

# The Vision

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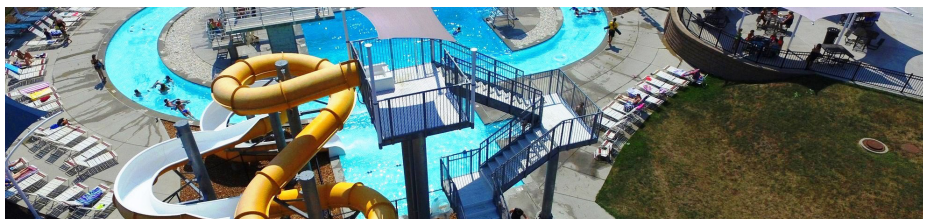
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## Pools Open May 28!

See the summer schedule at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/aquatics](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/aquatics).

Splash Station Aquatic Center and Progress Park Pool will open Memorial Day weekend: May 28, 29 and 30. Beginning June 3, pools will be open daily through Aug. 21, except in cases of inclement weather or unforeseen

circumstances. Visit the website above for more details. To connect to Wentzville Parks and Recreation's social media channels for summer updates, event news and more, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/getconnected](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/getconnected) today!



COOL OFF AT SPLASH STATION, WHICH IS LOCATED AT 1141 PEINE RD.





ACCEL MUSIC THERAPY IS LOCATED AT 231 CREEKSIDE OFFICE DR.

## Business Spotlight: Accel Music Therapy

This new Wentzville business uses music therapy to address the physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals.

**OWNER:** Melissa Dierenfeldt, MT-BC

**WHEN DID YOU OPEN?** I have been providing music therapy services in Wentzville since 2015. We added our first employee and music therapist, Victoria Raupp, in 2018 and a second, Bailey Dudeck, in 2019! Our clinic space opened in this location in January 2022.

**WHAT INFLUENCED YOU TO BRING YOUR BUSINESS TO WENTZVILLE?** Most of our clientele are located in Wentzville and the surrounding areas. We have contracts with a few school districts in the area as well as some private facilities and in-home clients, so opening an office/clinic space in Wentzville was a perfect fit! I also grew up and live in Wentzville, so I am familiar with and have a special place in my heart for the community.

**WHAT PRODUCTS/SERVICES DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER?** We offer a unique service to the residents and businesses of Wentzville, as there aren't many music therapy businesses in our area! It helps to work with businesses who have a personal connection and commitment to the greater community. Growing up in Wentzville, it was always my dream to return "home" from college — at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, where I earned my degree in Music Therapy and Choral Music Education — to educate those in my community about the benefits of music therapy, especially for those with special needs.

We primarily work with early childhood and school-aged children with special needs in schools, virtually, in their homes or in our clinic space. We also provide services to early childhood programs. Our business offers those who have children with special needs or children who attend the preschools/facilities where we provide music classes, such a wonderful opportunity for their children to grow, develop and emerge in a fun and exciting way! Music reaches individuals on a deep level. Music is sometimes referred to as the "universal language" — no matter what language we speak, or even if we speak at all, we all can relate to music in some way. Music is intrinsic within us. This is why using music therapy strategies to teach children communication, social/emotional, motor, academic skills and more is so successful. Our team has seen many students grow, and it is so rewarding. We are excited to offer this service to our community!

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE?** One of my favorite things about Wentzville is the people I have had the opportunity to work with in this community. These include, but certainly are not limited to, the administration, educators, paraprofessionals, other therapists and staff members, the students and their families. The families of the students/clients we offer services to, and the people who work with them, are so incredibly dedicated to the children. I also love that our community

is so tightly connected and maintains a "small town" feel, while still growing and welcoming more to our community.

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?** We plan to continue offering services for our current contracts as their programs grow. We also hope to hire another employee/Music Therapist to help with the growth of those programs very soon! We are always open to the possibility of starting contracts with new facilities.

**WHAT OTHER COMMENTS, ADVICE OR NEWS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE?** We are affiliated with Maryville University and offer a Music Therapy internship program! To learn more about this program or any of our services, please email [accelmusictherapy@gmail.com](mailto:accelmusictherapy@gmail.com) or call (660) 483-1122. I also would like to make a shout out to a company that we share an office space with, Turning Point, LLC! They provide ABA services and behavior supports for individuals and facilities.



## Welcome New Businesses!

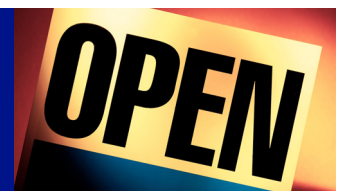
**Kate and Company Realty**  
505 E. Pearce Blvd.

**Crazy Bowls and Wraps**  
1570 Wentzville Pkwy., Ste. 101

**Spectrum**  
1570 Wentzville Pkwy., Ste. 121

**88 China (New Owners)**  
1933 Wentzville Pkwy.

**Restoration Wellness and Aesthetics**  
1082 Crosswinds Ct.





**Mayor Nick Guccione**

# Message from the Mayor:

## Neighborhood Drainage Reminders



As we move through the rainy season, we would like to share some important tips and reminders from Wentzville's Stormwater Division.

Homeowners and subdivision trustees often inquire about residential detention basins and drainage in yards and neighborhoods. Is it working properly? Who's responsible for maintenance? Let's review a few key points to help answer these questions and more.

### PIPES AND PONDING AREAS

Similar to other communities in the St. Louis region, it is normal for stormwater drainage systems to temporarily pond water in yard swales, street gutters and in detention basins. Storm pipe systems are designed to carry a 15-year storm event, which is about 1.5 inches of rain in 20 minutes or 4.5 inches over an hour. When rainfall exceeds this intensity, piped drainage systems become filled and surface ponding occurs until capacity becomes available in the piped system.

Residents should avoid driving cars through ponded water on streets during intense rain events.

### BASINS

It is also normal for the water level in detention basins to rise above the concrete overflow structure during an intense rain event and slowly release over the next few days. This temporary storage of water in the basin is intended to avoid downstream flooding. Detention basins built after 2008 have additional features for improving water quality as well as providing detention and protecting stream channels from erosion.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Routine grounds maintenance of basins is the responsibility of the property owner or subdivision HOA. Annually, this includes mowing, trash and debris removal, erosion control and maintenance of appropriate vegetative plantings. Over time, built-up sediment in detention basins may need to

be cleaned by dredging or excavating. This is usually performed by the HOA when the basin has reached about 15 to 20 years of age. The City provides an online inspection portal. Subdivision covenants may outline additional detention basin maintenance to help your neighborhood maintain property values and keep your stormwater facilities functioning effectively.

### WHEN DO I CALL?

After a major rain event has ended, if ponded water in your yard or in the street does not recede, please contact the City so we can check the piped system for blockage or debris. Staff will evaluate drainage issues where ponding in yards lasts longer than 24 hours, or longer than 48 hours in detention basins after a large rain event. For more information and to access the City's new online Stormwater Facility Inspection Portal and other resources, visit **[www.wentzvillemo.gov/drainage](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/drainage)**.

## Public Service Recognition Week

Celebrated the first week of May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week is organized annually by the Public Employees Roundtable and its member organizations to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

Public servants do amazing things across our great nation, around the world, and in our hometown and community. So, take a moment this month to thank a public service employee for their dedication to a job well done!

Please note, City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a Public Service Recognition employee event.





## Backflow Tests Due June 1

All lawn irrigation systems, fire sprinkler systems and commercial service lines within the City of Wentzville are required to contain a backflow prevention device. These devices must be tested annually by a state of Missouri-certified tester. Annual backflow test reports are due to the City of Wentzville by June 1. Before June 1, early-bird filing fees are only \$10.

To learn more about where to send your backflow report, find a list of certified testers, review the fee structure and more, please visit our website at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/backflowtests](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/backflowtests) or call (636) 639-2165.



## Municipal Election Results

On April 5, Wentzville residents took to the polls to cast their vote for Wentzville City leadership.

Congratulations to our newly elected (and re-elected) City officials who were sworn in at the Board of Aldermen meeting on April 27. Each Alderman will serve a two-year term.

For Countywide results, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/elections](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/elections).

**ALDERMAN, WARD 1**  
Manny Macias

**ALDERMAN, WARD 2**  
Tricia Byrnes

**ALDERMAN, WARD 3**  
Michael (Mike) Hays



USE THE BILL PAYMENT METHOD THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

## Bill Payment Overview

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

**Bank Draft:** Sign up to have your utility bill drafted automatically each month. The City offers a fee-free auto-draft option using your checking account and routing number. To sign up, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/bankdraft](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/bankdraft). Your account will be drafted on the City due date each month automatically.

**By Text or Phone 24/7/365:** The City of Wentzville gives you access to your utility account 24 hours a day, seven 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 or set up Text-to-Pay, please call (833) 326-7020 and follow the prompts.

**Online Payments in Real Time:** Make a one-time payment in real time online. Visit our website at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/paymybill](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/paymybill) to register. From this website, you can view balances, access PDF copies of your bill, view your transaction history, as well as make payments or update your account.

**Schedule Payments in Advance:** You can schedule payments in advance, and also schedule credit-card drafting with the date of your choice. To learn more or set up one of these payment options, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/paymybill](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/paymybill).

**Drop Box or In-Person:** A drive-up drop box is located in front of City Hall for your convenience. In-person payments are also accepted inside City Hall, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Cash, check and money orders are accepted, as well as MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover cards.\*

**Live Customer Relations Rep:** We love to hear from you! Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., you can pay your bill with a live customer relations representative by calling (636) 639-2155, option 2.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Text Reminders and Account Updates:** Residents and business owners can opt in to receive utility bill reminders by text (instead of by phone call), when a shut-off is pending. To change your preferences, please call (636) 639-2155. Need to update your contact information? Complete this short form at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/mycontactinfo](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/mycontactinfo).

**Sign Up to Give Back:** Wentzville residents can register to round up their utility bills to the nearest dollar to benefit Wentzville seniors. Funds raised from the "Round-Up" program are donated to our local Meals on Wheels service. To register for the "Round-Up" program, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/giveback](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/giveback).

**Questions:** If you have billing-related questions, please contact a Customer Relations representative Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., by calling (636) 639-2155, and selecting option 2.

† Payments scheduled after the due date may be subject to late fees.

\* Please note: A 2% surcharge will apply to all credit card payments made with these payment methods.



**Music, Food and Fun on Main Street in  
Historic Downtown Wentzville**

**MAY 20-22**

**Wentzville**  
Parks & Recreation 

## Friday, May 20

Breakdown Shakedown: 6-7:45 p.m.  
Trixie Delight: 8:30-10:30 p.m.



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



## Saturday, May 21

New Crime Theatre: 12:30-2:15 p.m.  
Retro Boogie: 3-5 p.m.  
Wildfire: 5:45-7:45 p.m.  
Superjam: 8:30-10:30 p.m.



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



## Sunday, May 22

Arvell and Company: Noon-2:30 p.m.  
Dr. Zhivegas: 3:15-6 p.m.



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



## Celebrating Building Safety Month



Building Safety Month is a campaign presented during the month of May by the International Code Council (ICC). The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness about the safety and sustainability of buildings. It reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, and helps everyone understand what it takes to create safe, sustainable structures. This year's campaign, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," raises awareness about the importance of building codes in ensuring safety in the spaces in which we live, work and learn.

Every day, the City's Building Division works with homeowners and builders to protect the public with their commitment to building safety. Enforcing code compliance and embracing safety standards are both processes that support the City's economic development; buildings are made sturdier and longer-lasting. Wentzville's code officials are always working to ensure that the community is safe in the buildings where our constituents live, work and play. We are preventing, preparing and protecting citizens from disasters like fires, weather related events and structural collapse by constructing in compliance with the current codes and confirming conformity through inspections by well-trained, professional code officials.

For more details and educational materials, visit our Building Safety page at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/buildingsafety](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/buildingsafety). To learn more about the International Code Council and the I-Codes, visit [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

# Board Update

## Staying Connected to Our Roots While Embracing Our Future

"Wentzville is a community of neighbors working together to build a better future." Have you heard this phrase before? For many years, these words served as the City of Wentzville's Vision Statement. They were a nod to Wentzville's small-town vibe, noting that Wentzville was a community where everyone knew their neighbors and where residents embraced the City's growth and promise of the future.

As Wentzville continued to move into that future, to grow, to welcome new neighbors and businesses, and to continually work to improve, it became apparent that we had simply outgrown our previous Vision Statement. We wanted our new Vision Statement to help us stay connected to our roots while embracing our future.

### NEW VISION STATEMENT

During Wentzville's strategic planning session in 2021, the Board of Aldermen adopted a new Vision Statement for the City, which reads as follows: "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."

This new Vision Statement is a reminder that we will remain connected to our roots as we embrace our future. We are still "the crossroads of the nation," and we are and always will be a welcoming community and a regional leader. Our leadership team and employees work together daily to deliver exceptional City services that help our residents and businesses succeed.

During this strategic planning session, it became apparent that while the Vision Statement helped to more accurately identify the plan for Wentzville's future, we needed to also identify how we would get there. So, the Board created five critical success factors to provide the roadmap that will guide Wentzville down its journey to the future.

### CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

These factors help to position Wentzville to accomplish the key elements that make up our Vision Statement.

- 1. Regional Destination:** Wentzville provides long-term community value through trusted stewardship and responsible financial management.
- 2. Economic Vitality:** Wentzville is committed to economic prosperity through partnerships, development opportunities, a versatile and skilled workforce, and favorable property taxes to ensure that new and established businesses will thrive.
- 3. Exceptional City Services:** Wentzville provides industry-leading services that enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses by creating unsurpassed customer experiences and ensuring responsible stewardship of resources.
- 4. Infrastructure Connectivity:** Wentzville connects our community through optimized traffic systems, pedestrian-friendly amenities, dependable utilities and cutting-edge technology to enhance the quality of life.
- 5. Safe and Welcoming Community:** Wentzville is a safe, inclusive and engaged community, with a built environment and diverse mix of services and outreach that create a unique sense of place.

The Vision Statement and Critical Success Factors are on display in the Board Chambers as an ever-present reminder of the Board's commitment to Wentzville. These guiding principles will shape and inform our decisions moving forward. We are confident that with these in place we can continue to help Wentzville flourish and thrive.







## Celebrating the Fourth of July!

Make plans to celebrate Independence Day in Wentzville! The annual Fourth of July Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 4 at the Wentzville Ice Arena and travels south on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, turns right onto Pearce Boulevard and ends at the old City Hall at Pearce Boulevard and Allen Street.

Everyone is invited to participate in the parade by designing a float. This year's theme is, "Wentzville Cheers to 150 Years." Floats will be judged for overall first-, second- and third-place, along with Mayor's Choice and Best Musical Entry for

first- and second-place. Float registration required. To register, please email [WentzvilleEvents@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:WentzvilleEvents@wentzvillemo.gov) or call (636) 639-2085. The float registration deadline is June 10, and a \$10 late fee will be applied to applications submitted after this date. This event is FREE to observe.

The annual Wentzville fireworks show begins at 9:05 p.m. Fireworks are discharged off of Wentzville Parkway near Progress Park. To learn more about Wentzville's Fourth of July festivities, please call (636) 332-9236 or visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/fourthofjuly](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/fourthofjuly).

## Fireworks in Wentzville

City ordinance allows fireworks to be discharged ONLY on July 3 and July 4, between the hours of noon and 11 p.m. each day. Outside the allowed time frame, a summons may be issued and fireworks may be confiscated. Please note, fireworks are not allowed to be set off on any property owned by the City, including any streets and cul-de-sacs or any park within the City at any time.

Please take precautions when shooting off fireworks and be mindful and courteous of your neighbors. To report illegal firework use, please call the Police Department's nonemergency line at (636) 327-5105. To read the ordinance in its entirety, including the types of fireworks permitted to be discharged only on July 3 and July 4, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/fireworks](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/fireworks).

## Trash/Cardboard Reminders

Here are a few reminders about residential trash/cardboard collection guidelines. These guidelines help the hauler to ensure efficient collection and helps the City maintain high-quality service for our residents.

1. Cardboard must fit inside your recycling or trash cart.
2. If it does not fit in your cart, cardboard must be bagged and will be collected as trash.

3. Cardboard cannot be used as a container.
4. Loose cardboard will not be collected.
5. You can dispose of up to three extra 40-gallon bags of trash each week. After the third bag, however, you will be charged \$2.50 per bag.

To learn more about the City's solid-waste services, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/solidwaste](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/solidwaste), email [solid.waste@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:solid.waste@wentzvillemo.gov) or call (636) 327-5101.

## Utility-Tax Rebate Reminders

Between now and May 31, eligible Wentzville residents can apply for a City utility-tax rebate. For more details, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/taxrebate](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/taxrebate).

### Application options:

- Email required documents to [city.inquiry@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:city.inquiry@wentzvillemo.gov);
- Mail the required documents to: Utility-Tax Rebate, City of Wentzville, 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385; or
- Set up an appointment to apply in person at City Hall by calling (636) 639-2155.

### Eligibility requirements:

- 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 maximum 2021 gross income of \$47,550 for a single-person household or \$54,350 for a married-couple household. Total gross income includes your social security.

### Required documentation:

- A photo ID or Social Security card;
- Proof of income, residency, and age and/or disability; and
- Municipal tax reports or copies of your 2021 gas and electric bills.



**ECRWSS  
Postal Customer**



## Holiday Hours and Solid Waste Collection

**MEMORIAL DAY:** City Hall will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. Trash, recycling and yard-waste collection for the week of Memorial 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, June 4.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY:** 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 flip to pg. 7.

## 2021 Consumer Confidence Report

The Annual Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report (or CCR) is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water to Wentzville residents. A copy of the complete 2021 CCR can be found at <https://dnr.mo.gov/ccr/MO6010849.pdf>. If internet access is not available, a hard copy can be requested and mailed to you by contacting the City's Water Division at (636) 639-7564.

## 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 large-item 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.

# Vacation Checklist

Travel with less worry when you sign up for a Vacation Check from the Wentzville Police Department! Complete a short form at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/vacationcheck](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/vacationcheck).

- ☒ Plan the perfect trip
- ☒ Pack your belongings
- ☒ Purchase any necessary snacks
- ☒ Contact Wentzville PD to set up a free Vacation Check

