

THE VISION



HOLIDAY MAGIC

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Package Safety

Protect your deliveries from “porch pirates” this holiday season!

Why Shop Local?

Hear from the Board of Aldermen about the importance of shopping local and its impact on the City.

Candidate Filing

Running in the April 2025 election? Candidate filing opens on Dec. 10.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Advanced Dental of Wentzville

LOCATION: 701 LUETKENHAUS BLVD.

OWNER: Dr. Darren Bremer

WHAT DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER? We offer a comprehensive range of dental services, from routine check-ups and cleanings to advanced cosmetic procedures, dental implants and even Botox treatments.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WENTZVILLE? Our favorite thing about Wentzville has to be our patients. The area is full of so many good people, and we love that small-town hospitality that still thrives here.

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE? We know the dentist can be an overwhelming place. It's our goal to make every patient feel safe and at home in our space. You walk into our office and it just feels different. We have the best team who truly love what they do. This is reflected in our patient care — we always enjoy seeing the reviews patients leave that let us know we're delivering the best patient experience possible. To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillefamilydentist.com.



WHAT YEAR DID YOU OPEN? Advanced Dental of Wentzville was founded by Dr. Thomas Delaney in 1989 and was originally located on Veterans Memorial Parkway. In the early 1990s, the practice moved to East Pearce Boulevard, becoming one of the first tenants in the Pearce Plaza. After more than 30 years at that location, we found our permanent home in our new office on Luetkenhaus Boulevard, where we continue to proudly serve the Wentzville community.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO EXPAND IN WENTZVILLE?

Wentzville has always been our home. While our patients come from all over, we knew we wanted to stay rooted in the community we've been proud to serve for so many years. Expanding here allowed us to continue offering care in the place that has always felt like home to us.

Welcome New Businesses!

Sushi AI
1300 E. Pitman Ave.

Tooling Associates
145 Hamilton Industrial Ct.

A Nurse's Touch
1082 Crosswinds Ct.

Apache Village RV Center
971 Wilmer Rd.

Piglowski Insurance Agency
24 W. Main St., Ste. 314

Revival Hair Studio
412 Luetkenhaus Blvd.



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

Remember: Don't Strain the Drain

'Tis the season for home-cooked meals! As you prepare delicious holiday dishes, keep in mind that fats, oils and grease don't just clog our arteries, they also clog our sewers. Keeping these substances out of the drain is one of the best ways to avoid a sewer backup in your home. Fats, oils and grease are found in many of the foods we eat daily — meat, butter, cooking oil, gravy, sauces, mayo, salad dressing and cheese. These also happen to be some of the key ingredients to our favorite holiday dishes. Help prevent drain and sewer clogs by keeping drains free of fat, oil and grease. Use these tips to prevent grease buildup in your pipes.

- Wipe cooled pots and pans with a paper towel before washing them.
- Remove fatty foods from plates and the kitchen sink and place them in the trash — not down the drain.
- Can it, cool it and trash it! Pour all cooled cooking fats that will harden into a container such as an empty vegetable, pet food or coffee can. Let these contents cool, and throw the can in the trash. Cooking oil can also be recycled at St. Charles County's Recycle Works West location at 2110 E. Pitman Ave. Learn more at www.sccmo.org/877/Recycle-Works-West.



Round Up to Give Back!

Looking for a convenient way to spread holiday cheer and support seniors in Wentzville? Participate in Wentzville's easy-to-use Round-Up program!

When you sign up, your monthly utility bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, if your bill is \$44.25, it becomes \$45.00, meaning you've contributed \$0.75.

Every donation matters and your spare change goes a long way. We're proud to channel these funds directly to the Meals on Wheels program, ensuring our seniors receive the care and nutrition they deserve.

In 2023, our wonderful community contributed over \$11,000 through the Round-Up program. Sign up this season and help us continue spreading holiday cheer to seniors in Wentzville. Sign up at www.wentzvillemo.gov/RoundUp, and let's share the spirit of giving together.

Recycle Your Real Tree

Curbside collection of real Christmas trees is available for Wentzville residents as part of your residential solid waste collection service. Trees, which must be cut into less than four feet sections and free of decorations, lights, tinsel, garland, etc., may be placed at the curb on your regular collection day between Dec. 30 and Jan. 17. For questions, please call (636) 639-2049.

Residents may also drop off natural trees at one of these three City parks on the dates included below during regular park hours.

- **Dec. 26-Jan. 19:** Progress Park (968 Meyer Rd.) or Heartland Park (100 William Dierberg Dr.)
- **Jan. 14-19:** Rotary Park (2577 W. Meyer Rd.)

Package Delivery

Tips from The WPD



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

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

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

Connect with Santa this Holiday Season

Santa Saturdays

While you enjoy your Saturday drive through the enchanted Holiday Night Lights display in Rotary Park (learn more on pg. 6), don't forget to stop by the Kolb Building, which has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland, to say "hello" to Santa. Santa will not be at Rotary Park on Christmas Eve because he has prior commitments at the North Pole.

Letters to Santa

Again this year, all children are invited to write Santa a letter using the template at www.wentzvillemo.gov/Santa. You can drop off your letter in one of the special mailboxes located at City Hall or the WREC, or at the Kolb Building during Santa Saturdays. Mailboxes will be available beginning in late November.

For more information about these Santa connections, please call Wentzville Parks and Recreation at (636) 332-9236.



Mayor Nick Guccione

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Celebrating the Wentzville Community

As 2024 winds down, it's the perfect time to look back at the many accomplishments that have made this year one to remember. Mayor Nick Guccione highlights key events and developments that have brought our community together, celebrating a strong finish to the year.

As we approach the close of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared this year. It has been an honor and privilege to continue to serve as your mayor, and I am proud of the progress we've made together as a community. Wentzville continues to thrive, not just because of City leadership, but because of the dedication, resilience and spirit of the people who call Wentzville home. This year, we've seen exciting developments across the board. From infrastructure improvements to community events, 2024 has been a year of growth and connection. Our new public works facility opened ahead of schedule and under budget (more below) — a testament to the hard work of our teams. We also made strides in public safety, transportation and the expansion of recreational services, ensuring Wentzville remains a great place to live, work and play.

In this issue of *The Vision*, you'll find important updates and reminders as we head into the holiday season. Our annual Holiday Night Lights events at Rotary Park (pg. 6) promise to be bigger and brighter than ever. There are also helpful reminders for residents, like package delivery tips from the Wentzville Police Department to keep your holidays safe (pg. 3) and solid waste collection updates for Thanksgiving (pg. 5). And, of course, as we close out the year, I encourage you to shop local and support the Wentzville businesses that keep our community strong (pg. 8).

Looking ahead, I'm excited about what 2025 will bring. But for now, let's celebrate all we've achieved in 2024. Thank you for your continued support and trust in making Wentzville the wonderful community we all cherish.



PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY OPENS

Earlier this fall, the City opened its new Public Works Facility near the southeast corner of Interstate Drive and Wilmer Road. This state-of-the-art 48,000-square-foot building is designed to enhance service delivery and meet the growing needs of the community. The facility, which broke ground on May 24, 2023, was completed ahead of schedule and significantly under budget, reflecting the City's commitment to efficiency and fiscal responsibility. The facility addresses the long-standing need for a more expansive space to accommodate the increasing demands for equipment and material storage. Additionally, the move from the previous location in Historic Downtown Wentzville allows for greater capacity and improved functionality. To learn more about the project, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/PWFacility.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

A few quick reminders about upcoming holidays, fun events and more!

THANKSGIVING DAY FUN!

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



HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Veterans Day

City offices will be closed for Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11 — solid-waste collection will not be affected. The Wentzville Rec Center (WREC), Progress Park Recreation Center and the Ice Arena will be open regular hours. To view recreation facility hours, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/FacilityHours.

Thanksgiving Day

City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and on Friday, Nov. 29. The WREC and Progress Park Recreation Center will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28; however, both facilities (plus the Ice Arena) will be open during regular hours on Friday, Nov. 29. For more info, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/Facility.

Here's the solid waste and recycling collection schedule for the week of Nov. 25: Collection will remain the same from Nov. 25-27. There will be no collection on Thursday, Nov. 28. Thursday's collection will move to Friday, Nov. 29, and Friday's collection will take place on Saturday, Nov. 30.

FUN TIMES GOES LIVE

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

HOLIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 5K AND FUN RUN

This event takes place on Dec. 8, beginning at 5 p.m., and will take you through our amazing light display at Rotary Park, just in time for the holiday season! All racers will receive a finisher medal. The deadline to register for this event is Dec. 1; day-of-race registration will not be available.

To register, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/Races.



Success Story: Electronics Recycling + Shredding

The City of Wentzville continues to lead the way in sustainability efforts, hosting its seventh annual Electronics Recycling + Shredding event on Oct. 5 at North Point Middle School. This year, over 450 vehicles participated in this drive-through and drop-off event, which collected 12,552 pounds of electronic waste (eWaste) and 10,500 pounds of paper.

Since its launch in 2018, the program has helped divert almost 200,000 pounds of eWaste, and more than 65,000 pounds of paper from local landfills. Recycling electronics reduces the need for raw materials and helps prevent hazardous substances, such as lead and mercury, from contaminating the soil and water. Shredding and recycling paper saves trees and reduces the energy and water required to produce new paper. The event is also designed to prevent identity theft through secure document shredding while providing a safe and environmentally friendly way for residents to recycle electronics such as computers, laptops, monitors and printers. These items, when improperly discarded, pose significant risks to the environment, from hazardous materials to excessive landfill waste.

"We are incredibly proud of the community's continued participation in this important initiative," said Mayor Nick Guccione. "These events demonstrate our shared commitment to protecting the environment while offering an essential service to our residents. I want to thank our volunteers, partners, staff and everyone who participated."

The City remains committed to hosting future events to ensure residents have a safe, convenient way to dispose of both electronic waste and sensitive documents. By offering services that enhance both safety and sustainability, Wentzville continues to foster a welcoming community and deliver exceptional City services. The next event is planned for the fall of 2025. Stay tuned to the City's social media channels and visit www.wentzvillemo.gov for updates.


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HOLIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

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

 **Drive-Thru**
Nov. 29-Dec. 30*
5:30-9:30 p.m.

 **Santa Saturdays**
Saturdays through Dec. 21
5:30-9:30 p.m.

 **Walk-Thru**
Dec. 9
5-8 p.m.

 **5K & One-Mile Fun Run**
Dec. 8
5 p.m.

 **Sleigh Hayrides**
Mondays/Wednesdays*
Dec. 2-Dec. 23

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



Wentzville
Parks & Recreation 



Meet the Board (left to right): Jordan Broviak (Ward 2), Robert Hussey (Ward 2), Michael Lovell (Ward 3), Mayor Nick Guccione, Manny Macias (Ward 1), Bryan Harr (Ward 1), Michael Hays (Ward 3). For contact information, visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/BOA.

Board Update: Shop Local to Support City Services

The benefits of shopping local go far beyond convenience. It's an easy way to invest in the future of Wentzville and help keep our community strong. Every time you shop local, you're making a difference!

City taxes play a critical role in supporting the services and amenities we all rely on, from maintaining roads and parks to funding essential services like public safety and infrastructure improvements. These taxes, which include sales and property taxes, are vital for the upkeep and growth of our community. But did you know that when you shop local, you're directly contributing to these efforts?

When you shop in Wentzville, a portion of the sales tax collected from your purchases stays right here in our City, helping fund the services you use every day. Whether it's upgrading a playground, fixing a road or adding more police officers, your decision to shop local makes a difference. It's more than just supporting local businesses — it's about keeping our community strong.

So, the next time you're deciding where to make your purchase, remember: shopping local is not just convenient, it's an investment in Wentzville's future.

Looking for more reasons to shop local? Shopping in Wentzville comes with many benefits for both you and the community!

- **Save Time and Gas:** Shopping locally means less travel, saving both gas and time. You can find what you need close to home while reducing your carbon footprint.
- **Support Local Jobs:** When you spend your money at local businesses, you're helping maintain jobs right here in Wentzville, supporting your neighbors and friends.
- **Local Businesses Give Back:** Many local businesses support community nonprofits, schools and events. By shopping local, you're indirectly contributing to these efforts and helping to make Wentzville a better place to live.
- **Strengthen the Local Economy:** Shopping local helps keep money circulating within the community, boosting local economic development and ensuring Wentzville continues to thrive.

Shop Smart with these WPD Tips

As the holiday season approaches, the City of Wentzville and the Wentzville Police Department (WPD) want to help ensure you have a safe and enjoyable shopping experience. Here are a few updated tips to keep in mind while you're out checking off your list:

- **Stay Aware:** Be mindful of your surroundings and avoid distractions like your phone, especially in busy areas.
- **Park Smart:** If you're shopping after dark, choose well-lit parking areas near store entrances. Take a quick photo or note a landmark to help locate your vehicle when you're done.
- **Shop Together:** Shopping with a friend or family member not only adds some fun but also provides extra security.
- **Be Ready:** Keep your keys or key fob in hand when approaching your vehicle, allowing for a quick, safe entry.
- **Use Cards, Not Cash:** Minimize the amount of cash you carry by opting for credit or debit cards. This also provides a record of your transactions.
- **Secure Your Purchases:** Place bags and valuables out of sight, such as in the trunk or covered with a jacket or blanket, to deter opportunistic theft.

For more tips or information, contact the WPD at (636) 327-5105. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season in Wentzville!



 *Shop Local,*
SHOP WENTZVILLE

National Award for *The Vision*



**Read the full press release at
www.wentzvillemo.gov/PR**

Last year, *The Vision* (yes, the one you are holding in your hand right now!) received an updated design. In September of 2024, the City was honored with a national “Award of Excellence” from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) as part of its prestigious Savvy Awards. This recognition highlights Wentzville’s innovative redesign of *The Vision*. We’re sure you’ll agree that the redesigned newsletter showcases a bold, modern look that enhances readability and better connects our stakeholders to City news, events and services. The redesign was part of Wentzville’s ongoing commitment to improving transparency and engagement with our community. For more information about *The Vision* or the City’s many other communications initiatives, please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/Communications.

Candidate Filing Opens Dec. 10

Starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, candidates may begin filing for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 2025 ballot. Candidates must file in person at City Hall, located at 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd. The filing period will remain open until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Positions open for filing include one Alderman from each of the three Wards as well as a judge. Note: 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 they file and during the time they serve — of the Ward from which they are elected.
- **JUDGE:** Candidates for Municipal Judge shall be a licensed attorney, qualified to practice law within the state of Missouri, and a resident of St. Charles County at the time of his/her election. The Municipal Judge need not reside within the city limits of Wentzville. The Municipal Judge shall be between 21 and 75 years of age.

Questions? Please call the City Clerk’s office at (636) 639-2012. Starting Dec. 3, packets can be found at www.wentzvillemo.gov/CityClerk.

Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade

The Tree Lighting and the “Spirit of the Season” Christmas Parade are Wentzville traditions. Mayor Nick Guccione will officially light the tree at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the start of the parade. The parade will begin at approximately 6 p.m. in Historic Downtown Wentzville on Sunday, Dec. 1. Following the parade, attendees may enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Station 1 Firehouse.