



Wentzville's Liberty Fest and 4th of July Parade

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Make plans to attend Wentzville's 2017 Liberty Fest and annual 4th of July parade. You won't want to miss anything – and, with the exception of reasonably priced concessions, **it's all free!** The fun kicks off with the parade at 10 a.m. The parade begins at the corner of Campus Drive and Pearce Boulevard and will travel east down Pearce Boulevard, ending at the corner of Pearce and Luetkenhaus Boulevard. Set up your chair along the route and join in the fun!

The Grand Marshall for this year's parade is Ralph Barrale. Barrale is a perfect example of this year's parade theme – *Hail Our American Heritage*. Ralph Barrale was born on Jan. 22, 1924, in St. Louis. He joined the U.S. Army in May of 1943 at the age of 19 and saw action in some of the most famous battles of World War II. During the course of his career, Barrale served with the First Army, Third Army, Fourth Army, Ninth Army, 3rd Corps, 12th Corps and 15th Corps. As a result of his service, his already intense patriotism became a passion that has remained with him through the years. He has been active in many veterans' organizations and served as Commander of VFW Post 10350 for 15 years in Lake St. Louis. As a tribute to all the men and women who have served our country, Barrale initiated a campaign to honor them. As a direct result of his efforts, portions of local roads from 5th Street in St. Charles all the way to the City of Warrenton have been re-designated as Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Barrale also serves the community as a volunteer and former vice-chairman for Wentzville's Green Lantern Senior Center. Here, he is the resident bingo caller and, during the monthly dances, Barrale (age 93) and his wife, Rose (age 92), are the first ones on the dance floor and the last ones off. In June, the couple celebrated their 71st anniversary. They have three children, seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

After the parade, join us for a fun-filled afternoon at Progress Park, which is located at 968 Meyer Rd. From noon to 5 p.m., free swimming will be offered at Progress Pool. Progress Park will be full of other activities in the evening with free inflatables, face painting, ultimate bungee and inflatable mini-golf from 5 to 8:45 p.m.; live music from 6-9 p.m. featuring *The Riverside Band*; and a professional fireworks display that will begin at 9:05 p.m. For questions, please contact Wentzville Parks and Recreation at (636) 332-9236. Please note: parking at Progress Park will be somewhat limited. Guests are invited to drive-in and drop-off attendees before they park off site. Thank you for your understanding as we work to make this the best Liberty Fest, yet!

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