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Being prepared for winter means knowing more about how snow can impact our community, working to protect your pets from the cold, understanding which roads are plowed by the City and learning when a snow emergency may be issued.

With snow and ice season upon us, Wentzville Public Works is gearing up to keep City roads clear and safe. To submit a snow concern, please email snowconcern@wentzvillemo.gov.

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CITY CREWS PLOW OVER 360 LANE MILES DURING A SNOW EVENT.

Welcome New Businesses!

Thai Kitchen

2 W. Pearce Blvd.

O'Fallon Overhead Doors

1240 Continental Dr.

Missouri Bubble Company

712A W. Pearce Blvd.

Freedom Fitness

1074 Crosswinds Ct.

Bee Resilient Aesthetics

223 Creekside Office Dr.

Yoon Dermatology

1060 Meyer Rd.

Krush Beauty Studio

24 W. Main St., Suite 314

Faith Sign Company, Inc

1098 Crosswinds Ct.

Madden/Wausau Homes

950 Corporate Pkwy.

Midwest Softwash

1844 W. Pearce Blvd.

JMG Roofing Solutions LLC

1000 Corporate Pkwy., Suite 103

Fox Nails & Spa

1229 Wentzville Pkwy., Suite 203

STL Cabinet Refinishing

116 May Rd., Suite A

The Shutter Guy

120 Hwy. A, Suite 5

1 Stop Smoke Shop

111 E. Pearce Blvd.

A Sweet Life of Bliss

628 E. Pearce Blvd.



205 E. ALLEN ST. (ONLINE ORDERS ONLY)

Business Spotlight: From Scratch Bake House

Local Wentzville bakery turns your custom, from-scratch order into sweet perfection.

OWNERS: Cara Peroutka and Julie Shaw
(pictured above)

WHEN DID YOU OPEN? 2017 in Lake Saint Louis and February 2019 in Wentzville.

WHY DID YOU LOCATE YOUR BUSINESS IN WENTZVILLE? We were ready to move our business out of my home. We started looking at properties and really loved the yellow house on Allen Street in Wentzville. At the time, a friend's business was looking to have a brick and mortar and they rented from us when we first purchased the property. It was a joint effort to get two small businesses off the ground. Unfortunately, our friend's business didn't survive COVID. So it is just us in the house now.

WHAT DO YOU BRING TO WENTZVILLE BY HAVING YOUR BUSINESS HERE? Sugar and sweetness! We like to think we are spreading a little of our grandmas' love through this town. We were taught to bake from a young age and we want to bring all of the things we grew up with to others in Wentzville.

WHAT PRODUCTS/SERVICES DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER? We are an order-pickup bakehouse, which simply means our clients order and we bake. It's a very simple setup, we bake for others and we bake lots of different things — cakes, cupcakes, muffins, breakfast loaves,

cookies, custom cookies and more! You can find the full menu on our website at www.fromscratchbakehouse.com. We are also using the house as event space. We have planned some events ourselves, such as vendor fairs and ladies' nights, but the space is also available to rent for smaller baby/wedding showers, parties and other celebrations.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE? We love the small-town feel of historic downtown Wentzville.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS? We can't wait for people to be able to gather again so we can continue providing a space and sweets for celebrations!

WHAT DO YOU HOPE WENTZVILLE WILL EVOLVE INTO IN FIVE YEARS? We hope historic downtown continues to revive and thrive. It's such a great place, we just need a few more restaurants and shops down here to pull others to this great area!





NICK GUCCIONE, MAYOR

Message from the Mayor: If You're Cold, They're Cold

While we all understand the importance of keeping ourselves warm and dry during varying weather conditions, it's equally important to make sure our four-footed family members are also safe and warm.

Wentzville residents, according to Ord. No. 2012-3207, are required to provide adequate care, shelter and control of their animals. Among other requirements, owners must provide an environment

for their pets that has both shelter and temperature suitable for that species and/or breed. This includes environments that are inside and outside. Owners must also provide animals with access to clean, unfrozen water in a tip-proof bowl as well as nutritious food at least once daily. The Humane Society of the United States provides some simple guidelines to help protect our furry friends.

1. **Keep pets indoors**, whenever possible. Just as wind chill affects us humans, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. Pets are sensitive to extreme cold and are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps.
2. **Give your pets plenty of food and (unfrozen) water**. Use plastic food and water bowls; when the temperature is

low, as your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

3. **Protect their paws from salt**. The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.

4. **Avoid antifreeze poisoning**. Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and keep antifreeze out of reach.

5. **Speak out if you see a pet left out in the cold**. Politely let the owner know, or call our non-emergency Police line at (636) 327-5105

Holiday Decorating Contest

To end the year on a high note, the City launched its first-ever Holiday Decorating Contest. The contest was open to Wentzville residents and five award winners were selected. In its inaugural year, the contest had more than 20 entries and received over 2,000 votes. Thank you to everyone who participated (and voted), we can't wait to bring this fun program back again next year!



Mobile Mammogram at City Hall

The St. Luke's Mobile Mammography Unit will once again be at Wentzville City Hall (located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.) on Wednesday, Feb. 17 and Friday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. Both 2D and 3D mammograms will be available to women age 40 and over. The fee will be billed to you or your insurance.

To make an appointment or for more information, please call St. Luke's at (314) 205-6267. Please note: appointments will be filled first-come, first-served. Women who are uninsured or under-insured may be eligible for free mammograms.

Winter Weather Preparedness Cont'd

Be prepared to take extra precautions when chilly temperatures impact the Wentzville community this winter.



SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

With snow and ice season upon us, Wentzville Public Works is gearing up to keep City roads clear and safe. To submit a snow concern, please email snowconcern@wentzvillemo.gov. Below are a few tips from the Public Works Department. Have a question? Call Public Works at (636) 327-5102.

- **Store Snow to the Right of Your Driveway:** As you stand facing the street, it's necessary for snow to be stored to 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 snow plow comes by. To view a diagram, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/winter.
- **Fire Hydrants:** Residents should clear fire hydrants of snow buildup to ensure fire fighters can quickly find 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 USPS requirements.

- **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/Trash Pickup:** Snow fighters clear snow as close to the curb line as practical to provide access to the mailboxes and trash collection. Final clearing is the responsibility of each resident in order to receive trash collection service and delivery of mail by the USPS.

DRIVE SAFELY

While safe driving should be a year-round habit, winter driving requires special care. As the cold weather settles in, it's important to prioritize driving safety every time you and your family get behind the wheel. Stay safe behind the wheel with these tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Prepare your vehicle: In winter, pay special attention to your vehicle's battery, wipers, coolant, tires and other systems that can take a beating when the temperature drops.

Prepare yourself: Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road. Increase your distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you, especially when driving on wet, icy or snowy roads.

Prepare for an emergency: Make sure your vehicle is stocked to keep you safe if your car breaks down. Keep blankets, flashlights, jumper cables and flares or emergency lights in your vehicle.

Driving safety also includes following all state and federal driving laws and practicing caution by wearing your seatbelt, never driving after drinking and never driving while distracted by an electronic device or anything else.

SNOW PLOW REMINDERS

A quick reminder to please be patient with our City snow plows. Snow routes are pre-assigned and plow trucks work as quickly and safely as possible. Residents can help speed up the plowing process by parking cars in driveways instead of on City public roads. We encourage residents to limit travel until all streets have been plowed and travel safely when you do leave your home. To report City street snow concerns, email snowconcern@wentzvillemo.gov.

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. These 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



SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY THIS WINTER.

Energy-Saving Tips

For more energy-saving tips, please visit www.energy.gov/energysaver.

These U.S. Department of Energy strategies can help you save energy, money and stay comfortable this winter. Some of the tips are free and can be used on a daily basis to increase your savings; others are simple, inexpensive actions you can take to ensure maximum savings through the winter.

- **Take Advantage of Heat from the Sun.** Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- **Cover Drafty Windows.** Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration. Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.
- **Adjust the Temperature.** When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. A smart or programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature. If you have a heat pump, maintain a moderate setting or use a programmable thermostat specially designed for use with heat pumps.
- **Find and Seal Leaks.** Seal the air around utility cut-throughs for pipes, gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cabinets and closets. Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.
- **Maintain Your Heating System.** Always schedule a yearly service for your heating system. Replace your filter once a month in your furnace or heat pump. For wood and pellet-burning heaters, make sure to clean the flue vent regularly.
- **Reduce Heat Loss from the Fireplace.** Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to escape up the chimney. Consider installing tempered-glass doors and heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room. Add caulking around the fireplace hearth. If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue.
- **Lower Your Water Heating Costs.** Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees Fahrenheit). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding hands.



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



Contact the Board

Wentzville's Board of Aldermen invite you to reach out with any questions or concerns about City programs, services, issues, etc.

To contact your aldermen, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/boa. Unsure which ward you live in? Visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/wardmap.

Board Update:

Wentzville Community Center Design

Earlier this year, we shared a look back at the history of the Wentzville Community Center, which started with discussions as early as 1999. The Wentzville Community Center project will be ramping up in the coming months, and we want to show you just what the new facility has in store. This visual overview is designed to give you a snapshot look at the center. In the coming months, we'll share more details including information about the facility's ground breaking, a full project timeline and more.

and construction of a 83,100-square-foot indoor community center. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$40 million and is funded through a developer-initiated ½-cent sales tax generated through a newly established community improvement district. The community center site is located in the heart of the community on Wentzville Parkway between West Meyer Road and Schroeder Creek Boulevard, near City Hall. To learn more, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/wcc.

This community center project includes the extension of both Great Oaks Boulevard and Crystal Creek Parkway and the design



To view the floor plan and second-floor layout on a larger scale, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/wcc.



What's inside? This facility will encompass a variety of recreational amenities including an indoor aquatic component; senior activity space; a gymnasium with an elevated track; weight, cardio and group fitness areas; a one-of-a-kind outdoor fitness area; a Kids Zone; class, meeting and multipurpose rooms; and related support spaces.

Solid-Waste Collection Holidays

Solid-waste collection typically observes six major holidays per year. The holidays are only observed, however, when they fall Monday through Friday. When these holidays fall on a weekday, collection will occur one day later than normal. If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the schedule will not be affected.

For example, Memorial Day falls on a Monday; so, Citywide solid-waste collection will be delayed by one day. This means that residents with normal pickup scheduled on Monday, will have their pickup moved to Tuesday; Tuesday's pickup will move to Wednesday, and so on. Residents who normally have a Friday pickup, will have their collection moved to Saturday.

The holidays impacted for 2021 are as follows:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day



2021 Utility Rates

To learn more about service fees and payment options, please visit the Utility Billing Division webpage at www.wentzvillemo.gov/utilitybilling.

BILLING AND PAYMENTS

Services are billed monthly and due 10 days after the bill date. Water charges are a base fee plus volumetric usage. Sewer for residential customers is a base fee plus volumetric usage based on the average water used over the four months of November, December, January and February. Usage for new customers is based on the average of all residents until the next averaging cycle. Payment options for your utility account include paying online at www.wentzvillemo.gov, an automatic draft from your checking account, savings account or credit card, mail-in payment, drop box, or with a credit card by phone or in person. Cash, check, money order and most major credit cards are accepted. When you access your bill online, you can not only pay your bill, you can also see payment and consumption history. Solid Waste and Recycling Solid Waste and Recycling costs are consolidated with the water and sewer monthly bill. For detailed solid waste collection and recycling information, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/solidwasteandrecycling. For solid waste related questions, contact the Utility Billing office at (636) 639-2155. For service-related issues or to add/remove services, please call Public Works at (636) 639-2049.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay by Phone 24/7/365: The City of Wentzville now gives you access to your utility account 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 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 over the phone, please call (833) 326-7020.

Opt-in to Receive Text Reminders: Residents and business owners can now also opt-in to receive utility bill reminders by text (instead of by phone call). To change your preferences, please call (636) 639-2155.

Schedule Payments in Advance: You can schedule payments in advance, and also schedule credit-card drafting with the date* of your choice. To set up one of these options or learn more, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/utilitybilling. Please note: for these options, the 2% surcharge will apply. *Payments scheduled after the due date may be subject to late fees.



HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Sign up to Give Back! By simply signing up to “round up” your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar you can make a positive impact on our senior community. Learn more about this important program at www.wentzvillemo.gov/giveback.

Water and Sewer Rates for 2021

Meter Size	Water Base	Sewer Base
3/4" & below	\$4.83	\$12.13
1"	\$7.73	\$18.52
1-1/2"	\$13.26	\$30.69
2"	\$18.80	\$42.87
3"	\$31.10	\$70.00
4"	\$55.99	\$124.81
6"	\$82.82	\$183.95
8"	\$99.37	\$220.44
10"	\$132.50	\$293.42



Volumetric User Fees for Water and Sewer

Water customers are charged \$4.45 per thousand gallons of water in addition to the monthly base fee. Sewer customers are charged \$4.44 per thousand gallons of water in addition to the monthly base fee. For residential sewer customers, this is based on their average winter water usage.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING RATES

Solid Waste (96 gal cart) & FREE Recycling cart	\$15.00/month
Solid Waste (64 gal cart) & FREE Recycling cart	\$15.00/month
Solid Waste (private can) & FREE Recycling cart	\$13.50/month
Yard Waste Service with 96 gallon cart (10 months)	\$11.00/month
Yard Waste Service with private can (10 months)	\$9.00/month
Yard Waste per bag (without service)	\$3.50/per bag
Additional Yard Waste cart (96 gal only)	\$4.00/month
FIBER Recycling cart	\$2.50/month
Additional RIGIDS Recycling cart	\$2.00/month
Additional Solid Waste cart (96 gal only)	\$4.00/month
Second day per week Solid Waste & Recycling Pickup	\$15.00/month
Large-Item Pickup (By Appointment)	\$18.25/item
FREE Spring Large-Item Pickup	Limit 4 large items/address
FREE Fall Large-Item Pickup	Limit 4 large items/address

**ECRWSS
Postal Customer**

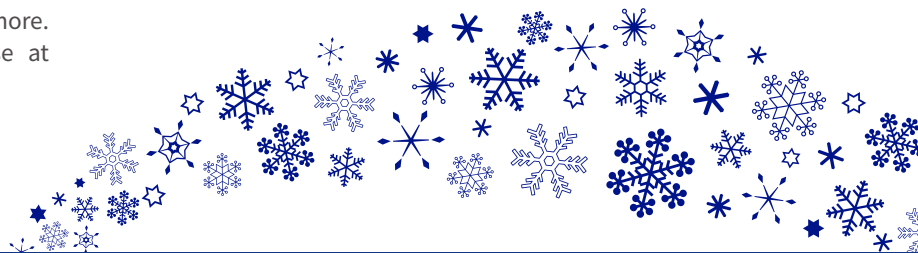
Upcoming Holidays

Neither the MLK or Presidents' Day holidays will affect the solid waste/recycling collection schedule. City Hall will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 (Martin Luther King Day) and Monday, Feb. 15 (Presidents' Day).

Progress Park Recreation Center will be open regular hours on both holidays. Please visit www.wentzvilleicearena.com to view Ice Arena hours, learn about special events and more. Please note: Progress Park Recreation Center will close at 3 p.m. on Feb. 7 (Superbowl Sunday).

Snow Emergencies

Please remember, when a City Snow Emergency is issued, residents must move cars off of public streets. Snow Emergencies, which are issued when a heavy snowfall is predicted, will be publicized on the City's social media channels and will be posted on our website at www.wentzvillemo.gov. Thank you for your help to improve our efficiency and effectiveness during these winter-weather events.



Electronics Recycling Recap

More than 600 participants attended the City's 2020 Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding event at Holt High School in October. Approximately 30,000 pounds of electronic waste (e-waste) was collected and almost 6,000 pounds of personal documents were shredded as part of this recurring community event. Documents were shredded onsite to prevent identity theft and ensure personal and confidential information was properly disposed of. This successful event was coordinated by the City with support from Midwest Recycling Center, Shred-it and the Wentzville School District.

"We are so glad we were able to offer this service to the community again in 2020. It was apparent that folks had been cleaning out their basements, garages and storage buildings. We filled up four trucks with e-waste during this event – that's 15 tons of computers, cell phones, printers and appliances that we were able to keep out of the landfill. We want to extend a big 'thank you' to those who participated and to our hard-working volunteers!" said Mayor Nick Guccione.

Collectively, since the City began hosting these events in January of 2018, over 130,000 pounds of e-waste has been diverted from the landfill. The City plans to continue these events annually to help the community properly dispose of electronic waste. The next event is currently planned for Oct. 30, 2021. Watch for updates on the City's social media channels!