

Wyoming City Council Passes Fireworks Ordinances

The Wyoming City Council unanimously passed two emergency ordinances in June to regulate the use of consumer fireworks in response to changes in Michigan's fireworks law, which now allows the sale and use of consumer fireworks such as Roman candles, bottle rockets and other items that leave the ground. Residents have voiced concern over the safety of non-professional use of consumer fireworks and have been frustrated with the disturbances caused to children and pets.

The ordinances restrict the use of consumer fireworks to the day before, the day of and the day after a federal holiday and make the use of consumer fireworks outside of those days a violation of the city's disturbing the peace ordinance.

Consumer fireworks include bottle rockets, roman candles and fireworks that become airborne. Low-impact fireworks including sparklers and snakes are legal under Wyoming's ordinances.

The emergency ordinances took effect Saturday, June 23. On Monday, July 2, Chief Bob Austin from the Wyoming Fire Department and Captain Kim Koster from the Wyoming Police department attended a press conference held in partnership with representation from six Grand Rapids area police and fire departments and the Spectrum Health Burn Unit.

The press conference was held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Kentwood, the scene of a devastating fire caused by fireworks.



HomeServe Targets Wyoming Residents

The City of Wyoming has received notification that HomeServe, an independent home repair company, will again target Wyoming residents with an offer for unneeded insurance coverage.

Residents should disregard any offer of insurance to cover water service line repair or replacement. The coverage is unnecessary as Wyoming residents are not held responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing the water line in case of damage.

As a benefit to residents, the City of Wyoming maintains typical residential single family or duplex water services less than 100 feet in length all the way to the water meter inside the home. The City responds to water line emergencies 24 hours a day and will complete the utility repair at no cost to the resident. The City also performs all yard restoration work as soon as weather permits.

Residents are reimbursed for the depreciated cost of damages to personal property occurring as a result of a water line service issue on any portion of the service line that the City is responsible for maintaining.

Again, Wyoming residents should disregard any offer of water service line coverage from HomeServe or any other such company. If residents have questions or concerns, they can contact the Wyoming Public Works Department at 530-7260.



MAYOR'S

Message



We're gearing up to welcome the 2012 28th Street Metro Cruise on Aug. 24 and 25. 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.

Recently, members of the City Council and I had the opportunity to visit and tour a local business, Detail Technologies. It was wonderful to learn about the products they create and the services they provide. We were able to see and learn about capital improvements the business was able to make with the help of tax abatements granted by the City of Wyoming. We are always interested in learning about our local businesses, so we may better serve them. If you would like to invite the Wyoming City Council to visit your business, contact Jennifer Ballard at ballardj@wyomingmi.gov.

Mayor Jack A. Poll

LIBRARY NEWS SUMMER READING PROGRAM – The summer reading program runs from June 1 to August 31. The summer is filled with fun activities for readers of all ages! Pick up a summer brochure at the library or check it out at our web page, www.kdl.org.

LABOR DAY CLOSING – The library will be closed September 3 for Labor Day.

SUMMER HOURS – The library will be closed on Sundays during the summer. The library will resume Sunday hours on September 9. For further details on these and all of our programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at www.kdl.org or call 784-2007! KDL is on Twitter. Follow us at <http://twitter.com/KDLnews> for all the latest updates on programs, events and resources at your library.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS will be available Thursday, Aug. 9 and Thursday, Sept. 13 at Wyoming Fire Station #1, 1500 Burton St. S.W. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pre-register by calling Safe Kids of Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233 ext. 2 to schedule an appointment.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS TEEN WATER FIGHT – The Wyoming Teen Council is hosting a Teen Water Fight in Lamar Park on August 16 at 7 p.m. Water balloons will be provided, but teens are welcome to bring their own water toys. The group will meet in the back parking lot by the splash pad. Pizza and pop will be served to all teens who participated in the water fight. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

PUMPKIN PATH – The 9th Annual Pumpkin Path needs sponsors. The Pumpkin Path is scheduled for Saturday, October 13. We are looking for local businesses and organizations to sponsor this event and to “host” spots along the path. Call 530-3164 or email brochuv@wyomingmi.gov for more information.

Metro Cruise

This year’s 28th Street Metro Cruise will be held August 24 and 25.

Wyoming City Hall will host a slushy stand, manned by volunteer DDA representatives. You may even see Mayor Poll!

The event will also feature a tribute to Mayor Richard Root of Kentwood, who passed away this year. Instead of a moment of silence, participants will be asked to rev their engines in honor of Mayor Root and his appreciation for cars.

Organizer Ken Malik, president and CEO of the Wyoming-Kentwood Chamber of Commerce, is enthusiastic about this year’s turn out. “This is the largest classic car event in Western Michigan,” Malik stated. “The Metro Cruise attracts over 200,000 attendees who spend more than \$2 million in our local community.”

For more information on the Metro Cruise, visit www.28thstreetmetrocrui.se.com.



Bookworm Cafe

Bob Edmonson has re-opened the Bookworm Café in the Wyoming branch of Kent District Library.

The Bookworm Cafe offers a menu of subs and other sandwiches, wraps, burgers, hot dogs and bratwurst, fountain drinks, fresh-ground coffee and, if you’re lucky, a treat: macaroni and cheese made specially by Edmonson’s daughter, Amy.

Edmonson is confident about the café’s location. “It has a lot of potential,” he said. “It’s a nice relaxed environment. It’s a beautiful library, the staff is excellent, and the City of Wyoming has been great to work with.”

Edmonson is eager to serve the Library’s diverse group of patrons. “The café is open to everybody,” Edmonson explained. “Everyone will get a warm welcome.”



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,
Council Member-at-Large

Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large

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