

# The Vision

Your Source for City of Wentzville News and Events

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Businesses in Historic Downtown Wentzville May Be Eligible

Wentzville's Board of Aldermen is committed to preserving and improving Historic Downtown Wentzville. The Business Development and Facade Improvement grants help to stimulate property development, strengthen new

and existing business, and facilitate the rehabilitation and modernization of downtown buildings — all while preserving their history and adding value to the Wentzville community.

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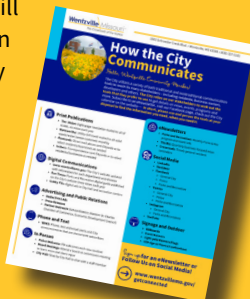


## How the City Communicates

The City utilizes a variety of both traditional and nontraditional communication tools to reach its many stakeholders — including residents, business owners, developers and others.

The City relies on our stakeholders to seek out the tools that they prefer to use to get details on news, events, programs and more. Subscribe to an eNewsletter, visit our Facebook page, check out the City calendar on the website — in short, please use and peruse the tools at your disposal to find the information you need, when you need it.

To view a PDF that highlights the more than 30 different ways the City spreads the word about events, timely news, upcoming projects and more, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/beinformed](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/beinformed). A copy of this PDF will be included in a future utility bill insert, or you can request a copy when you stop by City Hall. We are excited to offer so many ways to share Wentzville's story!



## Welcome New Businesses!

**Major League Pressure Washing**  
1244 Continental Dr.

**Pic the Gift**  
100 Mall Pkwy., Ste. 210

**Sephora (Inside Kohl's)**  
1239 W. Pearce Blvd.

**Animal Medical Center  
(New Owner)**  
1120 W. Pearce Blvd.

**Future Apostle Learning Center  
and Academy**  
411 W. Pearce Blvd.



## Business Spotlight: USA Resale

**This business has spent more than a decade providing the Wentzville community with a unique shopping and consigning experience.**

**OWNER:** Deborah Dillon (pictured below)

**WHEN DID YOU OPEN?** February 2011

**WHAT INFLUENCED YOU TO BRING YOUR BUSINESS TO WENTZVILLE?** The demographics and the potential for growth were excellent. And it was just the right distance away from our other stores in Warrenton and St. Charles. The community in Wentzville is wonderful. Great customers and amazing consignors.

**WHAT DO YOU BRING TO WENTZVILLE BY HAVING YOUR BUSINESS HERE?** A unique shopping and consigning experience with a family-owned company that still believes people should be treated with love, grace and respect.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE?** Easy ... the people! Wentzville still feels like small town with people who care.

**WHAT PRODUCTS/SERVICES DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER?** USA RESALE provides an easy, safe avenue for people to sell their unwanted items — we do the work and they make the money!

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?** We opened our third location in St. Charles just a year and a half ago; I'm still working to establish it in the area. It is performing far beyond my expectations.

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE WENTZVILLE WILL EVOLVE INTO IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?**

I hope it can keep up with the growth and still maintain that community feel. It poses many challenges, one being to help small business to thrive in any way possible.

**WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE?**

In these somewhat uncertain times with gas prices and rising costs, I feel our stores are giving people an opportunity to save more money. Why buy a sofa for \$1,600 when you can come to our store and find a beautiful sofa for \$300 along with a myriad of other things you can save money on? If you haven't shopped resale before it's not what it used to be. Come in to USA RESALE and give us a try, I think you'll be surprised, amazed and blessed.







**Mayor Nick Guccione**

Summer is officially here. On hot summer days, kids are out in their yards, riding their bikes and walking around our neighborhoods. Increased pedestrians and bicyclists mean it's a great time to remind everyone to take it easy.

I want to urge you to slow down. Slow down when driving through our neighborhoods. Slow down in construction zones. Just slow down, period. In addition, cut out distractions such as texts, phone calls, social media, etc., and concentrate solely on driving – everything else can wait.

We want our City streets to be safe; please do your part to help Wentzville be a safer place to live, work and explore.

## Message from the Mayor: Slow Down and Stay Safe

Speaking of kids and safety, the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 program is one that is near and dear to my heart. Neighborhood speeding is one of the biggest complaints I receive year in and year out. The Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 program is designed to change the way people drive on neighborhood streets and beyond. The goal is to put an end to deaths and injuries caused by speeding and distracted driving on our roads. The City of Wentzville aims to educate and actively engage residents in the common commitment of creating safer streets for the benefit of all, beginning in

our neighborhoods. If requested by a local HOA, and with City approval, the City will install "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25" signs at additional locations. New signpost costs will be incurred by the HOA at \$20 per post. The signs, which must be purchased by the HOA, will be installed below existing speed limit signs, and shall not exceed 18" x 24".

Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/pdinthecommunity](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/pdinthecommunity). To start this program in your subdivision, please call the Police Department at (636) 639-2171.



## Protect Yourself Outdoors

An increase in outdoor activities during the summer and fall, brings with it a greater risk for insect bites and exposure to diseases that mosquitoes and ticks may carry. The most effective ways for minimizing illnesses from insect bites are to use repellent whenever outdoors and to check for bugs after you return home. An insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus has been proven to provide protection when used according to manufacturer's instructions. Products containing permethrin can be applied to clothing but should not have direct contact with skin. In addition, those outdoors should wear long-sleeved shirts/jackets, long pants and should tuck pants into socks to minimize exposure.

When returning from the outdoors, check for ticks on your body and your pets, and remove them immediately (use tweezers to ensure you remove the entire creature). Watch for signs of illness such as rash or fever in the days and weeks following a tick bite, and see a health care provider if these develop. Your risk of acquiring a tick-borne illness depends on many factors, including where you live, what type of tick bit you and how long the tick was attached. If you become ill after a tick bite, see a health

care provider. See tips in the blue box below about preventing mosquitoes in your yard.

To learn more about preventing and removing ticks, visit the Center for Disease Control's website at [www.cdc.gov/ticks](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks). For details about preventive mosquito measures in our area, visit the St. Charles County Health Department online at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/stcharlesmosquito](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/stcharlesmosquito).

### Preventing Mosquitos in Your Yard

- Drain areas where water settles.
- Clean birdbaths weekly.
- Store anything that can hold water or cover it.
- Clean clogged rain gutters.
- Repair dripping faucets.
- Change the water in outdoor pet bowls daily.
- Replace damaged window and door screens.
- Remove or fill in standing water areas in the yard.
- Don't dump grass clippings, branches, etc., in creeks.

## Run for the Wall Participants "Ride for Those Who Can't"

On Monday, May 23, Run for the Wall participants arrived in Wentzville and spent the evening at the VFW. On Tuesday, May 24, the group was escorted by local law enforcement to the nation's first Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Historic Downtown Wentzville. A short ceremony was held to honor and remember those who served. This year's ceremony included a special dedication of a new mural, the National Anthem performed by the Holt High School Band, and support from several local organizations. Wentzville has been a stop on the central route for over 30 years, and we are excited to continue to be a part of this tradition. This year, approximately 520 riders visited Wentzville on their way to Washington, D.C., where their last stop was a visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall). Wentzville is honored to be part of this annual event.



### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

## Precautionary Boil Advisory vs. Boil Water Order

The Missouri Department of Water Conservation has provided the following FAQs.

### What is a Precautionary Boil Advisory?

A public water system, such as the City of Wentzville, may issue a boil water advisory when there is concern that a problem with drinking water may exist, but it has not yet been confirmed. These are most commonly issued for major water main breaks or other low-pressure events where the possibility of contamination intrusion exists. They may also be issued while waiting for results of confirmation samples collected for bacteriological analysis, which can take up to two days plus the time required to transport samples to the laboratory.

**What is a Boil Water Order?** A boil water order is issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to public water systems when a threat to the public health exists, or is likely to exist, that boiling the water will remedy. The public water system is then required to notify consumers as soon as possible, and by the most effective methods, that need to boil their drinking water.

### What precautions should be taken?

- Boil water vigorously for three minutes prior to use. Use only water that has been boiled for drinking, diluting fruit juices, all other food preparation and brushing teeth.
- Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic ice maker. Remake ice cubes with water that has been boiled.

- Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
- Let water cool sufficiently before drinking.

**Do I need to boil bath water?** Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing or using backyard pools so water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.

**If a Precautionary Boil Advisory is issued by the City, how do I get more information?** The primary source of information about water outages and precautionary boil advisories is the home page of the City's website. When urgent information must be shared, the City utilizes the alert function of the website. A pop-up window will provide an alert when visiting [www.wentzvillemo.gov](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov). Details may also be shared on the City's social media pages or through WIND. For small outages, door hangers and signage may be used. If you're not signed up for WIND, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/WIND](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/WIND).

**Where can I find more information?** To learn more about your drinking water, contact the department at (800) 361-4827 or the EPA's Safe Drinking Water hotline at (800) 426-4791 if you are served by a public water system, like the City of Wentzville.



# Upcoming Events



## St. Charles County Fair July 26-30

The St. Charles County Fair is coming back to town! Enjoy carnival rides, fun games, a demo derby, a livestock show and so much more, all hosted at Rotary Park right here in Wentzville. To learn more, visit [www.stcharlescofair.org](http://www.stcharlescofair.org).



## National Night Out Oct. 5

Residents are invited to turn on their porch lights, go outside and join with their neighbors in block parties, and more! If your group would like a visit from a City official or if you need tips about how to plan your own National Night Out activities, please call (636) 639-2171.

## Rod Run Car Cruise Aug. 5

Join us on Aug. 5 from 6-9:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Wentzville. The Rod Run is presented by Harris Automotive and sponsored by the City of Wentzville. This summer car cruise benefits the Substance Tobacco Alcohol Resistance Training program (S.T.A.R.T.). For more information, call Harris Automotive at (636) 327-4042.



## Police at the Playground Aug. 17

Celebrate the end of summer from 4-6 p.m. on Aug. 17 at Jake's Field of Dreams with the Wentzville Parks and Recreation and Police departments. This event is free, but registration is required. Call (636) 332-9236 to learn more.

## Pooch Plunge Sept. 6

Visit Splash Station Aquatic Center on Sept. 6 from 5-7 p.m. for this once-a-year chance for your furry friend to enjoy the pool like the rest of Wentzville's residents. Each dog will receive a snack and have a chance to win door prizes. To register, please call (636) 332-9236.

## Fall Festival Sept. 16-17

This two-day celebration full of live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, kids' activities and more takes place on the streets of Historic Downtown Wentzville. Learn more at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/fallfestival](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/fallfestival).





## Start Your Career with the City of Wentzville!

The Wentzville Rec Center is currently hiring for a variety of positions. To view all available full-time and part-time positions and apply, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/careers](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/careers).

Wentzville's leadership is committed to being a regional destination, ensuring economic vitality, providing industry-leading services, optimizing the City's infrastructure, and being a safe, inclusive and engaged community. Wentzville employees serve an integral role in integrating these five critical success factors into their everyday jobs.

The City offers excellent benefits including health, vision, dental, employer-paid life insurance, long-term disability, a retirement pension, 12 holidays, two floating holidays, vacation time, sick time, tuition reimbursement, employee assistance, a discounted recreation center membership and much more! Complete an application for an opportunity to join a work environment with a strong sense of place, potential for growth and resources for success.

## Photo Contest



Calling all photographers! The City of Wentzville's 2022 Photo Contest opens on July 1! If you have an awesome photo from around the City of Wentzville we would love to see it. Participants can submit up to three photos that meet the contest guidelines. The contest deadline is July 31. We will share a public poll in early August for voting. The first-, second- and third-place winners will be featured in a fall issue of the City newsletter and displayed in the City Hall lobby throughout the remainder of 2022!

Find contest guidelines and access the photo submission form, when you visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/photocontest](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/photocontest).

## Board Update

### The Wentzville Rec Center is on Track to Open Later this Fall

The long-awaited Wentzville Rec Center (the WREC) is reaching the final stages of construction. The Board of Aldermen and Wentzville staff are excited to share this new, state-of-the-art facility with the Wentzville community. From eSports, to lap swimming, to an onsite preschool, creative spaces and so much more — the WREC offers something for everyone. Here's a sneak peak at some of the recent progress. We're planning a grand opening celebration, so stay tuned for details.



**Meet the Board of Aldermen** (left to right): Michael Hays, Ward 3; Michael Lovell, Ward 3; Bryan Harr, Ward 1; Mayor Nick Guccione; Tricia Byrnes, Ward 2; Manny Macias, Ward 1; Jeffrey Ottenlips, Ward 2. To contact the Board, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/boa](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/boa).



Photos: 1) front entrance; 2) main hallway; 3) Lindenwood space; 4) two-story slide; 5) offices; 6) entrance sign; 7) leisure pool area.

## Grand Opening

We can't wait to share this space with the community! The grand opening date for the WREC will be announced very soon. Visit the City's social media channels and [www.wentzvillemo.gov/wrec](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/wrec) for more information.





ART CONTEST HELPS TO COMMEMORATE WENTZVILLE'S 150TH!

## Wentzville Awards Annual Fine-Arts Scholarships

Each year, the City of Wentzville awards several scholarships to local high school seniors. This year's theme celebrated Wentzville's Sesquicentennial. As one of the only fine-arts related scholarships in the area, students from Timberland, Holt and Liberty high schools were presented with scholarships for their creative fire hydrant designs.

As always, the judges were amazed by the talent and creativity displayed on each of the fire hydrants. Thank you to everyone who entered!

Congratulations to the 2022 Fire Hydrant Decorating Contest Winners!

- 1 Mary Wright — Timberland High School
- 2 Janessa Hoffmann — Holt High School
- 3 Kelci Graville — Liberty High School

To view photos of the other entries, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/firehydrantcontest](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/firehydrantcontest).



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## Unlock Grants for Your Business Cont'd

Between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31, eligible Historic Downtown businesses can apply for a Facade Improvement or Business Development Grant. For more details, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/edgrants](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/edgrants).

### Facade Improvement Grants

This program is open to businesses and mixed-use buildings more than 30 years old that are located in Wentzville's Historic Downtown zoning districts (HD-1, HD-2 or HD-3). Residential structures are not eligible. Facade Improvement Grants are a 50-50 match for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, per project.

### Business Development Grants

This program is open to new\* or significantly expanding businesses in Wentzville's Historic Downtown zoning districts (HD-1, HD-2, HD-3). The Business Development Grant is designed to ease start-up and/or business development costs. The grant can be used for various interior building improvements such as paint, finish carpentry, flooring or countertops. \*New businesses must have been open for less than 12 months.

Please note: Business Development and Facade Improvement grants cannot be used in combination. Questions? Please email [ecodev@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:ecodev@wentzvillemo.gov) or call (636) 639-2015.



## HAS A CITY EMPLOYEE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND?

Let us know! Give kudos to a Wentzville team member by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.wentzvillemo.gov/employeeRecognition](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/employeeRecognition).



**ECRWSS  
Postal Customer**

## Holiday Hours and Solid Waste Collection

City Hall will be closed for Independence Day on Monday, July 4. Trash, recycling and yard-waste collection for the week of Independence Day is as follows: Monday pickups will move to Tuesday; Tuesday pickups will move to Wednesday; and so forth, ending with Friday pickups taking place on Saturday, July 9. For information about the City's Fourth of July parade and more, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/fourthofjuly](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/fourthofjuly).

## Schedule Your Large-Item Pickup Today!

In lieu of our previous twice-a-year pickups, you can now discard up to three large items each quarter! However, free large-item pickup must be scheduled in advance. To schedule a pickup, complete this form: [www.wentzvillemo.gov/swrequest](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/swrequest). For details, including accepted (and not accepted) items, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/largeitempickup](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/largeitempickup) or call (636) 327-5101.

## Golf Cart Reminders

The City reminds drivers to practice caution in residential areas, especially when operating a golf cart. In order to maintain driver, passenger and pedestrian safety, please familiarize yourself with the following golf cart ownership and operation requirements in the City of Wentzville.

- Golf carts may only be driven on City streets with a speed limit of 25 MPH or less, or when crossing streets with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less;
- Golf-cart drivers must be at least 16 years old and must possess a valid driver's license; and
- Golf carts must be equipped with a parking brake, a rearview mirror, a VIN number and seat belts for rear-facing seats.

The City asks residents to follow these guidelines and practice safety at all times when operating a golf cart on City streets. To learn more about Wentzville's golf cart regulations and view FAQs, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/golfcarts](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/golfcarts).



As temperatures continue to rise, it's important to remember that the heat affects our pets the same way it affects us. Protect your furry friends from the heat by following these guidelines for summer pet care.

## Protect Your Pets from the Heat



Never leave your pet in a parked car.



Keep an eye on the humidity level.



Always have a bowl of water out for your pet.



Watch for signs of heat stroke.



Limit exercise on especially hot days.



Don't rely on a fan to cool off your pet.