

## Wyoming Fire Department Administrative Functions Moving to Police Department

In a next step towards streamlining the delivery of public safety operations in the City of Wyoming, the Wyoming Fire Department administration will move to the Police Department building located at 2300 DeHoop Ave. SW as of July 15.

Firefighters will still be stationed at and respond from the former administrative headquarters Fire Station #4 at 1250 36th St.

Residents of Wyoming who previously would have visited Wyoming Fire Station #4 to obtain permits, request environmental or insurance reviews, request or get information regarding investigations or any other administration-related matter should now visit the second floor of the Police Station at 2300 DeHoop Ave. SW. Residents wishing to contact the Fire Department by phone can use the current number, 530-7250, to reach fire department administration. In an emergency, residents should dial 911.

Police and firefighter unions agreed to the combination of Fire and Police Department administrations in recent contract negotiations. The Wyoming City Council voted in May to merge police and fire administrations to create a new Public Safety Department and a new director of public safety position. The director of public safety position has been filled by James Carmody, who has served as chief of police in the City of Wyoming for seven years.

"We are very pleased that Chief Carmody has agreed to accept the added responsibilities of leading the combined public safety operations," said Wyoming City Manager Curtis Holt. "He is an excellent leader who has affected many positive changes in the Police Department during his seven-year tenure with the city, and we look forward to his taking the helm of the new department."

## WPD Welcomes New Employees

On June 27, the Wyoming Police Department held a ceremony to swear in two new police officers, Kesha McConaha-Schultz and James Murdock, as well as two new civilian employees, Valley Moore and Julia Yurkovska.

Moore will serve as a clerk in the records unit. Previously, Moore has worked for AT&T, Sears and as a home caregiver.

Yurkovska will serve in the forensic services unit as a crime scene technician. She previously worked for the Michigan State Police Tenprint Unit and has interned with the FBI Chicago Field Office and the Chicago Police Department. Yurkovska graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola University with bachelor's degrees in forensic science and international studies.

McConaha-Schultz has previously worked for the Benton Harbor Police Department and as a court officer with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University and has completed the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Police Academy.

Murdock has worked for the Detroit Police Department in the city's Eighth Precinct and on special assignment in the Belle Isle area. He is attending Oakland University.

"The presence of these two officers represents months of hard work by our selection and background investigation teams," said Wyoming Police Chief James Carmody. "There were roughly 300 testing candidates, from which we drew more than 25 of the top candidates for formal interviews. After the interviews, the list was narrowed to ten for background investigations. We are very pleased to welcome these officers to the Wyoming Police Department."

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## Message



I am looking forward to visiting with Wyoming residents and visitors during the 2013 28th Street Metro Cruise on Aug. 23 and 24.

We truly appreciate the businesses and organizations that make this event possible with their participation and support. The Metro Cruise is a unique opportunity to reach customers who may not be a part of Wyoming's usual market. We hope 28th Street businesses are able to take advantage of this event that draws in 200,000 people and \$2 million in revenue.

I also encourage you to enjoy the Metro Cruise and patronize our local businesses during that time. Explore Wyoming's many retail stores, restaurants and activities. When you are there, let them know you appreciate them being in Wyoming.

I hope to see you during this exciting event. If we meet, let me know if you have questions and share with me your priorities and how can we communicate more efficiently with you.

As always, I encourage you 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 Sept. 8. 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 August discussion will focus on Gretchen Rubin’s “The Happiness Project.” 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 other programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org), call 784-2007 or follow on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews>.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS** will be available Thursday, Aug. 8 and Thursday Sept. 12 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.

**PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS CHILDREN’S FALL SOCCER** registration deadline has passed, but openings still exist in some age groups. Call 530-3164 or email the department at [parcs\\_info@wyomingmi.gov](mailto:parcs_info@wyomingmi.gov) to see if space is available. **PUMPKIN PATH** will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Lamar Park. Wyoming businesses wishing to participate are asked to provide a carved pumpkin for the walking path along with a coupon, goodie or toy to hand out to walkers. Call 530-3164 or email [brochuv@wyomingmi.gov](mailto:brochuv@wyomingmi.gov) for details.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS National Night Out** will be held on Aug. 6. Annually on the first Tuesday of August, America’s night out against crime is the nation’s premiere crime prevention event. For information on activities in your neighborhood, contact the community services unit at 530-7324.

## Wyoming Police Department Launches Panhandler Resource Initiative

In an effort to reduce the number of panhandlers who may interrupt traffic at intersections, the Wyoming Police Department has developed a program to provide panhandlers with information on community services and resources that are available locally.

Wyoming police officers recognize that identifying and accessing information about different forms of available assistance can be difficult for a person who is homeless or struggling financially. For the past month, officers have supplied panhandlers with Community Outreach and Resource Information flyers containing contact information for organizations that can provide hot meals, food pantries, shelter or housing assistance to individuals and families. The flyers also include information about Wyoming ordinances and motor vehicle code violations that may apply to panhandling.

In addition to handing out flyers, the Wyoming Police Department will offer “ride-alongs” to representatives of service agencies in order to provide face-to-face contact with someone who can provide help that is appropriate to the panhandler’s individual situation.

“Many legitimate organizations can provide services to people who don’t have a home or need assistance feeding their kids,” said Wyoming Public Safety Director, Chief James E. Carmody. “We want these families and individuals to get assistance that will get them back on their feet, not just provide a short term fix. Many charitable organizations also provide resources related to mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse counseling and employment opportunities. Although well-intentioned, roadside cash donations may often contribute to the problem or delay the individual from getting the help that they truly need.

“While some panhandlers may truly be experiencing difficult times, there are those who may pose as homeless in order to scam travelers. By making a donation to an organization that serves those who are truly in need, you can be sure your donation is going to help someone who really needs it.”

To download or print the flyer, visit [http://wyomingmi.gov/police/community\\_outreach\\_trifold\\_2013.pdf](http://wyomingmi.gov/police/community_outreach_trifold_2013.pdf).

## 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

Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Council Member

Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Council Member

Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Council Member

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