

Wyoming Fire Services Update

The Wyoming Department of Public Safety Fire Services Unit continues to update and streamline its operations in order to allow emergency services to be delivered more quickly and at a lower cost to taxpayers.

The fire services unit operates under the direction of Director of Police and Fire Services "Chief" James Carmody, Deputy Director of Fire Services Charles Lark and Assistant Deputy Director of Fire Services Brian Bennett.

Lark joined the City of Wyoming in May. He retired from the City of East Grand Rapids' Department of Public

Safety in 2014 after a 27-year career. He received his master's and bachelor's degrees from Central Michigan University, and completed the police academy at Lansing Community College. Lark was born in Wyoming and is a Lee High School graduate.

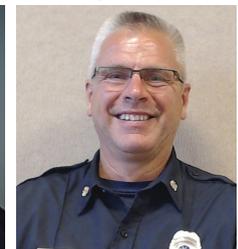
Bennett joined the City in June. He has 33 years of fire service experience. Since 2002, he served as fire chief for Caledonia Fire Rescue. He has also worked as a toolmaker for Riviera Tool Company in Cascade. Bennett serves as vice president of the Kent County Fire Chiefs Association and is member of the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and the

Western Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs.

The department is currently comprised of 25 full-time fire fighters, 23 paid-on-call firefighters and 21 dual-trained employees from various departments who are certified as fire fighters and are available to respond to fire calls during their regular work.



Lark



Bennett

MAYOR'S

Message



Welcome to a new school year in Wyoming. I hope our students are eagerly anticipating the next chapter in their education. I wish them the best as they learn, grow and become more informed and involved in our community.

For the third year, the City of Wyoming Department of Public Safety Police Services will also be going "back to school" as part of our "Every School Every Day" program. Every day, our police officers plan a visit to each school building in our City.

Last year, Wyoming Public Safety police officers performed 2,633 school visits to ensure our children's safety. I'd like to express my thanks and best wishes to the community volunteers, teachers, staff and administrators who are also returning to school. Thank you for investing so heartily in the future of our City.

City residents who wish to give back to children in our community may explore the One Wyoming 1 on 1 mentorship program. Mentors commit to meeting with one student for one hour each week throughout the school year. Additional information - and an application to become a mentor - is available at <http://onewyoming1on1.org/>.

As always, I encourage you to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

State of Michigan Principle Residence Exception Audits

The State of Michigan Principal Residence Exemption, or PRE, Unit has put in place an audit system to locate homeowners who have a Homestead credit on properties that do not qualify for this exemption. Unqualified properties include second homes and rental properties.

The PRE must be rescinded for properties that are not occupied by their owner. Failure to rescind the exemption will result in owing back taxes, interest and fines.

Forms and further information regarding the PRE program can be found at michigan.gov/taxes. Request to rescind forms are also available in the City Assessor's Office. Contact the City Assessor's Office at 530.7231.

News Briefs

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 parent's/guardian's consent), weighing 110 pounds or more. MI Blood summer blood drives at Wyoming City Hall, 1155 28th St. SW, will be held in council chambers on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Donors must sign in, 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PUMPKIN PATH HOST AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES are available. The Wyoming Parks and Recreation department is seeking local businesses to host and sponsor its annual Pumpkin Path event at Lamar Park on Saturday, Oct. 10. from 4-6 p.m. Businesses interested in sponsoring or hosting Pumpkin Path should contact Valarie Mester at 530-3164.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Sept. 10 and Thursday Oct. 8 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. SW from 5 to 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233, ext. 2.

WYOMING HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ARE YOU A HISTORY BUFF? Interested in learning more about Wyoming's history? Check out the Wyoming Historical Commission's Facebook page at facebook.com/wyoming.historyroom.

LIBRARY

SUNDAY HOURS will resume for winter hours on Sept. 13. The library will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays through Memorial Day.

HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE will be available for adults on Thursdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cherry Street Health Services enrollment staff and other community organizations will provide information about the Healthy Michigan Plan and assistance in applying. There will be a question and answer session as well as on-site enrollment assistance. For further information, call (866) 299-1339 or visit www.cherryhealth.org.

ADULT BOOK CLUB is a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. The September selection is "Station Eleven," by Emily St. John Mandel. October's selection is "Invention of Wings," by Sue Monk Kidd, followed by "The Fault in Our Stars," by John Green in November.

WORKSHOP YOUR RESUME program offered for job-seekers. Learn the basics of writing an effective cover letter and have the opportunity to peer review resumes in an informal workshop setting. Please be sure to bring one hard copy of your resume and have a digital copy available on a flash drive or online. Instructors will assist students in filling out online resumes. The program will be held Wednesdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 21 and Nov. 25 at 10:00 a.m.

For further details on these and the library's many programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out www.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

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 Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
 Council Member-at-Large
 Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large
 Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large
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