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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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## WYPD Receives CALEA Accreditation

In the early 1980's, the Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) established a law enforcement accreditation program. The program was established to address law enforcement as a profession and to improve law enforcement service delivery. Today, CALEA's accreditation programs are open, internationally, to all types and sizes of law enforcement agencies.

Police accreditation provides a process allowing a department to conduct an internal assessment of it's policies and procedures, and to make adjustments wherever necessary to meet a body of 484 internationally accepted standards. These standards reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers, and are considered benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.

The Wyoming Police Department (WYPD) began the accreditation process in 2008. Since then, the WYPD conducted

a complete review and rewrite of all department policies, procedures, rules and regulations. The WYPD also worked to establish stronger community and business ties by engaging neighborhood and business groups in the process. Finally, the WYPD implemented a "proof of compliance" system to ensure compliance with the standards.

After a thorough inspection by CALEA in January 2012, the WYPD received unanimous approval from CALEA to receive this prestigious certification and become Michigan's 10th accredited agency.



## Home Repair Assistance

Does your home need improvements? You may be eligible to obtain an affordable home improvement loan through one of the City of Wyoming's Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Programs. Depending on total household size and income, home owners may be eligible for one of two programs. Funding for both programs are made available through the Federal Community Development Block Grants Funds.

The first program offers a deferred loan to homeowners in a lower income bracket and only requires repayment of the loan at the time the property is sold or transferred. The second program, a low interest loan, targets low to moderate income households and provides a loan at 3-percent interest for a term up to 15 years.

Both programs offer up to \$15,000 to home owners and focus on addressing specific home improvements, including electrical, plumbing, heating and structural repairs, among other options. Most importantly, these programs help address housing issues that owners might otherwise not have the resources to fix.

For more information on the details of these programs, please contact the City of Wyoming Planning and Community Development Department at (616)530-7266. We look forward to working with interested homeowners in improving their homes in the City of Wyoming.



## MAYOR'S Message



Summer is upon us! The kids are out of school, people are on vacation and we're enjoying grilling, swimming, biking, etc. Unfortunately, it's also the time of the year when people are most likely to get hurt. As we go about enjoying the summer weather, there are simple things we can do to keep ourselves safe. Staying hydrated, keeping an eye out for kids playing as we drive, and using appropriate equipment while biking or engaging in other sports are just a few things we can do.

As residents of the City of Wyoming, there are a number of resources available to you to help you stay safe this summer. Building Inspections can help with housing related concerns including fence requirements around pools, the Fire Department can advise on fire pits and burning regulations and Parks and Recreation has programs that promote overall health and safety. In any case, even if the City of Wyoming does not have the answer to your question, we are happy to help you find the answer. All the best to you and yours as you enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer!

Mayor Jack Poll

**LIBRARY NEWS** ADULT BOOK CLUB - Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room for a friendly, informal discussion. Fall on Your Knees by Ann-Marie Macdonald will be discussed on June 19. On July 17, The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom will be discussed. TEEN CREW ORIENTATION - We're looking for a few good teens to volunteer their time this summer with the summer reading program. Registration is required via paper application. SUMMER HOURS - The library will be closed on Sundays during the summer. The library will resume Sunday hours on September 9.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS** OUTDOOR FIREPLACE REGULATIONS - An "outdoor fireplace" shall be a manufactured device that is fully enclosed with a lid. A noncombustible barrier at least 18 inches in width shall surround the outdoor fireplace. Outdoor fireplaces shall not be placed closer than 20 feet to any combustible material and not closer than 20 feet to adjoining lot lines. Outdoor fireplaces shall be used only for burning of wood or other solid fuel and shall not be used for the burning of garbage or yard waste including, but not limited to, grass clippings, brush, leaves and paper. Fire Rings are prohibited. Questions? Call the Fire Administration Office at (616) 530-7250 or check the Fire Department page of the City website.

**PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS** MARANDA PARK PARTY - is coming to Lamar Park on Thursday, June 28, 12-2 p.m. Come out and enjoy the free activities, food and entertainment. CONCERTS IN THE PARK - for June include: Mustang Band on June 12, River City Stew on June 19 and Dusty Chaps on June 26. Additional events are planned through the summer. For more information, check the City's website or Facebook page or contact the Parks Department at (616) 530-3164.

## PLAY & LEARN RETURNS

Get active this summer! Stop in to any of the Wyoming locations to be part of the Parks and Recreation Department's most popular program. You will be involved in such activities as arts and crafts, team games, drama, story telling, board games, sports, special events and field trips. Sites include Godwin Middle School, Oriole Park Elementary, West Godwin Elementary, and West Kelloggsville Elementary. Play and Learn will run Monday through Thursday, June 18 through August 9. The morning session will meet from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and the afternoon session will meet from 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

For more information on this and other programs, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (616)530-3164. Come out and enjoy the fun!



## SAFE CITY OFFERED BY FIRE & POLICE

Safe City is a 5-day summer program, offered 2-hours per day, which teaches children about safe practices in areas such as bicycle safety, fire safety, pool safety and rules of the road. The program is designed for children ages 5-7 years old.

Two sessions will be offered during the week of June 25-29 at the Gezon Station. A morning session is held 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and an afternoon session is held 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. The week culminates on Friday with a special ceremony for the graduates. For more information on this program, please contact the Fire Department at (616)530-7250 or visit the City's webpage.



## 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.....	647-3980

## Meetings

**City Council Meeting** | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

**City Council Work Sessions** | on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conf. Rm.

## Wyoming City Council

**Jack Poll**, Mayor

**Sam Bolt**, Mayor Pro tem, Councilmember-at-Large

**Dan Burrill**, Councilmember-at-Large

**Kent Vanderwood**, Councilmember-at-Large

**Bill VerHulst**, 1st Ward Councilmember

**Richard K. Pastoor**, 2nd Ward Councilmember

**Joanne Voorhees**, 3rd Ward Councilmember