

# THE VISION



## Fall Yard Sale

Get ready to sell or hunt for treasures during the yard sale Sept. 20 and 21.

## Photo Contest Results

Check out the winner's of the 2024 photo contest that spotlights Historic Downtown Wentzville.

## Website Tools

Hear from the Board of Aldermen about their favorite website enhancements.



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# Ellbee's General Store

**LOCATION: 6 W. MAIN ST.**

**OWNERS: Brent and Linda Styer**

**WHAT DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER?** Full-service coffee bar, frappes, bubble teas, smoothies, a boost bar for your brain and energy, breakfast, lunch, ice cream, candy, old-fashioned sodas, gifts galore, and so much more!

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE?** Downtown! Every day, we have people who have lived here for years saying they didn't even know we had a downtown. My dad, Mel, always said: "The secret to small business is new business coming in the door every day!" Dads are always right! So spread the word, come check out all that's happening in your downtown, and let's make Wentzville a destination!

**HOW HAS YOUR BUSINESS GROWN?** Ellbee's Gathering Spot opened right next door in November of 2022. We have three retail shops, an event space, monthly outdoor movies, a Maker's Market every month on the third Thursday, Ellbee's Dinner Club, and our annual Downtown Sip and Savor and Scavenger Hunt in July. If your business or family would like to support what we have going on in our downtown community, we have fall and Christmas sponsorship opportunities available. Come to the store, and let's talk over a cup of coffee!



**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO LOCATE IN WENTZVILLE?** We purchased the building as an investment property and quickly fell in love with Wentzville. We moved our family here in 2002. Brent and I created a tasty garlic seasoning that we gave away for years! We wondered if people would buy it, but we needed a name for the seasonings. So, I asked the Lord to give us a name. I literally heard Ellbee's "L" for Linda and "B" for Brent. In 2008 we went on the road with Ellbee's Garlic and spread the love of garlic from coast to coast until 2016. In September 2016, we opened Ellbee's General Store, with a coffee shop right in the middle of it! Combining amazing products from friends we've met along the way with old-fashioned customer service and a great atmosphere, Ellbee's General Store was born — and the rest is history. Walking into Ellbee's is truly an experience for all ages, as we have something for everyone!



## Welcome New Businesses!

**Willows Locket**  
302 Whitehead St.

**Celestial Energy Massage LLC**  
112 Creekside Dr.

**Porlier Outdoor Advertising Company**  
180 Interstate Dr.

**Advanced Dental of Wentzville**  
701 Luetkenhaus Blvd.

**Construction & General Laborers Local 660**  
1320 S. Callahan Rd.

**Simply Bella Aesthetics Skin Deep LLC**  
112 Creekside Office Dr.



*Note: These businesses have all received a business license, but may not be open to the public yet.*

# Yard Sale: Sept. 20-21



Facebook  
Event Page



Are you planning to host a yard sale this fall? Maybe you're just looking for a deal on something new to you!

The Find-A-Sale sheet is designed to help yard-sale hosts and attendees! Complete the linked form below to submit your sale; the information will automatically populate the Find-A-Sale sheet with locations, days of participation and a brief description of each sale.

- You can submit your sale information at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/SubmitASale](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/SubmitASale).
- View the Find-A-Sale sheet at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/FindASale](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/FindASale).

Note: Yard sales held during the Fall Citywide Yard Sale event on Sept. 20 or Sept. 21 do not require a Yard Sale Sign Application to display signs within Wentzville city limits. However, signage must display permit number 24-002, and must comply with the other guidelines for posting yard sale signs listed at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/YardSale](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/YardSale).

# Citizen of the Year

## Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in Wentzville? Nominate them for Wentzville's Citizen of the Year Award! The Citizen Recognition Program acknowledges outstanding individuals and groups that make a significant contribution, a positive impact or an improvement to the quality of life for citizens in our community.

Nominations are open year-round, but time is running out to nominate someone for the 2024 award. Recognition categories include service, community spirit, volunteerism and more.

Nomination forms and eligibility requirements are available by visiting [www.wentzvillemo.gov/COTY](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/COTY). The Board of Aldermen will present the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award during a Board meeting in early 2025.



## Utility Bill Payment Options

With numerous options to choose from, you can select the utility bill payment option that works best for you!

**Bank Draft:** Sign up to have your utility bill drafted automatically each month. The City offers a fee-free auto-draft option using your checking account and routing number. To sign up, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/BankDraft](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/BankDraft). Your account will be automatically drafted on the City due date each month.

**By Text or Phone 24/7/365:** The City of Wentzville gives you access to your utility account 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Pay your bills on your own time — with no waiting. Access your account instantly through a secure, automated system to get real-time balances, payment amounts and due dates. To make your payment over the phone or set up Text-to-Pay, call (833) 326-7020 and follow the prompts.

**Online Payments in Real Time:** You can make a one-time payment in real-time online when you register at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/PayMyBill](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/PayMyBill). From this website, you can view balances, access PDF copies of your bill, view your transaction history, as well as make payments or update your account.

**Schedule Payments in Advance:** You can schedule payments in advance and also schedule credit-card drafting with the date of your choice\*. To learn more or set up one of these options, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/PayMyBill](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/PayMyBill).

**Drop Box or In-Person:** A drive-up drop box is located in front of City Hall for your convenience. In-person payments are also accepted inside City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Cash, check and money orders are accepted, plus MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover cards.\*\*

**Live Customer Relations Rep:** We love to talk to you! Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., you can pay your bill over the phone with a live customer relations representative by calling City Hall at (636) 639-2155, option 2.

## Did You Know ...

### You Can Receive Text Reminders and Account Updates?

Residents and business owners can opt-in to receive utility bill reminders by text (instead of by phone call) when a shut-off is pending. To change your preferences, please call (636) 639-2155. Need to update your contact info? Check out the "Important Reminders" section on pg. 6.

**You Can Sign Up to Give Back?** Wentzville residents can register to round up their utility bills to the nearest dollar to benefit Wentzville seniors. Funds raised from the "Round-Up" program are donated to our local Meals on Wheels service. Register for the "Round-Up" at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/GiveBack](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/GiveBack).



**Go Paperless! Sign up to receive your utility bill via email when you visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/EBill](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/EBill).**

\* Payments scheduled after the due date may be subject to late fees.

\*\* Please note: A 2% surcharge will apply to all credit card payments made with these payment methods.





Mayor Nick Guccione



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

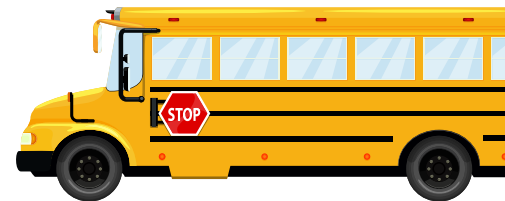
### *Sharing the Road: Prioritizing Safety in Wentzville*

With the school year in full swing, our roads are busier than ever with students, buses and new teen drivers. Use these essential tips and reminders to help ensure a safe and smooth commute for everyone, from young pedestrians to fellow motorists.

As summer vacation comes to an end, school buses, new teen drivers, and other young travelers are once again part of Wentzville's morning traffic. While many drivers are focused on getting to school or work on time, I urge everyone to prioritize safety above all else. By traveling with caution and care, we can ensure that everyone reaches their destinations safely. Here are a few back-to-school safety reminders for drivers:

- **Sharing the Road with Students:** Keep in mind that you're sharing the road with young pedestrians. Never block crosswalks when stopped at red lights or while waiting to turn. This can force pedestrians to step into the traffic lane. Always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections, especially when flashers are blinking in a school zone. Stop for crossing guards and patrol officers, and never pass a vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians.
- **Sharing the Road with School Buses:** It's illegal to pass a bus that is stopped to load or unload children. When the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, all traffic must come to a stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children, so stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter or exit the bus. Maintain a greater following distance behind a bus than you would behind a car.

- **Sharing the Road with Bicyclists:** When passing a bicyclist, proceed slowly and leave at least three feet between your vehicle and the cyclist. If you're turning left and a bicyclist is approaching from the opposite direction, wait for them to pass. Watch for bike riders, especially children, who may turn in front of you without looking or signaling. Be aware of bikes coming out of driveways or from behind parked cars, and always check your side mirrors before opening your door.
- **Sharing the Road with Other Vehicles:** When dropping off students, avoid parking alongside another parked vehicle, as this can block visibility for other children and vehicles. Never load or unload children across the street from their school. If possible, consider carpooling to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.



## CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY

Currently, the City has many active construction sites. It's important to remember that construction sites are off-limits for safety reasons and are always closed to the public. There have been reports of individuals entering these zones by foot, ATVs and bicycles and even using drones while in unfinished areas. We urge residents to inform their families and neighbors that, for their own safety and the safety of our workers, these sites are not accessible to the public at any time, including after hours or on weekends. Additional Police Department patrols have been deployed to enforce this policy. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

## START YOUR CAREER WITH THE CITY OF WENTZVILLE



The City is currently hiring for a variety of positions. Apply for one of the many full- and part-time positions by visiting [www.wentzvillemo.gov/Careers](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/Careers). The City offers excellent benefits, including health, vision, dental, employer-paid life insurance, long-term disability, a retirement pension, 13 holidays, two floating holidays, vacation time, sick time, tuition reimbursement, employee assistance, a discounted recreation center membership and much more! Join a work environment with a strong sense of place, potential for growth and resources for success. Be a part of Team Wentzville!





# WENTZVILLE'S FALL FESTIVAL



Friday, Sept. 13

5-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14

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5-7 p.m. — McLovin

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Decade of Decadence

## Saturday, Sept. 14

1-2 p.m. — Novak Music

2:30-4:30 p.m. — The Hey Days

5-7 p.m. — Honky Tonk Heroes

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Push the Limit

Live Music, Art and Craft Vendors, Food, and More!  
On Main Street in Historic Downtown Wentzville



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*A few quick reminders about tree-limb pickup, your utility contact info and more!*

## FALL TREE-LIMB PICKUP

Twice yearly, the City provides residents with a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree limbs. Again this year, the fall pickup will take place by ward. Please note that the dates occur slightly later this year. If you're unsure about which ward you live in, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/WardMap](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/WardMap).

The fall 2024 schedule is as follows:

- Ward 1: Week of Oct. 28
- Ward 2: Week of Nov. 4
- Ward 3: Week of Nov. 11

Tree limbs and branches for the Chipper Program must be stacked at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday of your Ward's scheduled Chipper Program week. Tree branches and tree limbs should NOT be bundled or placed in bags. Bagged or tie-bundled materials will not be picked up. Tree limbs are defined by the largest cut end measuring up to six inches in diameter. This also includes small tree trunks measuring the same diameter above. Please leave tree limbs as long as possible and face the butt/cut end to the street. Do NOT block the sidewalk with tree limbs. Questions? Call Public Works at (636) 327-5101 or visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/TreeLimbPickup](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/TreeLimbPickup).

## UTILITY REMINDERS

### Update Your Contact Info

We want to stay in touch with you! To update your email address or change utility account-related information, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/MyContactInfo](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/MyContactInfo). Thank you for helping us communicate more efficiently and effectively.

### Checking For Leaks

Does your water bill seem higher in usage? More often than not, a leaking toilet can be the cause of this increase. A quick in-home test can be done to see if this is indeed the problem. First, put a few drops of food coloring into your toilet tank. Then, wait 10 minutes without flushing and check to see if the color shows up in the toilet bowl. If so, you have a leak, and a quick and easy seal replacement should stop your water loss. Be sure to run this test on all the toilets in your home and also check the handles to be sure they're not sticking, as this will also cause water loss by the toilet continuously running. For more information concerning water usage, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/Water](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/Water).



# 2024 Photo Contest

In early July, residents were invited to submit photographs capturing the beauty of Wentzville. Thank you to all of our participants, who submitted more than 25 photos that each captured the essence and the beautiful, unique qualities of Historic Downtown Wentzville! A special thanks to everyone who took time to cast a vote, too! To view full-size versions of all the awesome entries this year, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/View](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/View).



Photo credit:  
Erica Triplett



We Have!  
a Winner!



Photo credit:  
Erica Triplett



Photo credit:  
Lou McFarlane







**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](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/BOA).

## Board Update: New Website, Enhanced City Services

The Board of Aldermen is excited to unveil a host of new enhancements on the City of Wentzville's revamped website, designed to make City government more accessible and responsive to your needs.

**Meet Your Board:** Contact and communicate directly with the Board. Find our cell phone numbers and email addresses when you visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/BOA](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/BOA).

**Stay Informed with Live Streams:** Tune in to live board meetings and browse the latest agendas to stay on top of city news from the comfort of your home — [www.wentzvillemo.gov/Agendas](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/Agendas).

**Get Involved:** Want to serve your community and make a difference? Now's your chance! Sign up for a committee, board or commission at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/BCApplication](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/BCApplication).

**Local Happenings:** Our comprehensive calendar keeps you updated on City events and meetings — perfect for planning your next family outing. Visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/Calendar](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/Calendar).

**Project Insights:** Keep tabs on City developments with updates on transportation projects that enhance our infrastructure and connectivity. Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/ProjectUpdates](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/ProjectUpdates). For detailed Parks and Recreation project news, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/ParkProjects](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/ParkProjects).

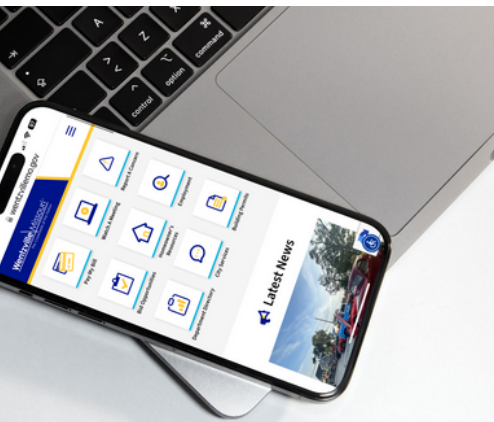
**Easy Online Services:** From quick bill payments to reporting issues, the new site makes everyday tasks quick and hassle-free. Visit the new site on your mobile device to select options like “Pay My Bill” and “Building Permits” right from your home screen.

**Improved Department Access:** We've added dedicated microsites for Police, Parks and Recreation, and Economic Development, to ensure streamlined access. You can also see visual links to all departments and divisions when you visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/DeptDirectory](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/DeptDirectory).

**Share Your Concerns:** Your feedback matters! Use our new portal to share ideas or voice concerns. For details, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/ContactUs](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/ContactUs).

**Get Connected:** In addition to the website, one of the best ways to stay informed about City events, projects and programs is through our social media channels. Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/GetConnected](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/GetConnected).

**Find What You Need:** With all City resources and documents in one place, finding information has never been easier. You can browse the complete list at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/CityDocuments](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/CityDocuments).



## HOAs and Backyard Chickens

The recent Missouri law, HB 2062, introduces new opportunities for residents interested in keeping chickens. The new law allows homeowners with lots of 8,712 square feet or more to own and pasture up to six chickens.

This law also addresses the role homeowners' associations (HOAs) now hold, noting that they can no longer prevent residents from owning or pasturing chickens if their property meets this size requirement. However, residents should still coordinate with their HOAs regarding other elements of chicken keeping, such as coop design, placement, etc.

Wentzville's existing Code is already in line with this law, and we've established careful guidelines to ensure that chickens are kept responsibly. These guidelines are designed to protect both the health of our community and the well-being of our feathered friends.

We encourage residents to familiarize themselves with these guidelines and feel free to reach out to the City with any questions. We're here to help you enjoy the benefits of responsible chicken ownership while keeping our community safe and happy! Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/Chickens](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/Chickens).



## APPSolutely Awesome!



### Download the new Wentzville Parks and Recreation App today!

We are APPsolutely pumped to introduce the new Wentzville Parks and Recreation (WPRD) App! Stay in the know more than ever before — receive reminders about programs and special events, and gain easy access to facility information and notifications about facility closures.

**The app can even keep your wallet lighter by allowing you to store your pass digitally, so staff can simply scan your phone when you visit!**

You can also customize your notification settings to receive the information you care about as often as you want. Download the WPRD App in the Google Play Store or App Store today!



**DOWNLOAD**



## Electronics Recycling + Document Shredding

This FREE\* drive-thru and drop-off event is open to families and individuals only (no businesses, please). Almost anything with a plug is accepted for electronics recycling. However, some items (such as TVs and items with Freon) will incur a fee. Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/ElectronicsRecycling](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/ElectronicsRecycling).

FREE Personal shredding is limited to six “Bankers Boxes” (or the same size) OR three 13-gallon (kitchen-sized) garbage bags, per vehicle. Participants should ONLY shred items with personally identifiable details. Items that DO NOT contain personally identifiable information should be recycled directly in your curbside recycling cart.



**Saturday, Oct. 5**



**9-11:30 a.m.**



**North Point Middle School  
2275 W. Meyer Rd.**

