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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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Community Input Sought

Would you like share your ideas on how the City of Wyoming should prioritize and spend its dedicated Parks and Recreation operational millage on park development and recreation services over the next five years? If so, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

The City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department is currently developing its five-year master plan and eagerly seeks input from the community. In order to gather as much input as possible, the department is using an online survey to collect information on current use of City facilities, as well as ideas for the future.

In 1994, citizens of the City of Wyoming initiated a dedicated millage for parks and recreation operations. Since that time, the City has developed facilities and programming to meet the needs of residents.

The department currently oversees 21 parks, totaling almost 700 acres.

These parks serve over 60,000 people per year. In addition to the parks, the department also provides recreation services. The Wyoming Senior Center (WSC) serves over 61,000 per year through over 100 programs. General recreation programming for youth, adults and families is provided through over 240 programs, serving our community of over 72,000 residents.

If you would like to contribute your thoughts, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/WyoParksRec-MasterPlan



Community Aesthetics

The beauty and charm of our neighborhoods are among Wyoming's most precious assets. We can each do our part to keep Wyoming a quality place to live and work. By keeping your home or business maintained, frequently painted and nicely landscaped, you not only display pride in the community, but you also add to the property values in your area.

By adhering to city ordinances and community appearance standards, we can avoid common property maintenance problems and safety hazards and keep the community beautiful. Some of the issues addressed through our property maintenance code that help keep our community beautiful include cutting weeds and grass, vehicle parking and storage, outside storage, building repairs, appearance & structural soundness of buildings and building extensions, among other things.

Failure to maintain your property is not only aesthetically unappealing, it can also expose you to health and safety hazards. In addition, by making timely repairs, you can ensure small, inexpensive projects do not turn into big, expensive projects. Please contact the Building Inspections Department with any questions related to building codes or property maintenance concerns at 530-7285. We look forward to working together to keep our community beautiful!



MAYOR'S

Message



Happy May everyone! This is a busy time of the year for many people as spring activities are in full swing, the graduation season kicks off and we all get busier with outside activities. I always appreciate this time of the year and the opportunity to catch up with those I haven't seen in awhile.

This month at the City, there are two activities that are particularly fun for me. The first is National Public Works Week, which is May 20-26. Public Works will host an open house at their Burlingame facility on May 21 from 5-8 p.m. This is a great

opportunity to check out the vehicles and see what goes into maintaining our streets. This event always draws a big crowd and it's fun to watch the kids explore. Hopefully I'll see you there! Another opportunity I have is our annual employee service awards. This year, a total of 61 employees will be recognized for over 1,100 years of service! We truly have very loyal and dedicated employees. I appreciate their service and I hope you do too.

Mayor Jack Poll

LIBRARY NEWS ADULT BOOK CLUB - Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room for a friendly, informal discussion. April's book selection is *The Art of Racing* by Garth Stein. Please Look after Mom by Kyung-sook Shin will be discussed on May 15. **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE** - The Friends will host a two-day book sale on April 20 and 21. The sale will be from 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. On the 21st, starting at 2:00 p.m., you can purchase and fill a bag for \$3.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS - will be available on May 10, at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. S.W., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233, ext. 2, to schedule an appointment. **OUTDOOR FIREPLACE REGULATIONS** - An "outdoor fireplace" shall be a manufactured device that is fully enclosed with a lid. A noncombustible barrier at least 18 inches in width shall surround the outdoor fireplace. Outdoor fireplaces shall not be placed closer than 20 feet to any combustible material and not closer than 20 feet to adjoining lot lines. Outdoor fireplaces shall be used only for burning of wood or other solid fuel and shall not be used for the burning of garbage or yard waste including, but not limited to, grass clippings, brush, leaves and paper. Fire Rings are prohibited. Questions? Call the Fire Administration Office at 530-7250 or check the Fire Department page of the City website.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS WYOMING-GRANDVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT - will take place at Lamar Park on Friday, May 11 starting at 1 p.m. and ending on Saturday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. For more information on this event or to get involved, contact Jaime Counterman at the Great Lakes Division of the American Cancer Society at (616)551-4033.

28th STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be reconstructing two 28th Street intersections this summer, including 28th and Byron Center and 28th and Ivanrest. The work will begin this spring and last through the end of June. In addition to new concrete, these intersections will also receive new mast arm signals. Periodic lane closures are anticipated intersections will be reduced to one lane of traffic at various times throughout the construction process.

Next spring, MDOT will continue the reconstruction of 28th Street intersections with the intersection of 28th and Clyde Park. Because the reconstruction of this intersection is much more involved, including the replacement of storm sewers, this project will last through the fall of 2013.

"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know the City of Wyoming has a Facebook page? Recognizing the importance of social media and the ability to reach another segment of the population, the City of Wyoming started its Facebook page. It is hoped that this effort will help us reach more citizens, have the ability to share helpful information in a more timely manner and give citizens another avenue in which to communicate with the City.

Much like any Facebook page, topics vary, but it is the City's intent to keep growing this page and continue to reach out to the community. We hope you'll "like" us on Facebook!



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. Rm.

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