

## *City of Wentzville News, Information, Important Dates and More!*

### **Bunny Run: 5k and Fun Run**

Join us for the annual Bunny Run on Saturday, March 27! Whether you want to take on the 5K, challenge yourself with a 10K or walk/run the One-Mile Fun Run, it's time to lace up your running shoes and race around Heartland Park!

All registered participants will receive a custom race shirt, access to on-course water stations, and post race drinks and snacks. Register by March 1 to guarantee shirt sizes. 5K and 10K participants will be professionally timed. Packet pickup and same-day registration starts at 5:30 a.m. on race day; the race starts at 7 a.m. The 10K course is a second lap of the 5K course.

Awards will be given to the top three overall male and female winners for the 5K and 10K. Age-group awards will be given to 5K and 10K male and female winners in each of the following age groups; 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and older. Overall winners will not receive awards for winning their age group.

Racers can pick up packets at Wentzville Ice Arena on March 25 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or March 26 from 4:30-8 p.m. Please note: Day-of registration will increase by \$5.

### **Get a Visit from the Easter Bunny**

Get a visit from the Easter Bunny! Wentzville residents can have the Easter Bunny stop by your home for a special hello while he tosses Easter eggs on your front lawn. Visits are available on Saturday, March 20 or Sunday, March 21. Participants must register by March 12. A \$15 fee is due at the time of registration and includes 25 candy-filled eggs. You may purchase an extra 25 eggs for an additional \$15.

This year, participants will have access to a new tracking system that allows you to watch the Easter Bunny as he travels around Wentzville and gets closer to your home! Please note: This program is for Wentzville residents only.

### **Yard-Waste Collection Resumes in March**

Each year, yard-waste collection begins the first full week in March and continues through the last week of December. Collection will automatically resume the week of March 1 if service is not canceled. Cancellations will be accepted until March 30.

For those with service, yard waste must be set out by 6 a.m. on your regular solid-waste collection day. If you prefer to provide your own cart, it must be clearly marked with "Yard-Waste-Only" stickers on the lid and both sides of the cart. You can request these stickers by calling Public Works at (636) 327-5102.

To schedule a per-bag, one-time, yard-waste pickup, please call (636) 327-5102 or complete the online form at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/solidwasterequest](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/solidwasterequest). This service must be scheduled a minimum of two business days before your regular solid-waste collection day.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, limbs and branches. Limbs and branches cannot be more than four feet long, three inches in diameter or weigh more than 40 pounds. Bundles should be tied with a natural twine or other biodegradable binding material. Yard waste does not include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps or limbs more than three inches in diameter. For questions, please call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049.



### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Don't miss this EGGciting event! The Easter Bunny has been filling thousands of eggs with candy and prizes for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27. Registration for the Egg Hunt is \$5 in advance and \$6 on the day of the event. Attendees must have their ticket with them in order to participate.

All participants must bring their own basket or collection container to hold all of their candy-filled eggs. Certain eggs will also contain a slip of paper redeemable for prizes.

Don't forget to arrive early for this event and enjoy all of our pre-hunt activities, including photos with the Easter bunny! We are also searching for local teen talent who want to take the stage to perform from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/parksandrec](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/parksandrec) for more information or email inquiries to [fun@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:fun@wentzvillemo.gov).

## Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance

Bring your princess to the annual Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance on Friday, Feb. 5 or Saturday, Feb. 6. Make memories that will last a lifetime at this three-hour event. Enjoy a full meal, dancing, games, a craft and more! Each couple will also receive a framed photo to remember this special night.

Registration is \$53 for Wentzville residents and \$66 for non-residents. Please note: Pricing includes one parent and one child. Each additional guest, child or adult, will be \$25. Participants must register by Jan. 29 at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/sweetheartdance2021](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/sweetheartdance2021).

We want to be transparent about the steps we are taking to keep our guests healthy. The following precautions are intended to prioritize guest safety:

- Tables will seat eight guests instead of 10.
- Tables will be spread apart to allow for physical distancing.
- All craft supplies will be individually packaged and crafts will be completed at your seat instead of at a community table.
- All staff and vendors will wear masks for the duration of the event.
- Food will be served to guests and refills will require new plates, cups, etc.

If you have questions or concerns regarding our safety measures, please contact Abigail Ayers by calling (636) 639-2088 or by emailing [Abigail.Ayers@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:Abigail.Ayers@wentzvillemo.gov).

## Stay Connected with the City of Wentzville

The City of Wentzville uses a variety of methods to communicate with residents, both print and digital. Make sure you are receiving all of Wentzville's important updates by connecting with us in the following ways.

### Sign Up for Our eNewsletters

Stay informed about Parks and Recreation events and programs, economic development news and general City updates by signing up for one or more of the City's eNewsletters. Get Wentzville updates sent right to your inbox when you sign up at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/newsletters](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/newsletters).

### Sign Up for Wentzville's Emergency Alerts

The W.I.N.D. system (or Wentzville Information Notification Delivery) is used to notify residents and business owners about imminent threats to health and safety. Public safety officials may send alerts about emergencies, including severe weather, water outages, traffic issues and critical police activity. If you sign up for City announcements, you will receive information on the topics you designate.

Those who sign up can receive alerts by phone, by text and/or by email. To sign up, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/signupforWIND](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/signupforWIND). If you've signed up previously, please login to ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

### Update Your Email Address

We do our best to keep updated contact information for all Wentzville residents, but we need your help. Ensure that you receive all of Wentzville's important news and alerts by updating your email address and other account information. Please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/updatewentzvilleinfo](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/updatewentzvilleinfo) and complete a short form to update your contact info.

### Follow Us on Social Media

The City uses a variety of social media to keep our residents updated. You can connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @wentzvillemo, and on LinkedIn, Nextdoor and Youtube by searching for the City of Wentzville. Wentzville Parks and Recreation and the Wentzville Police Department are also available on social media. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on all Wentzville happenings.

For more information about how to connect with the City of Wentzville, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/connect](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/connect).



## Pay Your Bill 24/7/365

The City of Wentzville gives residents access to your utility account 24 hours a day, 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 or access your account information over the phone, please call (833) 326-7020. Please note: Additional fees may apply.

Residents can also pay their bills online by accessing the City's virtual payment portal. Bill payment is available on the City's website at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/paymybill](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/paymybill). All payment methods are secure, so residents don't have to worry about entering their payment information online.

Don't want to pay virtually or by phone? No problem. Wentzville City Hall has a convenient drive-up-and-drop-off Utility Payment Dropbox. Residents can drop off their utility bills at any time, without even having to get out of your car.

For more information about utility billing, please contact our utility billing office at (636) 639-2155.