

## Committed to Energy Efficiency

*Some initiatives not new, but the right thing to do*

A year ago, the City Manager issued an Energy Management and Efficiency Policy, and an Energy Efficiency Team was formed with a goal of reducing energy use by the City of Wyoming by 10%.

Water and wastewater services have historically had the greatest use of electricity and natural gas. Occupancy sensor light switches were installed in these facilities, as well as variable frequency drive motors on water treatment equipment. We altered building temperatures and revised process management strategies. Wherever possible, procedures that use a lot of energy are accomplished at night, when energy costs are lower. Even though the Clean Water Plant has doubled in size in the last few years, the cost of natural gas has only increased 10%.

Other City buildings are also making changes in heating, cooling and lighting to reduce energy use, and paper and plastic recycling efforts have increased. The use of styrofoam and plastic is restricted, and the City bottled water program was discontinued.

Other energy efficiency changes will be more visible to the public. The City has received a federal grant of \$683,100 to replace 500 street and pedestrian light bulbs with energy-saving LED lights. Annual savings of 271,000 kilowatt hours are expected, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 163 metric tons per year, and saving the City \$23,000 per year at current electric rates.

For ideas how you can make your home or business more energy efficient, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

## Outdoor Fireplaces Now Permitted

The City Council recently adopted an ordinance which permits backyard fires in approved devices or "outdoor fireplaces". No leaves or trash may be burned, and in-ground fire rings are not permitted. Examples of the types of outdoor fireplaces now permitted for home use are shown on our City website. Click on Departments, Fire, then outdoor burning ordinance. Or call the Fire Department at 530-7250 with any questions.

## Pumpkin Path Needs Partners

*Area businesses "treat" our kids!*



The City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the 7th Annual Pumpkin Path on October 9 at Lamar Park. This event provides residents an opportunity to meet neighborhood businesses and enjoy a fall evening with their families. We are asking businesses to host spots along the Pumpkin Path, with a carved pumpkin and a coupon, goodie or toy to hand out to visitors. Last year, 2,000 children walked the Pumpkin Path. For more information or to sign up your business, call 530-3164.

MAYOR'S

## Message



Greetings,

Warm weather, just enough rain to keep things green and many activities for family fun are adding up to a great summer here in Wyoming. Our City had the opportunity to show off one of our beautiful parks as we hosted the Maranda Park Party on July 1 at Lamar Park. I sure enjoyed myself, and how great it was to see thousands of people from all over the area having fun. Maranda told me she has never had a location that was more

helpful and organized. Big thanks go out to all who helped make this a great event, including sponsors and city staff.

Another big event is the Metro Cruise coming August 27 & 28. Join us for a great time as thousands of cars are on display throughout the length of 28th Street. Please take the opportunity to patronize our businesses and enjoy the activities scheduled for the weekend.

Enjoy your summer,

Mayor Jack Poll

# News Briefs

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Wyoming Branch of the Kent District Library is at 3350 Michael Avenue SW. **SUMMER READING CLUB:** Join the reading club for games, crafts, prizes and tons of carnival-style fun. Visit [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org) or call 647-3980. **TODDLER TIME:** For ages 3 and under with a caregiver - Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories on Tue & Wed at 10:30 am until August 11. **ADULT BOOK CLUB:** On 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Conference Room - August's discussion book will be Wish You Well by David Baldacci. **BOOK SALE:** The next Friends of the Library book sale will be Saturday, September 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## METRO CRUISE

The Foremost 6th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise is August 27 & 28, 2010. Join us for 15 Miles of Cool Cars. A swap meet, food vendors, and special displays are also planned. Visit [www.28thStreetMetroCruise.com](http://www.28thStreetMetroCruise.com) for more details.

## 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.

## WYOMING HOUSING COMMISSION

The Housing Commission invites you to The Resource Fair, September 17th at Grand Rapids Community College. This fair connects individuals in the community with vital resources. More than 50 organizations will be represented, and some great door prizes were made possible by a grant from Chemical Bank.

# Maranda Park Party Comes to Wyoming

Although media personality Maranda's Park Parties have been around for quite some time, Wyoming hosted this popular Wood-TV 8 event for the first time on July 1. More than 7,000 people enjoyed carnival rides, inflatable games, entertainment and food at Lamar Park.

Planning for this major event involved our Police, Fire, Traffic and Parks & Recreation employees to create a safe and comfortable space for our visitors. City departments including Utilities, Fire, Police and Parks & Recreation also set up informational booths and displayed vehicles.

Maranda was impressed with the coordination and communication during the months of preparation required. She said "Wyoming wrote the book on event planning" and "should share their expertise with other communities."

For more about the Wyoming Maranda Park Party, visit [www.marandatv.com](http://www.marandatv.com) and look for blogs, photos and video clips about the event, or go to the Parks & Recreation Facebook Fan Page and view the photo album.



## Police Department Recognized

In June, the Wyoming Police Department was recognized for the quality of its law enforcement activities by two separate agencies.

The Director of the Secret Service issued a special recognition award to the Department for its investigative work in a national bank fraud and identity theft case that resulted in the arrest and conviction of 20 criminals.

The Wyoming Police Department was also awarded the 2010 Thrasher Award for Superior Service to Criminal Justice. This award is presented by the National Gang Crime Research Center. Congratulations!

## 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