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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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Gordon Food Service Invests in Wyoming *Plans announced for an office building, 175 new employees*

Plans are underway for Gordon Food Service to expand in Wyoming by redeveloping property near 50th and Clay. The project, a proposed four-story office building, will make room for 175 new employees. GFS considered expanding at a facility in Canada, but made the business decision to expand in Wyoming. The new construction will help consolidate its Canadian and U.S. professional offices.

State of Michigan incentives paired with Wyoming Brownfield incentives helped make the expansion a reality. Both the State and the City benefit from the retention of current jobs and the addition of new jobs. It is hoped that as GFS continues to succeed, they consider additional investments in Wyoming.

Gordon Food Service has quite a history of growth in Wyoming. Beginning as a butter and egg delivery business in 1897, four generations of the Gordon family have led the company's growth in Michigan, the U.S. and Canada. GFS is currently the largest family-owned broad line food service distributor in North America. They offer their customers an extensive line of GFS and nationally branded specialty food products, to supply thousands of restaurants, healthcare facilities and schools. They also operate 132 Marketplace stores.

The City of Wyoming appreciates the commitment GFS has to West Michigan, their investment and most of all their ability to grow and create jobs.



Gypsy Moth Spray Yields Positive Results

During its second year, the City of Wyoming Gypsy Moth Suppression Program is yielding positive results for residents and their trees. In mid-June, a review of treated neighborhoods indicated the presence of very few gypsy moth larva. In recent years, a gypsy moth infestation has plagued Wyoming neighborhoods, damaging trees and keeping residents from enjoying their yards.

The gypsy moth spray program was conducted on May 20 under ideal weather conditions, using a biological pesticide called Bt, which targets the gypsy moth larva. Treatment programs such as this are often conducted over a multi-year span, and try to reduce the gypsy moth population during outbreaks. While no decisions have been made yet about future treatments, the City of Wyoming will continue to survey neighborhoods for the presence of gypsy moths and their larva.

Residents are encouraged to do what they can on their own properties to limit the impact of gypsy moths. If you have questions about the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, please call the City Manager's Office at 530-7272.

MAYOR'S

Message

Summer is here!



What a great time to be a part of a community that offers such beautiful parks for us to enjoy. We have 21 parks in the City of Wyoming that are maintained to give our citizens the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends in a fun, clean, and safe environment. Take time this summer to go to one of our many barrier free parks, appreciate this city and what it offers its citizens.

I am also very pleased with the many contacts you have made with me in my first six months as your mayor. Please continue to let me know through your calls, e-mails and personal contacts what is needed, in your view, to make Wyoming the best it can be. My desire is that all Wyoming residents are involved and informed.

Enjoy your summer,

Mayor Jack Poll

News Briefs

LIBRARY NEWS

TODDLER TIME (ages 3 and under with a caregiver) – Music, movement and stories. Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, June 15 to August 11. **FAMILY STORYTIME** (ages 6 and under with a caregiver) – Share stories, music and rhymes as a family. Wednesdays at 1:00 PM & Thursdays at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM, June 17 to August 5. **ADULT BOOK CLUB** - Friendly, informal discussion on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. July's discussion will be *One Man's Wilderness: an Alaskan Odyssey* (from the journals and photographs of Richard Proenneke) by Sam Keith. Check out our web site at www.kdl.org, call us at (616) 784-2007, or follow us on Twitter @KDLNews!

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Wyoming Community Enrichment Commission sponsors weekly concerts all summer. Here's what's coming up: July 13 -- Union Guns (country), July 20 -- Jimmie Stagger (blues), July 27 -- Voices of Freedom, August 3 -- Grand Rapids Accordion Ensemble. Concerts are at 7 p.m. at Lamar Park. Please bring your own seating!

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids & the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital are scheduling free car seat safety inspections one Thursday evening a month at Wyoming Fire Station No. 1, 1500 Burton Street SW. Appointments are required, please call 391-7233, ext. 2.

Safe Medicine Disposal

The City's newest environmental protection initiative, the Medicinal Disposal Service (WyMeds) has won its first award just six months into the program. Environmental Services Supervisor Dave Oostindie was recently notified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment that the WyMeds program has been recognized with the 2009 Neighborhood Environmental Partners Program award. MDNRE Director Rebecca Humphries is expected to present the award to Wyoming on July 28 at a ceremony at Pilgrim Manor.

At pharmacies throughout Wyoming and several neighboring communities, more than 1,200 pounds of medical and pharmaceutical compounds have been collected for safe disposal since the program was launched in late 2009. And there are now plans being developed to expand the program throughout the area. Ask your pharmacist or contact the Clean Water Plant at 261-3553 for information about safe disposal of your old medicines.

Velthouse Named Firefighter of the Year

Aaron Velthouse has been named Firefighter of the Year by his peers at the Wyoming Fire Department. He was chosen for his professionalism, dedication and contributions to the Fire Department and the community. Velthouse is a 13-year veteran of the Department and has distinguished himself by providing fire safety education for school children.



The Fryling/Yonkers Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award was established to honor the service and sacrifice of two firefighters, Ron Fryling and Les Yonkers, who lost their lives in the line of duty in 1980.

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