

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

Candidate Filing Closes Jan. 19

Eligible candidates may now file for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 6, 2021, ballot. Candidates must file at City Hall, located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd. The filing period will remain open until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. Positions open for filing include one Alderman from each of the three Wards and Municipal Judge. There is a \$25 fee, due when filing.

Alderman: City ordinances state that candidates running for Alderman must be at least 18 years of age; a U.S. citizen; and an inhabitant and resident of the City for at least one year prior to the election. Candidates running for Alderman must also be a resident, at the time he/she files and during the time he/she serves, of the Ward from which he/she is elected.

Judge: City ordinances state that candidates running for Municipal Judge must be a licensed attorney, qualified to practice law in the state of Missouri, and a resident of St. Charles County at the time of his/her election. The Municipal Judge does not need to reside within Wentzville city limits. The Municipal Judge must be between 21 and 75 years of age.

For additional information, please call the City Clerk's office at (636) 327-5101. Applicant packets are available at www.wentzvillemo.gov/cityclerk.

Snow Plowing Reminders

We ask residents to please be patient with City snowplows. Snow routes are pre-assigned and plow trucks work as quickly as is safely possible. There are many streets in and around Wentzville that are not plowed by the City. These roads are maintained by MODOT and are not normally cleared by City crews unless otherwise approved under a mutual aid request or as authorized by the City Administrator. Such roads include:

- Highways 70 and 40/61
- Highway 70/North Service Road/South Service Road
- Lettered Highways, including Highway A, Highway N and Highway Z
- Continental Drive
- Linn Cemetery Hill

Understanding Winter Weather Alerts

As winter settles in, it's important to be prepared for inclement weather. Know what your weather alerts mean by understanding the difference between a winter weather watch, advisory and warning, and when they might be issued. Get more weather tips from the national weather service at www.weather.gov.

Watch: Conditions are favorable for a winter storm event, but the occurrence, location and/or timing are still uncertain. Watches are typically issued at least 24 hours in advance of a storm.

Advisory: Conditions pose a significant inconvenience and, if caution is not exercised, could threaten life or property. Advisories are typically issued in conditions that might produce three to five inches of snow within 12 hours.

Warning: Conditions pose a threat to life or property, and that travel will become difficult to impossible. Warnings are typically issued under conditions that might produce six inches of snow.

Round Up to Give Back

Sign up to give back to your community this holiday season. Wentzville residents can register to round up their utility bills to the nearest dollar as a donation to local seniors. If you register for our "Round Up" program, your monthly utility bill will be rounded up to the next highest dollar. For example, if your bill is \$44.25 it will be rounded up to \$45.00. This will make a contribution of \$0.75. The funds raised from this program are donated to our local Meals on Wheels program. To register for our "Round-Up" program, please visit the City's website at www.wentzvillemo.gov/giveback.

Wentzville's Website Updates

Our updated website is now live! The City is in constant efforts to provide our residents with top-quality resources. The new design includes quick links to our most popular pages, streamlined online business processes, improved ADA features and more. These updates make doing online business with the City easier than ever before!

In addition, transitioning to a .gov domain creates extra levels of security for our website to better protect the City's systems. Don't miss out on any important Wentzville updates. Visit our revised site at www.wentzvillemo.gov.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Not sure what to do with your Christmas tree? Wentzville residents can recycle their natural Christmas trees with curbside collection. Trees, which must be free of decorations, lights, etc., may be placed at the curb on your regular collection day between Jan. 4 and Jan. 22. For questions, please call (636) 327-5102. Natural trees, with no decorations, coverings, stands or lights, can also be recycled at the following locations during regular park hours on the following dates:

- Progress Park: Dec. 26-Jan. 15
- Heartland Park: Dec. 26-Jan. 15
- Rotary Park: Jan. 9-15

Crime-Tip Hotline

Residents can help keep our community safe with the Wentzville Police Department's new crime-tip hotline. If you see something, say something, and report crime sightings or suspicious activity to the WPD.

To report a crime tip, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/crimetips or call (636) 639-2180. All calls are confidential. This new option provides an additional way for you to get connected to our Police Department and help us solve crime.

Please don't hesitate to contact the emergency number 911 or the non-emergency number (636) 327-5105 to report a crime or suspicious activity.



Attend a City Meeting

Attending City meetings is a great way to stay informed about Wentzville happenings. Most City boards and commissions have resumed in-person meetings. Physical distancing and other COVID-19 related guidelines are in place for those who choose to attend in-person. Residents can also attend meetings virtually through live-stream viewing. To access live coverage of a City meeting, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/agendas.

Please note: Residents who attend a meeting via live-stream viewing will not be able to make public comments. To learn about how to speak virtually at a Board of Aldermen meeting, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/openforum.

Sign up for W.I.N.D

Sign up to receive emergency notifications from the City of Wentzville! By signing up for the W.I.N.D. program (or Wentzville Information Notification Delivery), residents and business owners can receive City-related emergency alerts and City announcements, including snow emergencies and other weather-related alerts.

Get alerts the way you want to receive them. Residents can receive W.I.N.D notifications by phone, by text message and/or by email. To sign up for W.I.N.D., please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/signupforWIND.

Snow Removal Tips

With snow and ice season upon us, Wentzville Public Works is gearing up to keep City roads clear and safe. Below are a few winter tips from the Public Works Department.

Fire Hydrants: Residents should clear fire hydrants of snow buildup to ensure fire fighters can quickly access the fire hydrant in the event of a fire.

Observe Winter Parking Restrictions: It is always a good idea to remove parked cars from the roadway during a snow event greater than two inches. Parking is prohibited on City streets when a snowfall forecast of five or more inches results in a declaration of a City Snow Emergency.

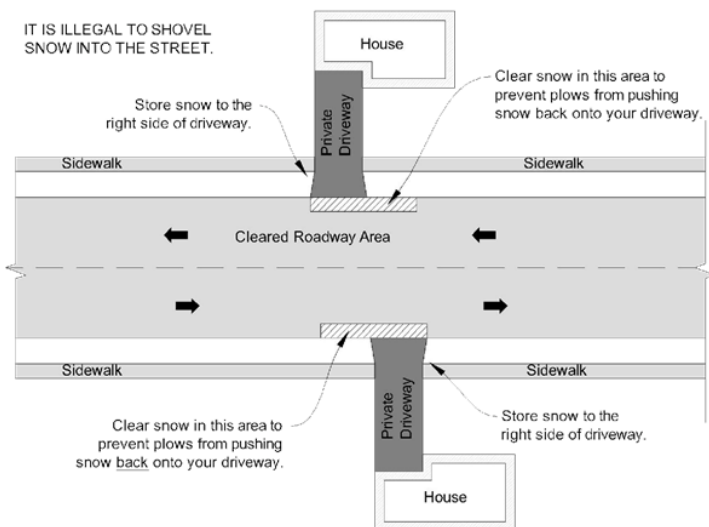
Mailboxes: Occasionally, mailboxes are bumped by snow removal equipment or snow dropping off of the face of the plow. When notified of the problem, the City will erect a temporary mailbox until weather conditions allow for repairs. If replacement is needed, the City will reimburse \$50 for a new mailbox, which meets the minimum requirements of the USPS.

Landscaping: The City permits low bushes, ground cover and flowers to be planted in the right-of-way, but does not compensate residents for private plantings in the right-of-way that are damaged due to snow-removal operations. If sod is damaged, the City will restore that area at the earliest availability of sod material.

Mail Delivery/Solid-Waste Collection: Snow fighters clear snow as close to the curb line as practical to provide access to the mailboxes and solid-waste collection. Final clearing is the responsibility of each resident in order to receive solid-waste collection service and delivery of mail by the USPS.

Have a question? Call Public Works at (636) 327-5102. To submit a snow concern, please email snowconcern@wentzvillemo.gov.

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The "Right" Way to Store Your Snow

With winter upon us, we ask Wentzville residents to help our City snowplow drivers. Use the following tips when shoveling your driveway to ensure that City snowplows don't push snow and slush back in front of your driveway. Please note: It is always illegal to shovel snow into the street.

As you stand facing the street, it's best for snow to be stored in the grass on the right side of your driveway. For best results, remove snow from the street in front of and to the left of your driveway. Snow remaining on the street in front of and to the left of your driveway, drops in front of your driveway when the City snowplow comes by. View the diagram to the left.

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