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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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City Hosts Forums and Creates Webpage to Educate Residents about Public Safety Millage

Do you wonder how the proposed 1.25 public safety millage would affect your 2010 property tax bill? The answer is now available, thanks to a new property tax calculator that is available on the City's website. The calculator, which can be accessed through the Public Safety Millage Proposal tab on the City's homepage, www.wyomingmi.gov, allows residents to compare their 2009 bill with an estimated 2010 bill that factors in the millage increase. Due to declining property values, many residents' tax bills may actually be less in 2010 than in 2009, despite the additional 1.25 mills.

In addition to the online calculator, Wyoming's public safety millage webpage features a number of tools intended to educate residents about the May 4 ballot proposal. These include frequently asked

questions, a voter's guide, and voter registration information.

Mayor Poll and city staff will also be holding educational forums regarding the millage request at the following times and locations, and residents are asked to attend to learn more.

- April 7 - City Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- April 15 - City Hall, 4:00 p.m.
- April 20 - Park Center Lanes, 10:00 a.m.
- April 22 - City Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- April 26 - South Godwin Neighborhood Association
- April 29 - City Hall, 8:00 a.m.

If you are interested in hosting a forum or would like more information, please contact the City Manager's office at (616) 530-7272.

Spring 2010 Gypsy Moth Efforts Underway

Unfortunately, a sure sign of spring in recent years has been an infestation of Gypsy Moths throughout many areas of Wyoming. However, following last year's Gypsy Moth Suppression Program it appears this trend is beginning to change. Throughout the fall, our consultants visited many areas of the City searching for indicators of the spring 2010 larva hatch. Nearly all areas of the City have seen improvement and no new areas are infested. Over the next month, the Wyoming City Council will have an opportunity to authorize a 2010 treatment program for further suppression of this pest.

With City Council approval, the aerial treatment will be scheduled between late May and early June. The aerial spray will be completed by low flying helicopter and will be administered in the early morning hours when weather conditions are ideal for application. Treatment should take one day to complete, but may be carried over to the next day for completion if necessary. The material being applied is a biological agent called Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) and though there are no reentry restrictions, reasonable precautions should be taken to avoid exposure during application. After the larva consumes the Bt, the product impacts the larva's digestive system, resulting in death after several days.

We appreciate your continued patience and involvement in this process. Please visit the City's website for updates on our Gypsy Moth suppression efforts and links to additional information.



MAYOR'S

Message

Fellow Wyoming Residents, it appears that spring is upon us, and with it comes a flurry of new activities to keep us busy. Whether your spring to-do list includes working on your yard, or working on your physical fitness, the City has services and programs to assist you.

Voting on the Public Safety Millage is a very important item that I hope you have at the top of your to-do list. On May 4th, Wyoming residents will have the opportunity to choose the level of public safety service that they want to have. City staff and I are working hard to provide you with information regarding the millage, and I ask you to visit the website or attend one of our educational forums to learn more. This vote is all about you and your vision for our community. Please exercise your rights and let your voice be heard.

City staff and I are available to meet with you and any group that would like to discuss this ballot proposal. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request, and encourage all Wyoming residents to be involved and be informed!

News Briefs

LIBRARY NEWS

CENSUS ASSISTANCE AT THE LIBRARY! The U.S. Census Bureau will have an employee on-site at the library from March 19 to April 19 to help with questions about the census form. Hours will be Wednesdays 4:00-8:00 p.m., Fridays 2:00-5:00 p.m., Saturdays 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00-5:00 p.m. **FAMILY STORYTIMES.** Share books, stories, music and movement as a family while developing early literacy skills. For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Wednesdays 1:00 p.m., Thursdays 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. **TODDLER TIMES.** Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories. For children ages 3 and under with a caregiver. Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. **CLOSED FOR EASTER.** The Library will be closed Sunday, April 4. **ADULT BOOK CLUB.** We have a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. April's discussion book is *Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean.

For further details on these and all of our programs, check out our web page at www.kdl.org, call us at (616) 784-2007, or follow us on Twitter @KDLNews!

SPRING CARNIVAL AT FORMER STUDIO 28 THEATRE

There's no better way to celebrate spring than with a carnival at the former Studio 28 Theatre, 1400 28th Street SW, from April 16th-25th. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wyoming Dog Park and the Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance. Stop on by, or contact us at (616) 530-3164 for more information.

KIWANIS KID'S DAY PARADE

The 61st Annual Wyoming Southkent Kiwanis Kid's Day Parade is coming, and you're cordially invited to join in on the fun! The parade will take place on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. on Division Avenue between 33rd and Murray Street. The registration deadline to participate is April 27th, so round up your co-workers or friends and start building your float! For more information, please visit www.kiwaniserves.com or call (616) 676-4000 and ask for Mark or Rhonda.

4th Annual Stepping Stones Golf Outing

It's that time of year again, when the community comes out to hit the links and raise funds for Stepping Stones, an aquatic therapy program that assists homebound older adults in Kent County. Stepping Stones is funded in part by the Kent County Senior Millage.

This year's event will take place on Friday, June 4th at The Meadow's golf course in Allendale. All foursome packages include 18 holes with cart, continental breakfast, catered lunch, range balls, and contests. Registration begins April 19th, and early birds receive a special discount. Call (616) 530-3164 for more info and join us for this great event!

Construction to Begin on YMCA

Starting in May, work will begin on the new Spartan Stores YMCA at Metro Health Village. Construction is expected to take 12-15 months, and will result in a 96,000 square foot, LEED-certified facility. The YMCA will employ up to 200 people, and it will include a 6,000 square foot Metro Health Clinic that will assist patients with physical therapy.

Community members will enjoy a family-focused fitness facility offering everything from yoga and spinning classes to health and wellness programs, youth and adult sports, aquatics, arts and humanities. For more information, visit www.grymca.org.

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.....	647-3980

Meetings

City Council Meeting | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the 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 the Council Chambers.

Parks & Recreation Commission | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conf. room.

Wyoming City Council

Jack Poll, Mayor

Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
Councilmember-at-Large

Dan Burrill, Councilmember-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Councilmember-at-Large

Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Councilmember

Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Councilmember

Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Councilmember