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Emerald Ash Borer Recovery

Trees take about 3 years to die after being attacked by the emerald ash borer beetle.

After five years, the dead trees may become a hazard as branches and limbs lose their integrity and begin to fall. This year alone, Wyoming has removed 58 ash trees at Ideal Park and more than 100 trees throughout the rest of the City park system due to the destruction caused by the emerald ash borer. Some of the lost trees were more than 100 years old. When the City began removing the damaged trees, "It was a huge project," said Parks and Facilities Supervisor Jeff Anderson. "When we were finished it looked like a war zone."

Over the last 4 years, the City has planted approximately 50 trees each year in the damaged parks with support from two \$3,000 matching grants from DTE Energy and Consumers Energy. This year, 50 trees have been allocated between Ideal Park and Battjes Park. Thanks to an additional

grant from Consumers Energy that was recently approved by the City Council, the City is able to add 26 more trees to the park system.

The trees are being planted thoughtfully in locations that will provide the most benefit to the park landscapes. Some trees will be arranged to create picnic areas, for example, and some will be placed around playgrounds to provide shade.

The new trees aren't exact replacements. "In order to avoid the possibility of one particular event or parasite completely destroying the tree canopy the City is planting a diverse variety of tree types" Anderson said.



Site 36 Demolition Complete

The demolition permit granted to Lormax Stern, the company selected to complete demolition at Site 36 has been closed. Lormax Stern has been in the demolition process at the former GM stamping plant since April 2011. The Brownfield plan for the site listed \$11.5 million in developer costs for environmental clean up, demolition and site preparation. Demolition work is finished, however there will still continue to be activity on the site as environmental work continues with monitoring and characterization.

At 90+ acres, the site is one of the largest tracts of open industrial land in West Michigan. The site's industrial infrastructure includes access to rail, highway access, and major connecting streets. The site also features abundant water and sewer capacity as well as excellent electrical capacity. Coupled with an attractive local tax environment and low water and sewer rates, it is a prime location for advanced manufacturing initiatives.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress," said Wyoming Mayor Jack Poll. "Since GM announced its intent to close in 2009, we have been working diligently to ensure a useful second life for this highly visible and highly desirable property.

"We have an excellent skilled workforce in Wyoming, and we remain committed to retaining and attracting high-paying industrial jobs. We are anxious to get to work on the 'next chapter' for this property."



MAYOR'S

Message



With the holidays approaching, now is a good time to reflect and be thankful for positive developments within the City of Wyoming.

Businesses in Wyoming are recovering and growing after years in a difficult economic climate. I know I speak for the City Council and City employees when I say we are excited and motivated to assist where we can to support established local businesses and welcome new businesses to Wyoming. Excellent forward momentum on projects like the renewal of Site 36 are an illustration of hard work and dedication of

those who work for and with the City of Wyoming. I am thankful for the efforts of everyone who is involved with making our City a prosperous place to do business.

I am also thankful for the residents and police officers who are working together to make our neighborhoods safer and friendlier. The Wyoming Police Department's community policing initiative has made fantastic progress. The Police Department has initiated and facilitated conversation between businesses and residents and has taken an active part in sharing information with those who are interested in participating in maintaining and improving our community.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

LIBRARY NEWS PROGRAMS FOR TODDLERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN include a variety of stories, rhymes, music and movement activities for children and their caretakers. The programs run to the end of November. Pick up a Fall Activities brochure at the library or check it out at www.kdl.org. SIT-N-STITCH with others at the library on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Bring your own knitting, crocheting projects and supplies. Share ideas and skills while making new friends. HARVEST PARTY activities will include autumn crafts, pumpkin decorating, games and bountiful fun for families on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. Bring your own pumpkin to decorate and celebrate the season. ADULT BOOK CLUB meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We have a friendly, informal discussion in the conference room. November's discussion book is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. CAREER TRANSITIONS WORKSHOPS will be presented Nov. 7, 14, 21, 27 and 28 at 6 p.m. in partnership with Career Transitions Center West Michigan. Registration for the series of five workshops is required. Call 784-2007 to register. For further program details, pick up a program guide, check out www.kdl.org or call 784-2007. Follow KDL at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews> for updates on library programs, events and resources.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Nov. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 13 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. S.W. from 5 - 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233 ext. 2.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS WYOMING SENIOR CENTER Christmas Craft Show will be taking place on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 2380 DeHoop S.W. Stop by and wrap up some of your holiday shopping. Wyoming Senior Center cookbooks will also be available for \$12. THE GREAT CANDY CANE HUNT will take place at on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. This family event is for children 3 - 14 years old. Upon completion of the hunt, we will warm up at the Wyoming Senior Center, where families are invited to join us for lunch, games and crafts. Santa will attend to personally receive your holiday wish list. The cost to attend The Great Candy Cane Hunt is \$3.50 for Wyoming youth and \$5 for non-residents. Additional family members can enjoy lunch along with the kids for just \$2. For information on how to register, contact the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at (616)530-3164 or email parks_info@ci.wyoming.mi.us. Remember to dress appropriately for the weather on the day of the event. REMINDER to register for Winter & Spring Parks and Recreation programs. Registration begins on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Police Department Promotions

On Thursday, Sept. 27, Wyoming Police Chief James Carmody promoted five Wyoming police officers at a ceremony held at the Wyoming Police Department. The ceremony was attended by family and friends of the promoted officers, some of whom participated in the ceremony by presenting the officers with their badges. Pictured from left to right: Captain Kim Koster, Chief James Carmody, Captain Kip Snyder, Lieutenant Kirt Zuiderveen, Lieutenant James Maguffee, Sergeant Brian Look and Sergeant Dan Mahoney.



Senior Center Craft Show

The Wyoming Senior Center Christmas Craft Show will take place Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 2380 DeHoop S.W. Stop by and get a head start on holiday shopping.

While you're there, add a splash to your holiday menu with recipes from the Wyoming Senior Center Cookbook. Senior Center members and volunteers gathered favorite recipes and produced a cookbook steeped in Wyoming flavor.

The cookbooks will be available at the craft show for \$12.



Telephone Numbers

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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

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