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Deaf Residents Eligible for Emergency Radio

As part of a federal program, the Kent County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security has partnered with the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Wyoming Branch of the Kent District Library to provide free emergency weather-alert radios to those residents of Kent County with visual impairments or who are blind.

To receive the emergency radio, eligible residents must visit the library at 3350 Michael SW in person and sign a form.

For more information, contact the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped by phone at (616) 647-3988, or by email at lbphstaff@kdl.org.

KDL Information.
Kent District Library Ideas.
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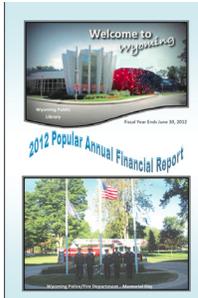
2012 Popular Annual Financial Report Online

Wyoming's 2012 Popular Annual Financial Report is now available online.

The Report features a brief analysis of where the City gets its revenue and where those same dollars are spent. The information contained in the report is taken from the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

In 2011, the report won the Governmental Financial Officer's award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting.

Visit the finance department web site at <http://www.wyomingmi.gov/Finance/finance.asp> to view the report.



Wyoming Police Department Safety Tips

Did your holiday haul include some high ticket gifts? Wyoming Police Officer Jason Caster has provided tips to keep you and your home safe this Winter:

- Turn as many outside lights and motion lights as possible and leave them on during dark hours. Keep an interior light on low throughout the night.
- Doors and locks including garage service doors, rear sliders, screen doors and dead bolts should always be locked, even when you are home.
- Do not put big screen TV boxes or other high-end item boxes out with the trash so that they are visible to everyone who drives by.
- Valuables should not be in sight for someone to see from your driveway or front porch.
- If someone is knocking at your door and you do not know who it is, don't answer.
- If you are leaving town, contact a trustworthy neighbor or friend to check on your home. You can even call the police department to schedule a retired senior volunteer police, RSVP officer to check your home.
- Record the serial numbers of expensive items in case you ever need to identify them or file a homeowners insurance claim.
- Remove valuables including GPS devices, laptops, purses, cell phones, gifts and gift bags from your car and lock your car at night.
- Park in lighted areas whenever possible and be aware of your surroundings when walking in parking lots and returning to your car.
- Keep your cell phone accessible when alone, and make sure it is easy to reach and not buried in a purse or coat pocket.

MAYOR'S

Message



The beginning of a new year is an exciting time. We at City Hall are looking forward to 2013 and the many positive developments it will hold for our residents and those who chose to do business in the City of Wyoming.

A new year allows us to look with fresh eyes on our city, neighborhoods, and fellow residents. I encourage you to attend a City Council meeting or look closely at our City web site to educate yourself about what's happening in Wyoming. You may be surprised by some of the long-term initiatives that are taking place to move the City of Wyoming forward, beyond the new year and into the future.

You too, can help Wyoming continue to be a happy, productive and positive place. Speak positively and perform random acts of kindness for your neighbors and visitors to our City. For example, by simply holding a door for the person behind you or saying a friendly "hello" to your local pharmacist, you can help create a welcoming and friendly atmosphere and perhaps even change what may have been a bad day into a good one.

I encourage you to look for the good in people and in Wyoming, and as always, to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

LIBRARY NEWS PROGRAMS FOR TODDLERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN include a variety of stories, rhymes, music and movement activities are available for children and their caretakers. The programs start in January. **COMPUTER CLASSES** at the library cover subjects including the basics of general computer use, the Internet, emailing, and Microsoft Word. **DETOX YOGA** with Michele Fife will show how movement with gentle stretching can assist your body's detoxification process, on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Our **ADULT BOOK CLUB** features a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. On Jan. 15, we will discuss Emma Donoghue's "Room." February's selection is "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. **SIT-N-STITCH** with others at the library. Bring your own knitting or crocheting projects and supplies and share ideas and skills while making new friends on Thursdays at 6 p.m. **KENT COUNTY TEEN FILM FESTIVAL** invites Kent county teens, in grades 6 – 12 to enter. The deadline for submission is Jan. 7. Check www.kdl.org/teens for more information or visit your local library. The library will be **CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS** Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. For further details on these and all of our programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at www.kdl.org or call us at (616) 784-2007! Plus, KDL is now on Twitter! Follow us at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews> for all the latest updates on programs, events and resources at your library.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013 and Thursday, Feb. 14 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. SW from 5 - 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233 ext. 2.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS SPRING YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE registration ends Jan. 31. After the deadline we will continue to take registration if openings exist, but a \$5.00 late fee will be added. **WYOMING SENIOR CENTER** Fellowship Club Cookbooks are still available for purchase. For the low price of \$12 (cash or check) you can purchase a book at either the Parks and Recreation Office or at the Wyoming Senior Center. For more information on these or other programs, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (616)530-3164 or email parcs_info@ci.wyoming.mi.us.

Reverse Mentoring at Wyoming Senior Center

Do you need help with your cell phone, digital camera, iPad, GPS or lap top computer? Would you like to learn how to set up a Facebook or e-mail account?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Reverse Mentoring is for you. Come to the Wyoming Senior Center to have your technology problems resolved by our tech savvy Teen Council members. The teens will be at the center Saturday, Jan. 19, Saturday, Feb. 16, Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

This program is free for adults 50 and older. Space is limited so please pre-register by calling the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at 616-530-3164.



2013 Dog Licences Available

A current rabies vaccination and certificate are required by law in order to purchase or renew a dog license. If the rabies vaccination expires within the next 30 days you will not be allowed to purchase a license until the shot has been updated.

Any Kent County dog 4 months old or older should be licensed. If they have never been licensed before, you will need to present all of your vet records to purchase a license.

The Treasury Department will be selling licenses while supplies last or until March 1st. Offices hours are Monday-Thursday 7 a.m to 5 p.m.



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 the Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month at 7 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 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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