

Heidi Isakson Appointed Deputy City Manager of Wyoming

On Jan. 12, Heidi Isakson began serving as deputy city manager of the City of Wyoming.

Isakson's responsibilities will focus on leading economic development activities in the City.

On Feb. 16, Isakson was appointed by the Wyoming City Council to serve as board member for the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. She will work with existing and potential business owners and lead the Wyoming Downtown Development Authority as its director.

Isakson is assigned to work with the departments of the assessor and treasurer, as well as the information technology and risk management departments. She will continue to lead quality service development in the City and to participate in the annual City Council strategic planning retreat and other special projects.

"I am very proud to begin my 15th year of service to the City and my fellow employees," Isakson said. "I am excited about the opportunities to learn and to expand my service to the Wyoming community."

Fair Housing & Section 8 Seminar in March

The Wyoming Community Development Office will host a Fair Housing and Section 8 Seminar in March.

The City prohibits unfair housing practices through City Code Section 42-53 and also has affirmed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that it is committed to actively supporting fair housing.

Sponsored by the City of Wyoming Community Development Office and hosted by the Fair Housing Center, the seminar will provide practical, up-to-date information to assist housing professionals in their daily compliance with federal, state and local fair housing laws.

The seminar will be offered on March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wyoming Public Library at 3350 Michael Ave. S.W.

Landlords, rental agents, property management personnel, real estate agents, residents and others are invited to attend the seminar. Each attendee will be issued a certificate of completion.

The seminar is free, and a continental breakfast will be provided to attendees. Registration is required by March 19. To register, contact the Community Development Office at 530-7266.

MAYOR'S

Message



Serving on a board or commission is an excellent way to be involved and be informed.

A number of City boards and commissions have vacant seats to fill. If you're interested in serving as a board or commission member, you can find an application online at <http://wyomingmi.gov/Government/APPLICATroman.pdf>.

Applications may be submitted to the office of the City Clerk.

The following boards and commissions have vacant seats:

- Community Development Committee - three vacant seats
- Community Enrichment Commission - two vacant seats
- Construction Board of Appeals - one vacant seat
- Downtown Development Authority - one vacant seat
- Economic Development Corporation & Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - two vacant seats
- Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance - two vacant seats
- Officers Compensation Commission - one vacant seat
- Parks & Recreation Commission - one vacant seat
- WKTU Commission - one vacant seat

Mayor Jack A. Poll

News Briefs

PARKS AND RECREATION

ADULT SOFTBALL REGISTRATION for spring and summer men's and coed leagues is currently taking place. The cost for 10 game leagues is \$465 and \$565 for the 14 game men's leagues. There are no additional fees required to play. The deadline to register is March 19. Call 530-3164 for additional information or to register.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM serves lunch at the Wyoming Senior Center, or WSC, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. For participants older than 60, the suggested donation is \$2.75. The suggested donation for all other seniors is \$4.50. Menus are available in the WSC front lobby. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 726-1274 or stop by the kitchen on Tuesday or Thursday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. to register.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, March 12 and Thursday, April 9 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. S.W. from 5 to 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233, ext. 2.

LIBRARY

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE – IRS-certified student volunteers will prepare and electronically file taxes free of charge for individuals whose annual income falls below \$52,000. Volunteers will be available at the Wyoming branch on Tuesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 11. This program is sponsored by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 871-6147 or visit taxhelp.davenport.edu.

WYOMING READS 2015 will feature "Living and Dying in Brick City" by Dr. Sampson Davis. Wyoming Reads will kick off Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. with performances by the Godwin Heights High School Band and the 61syx Teknique Break Dance Crew. Wyoming Reads is presented in partnership with the Friends of the Wyoming Library, Wyoming Community Foundation, Godwin Heights Public Schools, Wyoming Public Schools, Weller Family Foundation and Mathysse Kuiper DeGraaf.

HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE – On Thursday, March 12 from 2 to 6 p.m., Cherry Street Health Services enrollment staff and other community organizations will be on-site to provide adults information about the Healthy Michigan Plan and assistance in applying. There will be a question and answer session. For more information, call 1-866-299-1339 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. "Divergent" by Veronica Roth is March's selection.

Kent District Library is on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews>. Follow for updates on programs, events and resources at your library. For further details on these and the library's many programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out the web page at www.kdl.org or call 784-2007.

Telephone Numbers

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| 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 7:00 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

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