

GWCRA Streamlines Grant Process

The Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance, or GWCRA, has announced a new, streamlined grant application process.

The GWCRA's goal is to support non-profit organizations and grassroots charitable causes which look to improve the fabric of the community through health and wellness, social, environmental and economic programs and services.

Historically, the Alliance awarded grants only once per year. In order to be more responsive to emerging needs of the community, the Alliance is modifying its application process.

Organizations that wish to ap-

ply for a GWCRA grant should submit a letter of approach by email to Rebecca Rynbrandt, Board Secretary, at rynbranb@wyomingmi.gov. Letters may be submitted at any time. Letters should be two pages maximum and include a project description, a description of the purpose or need the grant will address, the target population to be impacted by the grant and the dollar amount being requested. Typical grant awards range from \$500 to \$3,000.

Potential grantees will be invited to submit a full application which will be due two weeks from invitation.

For complete details, visit wyomingmi.gov/about/gwcra.asp

Curb-Side Leaf Pickup to be Held Saturday, Dec. 5

A curb-side leaf pick up will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5. Leaves must be in paper yard waste bags by 6 a.m. Saturday. There is no limit to the number of bags residents can put out. Branches that are tied together in bundles less than four feet long will also be picked up.

The City of Wyoming has several other yard waste disposal services available as well, to help keep yards looking neat as leaves begin to fall.

The yard waste drop-off site at 2660 Burlingame SW is open to residents Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 12. There is no limit on the size of branches or shrubs accepted at the site, however residents must be able to unload the yard waste themselves. If yard waste materials are delivered in bags, totes or boxes, containers must be removed from the facility.

Leaf removal containers are available through Nov. 25. A container is delivered to a home and picked up the next business day for delivery to the yard waste site. Containers are 11 feet long, 6 feet wide and 3 feet high, or 7.5 cubic yards. The cost of container delivery and rental is \$10 for a weekday and \$20 for a weekend.

Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance. Reservations can be made by phone with a credit card by calling 530-7260 or visit the Public Works office to pay with cash or a check.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 530-7260.

MAYOR'S

Message



As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to express thanks for the citizens of Wyoming for making my time as Mayor and as a member of the Wyoming City Council rewarding, enlightening and educational.

I am also extremely thankful for my fellow council members, and for those individuals who serve on the other various boards and commissions in our great City.

Serving on a board or commission is an excellent way to be involved and be informed and I encourage you to consider serving our City in one of these important positions. A number of City boards and commissions have vacant seats to fill. You can learn about our different boards and commissions and the opportunities to serve as a member by visiting <http://wyomingmi.gov/Government/Boards&Commissions.asp>.

If you are interested in serving as a board or commission member, you can find an application online at <http://wyomingmi.gov/Government/APPLICATroman.pdf>. Completed applications may then be delivered to the City Clerk's office located in City Hall at 1155 28th St. SW, Wyoming MI, 49509.

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

Mayor Jack A. Poll

News Briefs

WYOMING GIVES BACK

BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY to donate to needy kids in the community to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win fantastic prize packages donated by generous Wyoming businesses. Wyoming Gives Back takes place each year at Roger's Plaza. This year's event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 6-8 p.m. Visitors can listen to local choirs and bands, snack on hot chocolate and cookies, visit with Wyoming Police and Fire Fighters and visit Wyoming businesses.

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

THE ANNUAL Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Veterans' Memorial Garden, 2300 DeHoop Ave. SW. Parking is available at the Wyoming Senior Center, 2380 DeHoop Ave. SW, and at Pinery Park, 2301 DeHoop Ave. SW.

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 blood drives at Wyoming City Hall, 1155 28th St. SW, will be held in council chambers on 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday Nov. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 10 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

HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE will be available for adults on Thursday, 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 November selection is "The Fault in Our Stars," by John Green.

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 Wednesday Nov. 25 at 10 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

- 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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