

Charter Amendment Proposal *November 2, 2010 General Election*

The City Council has placed a proposal to amend the Charter on the November 2, 2010 ballot. This proposal would expand the permitted use of funds raised by what is called the Capital Improvements Millage (CIP). The CIP millage is currently levied at 1.8678 mills, and can be used for sewer, water and street improvements. If the proposal is adopted by voters, the CIP millage funds could also be used for general operations of the City. The City Council heard from many residents that they would prefer to see some dedicated millages "undedicated" to provide more options when planning the budget each year.

A certain portion of CIP funds collected each year, about 40%, is committed to paying off bonds, or debt, that were issued

to finance large construction projects, such as Byron Center Avenue and Wilson Avenue improvements. The remaining CIP funds have been used to do on-going capital street maintenance or provide our share of federally-funded transportation projects, such as the 44th Street / US-131 interchange. Passage of this Charter amendment would allow the City Council to also use this fund for other City services, such as public safety, code enforcement, or mandated local government services. Adoption of this Charter amendment would not increase property taxes. The entire text of the ballot proposal can be found on our website, www.wyomingmi.gov. Sample ballots are also available from the City Clerk's Office.

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, www.wyomingmi.gov. Click on Departments, Fire, then outdoor burning ordinance. Or call the Fire Department at 530-7250 with any questions.

FALL YARD WASTE *Disposal Information*

Wyoming residents have many options for yard waste disposal.

CURBSIDE PICKUP DAY:

Saturday, December 4 - 6:00 a.m.
Leaves must be in paper bags
Brush tied in 4 ft. bundles

DROP-OFF SITE:

2660 Burlingame Avenue
March 29 through December 11
7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays
Residents only, must register with ID

RENT-A-TRAILER

For leaves only
Trailers delivered and picked up by City
Small (3 to 4 cubic yards)
\$5 weekday, \$10 weekend
Large (6 to 8 cubic yards)
\$10 weekday, \$20 weekend

Raking leaves into the street is not permitted. To reserve a trailer or get more information about yard waste disposal options, call Public Works at 530-7260.

MAYOR'S

Message



Election Time Is Here,

In a few short weeks, I will have completed my first year as your Mayor. I promised to do my best to get our city on the right path to propel us into a financially sustainable future. The upcoming November election is our next step in that process. We will elect several new leaders from the Governor on down that will affect Wyoming's future over the next decade. I encourage you to watch closely to see how their vision for our state will affect us locally.

You will also have the opportunity to vote on a change that will directly affect finances in Wyoming. During my campaign for mayor I regularly heard the concern that we were not spending your money where you thought it should be spent. Listening to you, your Council is placing on this November's ballot the opportunity for you to undedicate the Capital Improvement Millage so the use of these funds can be prioritized as the needs of the City change. The proposal will not increase your tax bill, so please consider this change when you vote Tuesday, November 2nd.

Be involved and be informed,

Mayor Jack Poll

News Briefs

LIBRARY NEWS

The Wyoming Branch of the Kent District Library is at 3350 Michael Avenue SW.
ADULT BOOK CLUB: On 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room - October's discussion is Dracula by Bram Stoker. **TODDLERTIME:** For ages 3 and under with a caregiver - Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories on Tuesdays at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm until November 30. Wednesdays 10:30 am until November 24. **FAMILY STORY TIME:** For ages 6 and under with a caregiver - share books, rhymes, music and movement on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm until November 24, on Thursdays at 10:30 am until November 18. **HARVEST PARTY:** Celebrate the season with crafts, games and fun - for children 6 and under, Friday, October 15, 10:30 am.

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE

Fall surveys will soon be completed to determine what level of Gypsy Moth infestation still remains after the spraying conducted earlier this year. Our consultant will be touring neighborhoods looking for indications of next year's Gypsy Moth population. The data collected will be used to make decisions about future treatment efforts.

HISTORIC FIRE ENGINE COMES HOME

A 1958 FWD Fire Engine was recently donated to the City by the Peace Lutheran Church of South Haven, after they acquired it from a private collector's estate. This Engine was in service in our community for more than 30 years, and efforts are underway to raise private funds for its restoration. Contact the Fire Department at 530-7250 to find out how you can help!

Police Honored With National Award

The Wyoming Police Department was recently awarded the 2010 Frederic Milton Thrasher Award at the 13th International Gang Specialist Training Conference in Chicago. This recognition was in honor of the proactive community education and enforcement programs our Police Department employs in an effort to suppress gang and youth violence in our community.

Wyoming PD was the only law enforcement agency out of eleven recipients honored this year. The purpose of the Thrasher award is to recognize outstanding scholarship, leadership and service contributions by individuals and programs dealing with gangs. Police Officers Jim Bivins and Chris DeBoer accepted the award on behalf of the Police Department on August 16, 2010.

We can be very proud of our Police Department and its officers for their dedication and effort toward this important public safety concern.



Lights On After-School

Communities across the country will be celebrating after-school programming with an event called Lights On After-School on Thursday, October 21, 2010. This event is designed to increase awareness of and support for after-school programs.

Our T.E.A.M. 21 after-school programs will be busier than usual that day as they celebrate and showcase their students and projects. Participating schools in Wyoming are East Kelloggsville Elementary, Gladiola Elementary, Godfrey-Lee Early Childhood Center, Jackson Park Intermediate, Lee Middle, Newhall Middle, North Godwin Elementary, Parkview Elementary and West Elementary.

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