

## Wyoming Gives Back

Last year's Wyoming Gives Back event at Rogers Plaza was a smash hit with businesses and residents.

This year's celebration will again be held at Rogers Plaza on 28th Street on Dec. 6 from 6-8 p.m. Join us for refreshments including cookies and hot chocolate, and special treats from some 28th Street businesses. Visit with Santa, police officers and fire fighters and meet Pedro the Monkey, who will be attending Wyoming Gives Back for the second year.

Entertainment will be provided by area choirs and bands including the Wyoming High School Jazz Band and the Oriole Park Elementary School Choir.

By donating a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots, you will earn a raffle ticket that will be entered into a drawing for a pack of prizes donated by 28th Street business sponsors. Mayor Poll will emcee the event and hand out the prizes, which include

gift certificates for martial arts classes, restaurant gift cards, free oil changes, car detailing, window tints, a X-Box – even a ukulele!

We hope you join us to celebrate the holidays and the generosity of our community.



MAYOR'S

## Message



December is a busy month in the City of Wyoming. City employees are holding programs and events designed to help or show appreciation for our Wyoming residents and businesses.

The Wyoming Gives Back event at Rogers Plaza on Dec. 6 is a fun event for children and adults. By donating a toy in exchange for a raffle ticket, you will also be helping a less fortunate child celebrate Christmas this year. We are thankful to the 28th Street businesses that are participating as sponsors of the event.

The food drive at the Wyoming Senior Center, held in conjunction with Godfrey-Lee Middle School, is another way to help the less fortunate in our community. If you'd like to participate, drop off donation items by Dec. 10 at the Wyoming Senior Center.

The final event I'd like to discuss is our annual City Council Retreat at the Wyoming library. Our topic this year is what we consider the most important responsibility we have to all citizens of Wyoming, public safety. We are committed to providing the highest level of service possible with our available resources. If you're interested in attending, please call 530-7272.

As always, I encourage you to be involved and be informed.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

## Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Because of the importance of locating fire hydrants during a fire emergency, the Wyoming Fire Department requests your help keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. If you are able, please make every effort to clear hydrants of snow on your property or place of business. By shoveling out the hydrants, you will be assisting fire fighters and helping keep the community safe.

## Odd-Even Parking

Odd-even parking rules begin Dec. 1 in Wyoming. Odd-even parking allows snowplow drivers to completely clear one side of the street on their passes.

The odd-even parking rules require residents to park on the side of the street in which addresses that are odd or even align with the date being odd or even. After midnight, your vehicle has to be parked on the correct side of the street for that date's plow schedule.

There is a grace period from 7 p.m. -12 a.m. in which the city will not ticket for odd-even parking violations. For clarification or if you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at 530-7262.

## Curb-Side Leaf Pick-Up

This year's annual curb-side leaf pick-up will be held Saturday Dec. 1. in rain, shine, or snow. Collection will begin at 6 a.m.

To participate, use paper yard waste bags to bag your leaves, and tie branches in bundles no longer than 4 feet.

You can find paper yard waste bags at home improvement stores like Home Depot, Lowes or Menards.

The City of Wyoming does not limit to the number of bags that can be put out by residents or business owners.

**LIBRARY NEWS** GET THE FACTS on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and what it means for you. Presented by Lisa Ross, consumer outreach coordinator for the State of Michigan on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. **DETOX YOGA** will help you be healthy inside and out. Michele Fife, WOTV 4 Women's wellness expert, will show how asana, or movement, with gentle stretching can assist your body's natural detoxification process on Thursday, Jan 10 at 6:30 p.m. **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. For further program details, pick up a program guide, check out [www.kdl.org](http://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, Dec. 13 and Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013 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** **SPRING YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE** registration is currently taking place. Sign up by Dec. 27 and receive \$5 off. The co-ed league is open to preschool through ninth grade students (preschoolers must be 4 years old by April 12, 2013). Games are played on Saturdays beginning April 13, and practices are on Tuesday or Thursday nights. Call the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at 530-3164 for more information. **WINTER FITNESS CLASSES** will help you get fit this winter. No membership fees or monthly dues. Just pay for the class/classes you want to take. The following fitness classes start in January: Zumba, Core Strengthening, Yoga, Yoga Pilates, Beach Bodies, Fitness Sampler, Cardio Sculpt & Piloxing. Early Bird fitness registration ends Dec. 13. Save \$5 by registering early! With the discount, Wyoming residents pay only \$35 for an 8-week class. Call the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department at 530-3164 for more information or to register. **PARK RESERVATIONS** are available May 1-Sept. 30 with the exception of Pinery Park Lodge, which is available year-round. To make a reservation, call 530-3164 at least one week in advance. Reservations are available in three-hour time blocks Monday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 10:45 p.m., (9 p.m. at Ideal Park), and on Sunday from 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. Reservations are not available on holidays. We will begin taking 2013 reservations on Monday, Dec. 3. **COOKBOOKS** are still available at the Wyoming Senior Center for \$12. For more information on these or other programs, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (616)530-3164 or email [parks\\_info@ci.wyoming.mi.us](mailto:parks_info@ci.wyoming.mi.us).

## Food Drive at the Wyoming Senior Center

On November 20, students from Godfrey-Lee Middle School visited the Wyoming Senior Center to host a Pancake Breakfast. This event was free to attend.

As part of the student's service learning project, they asked that guests bring non-perishable food items to donate to families within their school district.

Food items will be collected through Dec. 10 at the Wyoming Senior Center. Students will return to the WSC at that time to sort and prepare food baskets to deliver to families.



## 2012 Wyoming City Council Retreat

This year's annual Wyoming City Council retreat at the Wyoming Branch of Kent District Library will be held on Dec. 7.

The retreat is designed to promote education, interaction and discussion among council members, department heads, city employees and residents of Wyoming.

In the morning, city leaders will present information and insights on their departments' accomplishments this past year. The afternoon is designated for council members to discuss what the coming years will hold for the City of Wyoming and to provide direction and leadership that will effect the city long into the future.

The council retreat is open to the public. If you'd like to attend, please call 530-7272.

## 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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