

THE VISION



WENTZVILLE DAYS

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Citizen of the Year

Learn more about Tony Thieman, Wentzville's 2023 Citizen of the Year!

State of the City

Read a quick recap from Mayor Guccione about the State of the City of Wentzville.

Project Updates

Get the scoop on several transportation projects happening around town.

2023 Citizen of the Year

The City of Wentzville is pleased to announce Tony Thieman as the recipient of the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award. This prestigious accolade recognizes individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the betterment of our community. Tony's steadfast commitment to Wentzville has made a lasting impression on the City. Mayor Nick Guccione presented Tony with his award during the Board of Aldermen meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Tony is a distinguished member of the Wentzville community and has actively contributed to the City's progress through his involvement in various organizations and clubs. He is a co-founder of the Wentzville Downtown Business Association, a devoted member of the Wentzville Rotary Club, a contributor to the Wentzville Community Historical Society and a supporter of the Crossroads Arts Council. Tony's selfless dedication to community service is evident through his organization of events like Old Newsboys Day and his support for educational initiatives. He also contributes to revitalizing Historic Downtown Wentzville through property renovations, reflecting the true spirit of the Citizen of the Year Award.

Residents, Wentzville business owners and employees of Wentzville businesses are invited to submit nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award. Applications are accepted year-round and are available online at www.wentzvillemo.gov/COTY.



Tony Thieman (right) with Mayor Nick Guccione.



Upcoming Events

Join us this spring for a variety of exciting Wentzville events, perfect for community engagement and offering fun-filled experiences for all ages.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hippity hop, Easter's on its way. The Easter Bunny has been filling thousands of eggs with candy and prizes for our annual Egg Hunt! We encourage everyone to stay after their hunt time for additional festivities and photos with the Easter Bunny! Some eggs will contain a slip of paper for prizes. Bring a basket to collect all your goodies. Register by March 21 at www.wentzvillemo.gov/Tickets.

You'll participate in a shared egg hunt on a large section of the field with other children. Please register according to each child's age. Children may register for an older age group, but not a younger age group. Don't forget to practice your bunny hops and hunting instincts!

BONE HUNT

Your dog will bark for bones when all kinds of dog treats, bones and toys are hidden for your furry friends. Before the hunt begins, each dog will receive a "doggie bag" to take home and to hold their yummy finds. We will also draw for door prizes. Please provide proof of vaccination by emailing to Fun@wentzvillemo.gov. Those without proof of canine vaccinations at the time of the event will not be allowed to participate. Please be on time for this event because it doesn't take long for the dogs to gather all the treats! Dogs must remain on leashes at all times. Cost is \$20 for day-of registration. The registration deadline is March 16. Get details at www.wentzvillemo.gov/FunTimes.

MISSION: CLEAN STREAM

The City and our passionate volunteers have made great strides to remove litter around the community. Over the last 20 years, the City has partnered with a regional event called Mission: Clean Stream. Volunteers across St. Charles County work together on this day to get rid of litter, preventing this pollution from making it to local waterways. In that time 2,500 volunteers have removed a remarkable 95,000 pounds of trash in Wentzville alone. Guess what? That's the average weight of a commercial passenger airplane!

Mission: Clean Stream is back again on April 6. Every piece of litter removed makes a huge difference. It's more than a one-day event — it's about local pride and keeping our City clean and thriving as a great place to live and work.

Join us in a little friendly competition among other cities in St. Charles County. We want to lead in both the number of volunteers and the amount of trash collected! We've noticed a decline in volunteer participation recently, but with your support, we can achieve our goal of removing over 2,500 pounds of trash from Wentzville. Are you ready to take on the challenge? This event is great for kids ages 6 and up, and is perfect for team building, volunteer hours for students, and for local organizations to get involved. A light volunteer lunch will be provided.

Mark your calendar for April 6! Note: Wentzville Parks and Recreation and the Tree Board will hold their Annual Tree Seminar before the event. Register online at www.wentzvillemo.gov/MCS.





BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Elite Heating & Cooling

LOCATION: 108 HAMILTON INDUSTRIAL CT.



OWNER: Tim Schellert

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER?

Elite is a residential and commercial HVAC mechanical contractor. Services include heating, air, thermostats, gas lines, water heaters and more.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE?

We grew up in this community and are proud to base our business in a community that is welcoming and growing. We feel blessed to be here and to be part of such a fast-growing community!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS AND YOUR HOPE FOR WENTZVILLE?

We have recently purchased land and are hopeful to begin construction in the near future. This will become our permanent home to continue to serve this community. We know evolution is inevitable. However, we do love our community and hope that with all the growth, it maintains the same small-town feel that we are so accustomed to.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS, ADVICE OR NEWS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

The community leaders here have made all the difference! They are available and willing to work with the residents and businesses to address and correct any concerns.

WHEN DID YOU OPEN, AND WHEN DID YOU LOCATE YOUR BUSINESS IN WENTZVILLE? Elite Heating & Cooling opened in 2003 and is located in Wentzville because it offers a high quality of life, including amenities, schools, recreational opportunities and a desirable community. This community comprises a skilled workforce and a specialized talent pool that aligns with our business needs. Wentzville is growing rapidly, and we want to be part of helping the community grow.

WHAT DOES YOUR BUSINESS BRING TO WENTZVILLE? Employment opportunities! We are always looking for skilled men and women to join our team. Elite is excited to aid in the financial growth of our community and become the best community partner we can be! We were recently awarded the BBB Annual Award for Excellence in Ethics.

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New Businesses!



Note: To be listed, a business must allow walk-ins. While those listed have all received a business license, they may not be open to the public yet.

Janette Scott Insurance Agency
24 W Main St., Ste. 315

Simply Wurth It Medical Weight Loss
112 Creekside Office Dr.

The Beauty Den Salon and Boutique
1201 Wentzville Pkwy., Ste. 115

Munie Greencare Professionals
1033 Ashley Ln.

Ellie Mental Health
237 Creekside Office Dr.

Car2Go
12526 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.

Townplace Suites
20 Cliff View Dr.

Trinity Reptile Feeders
513 W. Pearce Blvd.



Mayor Nick Guccione

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

State of the City

As we reflect on the progress and achievements of the City of Wentzville in 2023, it's evident that our community is thriving and evolving in exciting ways. With a population now reaching approximately 48,500, Wentzville continues to be a dynamic and vibrant place to live, work and explore.

Innovation in Action

In 2023, we were proud to launch initiatives aimed at enhancing customer service and safety within our community. The introduction of Power Engage facilitated improved interactions with the Police Department, ensuring that residents receive the assistance they need promptly and efficiently. Additionally, the integration of 26 "Axon Fleet 3" systems equipped with advanced Automated License Plate Reader technology has significantly bolstered our law enforcement capabilities, increasing safety throughout Wentzville.

Economic Development

Our commitment to fostering economic growth was evident through various initiatives and strategic planning efforts. The inaugural Wentzville Business Symposium provided a platform for networking and collaboration among local businesses, while the adoption of a new Economic Development Strategic Plan set the stage for future growth and success.

Community Development

Wentzville experienced remarkable growth and development in 2023, exemplified by the issuance of numerous construction permits for residential and commercial projects. A well-attended HOA Symposium and the welcoming of over 75 new businesses underscored our community's appeal and vitality. Furthermore, a comprehensive community survey reaffirmed the City's commitment to excellence, with satisfaction ratings surpassing national and regional averages in more than 44 of 48 categories.

Winning Results

The accolades and recognition received by Wentzville in 2023 are a testament to our ongoing dedication to excellence. Notably, the City was honored as a National Top Performer, demonstrating our commitment to

leadership and innovation. Additionally, receiving the Top Workplaces Designation and the Urban Conservation Award further highlight the City's achievements and positive impact.

Parks and Recreation

The success of the Wentzville Rec Center surpassed expectations in its inaugural year, with a robust membership base and enthusiastic participation in recreational activities. Furthermore, enhancements to Fireman's Park, including the addition of Pickleball courts and synthetic turf areas, have further enriched our City park amenities.

Managing Growth

Despite rapid growth, Wentzville remains dedicated to managing expansion responsibly. Supervision of capital improvement projects totaling over \$30 million underscores our commitment to infrastructure development. Initiatives such as the construction of a new Public Works Facility and the completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion are pivotal in accommodating our community's needs.

Community Wins

Our efforts to engage with residents and address their needs were evident in numerous community events and initiatives. Hosting a MoDOT regional "Improve I-70" Public Meeting and acquiring over 160 acres of parkland underscore our commitment to enhancing infrastructure and preserving green space for future generations. Moreover, the reduction in personal property tax rates demonstrates our dedication to fiscal responsibility and affordability for residents.

Flip to the back cover to explore details about Wentzville's upcoming 2024 transportation projects!



WENTZVILLE DAYS

MAY 17-19

Celebration of Community



Allen and Main Streets in
Historic Downtown Wentzville

FRIDAY, MAY 17

5:45-7:45 p.m. • Proud Larry

8:30-10:30 p.m. • Whiskey Morning Band

Carnival • 6-10:30 p.m.

Children's Area • 6-9:30 p.m.

Vendors • 6-10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

12:30-2:15 p.m. • Common Time Blues Band

3-5 p.m. • Musicology

5:45-7:45 p.m. • Nash Vegas

8:30-10:30 p.m. • Just In Time

Carnival • 12-10:30 p.m.

Children's Area • 12-9:30 p.m.

Vendors • 12-10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

1-3 p.m. • Hudson and the Hoo Doo Cats

3:45-5:45 p.m. • Polly and the Pocket

Carnival • 12-6 p.m.

Children's Area • 12-6 p.m.

Vendors • 12-6 p.m.

RESIDENT ROUNDUP

Stay connected with essential news, program details and exceptional City services specifically for Wentzville residents.



TREE-LIMB PICKUP

Twice yearly, the City's Chipper Program provides residents with a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree branches and limbs. This program is only for single-family residences. This program is NOT available for removing tree limbs or tree trunks larger than six inches in diameter. The Spring Chipper Program will take place over a three-week period — by Ward. If you're not sure which you live in, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/WardMap.

The spring 2024 collection of tree limbs is as follows:

- Ward 1: Week of April 8
- Ward 2: Week of April 15
- Ward 3: Week of April 22

Please note: this complimentary service is managed in-house. Since sign-ups for this service are not required, and crews do not have precise estimates for limb collection, extending pickup dates may be necessary. We value your patience and encourage you to stay tuned to the City's social media channels for any collection changes.

The City of Wentzville's Street Division performs the City Chipper Program. This tree branch or limb chipper program is NOT part of your solid waste collection performed by Meridian Waste. Tree limbs and branches for the Chipper Program must be stacked at the curb by 6 a.m. on the Monday of your Ward's scheduled Chipper Program week. Tree limbs must be less than six inches in diameter, and should not be bundled or placed in bags. Bagged or tie-bundled materials will not be picked up. Leaves, root balls, decorative grasses, wood chips, bush or shrub trimmings, vines or grass clippings are not included in this collection. To learn more, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/TreeLimbPickup. If you have additional questions, please call (636) 327-5101.



Municipal Elections

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 2 election. Voter registration is coordinated by the St. Charles County Election Authority Office, which is located at 397 Turner Blvd., in St. Peters. Questions? Visit election.sccmo.org or call (636) 949-7550. Below are the candidates for the 2024 election.

- Mayor - Four-Year Term: Nickolas Guccione
- Alderman, Ward 1 - Two-Year Term: Manny Macias
- Alderman, Ward 2 - Two-Year Term: Jordan Broviak
- Alderman, Ward 3 - Two-Year Term: Michael Hays

UTILITY TAX REBATES

From April 1 through May 31, eligible residents can apply for a City utility-tax refund. Eligible residents should use one of these methods to apply for the rebate:

- Email the required documentation to ContactUs@wentzvillemo.gov or submit an online application (beginning April 1).
- Mail the required documentation to:
 - Utility Tax Rebate, City of Wentzville, 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385
- Schedule an appointment to apply in person at City Hall, by calling (636) 639-2121 or by making an appointment online.

Resident Eligibility Criteria:

- You must rent or own your primary residence in the City of Wentzville.
- You must be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security,
- You must have a maximum 2023 gross income of \$56,250 for a single-person household or \$64,300 for a married-couple household. The refund program is based on your total gross income for the filing year 2023. Social security income is included in the calculation of gross income. These income requirements are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and can fluctuate each year.

The refund amount is a portion of the "City Tax" or "Franchise Tax" listed on your electric and gas bills for 2023. If you haven't saved your gas or electric stubs, you can contact your local utilities to request a report (please note: Brightspeed does not provide this report).

- Ameren: Request the "Municipal Tax Report" for 2023 by calling (314) 342-1111.
- Spire: Request the "Municipal Tax Report" for 2023 by calling (314) 621-6960.
- Cuivre River: Request the "Wentzville City Tax Report" for 2023 by calling (800) 392-3709.

When applying for the refund, residents will need the following:

- Photo ID
- Proof of Income (2023 1040 Federal Income Tax Form. If a resident does not file taxes, an SSA-1099 form can be submitted as proof of income)
- Proof of Disability, if applicable (SSA-1099/SSA 1042S form)
- Copies of 2023 gas and electric bills or a Municipal Tax Report for each utility (see above).

If you have questions or want to check your eligibility, please contact City Hall at (636) 639-2121 or send an email to ContactUs@wentzvillemo.gov.



Meet the Board (left to right): Jordan Broviak (Ward 2), Robert Hussey (Ward 2), Michael Lovell (Ward 3), Mayor Nick Guccione, Manny Macias (Ward 1), Bryan Harr (Ward 1), Michael Hays (Ward 3). For contact information, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/BOA.

Board Update: Property Maintenance Reminders

This annual process ensures Wentzville remains a vibrant and thriving community.

Wentzville takes pride in maintaining its neighborhoods to ensure a safe, attractive, and vibrant community for residents and visitors alike. In addition to the annual Property Maintenance Program conducted between April and September, the City's Code Compliance Inspectors actively respond to resident concerns throughout the year. These initiatives play a pivotal role in upholding property standards and fostering neighborhood pride.

Wentzville's Code Compliance Inspectors are dedicated to addressing a wide range of concerns raised by residents, ensuring that properties across the City meet established standards. From tall grass and weeds to trash and debris accumulation, inspectors meticulously review various aspects of property upkeep to maintain the aesthetic appeal and safety of neighborhoods.

As the arrival of spring brings with it a time of renewal, residents are reminded to prioritize property maintenance to uphold the City's standards. Simple tasks such as keeping lawn height below eight inches, maintaining attractive curb appeal and clearing out gutters enhance the visual appeal of properties and contribute to a healthier and safer community. These efforts are essential in fostering neighborhood pride, which significantly impacts the quality of life for all residents.

Year-round property maintenance initiatives in Wentzville underscore the City's commitment to creating a safe, attractive, and desirable community for all residents. By prioritizing property upkeep, fostering neighborhood pride, and promoting collaborative efforts between the City and our residents, Wentzville continues to thrive as a place where individuals can live, work and invest with confidence. Report a property maintenance concern, by visiting www.wentzvillemo.gov/ConcernCenter or calling (636) 327-5101.



Property Maintenance Checklist

Find additional details and links to the Municipal Code when you visit our website at www.wentzvillemo.gov/PropertyMaintenance. While not exhaustive, the key items checked on each property include:

- **Address numbers:** Clearly visible numbers aid emergency services in locating properties swiftly in a crisis.
- **Sidewalk/driveway:** Inspection for cracks and uneven surfaces prevents tripping hazards.
- **Overgrown vegetation/dead trees:** Maintenance prevents fire hazards, pest infestations and enhances neighborhood aesthetics.
- **Yard debris:** Removal of debris maintains curb appeal and prevents health hazards.
- **Derelict vehicles:** Ensuring yards are free from abandoned vehicles enhances safety and appearance.
- **Porches and fences:** Regular checks ensure structural integrity, preventing accidents and property damage.
- **Masonry and windows:** Assessing for damage maintains structural integrity and energy efficiency.
- **Doors:** Functional doors prevent unauthorized entry and ensure security.
- **Exterior surfaces:** Addressing issues like paint damage and mildew removal maintains aesthetic appeal and prevents water damage.
- **Gutters and roofs:** Inspection prevents water damage to the foundation and structure.
- **Accessory structures:** Evaluation ensures safety and aesthetic standards are met.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Good Friday Holiday

The Good Friday holiday will not affect the solid waste/recycling/yard-waste collection schedule. City Hall will be closed on Friday, March 29, to observe Good Friday. However, the Wentzville Rec Center and Progress Park Recreation Center will be open regular hours. To view Ice Arena hours, please visit www.wentzvilleicearena.com.

Spring Citywide Yard Sale

Whether you're looking for bargains or looking to clean out your space, Wentzville's Spring Citywide Yard Sale is for you! The Citywide Yard Sale will occur on **April 19 and April 20** throughout Wentzville. Please note that again this year, Wentzville Parks and Recreation will not be providing a yard-sale booklet. For more information, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/YardSale or call our Customer Service team at (636) 327-5101.

Large-Item Pickup

Did you know you can discard up to three large items each quarter? However, free large-item pickup must be scheduled in advance. To schedule a large-item pickup, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/SWRequest or call a customer service representative at (636) 639-2049. For more details, including accepted/not accepted items, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/LargeItemPickup.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATES

The City of Wentzville has an ambitious transportation capital improvement plan aimed at supporting our growing population and enhancing connectivity. With significant funding assistance from various sources, including St. Charles County and state and federal programs, we are poised to continue and begin several critical projects.

- **Construction Phase Highlights:** Key projects slated for construction in 2024 include the continuation of David Hoekel Parkway Phase 2D, improvements to Highway Z at Interstate Drive, and enhancements to Wentzville Parkway South. These initiatives will not only alleviate traffic congestion but also improve access and safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.
- **Design Phase Initiatives:** Looking further ahead, the City will be in the design phase in 2024 for projects such as David Hoekel Parkway Phase 3, the Highway 61 Outer Road, and the Highway Z Widening project. These initiatives represent significant investments in infrastructure that will support continued growth and development in Wentzville.

As we move forward, the City of Wentzville remains committed to progress, innovation and excellence. With a strong foundation and a clear vision for the future, we are confident in our ability to meet the transportation needs of our residents. Together, we will continue to make Wentzville a premier regional destination. For more details, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/ProjectUpdates.

