

Mayor Delivers 2016 State of the City Address

On Jan. 18, Wyoming Mayor Jack Poll delivered his 2016 State of the City Address.

During the address, Poll provided an overview of the work that was done in the past year and shared some of the city's plans through the coming year. He focused on economic development, public safety, community development and city operations.

Poll noted the positive results of the Public Safety millage renewal approved by voters in 2014.

In 2015, the millage allowed police services to increase community outreach, continue improving crime lab capabilities and maintain police accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Also thanks to the millage, Wyoming fire services was able to open the Ge-

zon fire station, switch to an efficient peak-load staffing model and put an additional quick response vehicle, or QRV, into service. The second QRV allows firefighters to more efficiently respond to medical and fire emergencies.

Poll also praised the City's park system as a best in class example of resource management. He said the parks are a destination for Wyoming residents and for many visitors throughout the region. Poll cited the popular local events that are hosted in Wyoming, including WOOD TV Maranda Park Parties, summer concert series performances on Tuesdays in the summer, festivals and other activities.

Poll reminded the audience that the City's excellent utilities and public works employees keep Wyoming running in ways that are often easy to

take for granted.

He expressed appreciation for those who provide citizens with safe drinking water, roads, sanitation and other services. Poll reported the department operates in a fiscally conservative way. While repairs and improvements cost more and more every year, the City continues to thoughtfully invest in projects and infrastructure.

Poll encouraged City departments to remain committed to completing work to the highest standards of quality, convenience and efficiency.

Poll closed his speech by calling on residents to be involved and be informed by serving on one of Wyoming's boards or commissions. He directed residents who are interested to complete an application, which can be found online at wyomingmi.gov.

MAYOR'S

Message



Each February, the City of Wyoming holds a Daddy Daughter Dance to celebrate the special relationships between girls and their dads, grandfathers, uncles or other special friend who fulfills a similar role. The department also holds an outing for moms and their sons to bowl at Park Center Lanes in March. I grew up in Wyoming and raised my own family here. I have many fond memories of attending the Daddy Daughter Dance and other community activities with my own children. Now,

I am so happy to see them making their own homes, and that they are taking part in these same activities and traditions with my grandchildren. I encourage you to be involved and be informed by checking out the activities listed on the back of this newsletter. Perhaps you will find an opportunity to start a new tradition with your own family.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

Don't Donate That Old TV or Computer Monitor

Each donated tube television costs charitable organizations up to \$20 to recycle.

Tube televisions and computer monitors can be dropped off for recycling by Comprenew at the Kent County Recycling Center, 977 Wealthy St. SW in Grand Rapids, Monday - Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost for Kent County residents to recycle a 27-inch or smaller CRT TV or monitor is \$10, while larger TVs and monitors are \$20.

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PARKS & RECREATION

THE DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE on Saturday, Feb. 20 is a chance to spend some quality time with your special little girl. The evening will include dancing, refreshments and special memories. The evening begins at 6 p.m. at the Wyoming Senior Center. Tickets are \$8 per person for residents of Wyoming and \$12 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required. Register by phone at 530-3164 or online at wyomingmi.gov.

MICHIGAN BLOOD

BLOOD DONORS make a lifesaving difference. You may be eligible to give blood if you are a healthy person age 17 or older (or 16 with parent's/guardian's consent), weighing 110 pounds or more. MI Blood summer blood drives at Wyoming City Hall, 1155 28th St. SW, will be held in council chambers on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donors must sign in, present a photo identification or two forms of non-photo ID. Donors who are 16 years old will also need to present a parental consent form.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Mar. 10 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. SW from 5 to 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233, ext. 2.

WYOMING HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ARE YOU A HISTORY BUFF? Interested in learning more about Wyoming's history? Check out the Wyoming Historical Commission's Facebook page at facebook.com/wyoming.historyroom.

LIBRARY

HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE will be available for adults on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. Cherry Street Health Services enrollment staff and other community organizations will provide information about the Healthy Michigan Plan and assistance in applying. There will be a question and answer session as well as on-site enrollment assistance. For further information, call (866) 299-1339 or visit www.cherryhealth.org.

ADULT BOOK CLUB is a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. The February selection is "A Dog's Purpose," by H. Bruce Cameron.

KD ALE PRESENTS A TOUR OF OSGOOD BREWING TOUR and a chance to learn about hops from Erik May of Pilot Malt House. Tour Osgood Brewing at 4051 Chicago Drive SW in Grandville at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10. See brewers craft their signature beers. After the tour, show your library card to get a special deal on beer tasting. Participants must be 21 years or older to attend.

VEGAN-IZE YOUR FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD and learn how to embrace veganism on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Vegans can still enjoy their favorite comfort foods like macaroni, pesto and chocolate cake. Participants will enjoy a cooking demonstration, taste vegan treats and hear more about vegan resources in the Wyoming area.

For further details on these and the library's many other programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out www.kdl.org or call 784-2007.

Telephone Numbers

Mayor's Office	530-7227
City Manager.....	530-3173
City Clerk	530-7296
Police Department.....	530-7300
Fire Department	530-7250
Public Works.....	530-7260
Utilities	261-3550
Planning & Community Development.....	530-7258
Parks & Recreation.....	530-3164
Building Inspections.....	530-7285
Assessor	530-7231
District Court.....	257-9814
Treasurer	530-7280
Utility Billing.....	530-7389
Wyoming Senior Center.....	530-3190
Wyoming Public Library.....	784-2007

Meetings

City Council Meeting | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Zoning Board Of Appeals | on the first and third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Parks & Recreation Commission | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conference Room

Wyoming City Council

- Jack Poll, Mayor
- Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
- Council Member-at-Large
- Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large
- Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large
- Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Council Member
- Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Council Member
- Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Council Member

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