

THE VISION



HOLIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS EVENTS

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Candidate Filing

File for elected municipal offices for the April 2024 ballot at City Hall between Dec. 5-26.

Decorating Contest

Show off your holiday decorating skills in this fun, annual contest.

Support Local

Shopping locally is the best way to keep your tax dollars working for you!



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Vitale Law Firm

LOCATION: 107 CREEKSIDE OFFICE DR.

OWNER: Kevin Shaun Vitale, JD, MPH

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE?

Our favorite thing about Wentzville is undoubtedly its people. The community spirit here is unparalleled. Residents are warm, welcoming and always looking out for one another. This sense of unity and camaraderie makes Wentzville a special place to live and work.

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

Vitale Law Firm aims to remain at the forefront of legal excellence while deepening our roots in the community. We are implementing free monthly seminars to educate the community about how a custom estate plan can best fit their needs.

We hope to see Wentzville evolve into a hub of innovation and growth while preserving its rich history and community spirit. Furthermore, we envision a town where businesses thrive, educational opportunities are abundant, and residents enjoy an enhanced quality of life. We aspire for Wentzville to be recognized as a great place to live and a model community that other towns aspire to emulate.

WHEN DID YOU OPEN, AND WHY DID YOU LOCATE YOUR BUSINESS IN WENTZVILLE?

Vitale Law Firm opened in June 2022. Wentzville is a rapidly growing community with a rich history and a promising future. We recognized the potential of the area and wanted to be a part of its growth. Additionally, the community spirit and the supportive local government made it an attractive location for our firm. After completing my military service, I wanted to be able to continue service to the community. We believe in serving communities that value collaboration, and Wentzville exemplifies that.

WHAT DOES YOUR BUSINESS BRING TO WENTZVILLE, AND WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER?

We aim to bring top-notch legal services closer to the residents of this community. We understand the unique challenges and opportunities locals face and are here to provide tailored legal solutions. We are a veteran-owned business and are committed to community engagement and outreach. Our presence in Wentzville is not just about business; it's about building lasting relationships, fostering community growth and ensuring every resident has access to quality legal representation right at their doorstep. Vitale Law Firm provides legal services focused on transactional business law and estate planning, including elder law, special needs and veteran planning.

Welcome New Businesses!

JP3 Kitchen and Bath
1090 Crosswinds Ct.

Addington Artworks
144 E. Pearce Blvd.

Meineke Car Care
1110 Corporate Pkwy.

Tri-State Trolling Motor
1092 Crosswinds Ct.

Hannam Law Help LLC
111 W. Allen St., Ste. 101

Benchmark Window LLC
205 Avalon Industrial Pkwy.



Relentless Fitness Wentzville LLC
1070 Crosswinds Ct.

Hampton Manor of Wentzville
21 Midland Park Dr.

The Chakra Healing Room
950 Corporate Pkwy., Ste. 116

Precious Thoughts LLC
111 W. Allen St., Ste. 102

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

Annual Tree Lighting and Parade: Dec. 3

The Tree Lighting and the "Spirit of the Season" Christmas Parade are Wentzville traditions. Mayor Nick Guccione will officially light the tree at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the start of the parade. The parade will begin at approximately 6 p.m. in Historic Downtown Wentzville on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Following the parade, attendees may enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Station 1 Firehouse.

Learn more:

www.wentzvillemo.gov/ChristmasParade

Remember: Don't Strain the Drain

'Tis the season for home-cooked meals! As you prepare delicious holiday dishes, 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 daily — 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 tips 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. Cooking oil can also be recycled at St. Charles County's Recycle Works West location at 2110 E. Pitman Ave. Learn more at www.sccmo.org/877/Recycle-Works-West.



Candidate Filing

Opens Tuesday, Dec. 5

Starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, candidates may begin filing for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 2024 ballot. Candidates must file in person at City Hall, located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd. The filing period will remain open until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. This reflects a 2021 change to the state law regarding filing dates for candidates for elected office.

Positions open for filing include Mayor and one Alderman from each of the three Wards. There is a \$25 fee, due when filing. City ordinances state that candidates running for Mayor must be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen; and a resident of the City at the time of and for at least one year next preceding the election. 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 must also be a resident, at the time they file and during the time they serve, of the Ward from which they are elected. Questions? Please call the City Clerk's office at (636) 639-2012. Starting Nov. 27, packets can be found at www.wentzvillemo.gov/CityClerk.

Package Safety Tips

Protect your packages from "porch pirates" this holiday season (and year-round) with these tips from the Wentzville Police Department (WPD).

- Schedule deliveries when you will be home, choose in-garage delivery, or have packages delivered to a trusted friend/family member or to a commercial locker.
- Request a signature to receive your package.
- Increase your home security with surveillance cameras.
- Remember to report any suspicious activity to WPD by calling (636) 327-5105.

If you have a surveillance system, WPD would love to partner with you! If you register your surveillance system and a crime occurs, WPD can quickly identify anyone with cameras nearby. This helps WPD to collect video evidence and follow up on leads to solve the crime. WPD is not asking for access to your system. This voluntary program simply provides a way to know where video surveillance systems are located throughout the community. To register your system, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/WPDVideoRegistration. Questions? Please contact Detective Sergeant Wessel at (636) 639-2138.





Mayor Nick Guccione

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Wentzville: Where Residents and Businesses Thrive

In the City of Wentzville, fostering a strong sense of community and cultivating positive neighborly relationships are the foundations upon which a thriving and harmonious city is built. As we embark on our continued journey of growth and progress, it is imperative that we prioritize community building, embrace diversity and cultivate a spirit of collaboration. We are Wentzville!

Fostering a sense of unity, trust and positive interactions is the key to creating a vibrant community. As our City continues to grow and evolve, it is essential that we prioritize community building and embrace our role as positive neighbors. By promoting inclusivity, encouraging active engagement and fostering a sense of belonging, we can continue to establish Wentzville as a welcoming place where residents can thrive. Let's explore the important aspects that contribute to building a strong community and being positive neighbors in the City of Wentzville.

Wentzville is fortunate to be home to a diverse range of residents, each bringing unique backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. Embracing this diversity and promoting inclusivity is crucial to building a strong community. By celebrating our differences, we create an environment that encourages collaboration, understanding and respect. In Wentzville, open dialogue, diverse voices and ensuring everyone feels valued and heard are vital.

At the heart of community building lies effective communication. When neighbors are informed, connected and engaged, they can work together to tackle challenges, find common ground and build a stronger community. As Mayor, fostering transparent communication channels and providing opportunities for residents to voice their concerns and ideas is a priority. If you ever have a question or concern, please feel free to reach out to me or your Aldermen directly. You can find contact information at www.wentzvillemo.gov/BOA. To learn about the ways Wentzville communicates, visit www.wentzville.com/HowWeCommunicate.

A strong community is closely linked to the success of local businesses and initiatives. By supporting local entrepreneurs, we not only boost economic growth but also foster a sense of pride and ownership among residents. Encouraging residents to shop locally, attend local events, and support local organizations and charities is crucial. Collaborating with local organizations and businesses creates a thriving local ecosystem that benefits everyone. Speaking of local events, you can learn more about the Holiday Night Lights events on pgs. 5 and 6.

Active civic engagement forms the backbone of any thriving community. I encourage residents to actively participate in local governance, volunteer for community service projects and engage in grassroots initiatives. Empowering residents to be involved in decision-making processes creates a sense of ownership and shared responsibility. Recognizing and celebrating the contributions of community leaders and volunteers can inspire others to get involved, creating a ripple effect of positive change. If you're interested in volunteering or serving on one of our boards, commissions or committees, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/BoardsAndCommissions.

In the City of Wentzville, prioritizing community building and embracing our role as positive neighbors are equally essential as we continue to grow. By promoting inclusivity, encouraging effective communication, supporting local businesses and initiatives, and promoting civic engagement, we can create a place where everyone feels valued, connected and empowered. Together, let's build a stronger and more vibrant Wentzville.

Wentzville's Vision: *Located at the crossroads of the nation, we are a welcoming community, uniquely positioned as an innovative regional leader. Wentzville delivers exceptional services and a vibrant quality of life for residents and businesses to thrive.*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

A brief recap of holiday hours and collection changes, Parks info and more!

Don't miss the Save a Turkey, Shoot a Puck event on Thanksgiving Day at the Wentzville Ice Arena. Learn more at www.wentzvillemo.gov/IceArena.



HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Veterans Day

City offices will be closed for Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 10 — solid-waste collection will not be affected. The Wentzville Rec Center (WREC), Progress Park Recreation Center and the Ice Arena will be open regular hours. To view recreation facility hours, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/FacilityHours.

Thanksgiving Day

City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. The WREC and Progress Park Recreation Center will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23; however, both facilities (and the Ice Arena) will be open regular hours on Friday, Nov. 24.

Here's the solid waste and recycling collection schedule for the week of Nov. 20: Collection will remain the same from Nov. 20-22. There will be no collection on Thursday, Nov. 23. Thursday's collection will move to Friday, Nov. 24, and Friday's collection will take place on Saturday, Nov. 25.

FUN TIMES GOES LIVE

The next issue of *Fun Times* will be live on the City's website beginning on Nov. 15. You can flip through this digital guide at www.wentzvillemo.gov/FunTimes. To request a printed copy, please call Hannah Logsdon at (636) 639-2159 or email Hannah.Logsdon@wentzvillemo.gov.

HOLIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 5K AND FUN RUN

This event takes place on Dec. 3 beginning at 5 p.m., and will take you through our amazing light display at Rotary Park just in time for the holiday season! All racers will receive a finisher medal. Day-of-race registration will not be available. Packet pickup is Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the WREC. Day-of-race packet pickup starts at 4 p.m. To register, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/Races.

NEW HOURS AT PROGRESS PARK

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, Progress Park Recreation Center hours will be reduced. To find out more information, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/ProgressPark.



Tree Recycling

Curbside collection of real trees is available for Wentzville residents with solid waste collection service. Trees, which must be free of decorations, lights, tinsel, garland, etc., and cut into less than four-foot sections, may be placed at the curb on your regular collection day between Jan. 2 and Jan. 19. For questions, please call (636) 639-2049.

Drop-off tree recycling will also be available again this year. To learn more about drop-off recycling at specific City parks, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/SW.



Wentzville's Holiday Decorating Contest

Did you know you can enter your home in the City's annual Wentzville Wonderland Holiday Display Contest on Facebook? Between Dec. 1 and Dec. 13, participants can submit a photo of their holiday display by posting it in the City's Wentzville Wonderland Facebook event. The public will vote on displays via a polling system on the City's social media channels starting Dec. 14. Winners will receive a custom Winter Wonderland yard sign to display on their property! One display will be chosen in the following categories: Biggest and Brightest, Social Media Favorite and Mayor's Choice. Please note: Submissions are subject to City approval. Displays that violate Wentzville's City municipal code will not be accepted. Note: 2022 winners are not eligible to participate again until 2024. Learn more at www.wentzvillemo.gov/WinterWonderland.

Salute Our Troops!

Early next year, a unique banner program will be launched to honor and pay tribute to the brave individuals who have selflessly served our nation. This program symbolizes our gratitude and respect for those who have sacrificed to keep us safe and secure. Soon, you can find more information about the 2024 program at www.wentzvillemo.gov/SaluteOurTroops.



**Salute Our
Troops**



HOLIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Join us for a night of magic and holiday spirit! Enjoy a one-mile light display that features large, illuminated holiday scenes and tunnels of twinkling lights. Whether running, walking or driving, this festive display is a great way to experience the wonder and joy of the season close to home.



Drive-Thru

Nov. 24-Dec. 30*
5:30-9:30 p.m.



Santa Saturdays

Saturdays through Dec. 23
5:30-9:30 p.m.



Walk-Thru

Dec. 11
5-8 p.m.



5K & One-Mile Fun Run

Dec. 3
5 p.m.



Sleigh Hayrides

Mondays/Wednesdays*
Nov. 27-Dec. 27

*These schedules vary. For details please visit
www.wentzvillemo.gov/HNL.





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: Support Local, Shop Wentzville

With the holidays fast approaching, it's a good time to remember the importance of shopping in Wentzville. Shopping locally is the best way to keep your tax dollars working for you! Where we shop, where we eat, where we have fun — all of these options are what make our community, our home. Our businesses and restaurants are an integral part of the distinctive character of Wentzville.

Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community and who are highly invested in Wentzville's future. Wentzville's exceptional quality of life and local economy rely on where you spend your money and do your shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential City services as money spent in Wentzville directly impacts our residential services. The money you spend here comes back here — in the form of recreational programs, police officers, City improvements and more. Shopping locally keeps businesses here, providing jobs, and benefiting our schools and area nonprofits.

The holiday season is a great reminder to shop local, and Saturday, Nov. 26, is the perfect time to pledge your commitment to local spending. Small Business Saturday, which is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year, is an annual celebration of small businesses. On this day each year, at the start of the holiday season, consumers are encouraged to shop locally. The day aids small businesses by drawing attention to their importance in our economy.

Did you know that for every \$100 spent at a local store, an average of \$68 is reinvested right here in Wentzville? This money goes into paving our roads, employing our friends and neighbors, maintaining our schools, and ultimately making Wentzville a great place to live, work and explore. So, why should you choose to shop local?

- **Tax Dollars:** By shopping locally, you're keeping your tax dollars working for you. The City sales tax you pay funds improvements to parks, roads, and services in YOUR City.
- **Jobs:** Supporting Wentzville businesses grows and creates more jobs right here — jobs help local families!
- **Personalized Service:** Local businesses are owned by your neighbors and friends, they care about you and are invested in our community.
- **Unique Options:** Locally-owned businesses provide a wide range of product choices for everyone in the community.
- **Savings:** When you shop in Wentzville — right here where you live — you'll save money, gasoline and time!

Shopping local is one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community. Gas up here before you leave town. Grab dinner in Wentzville on your way home from work. Shopping locally benefits all of us. This is your community. Keep your money local — spend here, invest here.

*Support Local.
Shop Wentzville.*

WPD Shopping Safety Tips

As the holiday season approaches, the City of Wentzville and the WPD are dedicated to ensuring that you and your loved ones have a safe and joyful celebration. In the spirit of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming community, we'd like to share some valuable tips to help you reduce the risk of falling victim to criminal activities during your holiday shopping.

- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** We encourage you to stay off your phone and pay close attention to your surroundings.
- **Park Smart:** If your shopping ventures take you out after dark, consider parking in well-lit areas close to the entrance of the stores. Also, don't forget where you parked. Take a photo or identify a landmark before you start your shopping adventure.
- **Shop in Pairs:** Shopping is always more enjoyable when you have a friend or family member by your side. This also provides an extra layer of security.
- **Be Prepared:** When returning to your car, keep your key fob in your hand. Having your keys ready ensures a quick and safe entry into your vehicle.
- **Opt for Credit/Debit Cards:** Carrying large amounts of cash can be risky. This minimizes the need for carrying cash and provides a record of your transactions.
- **Hide Your Valuables:** Conceal items to reduce the temptation for opportunistic criminals. We recommend securing your purchases in the trunk or covering them with a blanket or jacket.

For more safety tips and information, contact the Police Department at (636) 327-5105. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season in Wentzville, where we prioritize your well-being and foster a welcoming community.



We are excited to celebrate the WREC's first year!

Happy 1st
Birthday

to the Wentzville Rec Center!



To learn more, or purchase a WREC pass, please visit
www.wentzvillemo.gov/WREC.