

Dan Gard Receives Innovation Award

City of Wyoming Mechanic Dan Gard has been awarded the Federal Highway Administration Local and Tribal Technical Assistance Program Clearinghouse "Build a Better Mousetrap" award.

In order to more quickly spot hydraulic leaks on city plow trucks, Gard approached a Wyoming-based business, J.H. Oil Co., to identify a blue dye that would not interfere with hydrolic fuel function in the city's plow trucks.

The blue color of the dye is especially important. Because the blue color stands out against snow, dirt and salt that can cover a plow truck, it is obvious when and where a leak has occurred. The blue color also allows drivers to tell hydrapulic leaks form other types of leaks, which appear as different colors.

The ease of identification speeds up problem diagnosis and simplifies the pre- and post-trip checks for drivers.

Dan was recognized by Mayor Jack Poll and Director of Public Works Bill Dooley at the Oct. 7 City Council Meeting. Gard said he "accepted the award on behalf of all City of Wyoming employees."



Veterans Day Ceremony

On Monday, Nov. 11, the City of Wyoming will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Garden at 2300 DeHoop Ave. SW to honor those who have served in the United States military.

Mayor Jack Poll will lead the ceremony, which will feature guest speaker Lt. Colonel Mark Tellier who has served in Afghanistan for the U.S. Army National Guard.

The Lee High School Band will perform under Band Director Kevin Gabrielse. In addition, the ceremony will feature Bronson Swan performing "Taps" and a Wyoming Police Department Honor Guard rifle salute.

The Wyoming Veterans Memorial Garden Committee annually sponsors Veterans Day and Memorial Day services.

Improvements to the garden are funded, in part, by the sale of special memorial bricks, which feature the name, branch of service, conflict and years served by the honoree.

Donations can be made payable to Veterans Memorial Garden, 1155 28th Street SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 or contact the City Manager's Office at 530-7272.



MAYOR'S

Message



With the holidays approaching, now is a good time to reflect and be thankful for the prosperous and welcoming community we have in the City of Wyoming.

Businesses in Wyoming are recovering and making spectacular new investments. From July to September in 2012, Wyoming issued permits for \$5.5 million in building investments. Thanks to investments from business and agencies including GFS, Undercar, the Veteran's Administration, Goodwill, Walmart and McDonalds, for the same time period (July to September) in 2013, the city issued permits for \$52 million. That is almost a 1,000 percent increase over last year and anticipate continued growth for the remainder of the year. We have also recently announced Kendall Electric's plans to relocate to Site 36, and plan to announce additional development at the site yet this fall.

City Council and City employees are excited and motivated to support established local businesses and welcome new businesses to Wyoming.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

LIBRARY NEWS 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. November's title is "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. A VETERAN'S APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. will feature Teresa Irish, author of "A Thousand Letters Home." Theresa will discuss her book, which presents the story of her parents' lives through letters exchanged during World War II. Music will be provided by the Wyoming High School Honors Choir. BRIGHT BEGINNINGS with Julie James on Monday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. is an opportunity for children ages five and under to have fun with crafts, rhymes, songs and more. TODDLER TIME for children ages three and under with a caregiver will nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. from Nov. 6 to Nov. 27. FAMILY STORYTIME allows children age six and under with a caregiver to share books, rhymes, music and movement as a family on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. from Nov. 5 to Nov. 26. EVENING STORYTIME is for families who can't come to the library during the day, held on Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m. from Nov. 5 to Nov. 26. Move and groove together at RHYME TIME MUSIC AND MOVEMENT with action rhymes, songs, games and hands-on musical activities on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. from Sept. 27 to Nov. 29. ESL CONVERSATION CLUB FOR ADULTS provides an opportunity to practice with others who are learning English. Presented in partnership with the Literacy Center of West Michigan on Wednesdays at 10 a.m from Nov 6 to Nov. 30. 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, call 784-2007 or follow on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews>.

CITY CLERK NEWS A GENERAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5. For more information on millage proposals, your voter registration status, your polling location or to view a sample of the November ballot, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/vote>.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Nov. 14 and Thursday Dec. 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.

Fall 2013 Yard Waste Services

The City of Wyoming has several yard waste disposal services available to residents to help keep yards looking neat.

The yard waste drop-off site at 2660 Burlingame S.W. is open to residents Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 14. Winter hours take effect Dec. 15 to March 31, when the facility will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no limit on the size of branches or shrubs accepted at the site, however residents must be able to unload the yard waste themselves. If yard waste materials are delivered in bags, totes or boxes, the containers must be removed from the facility.

Leaf removal trailers are available Oct. 1 to Nov. 30. A trailer is delivered to a home and picked up the next business day for delivery to the yard waste site. The city offers trailers in two sizes. A small trailer holds three to four cubic yards of leaves and is available for five dollars on a weekday and \$10 on a weekend. A large trailer holds six to eight cubic yards and costs \$10 on a weekday or \$20 on a weekend. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance and can be made by phone with a Visa or Master Card or by visiting the office to pay with cash or a check.

A curb-side leaf pick up will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Leaves must be in paper yard waste bags by 6 a.m. Saturday. There is no limit to the number of bags you can put out. The city will pick up branches that are tied together in a bundle no longer than four feet long.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 530-7260.

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

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