

Summer Safety Tips from the Wyoming Fire Department

Chief Bob Austin of the Wyoming Fire Department wants Wyoming Residents to have a safe and fun summer. He recommends the following tips:

General Tips

- Never leave children or pets inside a closed vehicle
- Always wear a helmet when riding your bike, skateboard or scooter and while rollerblading
- Be careful not to overload your plugs with air conditioners and fans
- Never refuel your gas-powered equipment when the engine is hot

Grilling & Campfire Tips

- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill
- Use and storage of grills is strictly prohibited on all apartment balconies and patios
- Be sure your grill is at least 15 feet from any building, home, or deck railing

- Do not place a grill under eaves or overhanging branches
- Keep a safe distance when enjoying a camp fire and never play around or with the fire

Fireworks Tips

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals
- Consumer use of allowable fireworks should be controlled by a competent adult
- Be respectful of neighbors when using fireworks



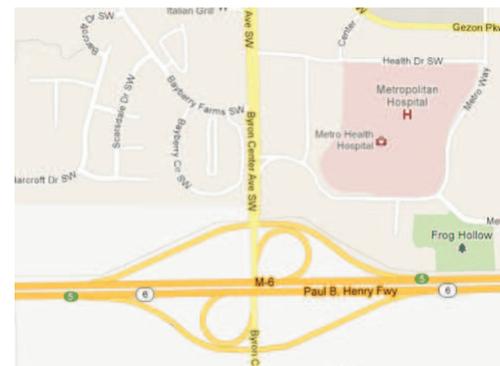
M-6 Pedestrian Trail Improvements

The Wyoming City Council has voted to approve a joint project with the Kent County Parks Commission to improve the location and safety of the M-6 pedestrian trail that crosses Byron Center Avenue just south of the Wyoming city limit.

Instead of crossing Byron Center Avenue at the foot of the M-6 off-ramp, bikers and pedestrians will be able to make their crossing at Metro Way. In addition to improving the location, the traffic lights at Metro Way will function at an optimum safety level for pedestrians crossing at the intersection.

“By crossing at Metro Way, trail users will be able to cross Byron Center at a location that doesn’t have a right-turn-on-red situation, so there will be no movement of traffic at the intersection,” said Russ Henckel, assistant director of Public Works for the City of Wyoming. “After a pedestrian pushes the button, there will be no one going through the intersection until the pedestrian has time to cross the street. It will be a lot safer.”

The City of Wyoming and Kent County Parks Commission are planning to complete construction by July 20.



MAYOR'S

Message



Summer has arrived and with it construction season. This year, the City of Wyoming is hosting many construction projects. The 28th Street and Byron Center Avenue construction is expected to be complete on July 14. We’re working with the Kent County Parks Commission to make improvements to the M-6 pedestrian trail, which should be finished on July 20, and work on Southbound 131 is expected to wrap up in mid-September. Thanks for your patience in the midst of these improvements.

In addition to the road projects, there are many building projects going on around town as well. We’re planning to reclaim Site 36 by September, which will open the doors for redevelopment. The new GFS facility is expected to open by mid-summer, as well. Rogers Plaza was just sold, and we’re looking forward to some positive changes from the investor. These businesses are choosing to invest in our city, and are welcome partners in our growing community.

LIBRARY NEWS ADULT BOOK CLUB - We have a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. On July 17th, we will discuss *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. The August title for discussion is *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. **SUMMER READING PROGRAM** – The summer reading program runs from June 1st to August 31st. The summer is filled with fun activities for readers of all ages! Pick up a summer brochure at the library or check it out at our web page, www.kdl.org. **FOURTH OF JULY CLOSING** – The library will be closed Wednesday, July 4th. **SUMMER HOURS** – The library will be closed on Sundays during the summer. The library will resume Sunday hours on September 9. For further details on these and all of our programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at www.kdl.org or call us at (616) 784-2007! Plus, KDL is now on Twitter! Follow us at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews> for all the latest updates on programs, events and resources at your library.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available on Thursday July 12 and Thursday August 9 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. S.W. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at (616) 391-7233, ext. 2 to schedule an appointment. **SUMMER SAFETY REMINDER** – Never leave children or pets inside a closed vehicle as temperatures will quickly reach dangerous levels. According to the national weather service, on an 80 degree day, temperatures inside a car can reach over 120 degrees. Leaving car windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate. If you witness a baby or child locked in a car, call 911 immediately.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS KID 2 KID sale will help you find great deals on used toys, games, movies, children’s books or sports equipment. Kids with the help of their parents have rented booths and will be setting up shop on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come check out the awesome deals at the fourth annual sale held in the parking lot of the Wyoming Senior Center at 2383 DeHoop Ave. S.W. If you are interested in selling items you must pre-register by July 12. Call the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department for more information or to register at (616) 530-3164.

Meet the Mayor

Mayor Poll wants to meet you! This summer and fall, he’s planning a series of neighborhood visits and town-hall style meetings throughout the community to provide a relaxed setting for you to meet and speak with him regarding the City of Wyoming.

Our first event will be a neighborhood walk, Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. in the ORIOLE PARK neighborhood. Mayor Poll will be strolling and visiting with neighborhood residents until 8 p.m.

Look for more information regarding upcoming events on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CityofWyoming



Know Your Library

Did you know that the Wyoming branch of the Kent District Library hosts the Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped?

People who are blind or physically impaired can become patrons of the library to receive alternative formats of books, magazines, videos, and DVDs, including recorded cassettes, Braille media and descriptive videos.

Patrons can visit the library to check out materials, or take advantage of the shipping service available to and from patrons’ homes. The Wyoming branch serves Kent, Montcalm, and Ionia counties. For more information, email Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at lbphstaff@kdl.org.

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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 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. Rm.

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Dan Burrill, Councilmember-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Councilmember-at-Large

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