

Public Safety Top Priority in Wyoming

In order to provide better and more efficient emergency service to residents, the Wyoming Department of Public Safety has made significant improvements.

Under the direction of James Carmody, Wyoming's Director of Public Safety, a number of enhancements have taken place. These changes include:

- Funding a crime lab to perform drug and alcohol testing and arson investigations
- Shifting to a peak-load fire staffing model, putting three more firefighters to work in Wyoming in 2014
- Continuing to increase paid-on-call firefighting staff to support fire stations on South Division Avenue and Burton Street
- Reinstating the fire marshal position, which will increase the City's ability to impact fire safety measures through inspections and enhance the City's arson investigation capabilities
- Staging apparatus at and building a paid-on-call response team

for the Gezon Station

- Purchasing two quick response vehicles to further improve medical emergency response times
- Combining administrations of police and fire services
- Installation of automatic external defibrillator devices in all police patrol vehicles
- Cross-training Public Works and Maintenance staff members as on-call fire fighters
- Enlisting Building Maintenance staff to maintain fire stations

"The new service delivery system is not only a great benefit to the City of Wyoming, it is a model of innovation for other communities," said Wyoming City Manager Curtis Holt. "When residents funded our five-year Public Safety Millage in 2010, we promised to provide the best service possible with the dollars they gave us. These are just some of the steps we are taking to protect our residents in the best, most time-efficient and cost-effective ways we can."

Fire Fighters Hired, Promoted

The City of Wyoming has welcomed two new fire fighters, and promoted two others.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, the Wyoming Department of Public Safety held a special ceremony to swear in the two new fire fighters, Kyle Visser and Brian Butcher, and to promote fire fighters Chris Velzen and Joe Jones.

Visser was previously a fire fighter in Grattan Township and Plainfield Charter Township. Butcher previously served as a fire protection technician at the Cook Nuclear Power Plant in Bridgeman, Mich.

Chris Velzen and Joe Jones were both promoted from the position of fire fighter to to the position of fire lieutenant. Both Velzen and Jones have been with the City of Wyoming since 1995.



Butcher and Visser being sworn in



Fire Lieutenants Velzen and Jones

MAYOR'S

Message



While 2013 was in many ways a banner year in Wyoming, 2014 is promising to be even more successful for our residents and for those who choose to do business in the City of Wyoming.

Like many of our local businesses, we at the City of Wyoming are working hard to provide the best services at the best price. This is illustrated in our new public safety service model, but is also being enacted in quality service initiatives around our city.

In 2014, I encourage you to look at Wyoming with fresh eyes and as always, to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SOCCER is open. The Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department is offering youth soccer leagues for children in preschool through ninth grade. The registration fee is \$33 for Wyoming residents and \$49.50 for non-residents. The registration deadline for spring soccer is Feb. 6. After the deadline we will continue to take registrations if opening exist, but a \$5 late fee will be added. Soccer practices for 1-9 grade teams are on Tuesday or Thursday nights beginning the week of March 31. Games will take place on Saturdays, April 19 through May 31. Individuals participating in the 7-9 grade team will travel and have some games on week-nights. For more information or for a registration form, contact the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at 530-3164 or email parks_info@ci.wyoming.mi.us. **PARK RESERVATIONS** for 2014 family reunions, graduation parties, baby showers and birthday parties are now being accepted. Most park reservations are available May 1 through Sept. 30. The Pinery Park Lodge is available year round. For more information, visit <http://www.ci.wyoming.mi.us/ParksRec/reservations%20info.asp>

SENIOR CENTER NEWS WEATHER CLOSING DECISIONS are not made in conjunction with school cancellations. If you have cancellation or closing questions in regards to programs or activities, call the cancellation line at 530-3187.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Jan. 9 and Thursday, Feb. 13 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. S.W. from 5 to 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233 ext. 2.

LIBRARY NEWS A USED BOOK SALE will be held to benefit Friends of the Library programs and projects on Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. For only \$3, take home everything you can stuff into a purchased bag. For further details on these and other programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at www.kdl.org, call 784-2007 or follow on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews>.

WKTV NEWS TOM RADEMACHER, an award-winning local author, will share his insight and experiences of being a journalist on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Wyoming Public Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn from the best whether you're currently a writer or aspiring to be one! This free writer's workshop is sponsored by WKTV's citizen journalism program, Wyoming/Kentwood NOW. Send your R.S.V.P. with your name and phone number to janice@wktv.org.

Wyoming Senior Center Community Room Remodeling Project

The Wyoming Senior Center Community Room will soon be transformed to a warm, inviting, technology-advanced premier banquet facility. It is also projected to be the most state-of-the-art bingo facility in the State of Michigan, outside of casino facilities.

More than \$200,000 will be invested into renovating the Community Room. Grant resources including a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant and an investment of more than \$60,000 by the Wyoming Senior Fellowship Club have contributed to the success of the renovation. The Parks and Recreation Department millage will assist in funding the remaining cost of the project.

Construction will begin Jan. 6 and should be complete within three months. To stay informed of the project's progress and for more information about the anticipated grand re-opening celebration, please follow the Wyoming Senior Center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wyomingseniorcenter. If you would like to be placed on a mailing list to receive updates on construction and events, please call 530-3190 or email mywsc@wyomingmi.gov.

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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

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