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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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Wyoming Fall Yard Waste Services for City Residents

The City of Wyoming has several yard waste disposal services available to residents to help keep yards looking neat.

The yard waste drop-off site at 2660 Burlingame S.W. is open to residents Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 14. Winter hours take effect Dec. 15 to March 31, when the facility will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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, the containers must be removed from the facility.

Leaf removal trailers are available Oct. 1 to Nov. 30. A trailer is delivered to a home and picked up the next business day for delivery to the yard

waste site. The city offers trailers in two sizes. A small trailer holds three to four cubic yards of leaves and is available for five dollars on a weekday and \$10 on a weekend. A large trailer holds six to eight cubic yards and costs \$10 on a weekday or \$20 on a weekend. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance and can be made by phone with a Visa or Master Card or by visiting the office to pay with cash or a check.

A curb-side leaf pick up will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Leaves must be in paper yard waste bags by 6 a.m. Saturday. There is no limit to the number of bags you can put out. The city will pick up branches that are tied together in a bundle no longer than four feet long.

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

Next Election to be Held Nov. 5

The next City of Wyoming election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The ballot will include elections for both the mayor's seat and for first ward council member. At this time, Mayor Jack Poll and Council Member William Ver Hulst face no opposition for their respective positions. The deadline to file a declaration of intent to run as a write-in candidate for either of these seats is Oct. 25 at 4 p.m.

On Aug. 6, voters overwhelmingly supported incumbents Kent Vanderwood and Sam Bolt in the primary election. Because Vanderwood and Bolt each received more than 25 percent of the votes cast, each was declared elected by the Kent County Board of Canvassers, and the council member at large seats will not appear on the Nov. 5 general election ballot.

Wyoming Public Schools is proposing two new millages, and Grandville Public Schools has a millage extension request on the November ballot.

For more information on millage proposals, your voter registration status or polling location, or to view a sample of the November ballot, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/vote>.



MAYOR'S

Message



On Saturday, Sept. 14, the mayors of Grand Rapids, Walker and Grandville sponsored the 10th annual "Mayor's Grand River Cleanup" event in partnership with the West Michigan Environmental Action Council and the Grand Rapids Young Professionals organization.

This year a record 800+ volunteers worked on cleaning up more than 30 sites along the Grand River and its tributaries, picking up an estimated 20,000 pounds of trash. "Team Clean," with members that included Wyoming City Employees and myself, worked on a section of Plaster Creek that borders Marquette Park and the Wyoming Dog Park.

Over the past 10 years, a total of more than 110,000 pounds of trash have been removed from the river during this event. I hope next year you are able to join us, and until then, be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Oct. 10 and Thursday, Nov. 14 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. **NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** is Sunday, Oct. 6 through Saturday, Oct. 12. The community is invited to join local firefighters on Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at fire stations at 1500 Burton St SW, 4507 S. Division Ave. and 1250 36th St. S.W. for an open house. This year's National Fire Prevention Week theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires".

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS PUMPKIN PATH, a Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department annual event, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, in Lamar Park. This free family event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., with local businesses, clubs and organizations hosting spaces along the path and handing out candy, coupons and prizes. Costumes are optional for the Pumpkin Path.

LIBRARY NEWS SUMMER HOURS are no longer in effect. The library is again open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The ADULT BOOK CLUB is a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. October's topic is "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks. November's title will be "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. 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. You'll find used books at bargain prices at the Wyoming Friends of the Library BOOK SALE on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. From 2 to 4 p.m., shoppers may purchase a bag to stuff for only \$3. Proceeds benefit Wyoming Friends of the Library projects. BRIGHT BEGINNINGS with Julie James is an opportunity for children ages 5 and under to have fun with crafts, rhymes, songs and more on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. from Oct. 14 to Nov. 11. TODDLER TIME for children ages 3 and under with a caregiver will nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. from Sept. 25 to Nov. 27. FAMILY STORYTIME allows children age six and under with a caregiver to share books, rhymes, music and movement as a family on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. from Sept. 24 to Nov. 26. EVENING STORYTIME is for families who can't come to the library during the day, held on Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m. from Sept. 24 to Nov. 26. Move and groove together at RHYME TIME MUSIC AND MOVEMENT with action rhymes, songs, games and hands-on musical activities on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. from Sept. 27 to Nov. 29. ESL CONVERSATION CLUB allows adults to practice with others who are learning English. Presented in partnership with the Literacy Center of West Michigan on Wednesdays at 10 a.m from Sept. 25 to Nov. 30. 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>.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS WYOMING 5-0 will be hosted by the Wyoming Animal Hospital on Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. in Lamar Park. The 5K walk will benefit the Wyoming Police Dogs by funding safety equipment, enrichment toys and supplies for active and retired dogs. For information or to register, call 538-9700.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS FLU SHOTS will be available Monday, Oct. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. Organizers can bill Medicare if a valid card is presented. The FOREVER FIT group meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Exercise & Dance Studio at the Wyoming Senior Center. This active group works out to various videos of medium intensity, but you can feel free to exercise at your own pace. BAKERS are needed for the annual Holiday Craft Show on Nov. 2. Any sort of baked goods are welcome including cupcakes, rolls (in half-dozen increments), cookies (in one-dozen increments), breads and cakes. Baked items should be delivered on a paper plate and in a storage bag. Aluminum pans with covers are available at the front lobby desk. Sign up at the volunteer table in the coffee shop. You don't have to be a senior or live in Wyoming to participate in Wyoming Senior Center activities. Many WSC programs and services are free while some classes and activities have low cost fees. For information on scholarships or other questions, call 530-3190.

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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