

City of Wyoming Begins Staging Fire Apparatus at Gezon Station



The City of Wyoming is again staging a fire truck at Fire Station #3 on Gezon Parkway SW, the latest in a series of initiatives designed to enhance public safety.

On Monday, May 12, the vehicle's first day in service at the Gezon station, a five-member crew of paid on-call firefighters responded to what turned out to be a false alarm. This was the first time since 2004 that apparatus has been stage at Fire

Station #3 and available to respond to fire alarms and other emergency calls in the "panhandle" section of the City.

In late April, the City partnered with private ambulance provider American Medical Response to stage an ambulance at the Gezon station. Recognizing that most of the 911 calls coming from this area were medical in nature, the Wyoming Department of Public Safety made the station available to AMR as a primary posting location to serve southwest Wyoming.

"This is another successful step in our plan to expand an enhance fire services throughout the City," said Public Safety Director James Carmody. "Over the past several months, we have worked aggressively to consolidate the City's fire and police departments into a single unit focused on public safety.

"Staff members have conducted assessments of the fire service relating to organizational structure, staffing levels, training, technology and equipment. As these assessments were completed, plans have been put into place to address the areas of greatest importance, such as equipment and increasing staffing levels of both full-time and paid-on-call firefighters.

"One of our greatest successes was cross-training Wyoming public works employees to become certified firefighters. These employees have completed their training and now add much-needed support staffing during daytime hours, and are able to respond to calls from Gezon and other stations. We continue to look for ways to streamline services and improve quality while reducing costs."

Public Safety has also added five new full-time firefighters to its ranks and is recruiting more reserve firefighters. The additional personnel and the use of data analysis models on peak-load personnel deployment paved the way to reassigning a ladder truck to Station #3 Monday.

Staffing strategies have included the assignment of two firefighters and a medical unit to Fire Station #1 on Burton Street. As a result, response times have been significantly reduced in an area of the City where the greatest calls-for-service demands are routinely recorded.

MAYOR'S

Message



The City of Wyoming has been affected by significant changes over the past decade. From 2008 through 2013, the value of real and personal property within the City decreased by 31 percent. We are happily anticipating this period of decrease has ended, and property values are expected to stabilize through fiscal year 2015. In addition to this stabilization, every City department is seeing the impact of innovative, sustainable and cost-effective programs

developed in order to strengthen our City.

I am very pleased with the direction we are going. If you are interested in discussing these changes or learning more about the City, please contact me at pollj@wyomingmi.gov. I encourage you, as always, to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

MARANDA PARK PARTY at Lamar Park. Thursday, June 26 from 12 to 2 p.m. WYOMING CONCERTS IN THE PARK will take place on Tuesday nights at Lamar Park, 2561 Porter St., on Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The 10-week schedule includes a diverse lineup of entertainers and other family-friendly events and activities. June 3 at 6:30: “Zumbatomic” and Grand Rapids First Church Youth Choir. June 10: Kari Lynch Band performs a variety of rock, country and folk. June 17: Hark Up Big Band covers swing from the 1940’s to now. June 24: Brian VanderArk with Verve Pipe and original music. July 1: Country artists Megan Rae with Kris Hitchcock and Small Town Son. Fireworks, bounce house, games and food vendors. July 8: Zion Lion with reggae roots. July 15: New Revival Jazz Band with gospel, oldies and blues. July 22: The Outer Vibe performs pop-infused alternative rock. July 29: Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys perform rockabilly and honkey tonk. Aug. 5: Strumble Head.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, June 12 and Thursday, July 10 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.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

THE YARD WASTE SITE is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 13. Call 530-7260 for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

ADULT BOOK CLUB is a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. June’s selection is “The Yellow Birds” by Kevin Powers. July’s title is “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce, followed in August by Gillian Flynn’s “Gone Girl.” SUMMER READING with books, special programs and raffles. Be a winner even if you don’t get a prize! June 2 through Aug. 9. BUST THAT MYTH Can soda pop really clean a gross penny? Can you separate two intertwined phone books? Can you make your own bouncy ball? Test out these myths and more to determine whether they are confirmed or busted! For teens grades 6-12. Tuesday, June 10 at 3 p.m. SUMMER CARNIVAL Celebrate Summer Reading at the KDL with carnival games and activities. For all ages. Thursday, June 12 at 3 p.m. KEVIN KAMM RAD AND THE COOPERFLY PUPPET TROUPE are a quirky crew of characters who examine various components and styles of puppetry. Laugh and learn while having a great time in this musical, interactive show for all ages. Thursday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. THE PORTERS IN CONCERT – Put on your dancing shoes and swing to the toe-tappin’ sounds of The Porters, a four-piece band that will captivate and entertain even the youngest audience. For all ages. Music and Dance. Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. BOOK BUDDIES Ever want to read to a princess, race car driver or dinosaur? Now you can! Come check out a Book Buddy from the library and spend 10 minutes reading your favorite book together! There will be lots of special characters to choose from, and each one is excited to hear you read. This is a special partnership between the United Way, the Grand Rapids Public Library and Kent District Library. For families on Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. For further details on these and all of our many 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.

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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 Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in 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 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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