

CITY OF WYOMING

WYOMING STAGECOACH CELEBRATION

The annual Wyoming Stagecoach Celebration will be held September 24th & 25th, 2010. There will be more information and activities to come. They will be listed on the City of Wyoming's Web-site. www.wyomingmn.org

Food and Craft Vendors wanted!!!

Call Robb Linwood @ 651-462-0577 if you would like to be a vendor.

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Here's a list of the planned activities for the Wyoming Stagecoach Celebration.

- Lion's Pancake Breakfast 7 am - 11 am. At the Wyoming Municipal Building sponsored by the Village Inn Restaurant.
- Car Show - Collector, Hot Rods and Customs 9 am - 3 pm.
- Bingo 2 pm - 5 pm at the Wyoming Municipal Building.
- Old West Society sponsored by the First State Bank of Wyoming.
- Stagecoach Rides sponsored by the Riverbank of Wyoming.
- Free Root Beer Floats at the First State Bank of Wyoming from 12:30 - 1:30 pm at the Bank's west parking lot.
- Fireworks at Goodview Park at dusk.
- Stipes Shows Carnival
- Band & Beer Garden - Friday & Saturday night at the Cornerstone.
- 5K Run - applications on website
- Applications for vendors on the City of Wyoming's website.

CITY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm

Park Board

1st Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at the Library

Economic Development Authority

2nd Monday of each month @ 5:30 pm

The City of Wyoming's legal paper is the Forest Lake Times. We remind you to regularly check the legal's for notices regarding new and revised ordinances, hearings and meeting date changes.





VISION

A Better State of Health

SHIP



Statewide Health Improvement Program

Are you interested in creating a healthier Wyoming Community?

Efforts are underway to support community organizations to increase access to healthy foods and to create an active community environment in the City of Wyoming. One way to actively support community efforts is to make funding available through mini-grants. The Wyoming Area Community Leadership Team invite your organization to apply for a Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) mini-grant of up to \$5,000. The City of Wyoming was selected for initial grant funding because of the interest expressed by community members and organizations. Any business or organization that serves the Wyoming Community is eligible to apply.

COMMUNITY

- Cultivate A Community that Supports Physical Activity & Enhances Existing Parks & Trails
- Improve Access to Nutritious Foods for All Wyoming Residents

SCHOOLS

- Improve Activity Practices & Establish Healthy Behavior at Wyoming Elementary

HEALTH CARE

- Support the Development of a Comprehensive Health Resource Referral System & Connect Patients

WORKSITES

- Support Breast Feeding Practices At Worksites & in the Wyoming Community

The Wyoming Area Community Leadership Team is requesting funding proposals from organizations for initiatives that support policy, system and environmental changes as part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP).

Examples of Fundable Mini-grants

Increasing Access and Available Fruits, Vegetables and Healthy Foods in the Community

- Develop a plan to start a community garden; develop linkages with groups of greatest need, such as seniors, individuals with disabilities, low-income populations.
- Provide calorie or nutrition labeling on menus at local restaurants or cafes.

Create Active Communities

- Start a community walking or biking group
- Provide staff training at day care centers on integration of physical activity into child care and preschool activities.

Increasing Healthy Food Choices and active community organizations

- Organize a task force to conduct a nutrition assessment of food practices, traditions and policies within an organization; develop and share suggestions on how to improve healthy food options
1. Create displays of healthy food alternatives
 2. Food demonstration projects to show how to prepare healthy meals
 3. Taste testing of foods for inclusion in new menus

Wyoming Elementary

Wyoming Elementary will be open to the public for evening walking beginning in September; community members must register with Community Ed. SAC students have created an indoor and outdoor route with directional signage, measured distance and will design posters to promote this opportunity in the community.

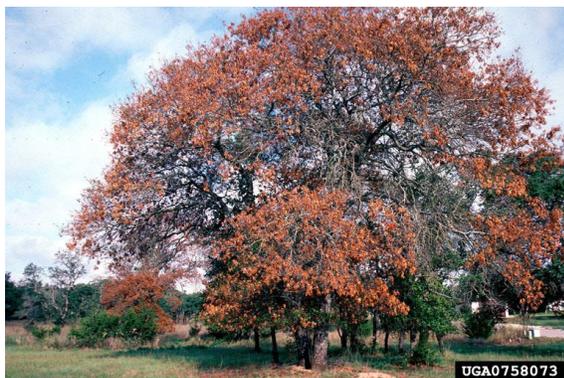
For more information contact Kari Mattson via e-mail mattsonkari@yahoo.com

PRUNE OAK TREES NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH

If your Oak Trees need pruning November through March is the time. Pruning Oak Trees outside this time makes them susceptible to oak wilt disease, which usually kills them. Late winter is the very best time to prune trees, since insects and disease are not active. Oak wilt researchers break up the calendar year into three sections based on the oak wilt risk if a tree is wounded due to storms or pruning:

- **High Risk:** April, May and June
- **Low Risk:** July - October (Remember, low risk doesn't mean no risk!)
- **No Risk/Safe:** November - March

The beetles that kill Oak Wilt are more active in April, May and June, making that time period the riskiest for pruning - the beetles will carry Oak Wilt spores on their bodies to fresh Oak Tree wounds, introducing disease into the tree.



This is an Oak Tree with Oak Wilt

BRUSH AND COMPOST FALL CLEAN-UP

The dates for Fall Clean-up are:

Saturdays: October 23rd, 30th and November 6th

Wednesdays: October 27th and November 3rd

Hours: Wednesdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

All grass clippings, pine needles, leaves and small brush can be taken to SRC Landfill at no charge. SRC Landfill is located 1 1/2 miles east of stop lights on East Viking Blvd.



WHY PRUNE?

Trees may be pruned for safety, health and aesthetic reasons. In an urban or suburban landscape, the most important reason to prune trees is safety, in order to prevent property damage and personal injury. In a forested environment, trees fall over from internal decay and "self-prune" by dropping branches that are decayed or do not get enough sunlight. When these fallen tree parts break down they add nutrients back into the soil that then helps new trees and plants grow. While you accept some level of risk walking through a forest, it is a good idea to reduce the risk of falling trees and branches when they are near a structure or someplace you spend a lot of time in your yard.

If you are considering pruning a mature tree, you should have a very good reason to remove any living branch. Trees use their branches and leaves to create energy, and older trees do not respond as well to removal of their "food factories." Remember, the larger the pruning cut, the less likely the tree is to seal off the wood, making it susceptible to decay (wood rot). Decay leads to strength loss in a tree over time, making it more likely to fall down or break at the area of weakness.

If you need to prune branches that require you to stand on a ladder with more than a handsaw, consider hiring a certified arborist.



FIRE PREVENTION

"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" is NFPA's official theme for Fire Prevention Week October 3rd through October 11th.

The Wyoming Fire Department will have an Open House at the Fire Department at 26885 Forest Boulevard.

The date of the Open House will be advertised in the Forest Lake Times.

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2ND, 2010

All City of Wyoming residents including previous Wyoming Township residents will be voting at the Maranatha Assembly of God Church located at 24799 Forest Boulevard Wyoming, MN 55092 for the General Election.



The seats that are available on the City Council are the Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers.

SAVING ENERGY: HERE ARE TEN EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AROUND YOUR HOME

1. Do a home energy audit. These surveys analyze how and why you use energy at home, and show you easy ways to conserve.
2. Plant a tree. One well-placed shade tree can reduce the need for air conditioning energy by up to 25 percent.
3. Weatherize doors and windows. A few inexpensive tubes of caulk and rolls of weather-stripping can help reduce heating bills by 20% and cooling bills by 10%.
4. Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. They last ten times longer than ordinary incandescent bulbs, and they use 75 percent less energy.
5. Install a programmable thermostat. These devices automatically lower the room temperature while you're sleeping or away from home, lowering your energy costs by up to 10 percent.
6. Check your furnace filter. Failing to clean or replace a filter can cause your furnace and central air conditioner to run harder, quickly reducing its operating efficiency and life span.
7. Install a water-saving showerhead. A family of four can cut their water-heating costs by \$200 a year just by switching to an energy-saving showerhead.
8. Use smaller kitchen appliances whenever possible. Microwaves, toaster ovens, and slow cookers can use 75 percent less energy than a large electric oven.
9. Get rid of that extra refrigerator or freezer. It is adding to your electric bill every year.
- 10 Give your appliances a vacation, too. Before you leave on a trip, turn off and unplug everything you can, and set your water heater to the lowest setting.

Pack a Winter Emergency Kit...with a window scraper, blankets, battery-powered radio, flashlight, water, snack food, tow chain or rope, shovel and flares.



HOMEOWNERS TIPS

Drain Maintenance

SLOW DRAINING BATHTUBS

The slow draining bathtub drain is a source of frustration in many households. This menace is likely on many households' to do list. The fact is, over time every tub drain will likely begin to drain slowly and eventually become clogged.

HOT WATER - Hot water just short of boiling can be an effective method to prevent clogs. Pour in drain allow water to stand 15 minutes and follow up by using a round plunger on the tub drain.



VINEGAR - Combine 1/3 cup of vinegar with 1/3 cup baking soda in a pitcher. The mixture will immediately begin to fizz. Pour the mixture down the tub drain as quickly as possible to allow the mixture to react with the clog. Let stand for 10 minutes then flush the drain with water. Repeat as necessary and can combine this method with the plunger for even more effectiveness.

Water Tips

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- We're more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
- Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save water every time.
- When washing your hands don't let the water run while you lather.
- Turn off the water while you shave and save 300 gallons a month.
- When washing your dishes by hand, fill the sink basin or a large container and rinse when all of the dishes have been soaped and scrubbed.

GARAGE SAFETY



During the winter in Minnesota, a clean and accessible garage becomes a great place to park our vehicles. Unfortunately, many garages become cluttered and transform into a storage unit during the summer months, making them useless for the parking and storage of our vehicles. Taking some time to clean out the clutter from the garage this fall and dispose of it properly will provide a safe and hazard free area, not to mention it would provide a nice place to park your vehicles this winter. An overhead exterior garage door is likely the largest and most often used door in your home. While you are cleaning up the garage, do not forget to check the garage door hardware and

opener. These components will wear out and will eventually need service or replacement. The most common hardware parts on an overhead garage door that need regular attention are the rollers, tracks, wheels and axles. Take a few moments to verify that they are properly cleaned, lubricated and aligned. On that same note, frequently, well-lubricated components can accumulate dirt. Spending a few moments to clean and then lubricate the garage door rollers, tracks, wheels and axles will provide years of dependable operation. The springs on an overhead garage door do most of the work of opening and closing an overhead garage door. One may test the springs for proper tension by pulling down the emergency release, if so equipped, and lifting the door manually. The door should open and close smoothly and remain at a mid-point when released from the springs. If the door is too heavy to lift or falls closed rapidly, it is likely that the springs need adjusting or replacement. Garage door springs are under great tension. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SERVICE THEM YOURSELF.** If you suspect a problem, call a qualified garage door service technician. Taking a few moments this fall to clean out the garage and verify the safe operation of the garage door opener may avert costly property damage and serious injury later. Your vehicle also may thank you for it.



SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE

WHY IS PROPER SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE NECESSARY?

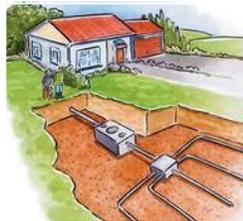
Periodic removal of solids in septic tanks will ensure long-term and cost-effective service. Without proper maintenance the sludge layer at the bottom of the tank, and the floating scum layer, will accumulate and begin to flow from the tank into the soil dispersal system, commonly called the drainfield, leading to premature failure. Repair of a failed drainfield can be costly. Also, lack of proper maintenance can result in a sewage backup into the house.

WHEN IS PROPER MAINTENANCE REQUIRED?

Proper maintenance is required at least once every three years.

WHAT IS PROPER MAINTENANCE?

- Assess whether the sewage tank leaks below the designed operating depth
- Assess whether sewage tanks tops, tier joints, and riser connections leak
- Measure accumulations of scum and sludge depths
- Remove all tank contents when necessary



This picture is of a underground septic system's drainfield.

TRUTH IN TAXATION SUMMARY CHART

On or before September 15, 2010 the Wyoming City Council will adopt the proposed property tax levy and announce the time and place of a future City Council meeting at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed, prior to final budget and levy determination. Nov. 11 - Nov. 23 the County Auditor will

send your property tax notices. The public input meeting must occur after November 24, 2010. The City must certify the final property tax levy to the County Auditor on or before December 28, 2010.



PARKING ORDINANCE

To protect our streets at night, and to give Street Maintenance staff and emergency vehicles a clear pathway, the City Ordinance states there is no parking on City streets between the hours of 2:00 am - 6am. If you are parking on the street between these hours you could possibly receive a \$25.00 Administrative Fine. Please advise your guests not to park on the City street.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants are flushed twice a year to keep lines clear of sedimentary build-up, to make sure sufficient water is reaching every hydrant, and to ensure that each hydrant is in proper working order. It also helps the Maintenance Department ensure that all gate valves are open to maxi-



mize water pressure at all sites. Residents may notice a rusty look to tap water and should let it run 3 minutes until clear. This includes washing machines, showers and hot water heaters. Care must be taken when washing white clothes.

The Maintenance Department will be flushing hydrants the first week in October.

DOG LICENSES

Permitted animals in the City:
Three dogs; or
Three cats; or
Two ferrets; or
Four rabbits; or
Four rodents



You may have five animals that consist of a combination of any animals permitted to kept under the ordinance. But, no more than any one kind that is listed. Dog licenses are due May 1st of each year. Please bring your proof of vaccination. The license fee is \$15.00 per dog.

Winterize your vehicle...Check the wipers, battery, heater, defroster, ignition system, lights, oil and tire pressure.



MINNESOTA CRIME WATCH PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY WITH OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

WHAT IS OPERATION IDENTIFICATION?

It's a program that has proven to be dramatically effective in reducing burglary in cities where it has been properly implemented. Operation Identification has two parts. First, you mark all your easily stolen valuables so that they can be identified as yours. Second, you display a sticker which tells burglars that you have done so. What makes Operation Identification so effective is that easily identified property is hard for a burglar to dispose of. It can be traced back to you. And, if the burglar is caught with it in his possession, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods. Operation Identification is part of Minnesota Crime Watch. When you employ it, you will be given a Permanent Identification Number. You will mark your valuables with it and your number will be registered with your local law enforcement agency.

To mark your property for Operation Identification, call your police or sheriff to borrow an electric engraving tool. Some law enforcement departments have these tools and will loan them, others will direct you to one of the community-minded organizations cooperating in Operations Identification.

Or, you might wish to purchase one for your own use. They are relatively inexpensive and available at hardware, department and variety stores.



MARK THESE POSSESSIONS...

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| TV sets | Recorder & Players |
| Cameras | Hub caps |
| Radios | Typewriters |
| Stereo equipment | Outdoor motors |
| Binoculars | Watches & clocks |
| Guns | Fishing rods & reels |
| Bicycles | Tools (hand & power) |
| Binoculars | Mag wheels |
| Golf clubs | Vacuum cleaners |
| Car tape decks | GPS equipment |
| Cell phones | Lawn mowers |
| Snow blowers | Video game equipment |

You may wish to make duplicate lists of your property and keep one copy in a safe place around your home or office, another copy in a safe deposit box.

In case of burglary, you'll be able to describe stolen property quickly, which will help police in their attempts to recover it.

With property that carries the manufacturer's serial or identification number include this number along with your Permanent Identification Number to make your property more recoverable.

WHAT GOOD DOES A BUILDING PERMIT DO?

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or do costly repairs. A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met as demonstrated by a code official's carefully maintained records has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners. For all building permits and building questions call **Fred Weck** at the City of Wyoming **651-462-4947**.

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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SHELDON ANDERSON

As 2010 comes to a close so does the construction season and work on Kettle River Blvd to widen and improve the driving lanes for safer travel on the west side of the free-way. Wyoming Trail (CSAH 22) will be completed this fall with the installation of a stop light at the intersection of HGWY 61 and Wyoming Trail. This is a joint project of the City of Wyoming, Chisago County and State of Minnesota to create safer travel and more efficient flow of traffic through the City. I'd like to thank our Chisago County Commissioner Ben Montzka for helping me get the traffic light on HWY 61 and making Kettle River Blvd a safer road. The Kettle River Blvd project was asked for by concerned residents several years ago

while discussing other issues. The people spoke and we listened.

One of the final tasks the City Council must tackle each year is the annual budget and with the problematic economy 2011 hasn't made this task any easier as demands for road improvements/maintenance and general City operations never seem to decline. The challenge is to provide the same or better level of City services while not exceeding the level of dollars levied in 2010. The City levies tax dollars and it is our intent to levy the same amount of dollars in 2011 as we did in 2010 to cover the cost of City debt and operations

etc. (e.g. \$100 in 2010 equals \$100 in 2011).

Hope to see you all at Stage Coach Days - September 24th - 25th an opportunity for the Community to get together and enjoy one of the last weekends before fall and enjoy a Great Fireworks display!

See You There!

As always, never hesitate to call me **651-755-4190** or email me at mayor@wyomingmn.org with any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sheldon Anderson