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WINTER REMINDERS

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Holiday Night Lights

Walk, drive or take a magical sleigh-hayride through Rotary Park — it all starts Nov. 27!

Tree Recycling

Explore curbside and drop-off options to recycle your real Christmas tree this holiday season.

Safer Shopping

Ensure you have a safe and enjoyable holiday shopping experience with these tips.

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**.

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.

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.

Each year, our wonderful community typically contributes 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 in the spirit of giving together.

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. 5), don't forget to stop by the Kolb Building, which has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland, to say "hello" to Santa. But mark your calendars! Dec. 19 is Santa's last day at Rotary Park.

Letters to Santa
Again this year, all children are invited to write Santa a letter using the template at **www.wentzvillemo.gov/LettersToSanta**. 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 in December. Mailboxes will be available beginning in late November.

For more information about these upcoming Santa connections, please visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/Santa**.





Say "Thank You" to a Team Member

Do you appreciate the clean water coming from your faucet, the clear roads after a snowstorm, or the well-maintained facilities you visit every day? Those aren't coincidences — they're the result of dedicated City employees who work tirelessly behind the scenes to serve our community. If you've had a positive experience with a Public Works, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, or other City staff member, we'd love to hear from you! Visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/ThankYou** to send a quick note of appreciation and help us recognize the employees who keep Wentzville running strong.





Mayor Nick Guccione

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:
Support Local. Support Wentzville.

The benefits of supporting 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 support 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 also 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.



Economic Development Map

Curious about what's new in Wentzville? The City's Economic Development Activity Map provides a look at commercial and industrial projects throughout the community, including those that are approved (pre-construction), under construction or completed. Explore project locations, building sizes and development status to see how Wentzville continues to grow. You can always view the most recent map at **www.wentzvillemo.gov/DevelopmentMap**.

New Wentzville Businesses

Dave's Hot Chicken
Fast Food
1992 Wentzville Pkwy.

Lou Fusz Kia of Wentzville
Auto Sales/Service
1733 Prospect Rd.

Fabulous Finds
Resale Shop
704 E. Pearce Blvd.

Vibe City
Dispensary
1201 Lodora Dr.

Welcome

New this Year: *Business types are now included. This list highlights new businesses serving the community but is not a complete list of all business licenses issued. Also, some listed businesses may not be open yet.*

Winter Reminders:
Road Safety and Snow Removal

SNOW PLOW REMINDERS

Wentzville residents, please remember to practice patience with our City snowplows. The snow routes are predetermined, and the plow trucks operate at the safest possible speed. It's worth noting that several streets in and around Wentzville fall outside the City's plowing jurisdiction. Instead, these roads are managed by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). City crews typically don't clear them unless approved through a mutual-aid request or authorized by the City Administrator. MoDOT-maintained 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

SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

The Wentzville Public Works team is preparing to ensure the safety and clarity of City roads. Here are some winter tips from the Public Works Department. If you have questions, contact Public Works at (636) 327-5101. To submit a snow concern, please visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/SnowConcern**.

- **Fire Hydrants:** Residents should clear snow buildup around fire hydrants. This ensures that firefighters can swiftly access hydrants in case of a fire.
- **Winter Parking Restrictions:** During snow events exceeding two inches, it's advisable to remove parked cars from the roadway. Parking on City streets is prohibited during a declared City Snow Emergency resulting from a heavy snowfall forecast.
- **Mailboxes:** Occasionally, snow removal equipment or plow activity may affect mailboxes. Upon notification, the City will install a temporary mailbox until weather conditions permit repairs.
- **Landscaping:** While the City allows low bushes, ground cover and flowers in the right-of-way, it does not compensate for damage to private plantings in the right-of-way due to snow-removal operations. Sod damage will be restored by the City when sod material is available.
- **Mail Delivery/Solid-Waste Collection:** Snow fighters clear snow as close to the curb line as practical to facilitate access to mailboxes and solid-waste collection. Final clearing is the responsibility of each resident to receive solid-waste collection service and USPS delivery.

The "Right" Way to Store Your Snow

As winter descends, we also request Wentzville residents assist our City snowplow drivers. Follow these guidelines while clearing your driveway to prevent City snowplows from pushing snow and slush back in front of your driveway. When standing facing the street, it is advisable to shovel snow on the RIGHT side of your driveway. Clear snow from the street in front of and to the left of your driveway for optimal results. Removing snow in this manner aids in minimizing the amount of snow deposited back across your driveway. Also, be aware that shoveling snow into the street is against the law. Residents, if you have a snow-related concern, complete a quick form at **www.wentzvillemo.gov/SnowConcern** or call (636) 327-5101.





WENTZVILLE HOLIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

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Join us for a night of magic and holiday spirit! Enjoy a one-mile light display that features large, illuminated holiday scenes, light shows 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

Open Earlier Each Evening in 2026!

Nov. 27-Dec. 30*
5-9:30 p.m.

Santa Saturdays

Dec. 5, 12 and 19
5-9:30 p.m.

Walk-Thru

Dec. 13 and 14
5-8 p.m.

5K and One-Mile Fun Run

Dec. 6
5-7 p.m.

Sleigh Hayrides

Monday-Wednesday
Nov. 30-Dec. 30*

Discounted Drive-Thru and Walk-Thru Tickets are available when purchased online, in the app or at one or our facilities.

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



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Essential news, program details and resources specifically for Wentzville residents and business owners.

Award Winning Project

The City of Wentzville's South Linn Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Project has been selected to receive a 2026 Outstanding Local Government Achievement (OLGA) Award from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. Recognized in the Exemplary Collaboration, Partnership or Regional Initiative category, the project will create a 14-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting Historic Downtown Wentzville with trails, parks, businesses and other destinations across I-70.

Made possible through regional partnerships and strategic funding, the project supports the expansion of Great Rivers Greenway's regional trail network and advances Infrastructure Connectivity, one of the Board of Aldermen's Critical Success Factors. The award recognizes the value of collaboration in addressing longstanding connectivity challenges and creating lasting community benefits. The City will be recognized at the annual awards luncheon on Nov. 13.

Recycle Your Real Tree

Curbside collection of real Christmas trees is available for Wentzville residents with trash collection service. Trees, which must be free of decorations, lights, tinsel, garland, etc., and cut into less than four-foot sections, may be placed at the curb on your regular collection day between Jan. 4-15. This service is through Meridian Waste. For questions, please call (636) 639-2049.

Residents may also drop off natural trees to one of the three City parks below, between Dec. 26* and Jan. 17 (during regular park hours). Trees must be free of decorations, stands, coverings, lights, etc.

- **Progress Park**
  968 Meyer Rd.
- **Heartland Park**
  100 William Dierberg Dr.
- **Rotary Park**
  2577 W. Meyer Rd.
  (*Jan. 9-17 only)



Wentzville Names New Chief of Police

The City of Wentzville welcomes Leon Burton as its new Chief of Police, bringing 25 years of service with the Wentzville Police Department and a strong commitment to public safety, community partnerships and organizational leadership. Burton succeeds Chief Paul West, who is set to retire on Friday, Nov. 6, following a distinguished career in law enforcement.

Burton joined the department in 2001 and has served in a variety of roles, including motorcycle officer, regional drug task force member and leader of the Patrol and Support Services divisions. Most recently, he served as Major and Assistant Chief of Police, a position he has held since 2020. Before joining the department, Burton served in the United States Marine Corps. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from Lindenwood University, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and earned his Certified Public Manager designation in 2025.

"It is a true honor to serve as your next Chief of Police for the City of Wentzville," Burton said. "I am excited to support our dedicated officers and partner with City leaders and residents as we build on our shared commitment to a safe community, transparency, high-caliber service and strong partnerships."

Burton's appointment was approved by the Board of Aldermen on Aug. 12, allowing time for a coordinated leadership transition. He will lead the department's continued commitment to professional law enforcement, community engagement and maintaining a safe and welcoming community. For more information, visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/Police**.



Welcome, Chief Burton!

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. 6. Following the parade, attendees may enjoy cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Station 1 Firehouse.

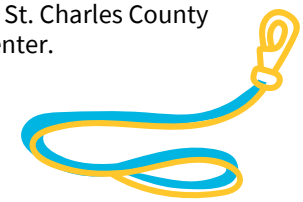


Wentzville Board of Aldermen: Linda Roth (Ward 1), Frank Martell (Ward 2), Michael Lovell (Ward 3), Mayor Nick Guccione, Michael Hays (Ward 3), Robert Hussey (Ward 2) and Chantel Summers (Ward 1). Want to connect? Please visit www.wentzvillemo.gov/MeetTheBoard for contact information.

Board Update: Be a Good Wentzville Neighbor

Leave it Better Than You Found It
Whether you are taking an evening walk around your neighborhood, or visiting a Wentzville park, we encourage you to "leave it better than you found it." Picking up litter not only helps to keep our community clean and green, it helps to ensure we are not polluting our stormwater. Litter can easily make its way down storm drains if it's not picked up and properly disposed of. This is definitely a team effort, and we are thankful to have a community of neighbors that support the City's beautification efforts. Did you know the City has an Adopt-a-Spot program, which is focused on keeping specific areas of town clean? To learn more, visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/AdoptASpot**.

Leash Law
The City of Wentzville requires animals to be on a leash as part of our animal-at-large ordinance (205.300). If your animal is caught running at large, Animal Control will make every attempt to return the animal to the rightful owner. To view the full animal at-large ordinance, please visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/AtLarge**. To help identify your animals, you are encouraged to purchase an animal identification tag with the name of your pet and your phone number. If no owner is located or if we are unable to return the animal, the animal will be taken to the St. Charles County Adoption Center.



Pickup After Your Pets
Don't forget to remove pet waste promptly when in a park, on a trail or wherever you walk your pet. Always carry a bag so that you can immediately collect your pet's waste. Please also pick up waste in your own yard regularly. Since many homeowners have furry friends, these simple steps help keep Wentzville safe and clean. Pet waste that is left on the ground can be carried away by stormwater runoff and deposited into nearby creeks and lakes — our sources for drinking water and recreational activities. Keep yourself, your neighbors and your pets safe and healthy by picking up after your four-legged friends.

Report Crimes
Don't forget: if you see something, you should say something. Wentzville is one of the fastest-growing cities around. As our community continues to grow, please remember to look out for each other. Don't hesitate to contact the emergency line 911 or nonemergency police line at (636) 327-5105 to report suspicious activity. In addition, Neighborhood Watch enlists the active participation of residents to reduce crime in neighborhoods. These organized groups act as the "eyes and ears" of the police when they are not present. If you're interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Watch program, contact Corporal Stephen Wilson at (636) 639-2126 or email Stephen.Wilson@wentzvillemo.gov.

Holiday Shopping Safety 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 — whether you're strolling through local stores, supporting small businesses or hunting for deals online. A little awareness can go a long way toward keeping your holidays merry and bright. Here are a few 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 crowded parking lots or busy shopping centers.
- **Park Smart:** If you're shopping after dark, choose well-lit parking areas near store entrances. Snap a quick photo or note a landmark to help locate your vehicle later.
- **Shop Together:** Bring a friend or family member along — it adds to the fun and provides an extra layer of safety.
- **Be Ready:** Keep your keys or key fob in hand when approaching your vehicle to ensure a quick, safe entry.
- **Use Cards, Not Cash:** Carry minimal cash and use credit or debit cards whenever possible. It's safer and provides a record of your purchases.
- **Secure Your Purchases:** Stow bags and valuables out of sight, such as in your trunk or covered with a jacket or blanket, to discourage theft.
- **Be Cautious Online:** Use trusted websites, avoid public Wi-Fi when making purchases, and track your deliveries closely to prevent package theft.

WPD will have increased patrols throughout the season, but we can all do our part to keep our community safe. For more information or additional safety tips, contact WPD at (636) 327-5105.

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Holiday Reminders

For solid-waste related information, please visit www.meridianwaste.com/mo/wentzville.



City offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day and Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving. Solid-waste collection will not be affected by the Veterans Day closure.

The Wentzville Rec Center (WREC) and Progress Park Recreation Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, but will reopen for regular hours on Friday, Nov. 27. The Ice Arena will maintain regular hours throughout both holidays. Solid-waste collection will not take place on Thursday, Nov. 26.

For recreation facility hours, please visit **www.wentzvillemo.gov/FacilitiesAndParks**.

Candidate Filing Opens Dec. 15



Starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, candidates may begin filing for the elected municipal offices that will appear on the April 2027 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, Jan. 5. Positions open for filing include one Alderman from each of the three Wards as well as a Municipal 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. 8, packets can be found at **www.wentzvillemo.gov/CityClerk**.