

How You Can Help Reduce Pollution Entering the Grand River

Wyoming is working to better manage storm water runoff. As a resident of Wyoming, you have the ability to help reduce the amount of pollution entering the storm sewer system and ultimately reaching the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets and parking lots carrying with it road dirt, fertilizers, oil and grease into storm drains, which are often located alongside streets and parking lots.

Storm drains lead directly to nearby streams and lakes — without any type of treatment. Storm water entering storm drains or catch basins in Wyoming ultimately reaches the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

There are ways you can help reduce storm water pollution:

- Never dump grass clippings, vehicle fluids or anything else down a storm drain or catch basin

- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before it rains; do not use non-phosphorus fertilizers
- Dispose of pet waste in a trash can
- Dispose of used motor oil, unwanted paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides and herbicides at the Household Hazardous Waste Center. Call 261-3564 for an appointment.
- Report storm drain dumping to the city storm water coordinator, Aaron Vis at 261-3593 or avis@wyomingmi.gov



Police and Fire Administrative Update

In order to reduce costs and streamline operations, administrative functions of the Wyoming Police and Fire Departments will be consolidated on July 1.

Police Chief James Carmody will perform as Director of Police and Fire Services for the City of Wyoming. Police and fire fighter unions have agreed to this consolidation in recent contract negotiations.

This administrative change is the next in a series of steps the City of Wyoming has taken to streamline the delivery of public safety services.

In addition to the administrative consolidation the city has:

- Installed automatic external defibrillator devices, or AEDs, in all police patrol vehicles
- Cross-trained Public Works and Maintenance staff members as on-call fire fighters
- Enlisted current Building Maintenance staff to maintain fire stations
- Explored private alternatives to deliver crossing guard services
- Commissioned reports from the International City/County Management Association to benchmark and evaluate current services
- Combined emergency dispatch services with Grand Rapids

"Public Safety remains one of our primary goals as a municipality," said City Manager Curtis Holt. "Residents of Wyoming should not see any changes in the way the Police and Fire Departments respond to emergencies. We anticipate that closer cooperation between the two departments will allow them to share best practices and build on their strengths."

MAYOR'S

Message



I am very proud to report that in June, Forbes Magazine listed the Grand Rapids - Wyoming Metro Area as third on the list of "Best Places to Find a Job" this summer. We have been working very hard to accelerate business growth in Wyoming, and I can tell you our successes so far are just a taste of even more to come.

Wyoming employs business-minded leaders at all levels of government, and the Forbes report is excellent recognition of that. We recognize the needs of companies that chose to do business here and strive to be a easy place to develop a new or grow an existing business. We have pro-active utility policies, fair costs, a good infrastructure and a low tax rate. These are complemented by the quality and professionalism of our workforce. Wyoming businesses include heavy industrial, technology, utility services and commercial. For those sectors, there is a great value to being located in Wyoming.

I encourage you to look at the Forbes article online and, as always, to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

LIBRARY NEWS SUMMER HOURS will close the library on Sundays beginning June 2. Sunday hours will resume September 8. On INDEPENDENCE DAY, Thursday, July 4, the library will be closed. U.S. FLAGS that require proper disposal can be dropped off at the library through July 6. Flag retirement ceremonies will be performed in cooperation with local Boy Scout troops. 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. The July discussion will focus on "You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know" by Heather Sellers, followed by Gretchen Rubin's "The Happiness Project" in August. The SUMMER READING PROGRAM will include fun activities, fabulous prizes and, of course, a lot of great reading! Sign up at the library through Aug. 10. 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. For further details on these and all of 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, July 11 and Thursday, Aug. 8 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 to schedule an appointment.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS ADULT FALL KICKBALL AND SOFTBALL league registration deadline is Thursday, July 18. Cost is \$175 for Kickball and \$310 for Softball. Both are six-game seasons plus a single-elimination tournament. FIREWORKS will be held at Lamar Park at dusk during the July 2 Concert in the Park featuring Stolen Horses with special guest Jimmie Stagger.

Teen Programs at Wyoming KDL

On Tuesdays during July, the Wyoming branch of the Kent District Library will offer programming designed for teens in sixth through twelfth grade. These events will include:

- July 9, Kids and Teens Craft Show, 3 to 5 p.m. Stop in the library to register as a seller or just come to shop. You're sure to dig up a cool bargain.
- July 16, Beneath the Electronic Surface, 3 p.m. Like to tinker? Are you curious about how things work beneath the surface? Old telephones, keyboards and other gadgets will be provided for teens to take apart and explore. Spark your interest for what's beneath the surface!
- July 23, Photography: Digging Beneath the Surface, 3:30 p.m. Discover your inner photographer! Learn the basics of framing and composition. Bring your own camera and capture images from your own unique perspective.
- July 30, Marble Magnets, 3 p.m. Create a set of magnets for yourself or a friend. What lies beneath the surface is for you to decide. These magnets are easy and fun to make!

Heidi Isakson Named Clerk of the Year

Wyoming City Clerk Heidi A. Isakson has been named Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

As City Clerk, Isakson conducts elections, administers council meetings, creates and preserves public records, and provides public notices.

"Heidi is an outstanding clerk," said Wyoming Mayor Jack A. Poll. "She goes above and beyond in customer service for the residents of Wyoming, and keeps City Council meetings on track and running smoothly with her deep knowledge of city operations and protocol."

Isakson was appointed Clerk in the City of Wyoming in 2001. She works diligently to increase voter registration, awareness and participation and encourages understanding of the roll of the City Council and local issues.

Located in the lobby of City Hall, the City Clerk's Office is the primary point of contact for the public and staff regarding City Council actions.

To contact the Wyoming Clerk's Office, call 530-7296

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

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