

## City to Hold Electronics Recycling/Shredding Event

The City of Wyoming and My Personal Credit Union are partnering to provide an Electronics Recycling/Shredding Event on Saturday, Sept. 10

Residents may drop off items including televisions, computers, printers, typewriters, VCRs, telephones and other electronics from 9 a.m. to noon at the north parking lot of the Wyoming Senior Center, 2380 DeHoop Ave. SW. Also accepted are stereo equipment, answering machines, security systems, cell phones, cash registers, scanners, rechargeable batteries and other items.

The free event is being held

in collaboration with Advanced Technology Recycling, or ATR, and Shred-It. In addition, workers from Kent County Hazardous Waste will collect medical mercury devices and exchange mercury thermometers for digital ones.

"We are glad that we can offer this event to our residents," said Nancy Stoddard, vice chair of the Looks Good Committee at the City of Wyoming. "Sometimes it is hard to know how to properly dispose of old electronics and personal papers that might contain sensitive information. Partnering with ATR and Shred-It allows us to offer a safe and conve-

nient option for disposal that is also environmentally friendly."

Not all items will be accepted, though. Microwaves, can openers, toasters and toaster ovens, coffee makers, refrigerates, freezers, washers, dryers, batteries, fluorescent light and office furniture are all on the "no" list. For a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, visit <http://WyomingMI.gov?eWaste>.

Proof of Wyoming residency identification is required. You must be in line by 11:45 a.m. to participate. No commercial businesses may participate.

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## Message



The start of school is right around the corner. Whether you have children in school or not, we all have a role to play to make the school year successful.

**Students:** Always bring your "A game" to class. Read books you are not required to. Make friends with classmates who could use an extra pal. Study 10 more minutes every day. Get involved in after-school activities.

**Teachers:** Connect with parents early in the school year and commit to keeping them informed. Share positive news with parents, particularly when it relates to their child. Encourage parents to volunteer in your classroom.

**Parents:** Establish – and then stick to – schedules with your kids, particularly when it comes to bedtime. Be part of their homework routine. Connect with teachers to help them understand changes in their home life.

**Residents:** Drive carefully, especially when children are heading to or from school. Offer your support to a nearby school through donations of time or treasure. Share positive stories of student achievement on social media.

As the school year progresses, be sure to share what you have done to make it more successful on the City's Facebook page. This is another way we can be involved and informed. — Mayor Jack A. Poll

## Wyoming Establishes Tree Commission

As the first step to becoming a Tree City USA, Wyoming has established the Wyoming Tree Commission, which is designed to promote healthy tree coverage and variation of tree species in the City.

The move was prompted by a group of Wyoming citizens called The Tree Amigos, who have been working with City leadership since February to establish a platform to become a Tree City USA. To become a Tree City USA, municipalities must have a tree care ordinance, an Arbor Day proclamation, a community forestry program with a \$2-per-capita operating budget and a tree board.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sloodmaker at [TreeAmigosWyoming@gmail.com](mailto:TreeAmigosWyoming@gmail.com).

## News Briefs

### PARKS & RECREATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Parks and Recreation fall programs is currently taking place. Don't miss out on the many opportunities we have available for you and family. Check out our fall brochure at [www.wyomingmi.gov](http://www.wyomingmi.gov), then make sure to register by calling 616-530-3164 or online at [www.wyomingmi.gov/PRRegistration](http://www.wyomingmi.gov/PRRegistration).

### REGISTER AS A PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER

Are you 60 years of age or older? You can register as a permanent absentee voter. Contact the City Clerk's office at 530.7296 to register as a permanent absentee voter, to request an absentee ballot or for more information.

### KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day. The library will resume Sunday hours starting Sept. 11.

An adult book club is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. "My Antonia" by Willa Cather will be discussed at the August meeting followed in September by "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs. October's discussion book will be "Poisoning the Pecks of Grand Rapids" by Tobin Bukh.

The library is replacing some of its carpet and will have shortened hours during the week of Aug. 22. The library will be open for its regular hours on Monday, Aug. 22 and will have shorter hours Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 23-26, opening at 9:30 a.m. and closing at 3 p.m. The library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Presented in partnership with the Literacy Center of West Michigan, the library is hosting an ESL Conversation Club that will allow those learning English to practice with other adults. Registration is limited to adults 18 and older. The sessions will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. RSVP to the Literacy Center to reserve a spot by calling 61.459.5151.

Práctica con otros adultos que están aprendiendo Inglés. Presentado en colaboración con el Centro de Alfabetización de West Michigan. La registraci3n est3 limitada, favor de llamar al Centro de Alfabetizaci3n al n3mero 616.459.5151. Para los adultos (debe tener 18 a3os o m3s para asistir). Fecha: Viernes, 9, 16, 23, 30 de septiembre. Hora: 16:00 a 17:00

Int3grate a nuestro c3rculo de lectores mientras discutimos el libro "Como agua para Chocolate" por nuestra querida autora Mexicana, Laura Esquivel. (No se requiere inscribirse). Fecha: Martes 13 de septiembre. Hora: 19:00 a 20:00

The Wyoming Friends of the Library will hold a used book sale on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bag sale begins at 2 p.m. and allows readers to purchase a bag for \$3 and fill it with books.

For further details on these and the library's many programs, stop in to pick up a program guide, check out [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org) or call 784.2007.

## Telephone Numbers

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| 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

Jack Poll, Mayor  
 Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,  
 Council Member-at-Large  
 Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large  
 Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large  
 Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Council Member  
 Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Council Member  
 Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Council Member

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