

## Teen Council Provides Leadership in Wyoming

Since its inception in 2009, the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department Teen Council has been making an impact throughout the city of Wyoming.

Originally formed to provide planning and promotion for events and programs focused on Wyoming teens, the Teen Council has grown to include many additional responsibilities.

Teen Council members have been selected to serve on The Wyoming Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee, which reviews grant applications for youth-centered program needs and makes funding decisions. The Youth Advisory Committee will help distribute nearly \$5,000 in 2011.

Teen Council members also serve on the recently formed Wyoming Community Youth Coalition, providing a youth perspective on coalition tasks.

In 2010, members were involved in the production of two public service announcements focused on Kent County

youth who choose not to drink alcohol and participated in the City of Grand Rapids' KidSpeak program.

Currently, the Teen Council provides a Reverse Mentoring program at the Wyoming Senior Center for adults over 50 who need help utilizing various forms of technology, and will once again participate in an annual Youth Symposium later this year.

Providing fun activities for area teens is still at the heart of the program. The Teen Council is looking forward to hosting their upcoming Teen Pool Party for Wyoming teens, on Feb. 18, from 7 P.M. to 12 A.M.

The Teen Council is committed to active involvement within the city and helping other teens enjoy opportunities within Wyoming.

12-15 students are chosen each May for the Teen Council. Students must be 13-18 years old, a resident of Wyoming or attend school in Wyoming and willing to commit the required time and energy.

## Wyoming Police Promote Kim Koster

The Wyoming Police Department announced the recent promotion of Lt. Kim Koster to the rank of Captain.

She will fill the vacant patrol command position once held by retired Capt. John Lind Jr.

Koster brings fifteen years of experience in working in Field Operations, the Detective Bureau and specialized training as a crisis negotiator.

Koster joined the Wyoming Police Department in January of 1996. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2002, after working in Field Operations as a patrol officer. She was involved in special assignments as a School Resource Officer, in the Community Policing Unit and the Detective Bureau.

Sgt. Koster then worked as a patrol supervisor for a period of five years, earning a promotion to Lieutenant in 2007. While serving as a Lieutenant, Koster worked as a patrol commander as well as supervised the communications unit, and eventually managed the transition of the 911 center to Grand Rapids Police Department.

Capt. Koster is a graduate of Northwestern School of Staff and Command and holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Ferris State University.



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## Message

In December, the City Council and staff participated in an end of year retreat to assess 2010 and our plans for growth in 2011 and beyond. We saw very quickly how collaboration has and will continue to impact change in our community.

The retreat generated some exciting ideas for the future of Wyoming and showed the innovative thinking our council and staff are capable of.

This month we look forward to continuing the conversations begun at the retreat and developing a plan to take action on appropriate first steps. Collaboration will no doubt be integral to our success in meeting goals in 2011 for several development projects as well as community and city initiatives.

I encourage you to be involved and be informed.

Happy New Year!  
Mayor Jack Poll

# News Briefs

## LIBRARY NEWS

**ADULT BOOK CLUB** - We have a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. January's book will be *A Lion Called Christian* by Anthony Bourke and John Rendall. **KDL'S WINTER READING ROAD TRIP** – The Kent District Library is sending adult readers on a virtual reading road trip. Sign up and receive a map that will take you on a journey to jumpstart your winter reading. Read books for a chance to win great prizes. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Program runs from December 1 to March 19. **BOOK SALE** – The Wyoming Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale Saturday, January 15. A bag sale will be held at the end of the day: buy a bag for \$3.00 and stuff it with all the items it can hold. Book sale will be from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM; bag sale from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. **LIBRARY CLOSED** – All KDL branches will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and January 1 for the holidays. The branches will also be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, for staff development and training.

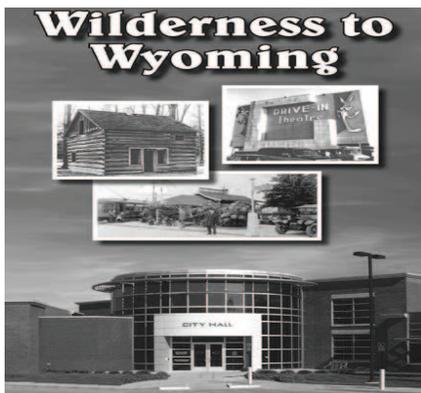
## SIDEWALK SNOWPLOWING

Important information regarding sidewalk snowplowing and private snowplowing contractors: All private snowplowing contractors have to be licensed within the City of Wyoming. The piling of snow in the right-of-way or sidewalk is illegal. The City of Wyoming plows the sidewalks leaving no more than a half inch of loose snow. The plowing activities shall be completed within 24 hours after an average accumulation of 2 or more inches. The plowing hours are between 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. We ask all residents not to leave any obstructions or vehicles parked on the sidewalk. Also, you may delineate (place stakes or other devices) for the operators to follow the route of the sidewalk. This is very critical, especially on curved areas, in order to avoid lawn damage.

## Beat the Winter Chill with a Good Read

Are you looking for a way to spend time and stay warm this winter? Pick up a copy of *Wilderness to Wyoming*, a book written by the Wyoming Historical Commission about our city's history from the earliest days to present.

It is available in the History Room at the Wyoming Public Library and at several local vendors including, Spring Grove Variety, Leatherman's Hardware, Marge's Donut Den, Parkwood Pharmacy and Spectrum Hair Care. The cost is \$20, tax included. For a limited time, bring in this article for a 10% discount.



## Giving Back in 2010

In 2010, Wyoming City employees participated in several efforts to give back. Here are some of the donations that have been made as a result of city employees' commitment to the community:

The Ladies Christmas Fundraiser raised \$1285 for the YWCA Nurse Examiner Program.

An estimated \$1500-1700 worth of toys were donated by city staff to the Toys for Tots program.

Wyoming Fire Fighters raised \$325.00 for both the American Breast Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The Wyoming Employees Community Outreach Program, a payroll deduction program, raised approximately \$8,000 in 2010.

Employees contributed \$2,699 this year to the United Way.

Additional programs employees participated in include: Thin Blue Line, Passionately Pink for the Cure and a collection program for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

## 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 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