

The Vision

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Ensuring Wentzville is a great place to live, work and explore!

Wentzville's Code Compliance Inspectors respond to resident concerns throughout the year in addition to the Property Maintenance Program offered April through September. Inspectors review

concerns such as tall grass and weeds, trash and debris on premises, peeling paint, broken windows/doors, sidewalk and driveway deterioration, and more.

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Business Spotlight: Hotworx

This new business is fired up to support their client's fitness journeys through sessions like Hot Yoga, Hot Pilates, Hot Cycle and more.

OWNERS: Rod Murchison and Britton Bommarito

WHAT INFLUENCED YOU TO BRING YOUR BUSINESS TO WENTZVILLE AND WHEN DID YOU OPEN? Wentzville is a great area with a great community. The residents love supporting local businesses and more people are moving here everyday! We opened in 2022.

WHAT DO YOU BRING TO WENTZVILLE BY HAVING YOUR BUSINESS HERE? We bring an opportunity for residents to decompress and get fit with our unique combination of fitness and wellness that is amazing for all fitness levels — 24 hours a day.

WHAT PRODUCTS/SERVICES DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER? Hotworx offers 11 different virtually instructed workouts inside of our infrared saunas 24 hours a day. We have eight, 30-minute Isometric sessions like Hot Yoga, Hot Pilates, Hot Bands, Hot Core, etc. We also have three

15-minute HIIT sessions like Hot Cycle, Hot Blast (Full Body Trainer) and Hot Thunder (Rowers). Lastly, we have our FX Zone that is not heated where you can get in all of your traditional weight resistance training.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE? My favorite thing about Wentzville is the super-friendly people and how passionate they are about fitness!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS? Our goal is to create a community within the community and to be here for its residents and support them in their fitness journey, wherever they may be!

WHAT DO YOU HOPE WENTZVILLE WILL EVOLVE INTO IN FIVE YEARS? In the next five years I hope to see Wentzville stay on its current path of growth and continue to have a safe and friendly environment that is welcoming to new residents.

WHAT OTHER COMMENTS, ADVICE OR NEWS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE?

We would love to have you come in and experience what we have to offer with a free trial session. You can learn more at www.hotworx.net/studio/wentzville or by calling (636) 841-3777.



Welcome New Businesses!

MITEK INC.
1250 Interstate Dr.

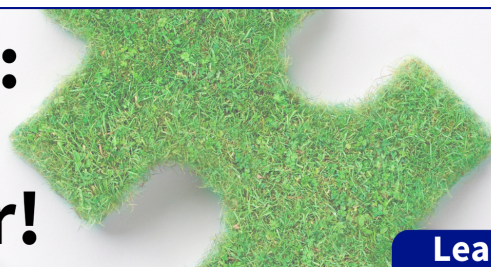
Solae Group LLC
510 W. Pearce Blvd.

SLM RV and Boat Storage
169 Enterprise Dr.

Shirley's Tattoo
136 E. Pearce Blvd.

Therapeutic Massage of Wentzville
24 W. Main St., #218

Attention Businesses: Become a Wentzville Sustainability Partner!



Learn more!



www.wentzvillemo.gov/Sustainability



Mayor Nick Guccione

Message from the Mayor:

State of the City

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

As The City of Wentzville continues to grow, transportation projects remain a top priority. In 2022, multiple transportation projects were completed or started, paving the way for improved roads and access in the Wentzville community. One of these projects focused on improvements along West Pearce Boulevard at Meyer Road and Cheryl Ann Drive, which included signal improvements, sidewalk replacement, curb ramps, crosswalks and ADA-compliant push buttons.

When you think of the City of Wentzville, I hope one of your first thoughts is about the people who call our community home, the businesses that support our residents with services and products, and those who work in and visit our amazing community every day. I also hope one of your first thoughts is about the positive growth our City has experienced in recent years. Over the last year, Wentzville, with a current population of 46,495, has grown by 2,123 residents — up from 44,372 at the end of 2021. In this article, I will share some of the positive changes that occurred in 2022, and I will elaborate on some of the projects expected to start (or finish) in 2023.

THE WENTZVILLE REC CENTER

On Nov. 7, 2022, the City opened the doors of its brand-new, state-of-the-art Rec Center. Also known as The WREC, this facility offers more than 90,000 square feet of fun, and includes an indoor leisure pool and lap lanes, a wellness hub, a walking track, eSports, and much more. This facility has already seen much success, which was initially showcased at the grand opening event which had 1,600 people in attendance.

150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

2022 gave us another reason to celebrate as the year marked Wentzville's 150th birthday. The City was incorporated in 1872, and we spent the last year recognizing our history with themed train statues placed at local Wentzville businesses, a fire hydrant decorating contest, 150th apparel, street banners and more.

APWA'S PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Wentzville celebrated the success of its Engineering Department last year as well. The engineering team was recognized by the Missouri Chapter of the American Public Works Association with its "Project of the Year" Award for Phase 2 of the David Hoekel Parkway Project.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROWTH

In 2022, the City processed over 1,300 single and attached family home construction permits. Wentzville also welcomed over 65 new businesses to the community last year!

STORMWATER SUCCESSES

The City's stormwater team published its "Stream Care Guide" to assist area property owners with understanding, managing and protecting area streams and watersheds. You can find your own copy at www.wentzvillemo.gov/Stormwater.

EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT

A compensation and classification study was completed in 2022. Based on Board feedback, the study included a shift in compensation philosophy. This shift supports the goal of attracting and retaining professional staff qualified to meet the City's objectives and help the City continue to be an employer of choice.

MOVING FORWARD

As Wentzville reflects on this past year, the City also continues to strive for more success moving forward. A few projects that are completed or will be coming soon include the widening of Highway Z, way-finding and monument sign installation, a new Heroes Memorial Plaza near the WREC and much more. I look forward to sharing the exciting changes happening in Wentzville as we embrace our past and look forward to the future!



Municipal Election

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 4 election.

Voter registration is coordinated by the St. Charles County Election Authority Office, which is located at 397 Turner Blvd., in St. Peters. Questions? Visit election.sccmo.org or call (636) 949-7550. Below are the candidates for the 2023 election.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

TWO-YEAR TERM

- Michael "Mike" E. Carter

ALDERMAN, WARD 1

TWO-YEAR TERM

- Bryan Harr
- Madalyn Kurlandski
- J.J. Suftko

ALDERMAN, WARD 2

TWO-YEAR TERM

- Shayne Singleton
- Robert "Rob" Hussey
- Jeffery Ottenlips
- Jenna Roberson

ALDERMAN, WARD 3

TWO-YEAR TERM

- Daniel Bohn
- Michael K. Lovell
- Scott Skopek

Adult Day Trips

Did you know Wentzville Parks and Recreation offers unique day trips for those ages 21 and older? Day trips provide a great way to meet new people, experience exciting adventures and just have some fun! Trips for 2023 include a visit to the Dogwood-Azalea Festival in Charleston, Missouri, and a Jefferson City prison tour.

To sign up, or to check out additional adult activities and day trips, please check out www.wentzvillemo.gov/adultactivities or call (636) 332-9236.



CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY.

Property Maintenance Inspections Start April 1

This annual process ensures all Wentzville properties are maintained and that Wentzville continues to be a great place to live, work and explore.

Spring is here, and it's time to focus on our City's property maintenance standards. Please remember to keep your lawn height less than eight inches, maintain attractive curb appeal, clean out your gutters, and generally help maintain the healthy, safe and stable community we all desire. Few things have more potential to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community than neighborhood pride.

The City works with property owners and neighborhoods to address nuisance properties and housing violations, which helps to protect property values and makes your neighborhood more pleasant and welcoming for residents and visitors alike. Maintaining your property helps ensure that your family lives in a clean, safe environment and contributes to neighborhood revitalization. For most people, their homes are their single largest investment.

The City conducts annual property maintenance inspections. Between April and September, all structures in the City of Wentzville will be inspected, with inspections beginning April 1. If City inspectors find a property that needs attention, a notice will be mailed to the property owner. This notice allows a reasonable amount of time for completion of the repair.

Have a concern about a Wentzville property? Call (636) 639-2121 or submit your concern at www.wentzvillemo.gov/ConcernCenter. Inspectors will verify the concern within 72 hours and respond back, upon your request.

By remaining attentive to ensure all Wentzville properties are suitably maintained, we can all work together to continue to make Wentzville a desirable place to live and work.

Schedule Your Free Large-Item Pickup!

Did you know you can **discard up to three large items each quarter?** However, free large-item pickup must be scheduled in advance.



To schedule a large-item pickup, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/swrequest or call a customer service representative at (636) 639-2049. For more details, including accepted/not accepted items, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/largeitempickup.

Wentzville Days

May 19-21

in Historic Downtown Wentzville

 www.wentzvillemo.gov/wentzvilledays



Friday, May 19

- Carnival: 6-10:30 p.m.
- Vendors: 6-10:30 p.m.
- Children's Area: 6-9:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 20

- Carnival: Noon-10:30 p.m.
- Vendors: Noon-10:30 p.m.
- Children's Area: Noon-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

- Carnival: Noon-6 p.m.
- Vendors: Noon-6 p.m.
- Children's Area: Noon-6 p.m.



Don't miss the *fun!*

Wentzville
Parks & Recreation 

2022 Citizen of the Year: Lois Kessler



At the Feb. 22 Board meeting, Wentzville's Board of Aldermen presented community leader and Wentzville resident, Lois Kessler, with the 2022 Citizen of the Year award. This award recognizes outstanding community members whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

Lois volunteers her time throughout different organizations, committees and groups, whenever she is needed. She has worked to help promote the Wentzville Community Historical Society and its museum, to help everyone enjoy the history of Wentzville. Additionally, Lois raised funds to complete Wentzville's WWII Honor Roll display and ensured the names were correct for each honored veteran. She also obtained enough donations to place a wreath on each veteran's grave in the Linn, South Linn and St. Patrick's cemeteries at Christmas. Lois continues to be an advocate for Wentzville residents — past and present — and her passion is truly appreciated.

The City of Wentzville recognizes Lois' amazing efforts and acknowledges her fantastic contributions to our City. Congratulations, Lois!

The Citizen Recognition Program was created to acknowledge the individuals and groups who make a significant contribution, positive impact or improve the quality of life for citizens in the community. Nominations are accepted all year at www.wentzvillemo.gov/COTY.

Board Update: Apply for a Part-Time Job

Looking to earn some extra cash? Consider a flexible summer job with Wentzville's Parks and Recreation Department. We are currently hiring seasonal positions starting at \$13.80 an hour so that you can get active, stay active and save up for your next big purchase — all at the same time.

The flexible hours, positive work environment and personal growth opportunities are sure to make your summer! You also can meet new friends along the way that will make your job exciting! Who knows, you may find yourself returning year after year to continue growing the friendships you have made!

Working for the City also allows you to make an impact within your community, which you may not be able to do within a retail or service industry job. For instance, the lifeguards are crucial to making sure everyone stays safe

and that the pools remain open during the summer. Camp counselors get to directly have an impact on a child's summer memories, and be an example to the next generation.

Apply today if you are a natural-born leader with great communication skills who is hardworking, enthusiastic, reliable and passionate. The life skills you leave with will be ones you will never forget. Also, many full-time employees with the City started their careers as lifeguards or front-desk attendants. This first step to apply may lead you to a career you never knew existed.

Available positions include front desk attendant, concession worker, aquatics staff, day camp and assistant day camp director, day camp and assistant day camp counselor, and more. To view job descriptions and apply, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/careers.

ATVs and UTVs are Illegal on City Streets

The Board of Aldermen, along with the Wentzville Police Department, would like to remind residents of the City ordinances associated with ATVs and UTVs — as these vehicles are illegal to operate on City streets. You can learn more at www.wentzvillemo.gov/ATV.

As a reminder, golf carts are legal on some City streets; however, there are some specific guidelines that must be followed per the ordinance. Learn more at www.wentzvillemo.gov/GolfCart. Please contact WPD's nonemergency police line at (636) 327-5105 with questions or to report an ATV, UTV or golf-cart concern. Stay safe out there, Wentzville!

Easter Events in Wentzville

EGG HUNT

Hippity hop, Easter is on its way! Celebrate spring and attend our Easter EGGstravaganza on April 1! We are pleased to be able to offer our annual Egg Hunt with the elements you know and love in two convenient formats! Some eggs will contain a slip of paper for prizes, and don't forget your basket to collect your goodies.

Private field sections can be reserved so you and your family and friends can all hunt together. You can also sign up to participate in a shared egg hunt on a large section of the field with other children. Cost will vary depending on the format you choose. Private Field Section Times: 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Community Field Times: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

BONE HUNT

Your dog will bark for bones when all kinds of dog treats, bones and toys are hidden for your furry friends. Your dog will be allowed to try to find as many goodies as possible. Dogs must remain on leashes at all times. Don't forget to bring a basket to put your treats in!

Before the hunting ends, each dog will receive a "doggie bag" to take home. We will also draw for door prizes. Dogs and their owners are invited to enjoy the park after the event and take advantage of the one-mile, lake-view trail. Please arrive on time for this event, as it doesn't take long for the dogs to gather all the bones. NOTE: You must turn in proof of vaccinations when registering your pet. To register, please call (636) 332-9236 or visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/eggstravaganza.



Mission: Clean Stream 2023

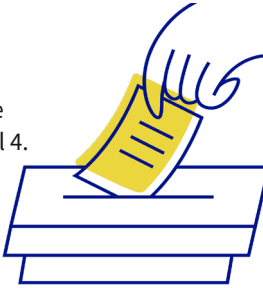
There's still time to register! You can join in the fun by signing up for Mission: Clean Stream and helping us clean up the Peruque and Dry Branch watersheds here in Wentzville. Make plans to join us on Saturday, March 25 at Progress Park. Volunteers, ages 6 and up, can register as a family, individual or organization.

For more information and to register, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/mcs by March 22. Volunteers are invited back to Progress Park after the cleanup for a light lunch. We'll also host a Tree Seminar before Mission: Clean Stream. You can learn more at www.wentzvillemo.gov/treeseminar.

Ballot Item Details

The Wentzville Board of Aldermen has given direction to include these items on the April 2023 ballot. You can cast your vote on Tuesday, April 4.

- Four-Year Aldermen Terms
- Sewer Lateral Program
- Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax



To learn more about these items and view ballot language, please review the information below and visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/ballot.

Proposition No. 1: Four-Year Aldermen Terms

Ballot Language: Shall the term of office for Aldermen of the City of Wentzville, Missouri, be changed to four years as allowed by the statutes of the state of Missouri?

Proposition S: Sewer Lateral Program

Proposition S ballot language: Shall a maximum charge not to exceed fifty dollars be assessed annually on residential property for each lateral sewer service line serving six or less dwelling units on that property and condominiums that have six or less condominium units per building and any condominium responsible for its own individual lateral sewer line to provide funds to pay the cost of certain repairs of those lateral sewer service lines which may be billed quarterly or annually?

Proposition M: Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax

Proposition M ballot language: Shall the City of Wentzville, Missouri, impose a sales tax of three percent on the retail sale of adult use marijuana within the City of Wentzville to provide funding for the City's Police Department, infrastructure and other City needs?

Utility-Tax Rebate

Between April 1 and May 31, Wentzville residents can apply for a City utility-tax refund.

Application options include:

1. **Email** required documents to city.inquiry@wentzvillemo.gov
2. **Mail** the required documents to Utility-Tax Rebate, City of Wentzville, 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385
3. **Set up an appointment** to apply in person at City Hall by calling (636) 327-5101.

Eligibility requirements: You must rent or own your primary residence in the City of Wentzville; be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security; and have a 2022 maximum gross income of \$53,150 for a single-person household or \$60,750 for a married-couple household. Total gross income includes your social security.

Please bring: a photo ID or Social Security card, proof of income, proof of residency, proof of age and/or disability, and municipal tax reports or copies of 2022 gas and electric bills. Visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/taxrebate for additional details.

Citywide Yard Sale

Whether you're looking for bargains or spring cleaning, Wentzville's Citywide Yard Sale is for you! Join us Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, to rid your home of any unwanted items.

Please note: Wentzville Parks and Recreation will no longer provide a yard-sale booklet. To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/yardsale. A Permit Application will not be required for yard sales held on these dates.

Don't forget, large-item pickup must now be scheduled in advance. Visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/swr to set up your large-item pickup.

1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.
Wentzville, MO 63385

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Spring Tree-Limb Pickup

Twice each year, the City's Chipper Program provides residents with a free, convenient way to dispose of small tree branches and limbs. This program is only for single-family residences. This program is NOT available for the removal of tree limbs or tree trunks larger than six inches in diameter. The Spring Chipper Program will take place over a three-week period — by Ward. If you're not sure which you live in, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/wardmap.

THE SPRING TREE-LIMB PICKUP SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Ward 1: Week of April 10
- Ward 2: Week of April 17
- Ward 3: Week of April 24

The City of Wentzville's Street Division performs the City Chipper Program. This tree branch or limb chipper program is NOT part of your solid waste collection performed by Meridian Waste. Tree limbs and branches for the Chipper Program must be stacked at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday of your Ward's scheduled Chipper Program week. Tree branches and tree limbs should NOT be bundled or placed in bags. Bagged or tie bundled materials will not be picked up.

Tree limbs are defined by the largest cut end measuring up to six inches in diameter. This also includes small tree trunks measuring the same diameter above. Please leave tree limbs as long as possible and face the butt/cut end to the street. Do NOT block the sidewalk with tree limbs.

To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/treelimbpickup. If you have additional questions, please call the public works department at (636) 327-5101.



Details on pg. 6!



Easter Events in Wentzville

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 1

www.wentzvillemo.gov/eggstravaganza