

*City of Wentzville News, Information, Important Dates and More!*

## Hanging with Heroes

Mark your calendar for a special event designed to bring families and law enforcement together in a fun and welcoming environment. Hanging with Heroes returns on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 4-6 p.m. at Jake's Field of Dreams located inside Heartland Park (100 William Dierberg Dr.).

Hosted by the Wentzville Police and Parks Departments, this event gives children the chance to interact with officers in a playful, relaxed setting. From casual conversations to games of tag and friendly high-fives, it's all about fostering trust and building positive relationships between officers and the community they serve. Officers will be on-site to connect with kids, distribute small giveaways and participate in the fun — showing that they're not just here to protect, but to engage and support as well.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of laughter, connection and community. We'll see you on the playground! To find out more information visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/CommunityPrograms](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/CommunityPrograms).

## GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD: AUG. 1-31

### Unlock Grants for Your Downtown Business

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.



Between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31, businesses in Historic Downtown Wentzville can apply for a Facade Improvement or Business Development grant. For more details, please visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/EDGrants](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/EDGrants). If you have questions, contact the Economic Development Office by emailing [EcoDev@wentzvillemo.gov](mailto:EcoDev@wentzvillemo.gov) or by calling (636) 639-2015.

### 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. A total of \$30,000 has been set aside for 2025 grants.

### 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: The Business Development and Facade Improvement grants cannot be used in combination.*

## Top Workplace Recognition

The City of Wentzville is proud to be named a St. Louis Post-Dispatch Top Workplace for the fifth time! This honor, based entirely on employee feedback, highlights our commitment to creating an outstanding work environment that values innovation, leadership and employee well-being.

Nearly 80% of our team participated in the independent survey, which evaluated key areas like compensation, benefits and workplace culture. Wentzville was one of just 159 organizations recognized out of 2,682 invited to participate. This year, we're also proud to have earned a Culture Excellence Award for Compensation and Benefits, reflecting our focus on both competitive pay and genuine employee appreciation.

"Our employees are the heart and soul of Wentzville," said Mayor Nick Guccione. "Their dedication and passion create a place where people are proud to live, work and grow."

To see why we're a Top Workplace — and explore career opportunities — visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/Careers](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/Careers).



## Volunteer for a Board, Commission or Committee

The City of Wentzville has a number of advisory boards, commissions and committees comprised of volunteers from within the community. These groups make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding actions and policies affecting municipal government, City departments and the community.

If you are a resident interested in serving, please complete an application on the City's website at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/BCApplication](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/BCApplication).

## Split Irrigation Continues until Sept. 30

To help maintain a sustainable water supply during the summer, residents and businesses are encouraged to follow a split watering schedule from now through Sept. 30. This includes a suggested three-day-per-week plan based on address numbers, plus tips for watering outside peak hours to improve efficiency and water pressure.

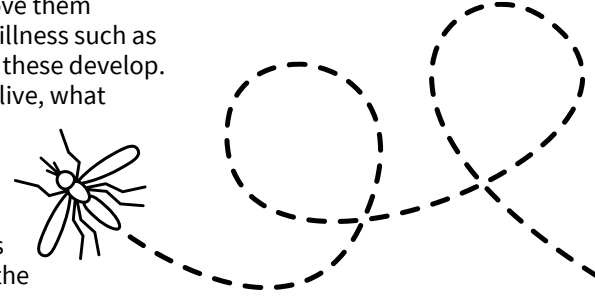
View the recommended watering schedule, lawn care tips and updates at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/LawnManagement](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/LawnManagement) or call (636) 327-5101. Your efforts help keep our community beautiful and our resources strong — thank you for doing your part!

## Protect Yourself Outdoors

An increase in outdoor activities during the summer and fall also increases the risk for insect bites and exposure to diseases that mosquitoes and ticks may carry. To minimize illnesses from insect bites, use repellent when you are outdoors and 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 the 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, and 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.

Check out the tips below for more information on preventing mosquitos 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 preventative mosquito measures, visit the St. Charles County Health Department at [www.wentzvillemo.gov/StCharlesMosquito](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/StCharlesMosquito).



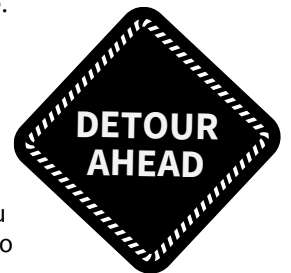
## Worth the Trip!

As Wentzville grows, major infrastructure projects along I-70, Hwy 61, Wentzville Parkway and Route Z are moving forward to boost safety, connectivity and economic growth. While these improvements are essential, we know the construction impacts are being felt — especially by local businesses.

That's why we launched the "Worth the Trip, Wentzville" campaign. Even if it takes a little longer to get there, your support matters. Grab takeout, leave a review, buy a gift card or tell a friend — every small action helps our businesses thrive.

This is especially true in Historic Downtown, where road closures may add detours — but make no mistake, it's still open, still vibrant and still the heart of our community. To help, we're offering free resources like social media graphics and messaging templates so businesses can stay visible during construction. And we hope residents will help amplify the message: Wentzville businesses are worth the trip.

To find out more information about this program, visit [www.wentzvillemo.gov/WorthTheTrip](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov/WorthTheTrip). Thank you for your patience as we build a better-connected Wentzville — and for continuing to support the people who power our local economy.



## Upcoming Events

With so many ways to celebrate, get involved and enjoy the changing seasons, there's no better place to be than Wentzville. Follow us on social media and check out [www.wentzvillemo.gov](http://www.wentzvillemo.gov) for details and registration links.

### Fall Festival | Sept. 12-13

Make plans to join us in Historic Downtown Wentzville for two days of fall fun, featuring food trucks, vendors, music and kids' activities. It's the perfect way to kick off fall in Wentzville!

### Citywide Yard Sale | Sept. 19-20

Hunt for hidden treasures or clear out your closets. Participating sales will be included on our digital map, so shoppers can easily find the best deals around town.

### Electronics Recycling + Document Shredding | Oct. 4

Start gathering your old electronics and sensitive documents now! This free event at Peruque Valley Park offers an easy, convenient and secure way to dispose of these items responsibly.

