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**City of Wyoming Sets Up Temporary Shelters,
Continues to Assess Storm Damage**
Residents Warned to Avoid, Report Downed Power Lines

WYOMING, Mich., July 7, 2014 – Temporary shelters have been set up in Wyoming to assist residents who have been displaced by last night’s storm.

While no serious injuries were reported, approximately 50 homes and businesses suffered damage from high winds and downed trees. The storm caused extensive damage in the neighborhood bordered by Clay Avenue, 56th Street and Division Avenue, which remains inaccessible due to downed power lines. Ideal Park is also closed today.

Residents who need shelter or other assistance can access one of two shelters now open in Wyoming:

- The Salvation Army has established a temporary aid station at the Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church at 320 56th Street SW.
- The American Red Cross has established a shelter at the Kentwood Activity Center at 355 48th Street SE.

Any resident needing shelter assistance can call the Red Cross hotline at 616.899.4511. For non-emergency public safety needs, residents can call the Wyoming Public Safety Department at 616.530.7300. Other city services and requests will be handled through Wyoming City hall at 616.530.7272.

“We are grateful that there were no serious injuries reported after what the National Weather Service has confirmed as a tornado touched down in our community,” said Wyoming City Manager Curtis Holt. “We are continuing to assess the damage caused by the storms and work to ensure all of our residents are safe.

“We appreciate the work of the Department of Public Safety staff, who were joined last night by firefighters from neighboring communities to go door-to-door in the affected areas. They ask residents to continue to avoid and report downed power lines.

“Today, the efforts of all City Departments are focused on assisting the neighborhood surrounding 56th Street. Public Works employees will begin clearing the streets of brush and debris to allow for safe travel of emergency vehicles into the area. Consumers Power is working hard to clear trees and branches from downed power lines. Once the

area is safe and accessible, the City's building inspectors will begin to assess the safety of homes in terms of occupancy."

The Department of Public Safety cautions residents to be cautious of anyone unknown or unofficial who approaches door-to-door requesting information.

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