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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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City Council Discusses 2010-2011 Budget, Long-Term Implications *City leaders propose conservative budget in light of severe revenue reductions*

Discussions are currently underway regarding Wyoming's 2010-2011 annual budget. Significant revenue reductions have proved challenging; however, staff have presented a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year, due largely to the elimination of 36 positions in the current fiscal year through attrition. Static healthcare costs, the shifting of 14% of employees to defined contribution programs, and energy savings due to grant-funded LED street-lighting upgrades have also contributed. However, without revenue enhancements and structural changes, Wyoming is projected to encounter significant funding deficits in the next five years.

The 2010-2011 budget proposes just over \$93 million in total expenditures. Of these, General Fund expenditures are down 17.58%, while total General Fund revenues have decreased by 11.43%. The City's taxable value is down 6.94%.

Staff were instructed to budget without the City's annual \$1.2 million revenue sharing payment which will likely be cut by the state legislature this fall. Potential revenues from the public safety millage, consolidated dispatch and court changes related to jail fees were also left off the table.

"We've been very conservative with our revenue estimates, as there are so many factors impacting our City's budget," states Curtis Holt, Wyoming city manager. "Department heads and I have conducted thorough audits of our operations to find ways to reduce our expenditures and present a balanced budget to City Council for their consideration."

Under the proposed budget, Wyoming City Council will consider eliminating funding for programs such as WKTV and graffiti removal. Positions in finance, information technologies, fire

and police will also be examined. For more information about the proposed budget, visit the City's website at www.wyomingmi.gov or contact the City Manager's office at (616) 530-7272.

Spring 2010 Gypsy Moth Suppression 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. Nearly all areas of the City have seen improvement and no new areas are infested.

Wyoming City Council has recently approved a new treatment program, and the aerial treatment will be scheduled between late May and early June. The aerial spray will be administered by low flying helicopter 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 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.

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

MAYOR'S

Message



Happy Springtime! April was a busy time for me as your mayor, as I was involved in many discussions regarding our millage election on May 4th. I have been very pleased with the interest of our residents in knowing the facts and reasons for the proposal. At the time of this writing I am hopeful that our citizens will see the need to maintain current levels of police and fire in our community through the support of the millage. Rest assured that no matter what the outcome, your city will continue to provide the very best

service possible given our financial constraints.

Our police and fire fighters are dedicated to providing a safe and secure community for all of us to enjoy. When you have the opportunity to speak with them, please thank them for their service. And as always, be involved and be informed.

News Briefs

LIBRARY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL STORYTIME: SPANISH! Stories and activities in a language you speak or would like to speak. Hosted by bilingual volunteers. For families with children of all ages. Mondays, May 3 – 24, 6:30 p.m. **CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO!** Stop by the library to make your own maracas! For children of all ages. Wednesday, May 5, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **SCOUT NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY!** Calling all Scouts! Join us for stories, crafts and a scavenger hunt in the library on Thursday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. For children ages 6 and up. Registration required. **TEEN CREW ORIENTATION.** We are looking for tweens and teens to volunteer to help with the summer reading program. For grades 6-12. Registration by paper application is required. The orientation meeting will be Monday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. **MEMORIAL DAY.** The library will be closed Monday, May 31, and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, beginning Sunday, May 30.

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!

4TH ANNUAL STEPPING STONES GOLF OUTING

It's time to hit the links for Stepping Stones, an aquatic therapy program that assists homebound older adults in Kent County. This year's outing takes place on Friday, June 4, at The Meadow's golf course in Allendale. Registration begins April 19, and early birds receive a special discount. Call (616) 530-3164 and join us for this great event!

PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE - MAY 17

Grab the family and stop by the annual Public Works Open House at 2660 Burlingame on Monday, May, 17 from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy hot dogs and treats while you check out the amazing equipment that helps our City run smoothly. Call (616) 530-7260 for more info.

Parks & Recreation Staff Participate in Reverse Job Shadowing



The City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department was recently invited to be a part of Junior Achievement's "Reverse Job Shadowing" at Kelloggsville Middle School. Staff members spent the day talking to six different classes about career opportunities in the parks and recreation profession. Students were separated into groups and given instructions to design their own recreation program. They then had the opportunity to play "box hockey" as a part of the class period.

Annual Memorial Day Service Honors Local Veterans

The Veterans Memorial Garden Committee will once again honor our local veterans and host its annual Memorial Day Service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, at the Veterans Memorial Garden, 3200 DeHoop. Local leaders will take part in the ceremony, as well as the Lee High School Band.

Interested individuals may purchase engraved memorial bricks to remember their veterans in the Garden's Walk of Honor. The cost of each brick is \$40 and applications are available at City Hall or online at www.wyomingmi.gov.

In addition to installing new bricks, decorative arches will be installed this summer to further enhance the park and honor our local veterans.

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