

## Spring Pavement Maintenance Update

Pavement maintenance in the City of Wyoming is a priority this time of year.

As winter is wrapping up, final budget numbers indicate the City spent less on salt and fuel for snowplows this year due to lighter than normal snowfall and warmer temperatures. The money saved will be used on smaller road maintenance activities and larger projects like major resurfacing.

This year, major resurfacing projects include Roger B. Chafee Memorial Boulevard from 32nd Street to 44th Street and Division Avenue from 54th Street to 60th Street.

The mild winter weather also allowed crews to begin pothole patching earlier than normal. The general pothole repair strategy in the City calls for crews to start on major streets working from the north to the south and then from the east to the west. Crews begin work on local streets when work on major streets is complete.

Two crews of six to eight staff members work on pothole repairs. Depending on weather, repairs on major streets take two to three weeks to complete. Local streets then take an additional two to three weeks. Crack sealing and other pavement maintenance

begins after pothole repairs are complete.

Major patching and resurfacing work begins when asphalt plants can begin making hot asphalt. Cold weather can affect hot asphalt production, but generally residents can expect to see those projects starting in May.



### MAYOR'S Message



Literacy is tremendously important to the City of Wyoming. Communities with higher literacy rates often benefit from lower crime rates, lower unemployment rates and even lower overall health care costs.

We are very fortunate to partner with the Kent District Library to offer residents services that encourage literacy in both children and adults.

If you haven't recently visited the Wyoming Library, stop by to learn about the programs and services that are available.

As Mayor, I am often invited to read to elementary, middle and high school classrooms in our community. It is always a pleasure reading to these students who are engaged, curious and motivated to learn about the community and world in which we live.

If you are interested in providing similar leadership to children in our community, you may consider participating in the One Wyoming 1 on 1 mentorship program. Mentors meet with one student for one hour each week throughout the school year. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, visit [onewyoming1on1.org](http://onewyoming1on1.org) for more information.

Visiting the library and volunteering to read to children in our community are excellent ways to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

### Seasonal Hiring in the City of Wyoming

Do you know someone looking for seasonal employment during the upcoming spring and summer seasons?

The City of Wyoming is looking for dependable, hard-working seasonal employees in the public works, utilities and parks and recreation departments.

Open positions will be posted on the City's website and applications will be accepted online. The City encourages you to apply and share this information with friends and family members who may wish to work for the City.

Visit the City website at [wyomingmi.gov](http://wyomingmi.gov) or contact the human resources department at 530-7241 for additional information.

# News Briefs

## PARKS AND RECREATION

THE PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES BROCHURE is available. Visit [wyomingmi.gov](http://wyomingmi.gov) to check out all the summer offerings. Also find information on fall sports offerings including football and soccer for youth and kickball and softball for adults. Call 530-3164 for more information.

## CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

A CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY will be held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at the Godfrey Lee Athletic Complex, 1824 Godfrey. Salvation Army will accept donations, Plummers Disposal will provide refuse hauling and Kent County will accept household hazardous waste and recyclables. Call 530.7284 or visit [wyomingmi.gov/clean](http://wyomingmi.gov/clean) for more information. ID required for residency.

## 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 the consent of a parent or guardian), weighing 110 pounds or more. MI Blood blood drives take place at Wyoming City Hall, 1155 28th St. SW. from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drives will be held on Tuesdays, April 12, June 4 and July 12. Drives will also be held on Wednesdays, Aug. 17, Oct. 19 and Dec. 21. Donors must sign in and 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 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 and Thursday, May 12 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. SW. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233, ext. 2.

## LIBRARY

ADULT BOOK CLUB is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. April's selection is "Brown Girl Dreaming," by Jaqueline Woodson. May's selection is "Me Before You," by Jojo Moyes.

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 from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through April 5. This program is sponsored by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Call 871-6147 or visit [taxhelp.davenport.edu](http://taxhelp.davenport.edu) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE – The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. A bag sale will begin at 2 p.m. Purchase a bag for only \$3 and take home all the books you can fit inside. Proceeds benefit Wyoming Friends of the Library projects.

FINDING NOAH: MOVIE AND Q&A WITH LEAD MOUNTAINEER KEVEN DEVRIES – Enjoy a special private screening of the movie "Finding Noah" at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Kevin DeVries, lead mountaineer of this treacherous scientific expedition.

For further details on these and the library's many other programs, stop in the to pick up a program guide, visit the website at [kdl.org](http://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 and 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

# Reach Us Online

- [www.wyomingmi.gov](http://www.wyomingmi.gov)
- [www.twitter.com/WyomingCityHall](https://www.twitter.com/WyomingCityHall)
- [www.facebook.com/cityofwyoming](https://www.facebook.com/cityofwyoming)
- [www.linkedin.com/company/city-of-wyoming-mi](https://www.linkedin.com/company/city-of-wyoming-mi)