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A Vote on Flexible Funding for Park Improvements

The mayors of six of West Michigan’s largest cities addressed some of the key issues they have been facing in light of declining revenue sharing from the state.

Convened by the Michigan Municipal League, the 90-minute discussion in mid-April allowed Wyoming Mayor Jack Poll to join with the mayors of East Grand Rapids, Grandville, Grand Rapids, Kentwood and Walker to each address the impact of reduced funds coming from the state. Since 2002, MML estimates that municipalities have lost more than \$8.1 billion in dollars from the state.

“Michigan’s budget priorities have disinvested in communities,” said Tony Minghine, chief executive officer of MML. “Our system does not track with the economy. We haven’t invested in our communities, and the places that are (investing), are kicking our butts.”

From Michigan’s property taxes to unfunded retiree healthcare to the lack of infrastructure investment, the mayors addressed the challenges they have faced.

“The statewide impact is real,” Mayor Poll said. “In Wyoming,

we have lost more than \$23 million of state revenue sharing since that time while training to maintain the services that voters want the most. How have we done that? Creativity and carefully, such as merging departments, shortening our work week, cross-training our employees and asking residents to support us through increased millages.

“We’ve also cut and cut and cut. But you can’t cut your way back to good economic health. We’re asking the state to do its part and restore statutory revenue dollars.”



a message from **Mayor Poll**

Memorial Day has become the unofficial start to summer. Many look forward to a three-day weekend, that first trip to the beach or a barbeque with friends.

But Memorial Day is really a day to remember the brave men and women who have died in service to our country. First recognized in 1868, the practice of honoring our fallen soldiers now takes place on the last Monday in May.

We will again hold our annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Garden at 2380 DeHoop SW.

I invite all Wyoming residents to join me to pause and reflect on those who have given their lives to protect our freedoms.

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Sign up for Smart911™

Kent County Dispatch Authority has invested in the community's safety with Smart911™, a nationwide service that allows individuals to create an online safety profile.

This information enables faster and more effective emergency response by law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. When citizens who have signed up with Smart911 make 911 calls, their safety profile is automatically displayed to 911, providing dispatchers with an enhanced level of information that can enable faster, better prepared response.

Any information provided in a Smart911 Safety Profile is kept safe and secure by Rave Mobile, a national top-tier security facility with 24/7 physical security, video surveillance and alarms. Your information is only available to 911 call takers and first responders if you have an emergency.

To learn more and sign up for Smart911, visit www.kent911yes.com.

Carnival Fun Coming This Spring

The Spring Carnival is back and better than ever. Invite your friends and family and come ready to play!

The carnival will be held at Lamar Park, 2561 Porter St. SW from April 28–May 7, where attendees can enjoy entertainment for all ages and raise support for the Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance and the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department. Enjoy games, prizes, carnival fare and crowd-pleasing rides, such as a carousel and Ferris wheel, as well as the adrenaline-inducing Mega Drop and Wipe Out.

Unlimited ride wristbands will be available daily for \$20. The carnival will be open Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All proceeds from the carnival will go to Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department and the Greater Wyoming Community Resource Alliance, or GWCRA. Monies raised will support youth scholarships and youth and family programming through the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department, and the GWCRA will distribute funds to the community through its annual grant making process.

For more info, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 616.530.3164.

What's happening at the **Library**

Adult Book Club

May 16
6:30 p.m.

May's discussion will be on *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevens.

Minecraft Club

May 5
4 p.m.

Get your Minecraft fix and show off your world-building skills.

Summer Reading Teen Crew Orientation

May 31
4 p.m.

Teen volunteers are wanted to help with Summer Reading. Registration required.

Library Time Changes

All KDL libraries will be closed May 17 and 29.

The libraries will be closed on Sundays starting May 28.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1st & 3rd Mondays | 7 p.m. | Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

2nd Monday | 7 p.m. | Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSIONS MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday | 7 p.m. | Council Chambers

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1st & 3rd Monday | 1:30 p.m. | Council Chambers

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday | 7 p.m. | West Conference Room

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