

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

Upcoming Holidays

Veterans Day

City offices will be closed for Veterans Day on Thursday, Nov. 11; solid-waste collection will not be affected. Progress Park Recreation Center and the Wentzville Ice Arena will be open during regular hours. To view recreation facility hours, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/rechours and select "Facilities and Parks Information."

Thanksgiving Day

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26. However, Progress Park Recreation Center and the Wentzville Ice Arena will be open regular hours on Friday, Nov. 26. The solid waste and recycling collection schedule for the week of Nov. 22 will be as follows:

- Solid-waste collection will remain the same on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 22, 23 and 24.
- Solid-waste collection will not take place on Thursday, Nov. 25. Thursday's collection will move to Friday, Nov. 26, and Friday's collection will take place on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Wentzville Wonderland Holiday Display Contest

Decorating for the holidays? Enter your home in the City's Wentzville Wonderland Holiday Display Facebook Contest! Between Dec. 1 and Dec. 17, participants can submit a photo of their holiday display by posting it in the City's Wentzville Wonderland Facebook event. Displays will be voted on by the public via a polling system on the City's social media channels.

Winners will receive a custom Winter Wonderland yard sign to display on their property! One display will be chosen in each of the following categories:

- Biggest and Brightest
- Social Media's Favorite
- Mayor's Choice

To review the guidelines and locate contest-submission details, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/winterwonderland. Please note: Submissions are subject to City approval. Displays that violate Wentzville's City municipal code will not be accepted. 2020 winners are not eligible to participate again until 2022.



Write a Letter to Santa

Wentzville Parks and Recreation is partnering with Santa Claus again this season! Partake in this holiday tradition by writing a letter to Santa. Wentzville Parks and Recreation will mail your letter and help Santa deliver his reply to you! Participants are asked to use the provided letter template which can be found at any of Santa's mailboxes around Wentzville or at www.wentzvillemo.gov/letterstosanta.

Write your letter fast! Santa is a very busy man and needs all letters sent to him by Friday, Dec. 17. To submit your letter, please drop it in one of our mailboxes at the following locations: Progress Park Recreation Center (968 Meyer Rd.), City Hall 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.) or in Historic Downtown Wentzville (near Ellbee's).



Save the Date for Holiday Night Lights

The annual Wentzville Holiday Night Lights display at Rotary Park opens on Friday, Nov. 26! This one-mile light display features large, illuminated commercial scenes and tunnels of twinkling lights. Drive-thru admission is \$10 for vehicles holding up to six passengers; \$1 per additional person after the sixth. On Saturdays, you can also have a visit with Santa inside the Kolb Building which will be transformed into a magical winter wonderland! Join us for the Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru on Dec. 13 from 5-8 p.m. to enjoy the lights display at a slower more intimate pace. Learn more about the HNL Walk-Thru on the back of this issue of *Noteworthy*.



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Wentzville Rec Center Construction Update

The new Wentzville Rec Center (WREC) is making big progress! Over the last several months, residents have watched this facility take shape at the Wentzville Bend. Recent progress includes brick on the exterior walls facing Wentzville Parkway, piping additions to the leisure pool, windows and a new parking lot on the east side of the building.

When complete, this 100,000 square foot facility will bring a variety of new amenities to our community, including a multi-court gymnasium, elevated walking track, fitness center, multi-purpose rooms, senior activity space, indoor pool, kid zone and more!

Want to stay updated on the WREC construction? For regular project updates, connect with the City on social media @wentzvillemo. You can also watch it live at www.wentzvillemo.gov/wreclivefeed. For more information on this project and to see a sneak peek inside the facility, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/wrec.



Shop Local this Holiday Season

Supporting small businesses can have a big impact. When you choose to shop in Wentzville, you are committing to take an active role in impacting our community. During the holiday season, the City wants to encourage all Wentzville residents to support local businesses by shopping in Wentzville. Here are the top three reasons to shop local in 2021:

1. Dollars spent in Wentzville stay in Wentzville. \$68 of every \$100 spent at a local business goes back into our community.
2. Shopping local is eco-friendly! You can cut your automobile miles by 26% when you shop at Wentzville businesses instead of traveling out of town.
3. On average, small businesses donate 250% more to local causes than big businesses. Your local purchases benefit Wentzville business owners and Wentzville charities.

Protect Your Sewer from Fats, Oils and Grease

'Tis the season for home-cooked meals! As you prepare delicious dishes this Thanksgiving, keep in mind that fats, oils and grease don't just clog our arteries, they also clog our sewers. Keeping these substances out of the drain is one of the best ways to avoid a sewer backup in your home.

Fats, oils, and grease are found in many of the foods we eat every day — foods such as meat, butter, cooking oil, gravy, sauces, mayonnaise, salad dressing and cheese. These also happen to be some of the key ingredients to our favorite holiday dishes. Help prevent drain and sewer clogs by keeping drains free of fat, oil and grease. Use these reminders from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to prevent grease buildup in your pipes:

- Wipe cooled pots and pans with a paper towel before washing.
- Remove fatty foods from plates and the kitchen sink and place them in the trash — not down the drain.
- Can it, cool it and trash it. Pour all cooled cooking fats that will harden into a container such as an empty vegetable, pet food or coffee can. Let these contents cool and throw the can in the trash.

Santa Visits

Want a special visit from Santa Claus this holiday season? On Saturday, Dec. 18, or Sunday, Dec. 19, you can have the jolly old man stop by your house for a special hello between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Registration is \$15 and includes a brief visit from Santa and a photo opportunity. For an additional \$15, you can also choose to have Santa bring you a special holiday present with goodies and toys!

A special tracking system will allow you to watch Santa Claus as he travels around town and gets closer to your home. Because Santa is on such a tight schedule, this program is for Wentzville residents ONLY. Note: Santa must remain outside your home for the duration of the visit. Please register by Dec. 12 at www.wentzvillemo.gov/santavisits.

Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru

Make plans to join us on Monday, Dec. 13 from 5-8 p.m. for our annual Holiday Night Lights Walk-Thru. This event allows participants to enjoy the light display at a slower, more intimate pace. Attendees will stroll down the one-mile, illuminated path, experiencing enchanted scenes, twinkling lights and joyful carolers. Then, attendees can head to the Kolb Building, which will be transformed into a winter wonderland with decorated trees from local businesses and organizations. Enjoy some delicious hot chocolate while you wait to have your photo taken with Santa! Live reindeer will also be available for a festive holiday photograph.

To donate a tree from your business or organization, please contact Daniel Lewandowski at (636) 639-2085 or Daniel.Lewandowski@wentzvillemo.gov. Walk-thru tickets cost \$3 in advance and \$5 day-of, per person. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled for Dec. 14. Free admission for children under the age of 2.



Connect with the City on social media! To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/getconnected.