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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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Make Safety a Priority During the Holidays

The Wyoming Fire and Police Departments want to remind families to stay safe this holiday season by sharing some tips for travel, shopping and fire safety.

ENTERTAINMENT TIPS:

Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.

DECORATING TIPS:

Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.

Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Keep lit candles away from decorations and other combustible materials.

Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't easily tip over.

Use lights that have the label of an

independent testing laboratory.

Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.

Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets.

Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

TRAVEL TIPS:

Stop your mail delivery or ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and packages each day.

Put timers on your lights.

Ask a neighbor to park their car in your driveway while you are away.

SHOPPING TIPS

Keep close tabs on your credit card statements during the holidays.

Limit the information you are carrying in your wallet.

When shopping online, make sure the site is secure.

Do not leave valuables, including new purchases in the car while shopping.

1,000 Facebook Likes by March 31

The City of Wyoming has set a goal to have 1,000 Facebook fans by March 31, 2012.

To reach this goal the City is asking the community to help by "Liking" the City's page and asking their friends to "Like" it too, <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWyoming>.

The City will be holding weekly drawings and monthly contests for fans of the page with fun prizes, which will include: a ride along with one of our police officers, a family tour of the Fire Department, free Parks and Recreation programs and gifts from Wyoming businesses.

"We want to make our Facebook page another line of communication for Wyoming residents," said Curtis Holt, city manager. "The City is utilizing the page to provide department news and information, photos, events information, community happenings and to encourage dialogue between residents and the City."

During the month of December, community members are encouraged to post photos of the holidays and holiday traditions in Wyoming to the page. Anyone who posts a photo will be entered in an end of the month drawing for a chance to tour the Fire Station with their family.

Although the page is monitored daily, residents should still contact the appropriate department directly with immediate needs.

MAYOR'S

Message

Time to be Thankful,

What a great time of the year to pause and be thankful for the great community we live in. We have so many positive things happening in Wyoming. This year we have seen many businesses expand and join our city, with many of them adding jobs as well. New construction from 28th Street to Gezon Parkway shows that Wyoming is alive and well.

As Christmas approaches, we will once again have the Great Candy Cane Hunt for the children in our community. It is a great event that begins in Pinery Park and then moves into the Wyoming Senior Center for lunch with Santa.

Happy Holidays!
Mayor Jack Poll



LIBRARY NEWS ADULT BOOK CLUB: We have a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. There will be two short books for December: *The Christmas Clock* by Kat Martin and *A Christmas Blizzard* by Garrison Keillor. For further details on 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.

PUBLIC WORKS ODD EVEN PARKING FOR WINTER AND SNOW EMERGENCIES: From December 1 through the end of February of each year and during any declared snow emergency, any motor vehicles and any other licensed trailers or equipment shall be parked only on that side of the street having even numbers on even numbered calendar days and on that side of the street having odd numbers on the odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 p.m. of the same day with the following exceptions: When a residence is on a cul-de-sac, on-street parking shall only be on the even numbered calendar days. When a residence is on a street already posted "No Parking", the no parking restriction shall apply. Tickets will be issued to violators. **CURBSIDE LEAF PICK UP** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3. Leaves must be in paper bags and placed on the curb by 6 a.m. Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 ft. Call the Public Works Department for additional information, 530-7260.

Great Candy Cane Hunt in Wyoming

Families are invited to join the Parks & Recreation Department on Saturday, Dec. 10 for the annual Great Candy Cane Hunt event. The Great Candy Cane Hunt will take place at Pinery Park at 11:00 a.m. for children 3 to 14 years old. At the completion of the hunt, the fun will move over to the Wyoming Senior Center, where families will be invited to enjoy lunch, games and crafts. Santa will be on hand to personally receive Holiday Wish Lists.

The cost to attend the Great Candy Cane Hunt is \$3.50 for Wyoming youth, \$5 for non-residents. Additional family members can enjoy lunch along with the kids for just \$2.

To register, contact the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at (616)530-3164 or parks_info@ci.wyoming.mi.us.



Don't Hibernate This Winter: Get Active

Don't let the snow and slush get you down this winter. Instead of becoming a couch potato, join one of the Parks & Recreation Department's winter programs to stay active and involved all winter long.

You can choose from creative arts, dance, educational, fitness and athletic classes.

According to the CDC, "Physical inactivity can lead to obesity and type 2 diabetes. Physical activity can help control weight, reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve mental health."

There are also a handful of fun events coming up: Daddy Daughter Dance, Spring Fling and the Teen Dance Party.

Registration for winter programs begins on Dec. 1. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department, 616-530-3164.

Although it might seem like it, it won't be winter forever. Beginning on Dec. 1 the Parks & Recreation Department will begin taking summer reservations for its parks. If you have a birthday party, family picnic, graduation or other event coming up make sure to reserve your favorite park now.

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