

One-Year Anniversary of AED Deployment Marked with a "Save"

On March 9, the value of installing automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, in every Wyoming Department of Public Safety patrol car was confirmed as police, fire and ambulance personnel were dispatched on the report of a 52-year old male not breathing.

Police Sergeant Corey Walendzik arrived on the scene two minutes later, followed by officers Dan Vliestra and Kresten Green. The officers used their training to confirm that the patient was not breathing and had no pulse. They then began administering life-saving efforts.

Police personnel used the AED to deliver a series of electric shocks to the patient's heart. They then

began administering CPR, which they continued until fire-rescue and LIFE Ambulance personnel arrived on the scene to provide more advanced medical treatment.

As a result of this collaborative response, the patient was breathing on his own and had a good heart rate and pulse as he was transported to the hospital.

Thanks to the officers' knowledge and use of the AED, a life was saved.



Spring Home Security & Safety

Burglars and vandals prefer committing crimes when the risk of being caught is low. Add a home security and family safety review to your family's annual spring house-keeping routine to ensure your home and property are uninviting to lawbreakers. Even if you are traveling this spring, there are steps you can take to protect your home and property even while you're away.

Use these questions to determine steps you can take to improve the security of your home:

- Are all entrances to your home well lit at night?
- Do trees, shrubs or structures obscure your doors and windows?
- Could unlit or hidden areas around your home provide concealment for an intruder?
- Are cars, vehicles or other personal property left outside or unprotected in poorly lit areas?
- Are basement, ground-floor or second-floor windows or exterior doors or outbuildings left open or unlocked?
- Does the appearance of your residence give the impression no one is home?
- Are vehicles left outside?

The Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol provides free home checks to Wyoming residents who travel or go on vacation. Contact 530-7308 for more information or to schedule a home check.

MAYOR'S

Message



Wyoming Department of Public Safety Director James Carmody recently presented several awards to sworn public safety personnel and civilian staff who serve in Wyoming.

Officer Mark Doornbos, who has served with the Wyoming Police Department for more than 25 years, received the 2013 Officer of the Year Award for his exemplary police work throughout the year.

Lt. Joseph Jones and firefighter Daniel Deppe were named Fryling-Yonker's Firefighters of the Year. Officer Jeremy Walter was given a citation of valor for saving the life of an individual trapped inside a burning vehicle, and life saving awards were presented to officers Douglas Smit, Steve Rellinger, Jeremy Walter and Eric Grunewald. Deb Visser was named Civilian of the Year.

I am proud of and thankful for these individuals who work to protect our city. I hope you join me in my appreciation, and that you continue to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

WYOMING TEEN COUNCIL is recruiting new members! The Council meets twice a month at the Wyoming Senior Center and is comprised of Wyoming teens ages 13-18. To be a member of the Council, teens must live in or attend school in Wyoming. To receive more information or an application, please contact the Wyoming parks and Recreation Department at 530-3164 or email Valarie at mesterv@wyomingmi.gov.

PARK RESERVATIONS for 2014 family reunions, graduation parties, baby showers and birthday parties are now being accepted. Most park reservations are available May 1 through Sept. 30. The Pinery Park lodge is available year round. Visit <http://www.ci.wyoming.mi.us/ParksRec/reservations%20info.asp> for more information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, April 10 and Thursday, May 8 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.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

YARD WASTE SITE EXTENDED HOURS began on Monday, March 31. The yard waste site is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 13. Leaf trailers are available to rent during April and May. Call 530-7260 for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE from IRS-certified student volunteers is available on Wednesdays from 2 - 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. through April 12. Volunteers will prepare and e-file taxes for people whose income falls below \$52,000. This program is free and sponsored by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. For more information or for an appointment, please call 616-871-6147 or visit taxhelp.davenport.edu.

ADULT BOOK CLUB is a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. April's title is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver is the selection for May.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS with Julie James on Monday, April 14 at 1 p.m. is an opportunity for children age 5 and under to have fun with crafts, rhymes, songs and more.

TOM PLUNKARD'S MAGIC SHOW on Wednesday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. will astound library patrons. Stick around after the show for a short workshop on how to perform some of his tricks.

CREATE PAPER FLOWERS from old books and other colorful papers on Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m. Learn how with hands-on instruction, then take your creations home with you. Pre-registration is required and participant spots are limited.

FAMILY STORYTIME is an opportunity for kids and parents to share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement as a family. Children will develop early literacy skills and be encouraged in their love of reading at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 18 through April 29.

EVENING STORYTIME invites kids to bring a teddy bear or other snuggly friend to the library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 18 through April 29.

SIT 'N' STITCH and share ideas and skills while making new friends. Bring your own quilting, appliqué, knitting or crochet projects and supplies at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, March 20 through May 29. This is not an instructor-led activity.

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 7:00 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
- Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Council Member
- Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Council Member
- Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Council Member

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