendment – to extend the term for an alderman from two to four years – did not pass. For a full list of Countywide results, please visit [bit.ly/40516\\_StCharlesCo\\_ElectionResults](http://bit.ly/40516_StCharlesCo_ElectionResults).



We extend congratulations to the following officials who were elected to lead and serve the City during the next term. The term for the mayor is four years; the term for the aldermen is two years.

- **Mayor:** Nick Guccione
- **Alderman - Ward 1:** Robert Hussey
- **Alderman - Ward 2:** Michael Rhoades
- **Alderman - Ward 3:** Linda Wright

## Public Service Recognition Week



Celebrated the first week of May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week is organized annually by the Public Employees Roundtable and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve

our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

Public servants do amazing things across our great nation, around the world, and in our hometown and community. So, take a moment this month to thank a public service employee for their dedication to a job well done!

## Citizen of the Year Recognition

Earlier this year, the City presented long-time Wentzville resident Barbara Sheets with the City's 2015 Citizen of the Year award. The award recognizes outstanding residents and business owners whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

Through her dedication to our community's veterans, seniors and the mentally ill, Sheets has earned this year's recognition. Sheets uses her knowledge of programs and funding offered to help these deserving community members, by working with the leaders in our community, as well as those at the county and state level.

Sheets is a 51-year member of the Wentzville American Legion Auxiliary Unit 323, due to the service of her late husband and former Wentzville Mayor, Donald Sheets. She also served as Missouri President of the American Legion Auxiliary in 2013-14. Congratulations, Barbara!



Above: Mayor Nick Guccione (left) and Alderman Michael Rhoades (right) present Barbara Sheets (center) with the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award.

## Business Spotlight



### Yo Salsa Modern Latin Taqueria (Yo! Salsa)

1463 Wentzville Pkwy.

Have a suggestion for a business to feature? Email Wentzville's Economic Development Director at [Dan.Lang@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:Dan.Lang@wentzvillemo.org).

**Business Owners:** John & Stacey Lutgen; Robyn & Gary Richardson

**What year did you open?** 2015

**What influenced you to locate your business here?** Stacey grew up in Lake Saint Louis and Robyn and Gary live here. The Lutgen's moved to Wentzville in 2010. They have family and friends here.

**What do you feel you bring to Wentzville by having your business here?** We bring a non-chain local ownership restaurant with fresh ingredients, flavor and fun.

**What products/services does your business offer?** Dine-in, carry-out or catered allergen-friendly, modern Latin street food with unique chili peppers, spices and flavorings.

**What's your favorite thing about Wentzville?** No matter how much the community continues to grow, it still has that "small town" feel.

**What's next for your business?** We will continue to grow our business in Wentzville, especially during the week with additional specials like our Taco Tuesdays promotion.

**What do you hope Wentzville will be five years from now?** We would like to continue to see the Downtown Wentzville Village Center grow and prosper and become a destination in St. Charles County. We are excited and grateful for the way our customers have embraced our business.



Above: John Lutgen, Owner



### Get out, explore and have fun in Wentzville this summer!

Track everything you LEARN and DO this summer in Wentzville with our Super Summer Challenge Passport. Passports were included in the Spring/Summer issue of Fun Times and additional copies are available at Progress Park (968 Meyer Rd.). Turn in your passport at the end of the summer for a chance to win prizes like a 2017 Individual Aquatic Pass!

Don't miss the fun and a chance to win COOL prizes!



### Storybook Walk

The Friends of Wentzville Parks is excited to sponsor a new amenity at Heartland Park! The Storybook Walk provides a new outdoor adventure that champions family connection, early childhood development, and health and wellness. Stories are hand picked by local library staff quarterly with a child's enjoyment in mind. Pages are posted at several stations along the trail, allowing families and friends to enjoy a story as they walk the path and take in the scenery. The ribbon cutting for the Storybook Walk will take place on Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m., prior to the Movie in the Park event.

### Movie in the Park Now at Heartland Park

Movie in the Park is back! Come join us at the beautiful, Heartland Park for a FREE, fun, family night out! Concessions will be available for purchase. No glass allowed in park. Space is limited, so make sure to arrive early. Gates open at 7:15 p.m. Don't forget lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Movies begin at 8:15 p.m. You can watch "E.T." on Friday, June 3 and "The Little Rascals" on Friday, Aug. 5.

### Kids Summer Races

Get ready for these exciting kid-only events! The Superhero Hustle is a one-mile fun run full of crazy obstacles. This event will be held at Rotary Park on June 11. The Kids Triathlon is a new event for 2016 and will be held on July 23 at Splash Station. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.



#### Schedule of Events

Parade: 10A | Free Swim: Noon-5P (Progress Pool ONLY) | Inflatables, Face Painting & Petting Zoo: 5-8:45P | Live Music: 6-9P | Fireworks: 9:05P

Don't miss the annual 4th of July celebration and parade. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade by making or designing a float. This year's theme is, "All-Star Salute to the USA!" Floats will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Former mayor and veteran Paul Lambi will serve as this year's Grand Marshall. The parade application and guidelines can be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office or online at [www.wentzvillemo.org](http://www.wentzvillemo.org). Please note: Parade participants may not throw items from cars or floats. Individuals walking next to a car or float may hand out candy or items while walking the parade route. After the parade, join us for the annual celebration at Progress Park! The event is FREE, with the exception of reasonably priced concessions. (Please no outside coolers).



## Wentzville Days

### Fair & Music Festival

**May 20-22, 2016**  
**Allen & Main Street, Wentzville MO**

#### Live Entertainment - BBQ Competition

**Friday: 6-11 p.m. Saturday: Noon-11 p.m. Sunday: Noon-6 p.m.**

**Vendors - Children's Area - Car Show - Chair-ish Art Show**



Visit [www.Wentzvillemo.org](http://www.Wentzvillemo.org) for more information and schedules.



## Tax Breakdown

The Board of Aldermen would like to help further clarify the taxes you pay in Wentzville — both sales tax and real estate property taxes.

Sales tax is imposed on retail sales of tangible personal property and applicable services. All sales of tangible personal property and taxable services are generally presumed taxable, unless exempted by law. The state sales tax rate is 4.225%, while the rate for St. Charles County is 1.725% and the City of Wentzville is 2.5% — bringing the total to 8.45%. Additional taxes may apply when purchases are made in Transportation Development Districts (TDD) or Community Improvement Districts (CID). TDD-related taxes are used to help fund transportation projects within a defined district, while CID-related taxes are used to fund public improvements within the defined CID area. Learn more at [http://bit.ly/tdd\\_cdd](http://bit.ly/tdd_cdd).

### SALES TAX BREAKDOWN

JURISDICTION	TAX RATE
State of Missouri	4.225%
St. Charles County	1.725%
City of Wentzville	2.250%
• General	1.000%
• Capital	000.5%
• Transportation	000.5%
• Parks	000.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.450%</b>



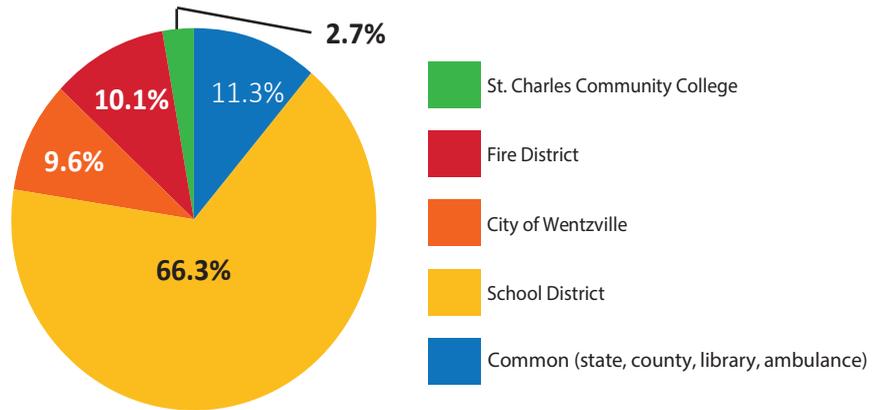
**Board of Aldermen: Michael Rhoades (Ward 2), Sonya Shryock (Ward 2), Mayor Nick Guccione, Linda Wright (Ward 3), Robert Hussey (Ward 1), Cheryl Kross (Ward 1) and Matt Swanson (Ward 3).**

Now let's take a look at property taxes. The St. Charles County Tax Assessors website, states that "the tax rate is established initially by a vote of the residents within the boundaries of the taxing division. Property tax rates are monitored and approved annually by the State Auditor." For Wentzville residents, these divisions include:

- St. Charles Community College
- Wentzville Fire District
- City of Wentzville
- Wentzville School District
- State of Missouri
- St. Charles County
- Library District
- Ambulance District

The common tax (state, county, library, ambulance) is .8869%, the City of Wentzville is .7545%, the Fire District is .7960%, the school district is 5.2117% and St. Charles Community College is .2140%, bringing the total to 7.8631%.

In 2015, the Board of Aldermen adopted a strategic goal to review the City's long-term financial strategies. One method was to reduce property taxes. The 2014 rate was .7902 per \$100 of assessed value and the 2015 rate was .7545 of \$100 of assessed value. The 2015 rate was the second lowest rate in St. Charles County. Please keep in mind, however, that the decrease doesn't necessarily translate into a lower tax bill, as reassessments are done every odd year and, for instance, in 2015 the average residential assessment in Wentzville went up 10 percent. Tax bills also vary based on the rates of other entities, but as you can see, the City of Wentzville only represents a small portion of your total tax bill.



The Wentzville real estate tax bill below provides a glimpse at the tax break down by taxing division. Tax rates are for each \$100 in assessed valuation.

Operation	Gross Tax	Net Tax
▼ <u>Ambulance</u>	\$137.74	\$137.74
▼ <u>City-44: Wentzville</u>	\$396.81	\$396.81
▼ <u>College-St Charles</u>	\$112.55	\$112.55
▼ <u>County</u>	\$197.23	\$197.23
▼ <u>Fire-13: Wentzville</u>	\$418.64	\$418.64
▼ <u>Library</u>	\$115.70	\$115.70
▼ <u>Sch-R4: Wentzville</u>	\$2,740.99	\$2,740.99
▼ <u>State</u>	\$15.78	\$15.78
Sub Total	\$4,135.44	\$4,135.44
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>\$4,135.44</b>	<b>\$4,135.44</b>



Get to know Wentzville's Board of Aldermen! These short Q&A sessions will help you learn more about your elected officials.



## Alderman Cheryl Kross (Ward 1) | [ald1w1@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:ald1w1@wentzvillemo.org)

**How long have you lived in Wentzville:** 10 years

**What drives you to serve as an alderman?** A desire to help others and to share with our residents that their opinion's matter. As an alderman, I listen to your suggestions for improvement opportunities to make Wentzville an even better place to live, work and play.

**What is your favorite thing about Wentzville?** The diversity of the community and the variety of amenities and events Wentzville offers.

**Where do you see Wentzville in five years?** I see a thriving, vibrant city with connectivity for families to enjoy our events, parks and amenities.

**Other comments you'd like to make:** It's an honor and privilege to serve our residents as we work together for a better future.



## Alderman Robert Hussey (Ward 1) | [ald2w1@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:ald2w1@wentzvillemo.org)

**How long have you lived in Wentzville:** My wife and I have been raising our children in Wentzville for more than five years.

**What drives you to serve as an alderman?** I originally ran for alderman two years ago, because I knew my background and knowledge in city government — and having served as a city administrator — would benefit our growing city. I want to ensure that our city provides a safe and family-friendly environment for our children and, someday, our grandchildren.

**What is your favorite thing about Wentzville?** I love the sense of community and our incredible neighbors.

**Where do you see Wentzville in five years?** In five years the City will likely look much different. I hope to see quality paying job growth in the City, as well as growth among our small- and medium-sized businesses. The residential rooftops will come on their own and the retail will follow. I also want to focus on recruiting larger company hubs to the City.



## Alderman Sonya Shryock (Ward 2) | [ald1w2@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:ald1w2@wentzvillemo.org)

**How long have you lived in Wentzville:** I have been a resident of Wentzville since 2010.

**What drives you to serve as an alderman?** I have a desire to see change at all levels of government. Soon after I moved to Wentzville, I was encouraged to run for alderman as a way to get involved and seek change at the local level.

**What is your favorite thing about Wentzville?** I've been asked this question several times, and my answer is always the same: the people. We have some of the most caring, giving, "volunteering," genuine, and all-American people in Wentzville.

**Where do you see Wentzville in five years?** My vision has always been to cut government spending and save so we could put more money into our roads, build new parks without additional taxes, save enough to build a new senior facility without a bond issue, etc. With that being said, nothing happens overnight, it takes planning. What we plan this year may take three years to bring to fruition, but I am confident that we are slowly getting there. This year, we were able to save enough funds to build the new City Hall without a tax increase. Additionally, we have doubled the money for road repair funds, putting millions of dollars into new road construction, adding additional sidewalks and funding some projects in our downtown area. We have stepped up the technology in our Police Department, ensuring that they have the tools they need to be proficient. We have managed all of this with while also providing a small tax decrease, lowering our millage rate from .79 to .75.

**Other comments you'd like to make:** I will continue to work to ensure your tax dollars are well spent, making our city a place that you and your children deserve to live.



## Alderman Michael Rhoades (Ward 2) | [ald2w2@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:ald2w2@wentzvillemo.org)

**How long have you lived in Wentzville:** I am happy to say that I've spent the majority of my life in Wentzville.

**What drives you to serve as an alderman?** I wanted to be involved at a local level. I've been in business for more than 20 years in Wentzville and this is an opportunity for me to give back. I want to help provide a safe environment for people to raise their families and run their businesses.

**What is your favorite thing about Wentzville?** The people in Wentzville, new residents as well as the lifetime residents. And, the opportunity to work and live in a growing city that is maintaining its "small town" atmosphere while accommodating everyone.

**Where do you see Wentzville in five years?** I envision that Wentzville will still be rapidly growing as we develop to the outer perimeters, while maintaining the current infrastructure to a safe and up-to-date status, and continuing forward with smart growth.



## Alderman Matt Swanson (Ward 3) | [ald1w3@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:ald1w3@wentzvillemo.org)

**How long have you lived in Wentzville:** My wife, Jackie, and I have lived here for the past 10 years and have brought up our two children, Mackenzie and Scotty, in Wentzville as well. I have lived in St. Charles County all my life and call it home.

**What drives you to serve as an alderman?** As an alderman, I strive to increase our parks and recreation, energize our downtown district, and protect our tax dollars. I believe there needs to a wide range of opinions and backgrounds on the board. As a teacher, I believe I bring a unique perspective to the board. I believe it is our responsibility to listen to the residents and then lead.

**What is your favorite thing about Wentzville?** We chose to live in Wentzville for many reasons. We believe that our community shares in the same values that we believe in. Wentzville offers the best of both worlds – we enjoy the conveniences of the city, while still having the feel of country living. Wentzville offers the best of both worlds — city life and rural life.

**Where do you see Wentzville in five years?** In five years, I see Wentzville as a thriving community. I see an energized downtown district, quality restaurants and businesses, parks and trails that meet the needs of all of our citizens, streets and highways that are safe to travel, and the Wentzville School District as a top-rated district. Wentzville will then be a place that everyone wants to say is their hometown.



## Alderman Linda Wright (Ward 3) | [ald2w3@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:ald2w3@wentzvillemo.org)

**How long have you lived in Wentzville:** I have lived in Wentzville for eight years.

**What drives you to serve as an alderman?** My goal is to serve our community by working with citizens and staff to build a City that is vibrant and well-run from a services standpoint, and financially stable.

**What is your favorite thing about Wentzville?** I love the hometown feel and we have the best neighbors in the world. Our residents are our best asset.

**Where do you see Wentzville in five years?** In five years I expect we will have grown to some degree, with more parks, entertainment, sports venues and shopping choices to name a few. We will continue to plan with staff to ensure the growth is measured and not out of control.

**Other comments you'd like to make:** I moved from South Carolina to Missouri many years ago when I was transferred to St. Louis. I was later moved to Houston and Chicago. After the company was sold, I had a choice to move to anywhere, including back to my home state. After a lot of thought I chose Wentzville and its people. I've never looked back — this is my home.



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## Don't forget: large-item pickup is the week of May 2-6.

### Utility Tax Rebate — Ends May 31

Through May 31, eligible residents can apply for a City-utility tax refund. The refund amount is a portion of the "City Tax" or "Franchise Tax" listed on the resident's electric, gas and phone bills during 2015. To be eligible for the refund, individuals must 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 have a maximum 2015 gross income of \$39,400 for single-person households and \$45,000 for married-couple households. This refund program is based on your total gross income for filing year 2015, social security income included. 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 (310 W. Pearce Blvd.) or Public Works (200 E. Fourth St.). When applying for the refund, residents will need proof of residency (such as a current utility bill), income, age, and/or disability, a driver's license, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills for the months they were eligible.

### Holiday Hours

City offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30 to allow City employees to spend the holiday with their families. The Parks and Recreation office at Progress Park will be open regular hours on Memorial Day. City offices will also be closed for Independence Day on Monday, July 4. The Progress Park Recreation Center will also be closed; however, both aquatic facilities will be open.

Please note: Trash/recycling/yard waste collection for both of these holidays will move back one day. Monday pickups will move to Tuesday, Tuesday pickups will move to Wednesday, and so forth, ending with Friday pickups taking place on Saturday, June 4 and Saturday, July 9.

### Know the Facts about Fireworks in Wentzville

- Fireworks cannot be used within City Limits, EXCEPT between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. and only on July 4.
- These restrictions will be strictly enforced. Outside of this timeframe, summonses may be issued and fireworks may be confiscated.
- Take precautions when shooting off fireworks and please be mindful and courteous of your neighbors.

TO REPORT ILLEGAL USE OF FIREWORKS, PLEASE CALL (636) 327-5105.

### Upcoming Events

<b>Parks and Rec Board</b> 6:30 p.m.   MAY 2 and JUNE 6
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b> 6 p.m.   MAY 3 and JUNE 7
<b>Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.</b> MAY 11 & 25 and JUNE 8 & 22
<b>Mayor &amp; Aldermen Coffee Talk,</b> 12:30 p.m.   MAY 15
<b>Park Board Tree Committee</b> 5 p.m.   MAY 19 and JUNE 16
<b>Wentzville Days Fair/Music Festival</b> MAY 20-22 (Downtown)
<b>Downtown Committee</b> 6 p.m.   MAY 24 and JUNE 28
<b>Friends of the Wentzville Parks</b> 6 p.m.   MAY 31 and JUNE 28
<b>Board of Adjustment</b> 6 p.m.   JUNE 9
<b>Stormwater Committee</b> 6 p.m.   JUNE 23

Unless otherwise noted, these events will be held at City Hall (310 W. Pearce Blvd.). All meetings are subject to change. Please check the "All Events" link online at [www.wentzvillemo.org](http://www.wentzvillemo.org) for the most up-to-date information.