



City of Wyoming

Spring Newsletter 2019

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Local Elected Officials

Mayor

Lisa Iverson

City Council Members

Claire Luger

Linda Nanko Yeager

Dennis Schilling

Joe Zerwas

City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

at 7:00pm

City Hall

26885 Forest Boulevard

Wyoming, MN



The Wyoming Council is composed of a mayor and four councilmembers who are elected at large. The mayor serves a two-year term in office and the councilmembers serve four-year staggered terms. The City Council legislates for the City and adopts ordinances and policies to provide direction for the City.

Get Involved

If you are looking for a way to get involved in your community, consider serving as a member on a board or commission. The City of Wyoming **Economic Development Authority (EDA)** currently has (2) openings. The EDA's role is to facilitate economic development by promoting business development opportunities, retention and housing development throughout the City. The City Administrator assists the Board on matters relating to economic development activities. The EDA meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00PM. To qualify you must live in the City of Wyoming or own a business in the City of Wyoming. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the City of Wyoming at P.O. Box 188, Wyoming, MN 55092.

Chisago County Compost Site & SRC Waster Transfer and Recycle Site

The Chisago County Compost Site will be open as weather permits by the end of April or the beginning of May. The compost site is open on Wednesdays from 2pm to 7pm, Saturdays from 9am to 4pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. The facility is located by the Chisago Lakes Joint Wastewater Treatment Site off of County Road 77. Their address is 31501 Lofton Ave., Chisago City.

SRC's Waste Transfer and Recycle Site is located in the City of Wyoming at 6320 East Viking Blvd. They take in aluminum cans, general recyclable items, as well as household rubbish, brush, trees, yard waste, construction demo, furniture, tires, appliances, fluorescent lamps and electronics, for a fee. They are open Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to NOON. You can visit their website to get more information at <https://www.mytrashservice.com/srcyard>.

City Office Hours

City Hall's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. City Hall is located at 26885 Forest Blvd. If you need assistance from City Hall, please call 651-462-0575.

The Police Department's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The Police Department is located at 7665 Wyoming Trail. If you need assistance from the Police Department, please call 651-462-0577. If it is an emergency, please dial 9-1-1. If you need after hours non-emergency assistance from the Police Department, please call non-emergency dispatch at 651-257-4100.

All City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th, 2019 for Memorial Day and Thursday, July 4th, 2019 for Independence Day.



Water and Sewer Rate Information

The City of Wyoming engaged Springsted Inc. to conduct a Rate Study to review and analyze water utility and sanitary sewer utility funds. This will assist in determining an appropriate rate structure and other revenue needed to fund anticipated operating and maintenance expenses, capital improvements including asset renewal and replacement, debt service for existing and projected infrastructure and equipment, and adequate cash reserves. The primary revenue sources of the water utility fund are consumption fees and base charges.

Consumption fees are based on the metered use of water and primarily used to offset the costs of water production, maintenance, and improvements to the existing system.

Base charges are fixed monthly fees for residential and commercial customers and help offer the cost of expenses incurred regardless of the amount of water consumed, such as utility staffing and the billing process.

Water and Sewer Rates were increased in 2019 for water by 4.85% and Sewer 1.50%. The Rate increases were needed for Operating cash flow, debt service, capital outlay and recommended reserves.

For more detailed on the rate study please visit the City of Wyoming website at www.wyomingmn.org and go to Water and Sewer Utility Billing.

Average Residential Use Quarter Increase from 2018 to 2019	\$6.24
Large Residential User Quarterly Increase from 2018 to 2019	\$15.48
Average Commercial User Quarterly Increase 2018 to 2019	\$23.52
Large Commercial User Quarterly Increase from 2018 to 2019	\$376.41

Water / Sewer Utility Rates

2019 – Water Rates

Residential

Base Fee	\$34.52
Per 100gal/20,000 or less	28.52 cents
Per 100gal/20,000 or more	35.65 cents

Commercial

Per 100gal/62,000 or less	28.52 cents
Per 100gal/62,000 or more	35.65 cents

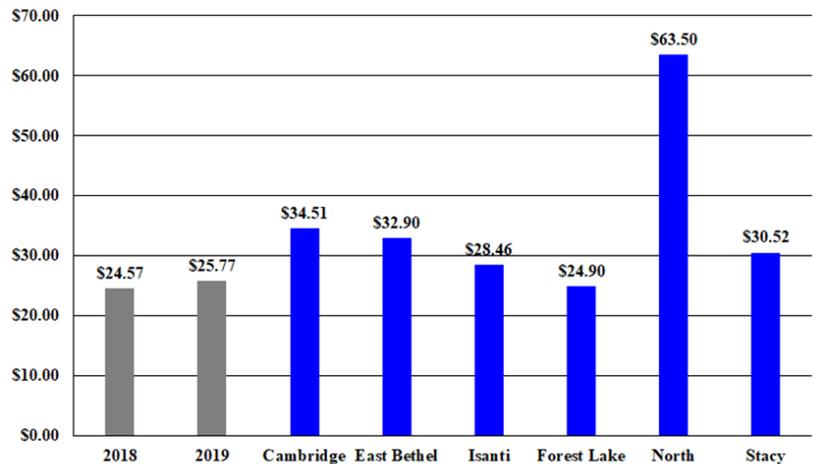
Commercial Base Fees – Meter Size

1”	\$48.33
1 ½”	\$62.12
2”	\$100.10
3”	\$379.67

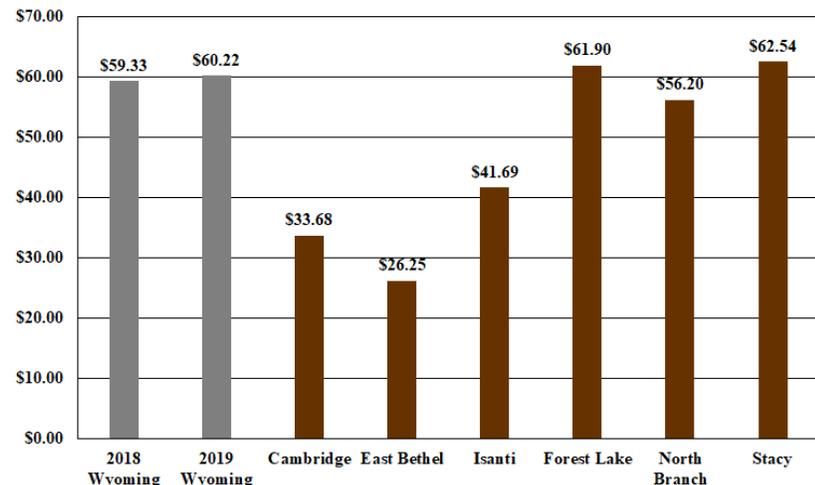
2019 – Sewer Rates

Base Fee	\$29.62
Cost per gallons	Sewage Cost per 100/gallons 1.26 cents
Delinquent/Late Fee	5% of quarterly amount due

Average Residential Monthly Water Bill



Average Residential Monthly Sewer Bill





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The Wyoming Fire Department is having Summer Open Houses and Fire Safety Classes

The Wyoming Fire Department would like to invite all community members to join us for our open houses and fire safety classes this summer. The open houses will be the 2nd Monday during the months of May through August. There will be food, treats, beverages, and junior firefighter merchandise. We also will be giving rides on fire trucks and giving tours of our fire station. This is a great way to interact with your local firefighters and who knows, maybe you will want to join the fire department and help your community. Each Monday we will cover a certain topic and give out literature on what we covered. Below is the schedule and topics.

- Monday, May 13th from 6pm to 7pm: Camp Fire and Grilling Safety
- Monday, June 10th from 6pm to 7pm: Grease Fire Safety
- Monday, July 8th from 6pm to 7pm: Hot Weather Medical Emergencies
- Monday, August 12th from 6pm to 7pm: Fire Escape Plan

Please contact Deputy Chief Joe Kuskey with questions at jkuskey@wyomingmn.org. Please check out our Facebook page for updates at <https://m.facebook.com/Wyoming-MN-Fire-Department>.

Spring Reminders and Cleaning Tips

Spring weather can make a mess of your yard, our local streets and waterways. Here are a few tips for getting your landscape back in shape and keeping local lakes, wetlands, streams and rivers clean:

- Avoid putting any permanent structures in flood prone areas of your yard and keep those areas clear during the spring. Melting snow and spring storms can create standing water and temporary streams that wash loose dirt and debris out of your yard and into creeks and roadside ditches where they are carried downstream to local waterways.
- Keep grass clippings, leaves and debris off the streets and out of the local streams and wetlands. Compost your yard waste or dispose of it appropriately. Yard waste that ends up in wetlands or streams contributes to algae growth in the summer, making the water green and smelly.
- Stabilize your soil and increase infiltration by planting deep-rooted native plants or trees. The roots of turf grass extend only two to three inches into the soil, giving it little ability to hang on when the water flows. Native flowers and grasses, on the other hand, can have root systems four to twelve feet deep! These deep roots anchor the plants and keep soil from washing away. They also increase the amount of water the soil can absorb, meaning that more water sinks in to recharge groundwater aquifers and less ends up in the storm drain.
- If you live along a stream or wetland, it is important to maintain a healthy stable buffer along your shoreline. A shoreline or stream bank planted in trees and native plants will hold the soil steady when it rains. Buffers also catch and filter many of the pollutants found in melting snow and storm water runoff.

If you have any questions on this, you can contact the Public Works Department at 651-462-0580.

Spring Hydrant Flushing is scheduled for **Monday April 22nd through the week of April 29th**. If you experience a slight discoloration of the water, we suggest flushing your toilet several times to clear the pipes within your home. If it does not clear up, wait 30 minutes and try again. If the discoloration continues please contact the Public Works Department at 651-462-0580 so they can attend to the area.

Garbage/Recycling Containers – Efficient road maintenance and traffic safety requires that all garbage and recycling containers be placed off the street. The container(s) may be placed in the driveway off the street edge to remain accessible for pickup. It is the responsibility of the resident to see that the containers are located so as not to interfere with traffic safety and street maintenance such as grading gravel roads, sweeping streets, flushing fire hydrants and maintaining asphalt. City staff will not relocate the containers by hand if placed in a location that interferes with efficient street maintenance or operations.



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Nuisance Property Clean-Up Begins May 1st



The **Wyoming Police Department** will be canvassing the neighborhoods in April to identify homes needing spring clean-up. They will be addressing yards littered with debris, exterior stored construction materials and junk vehicles. Construction materials and household goods must be stored inside a building. Debris and junk vehicles cannot be stored in yards or driveways for more than 30 days. A junk vehicle is any vehicle that is partially dismantled, wrecked, does not have a

current registration or cannot be safely operated on a roadway.

Officers will be issuing warning letters to those properties in violation before proceeding with enforcement efforts. Please do your part to keep our community clean and attractive. We encourage you to take advantage of the warm weather to begin spring clean-up. Contact your garbage and waste service to ask about picking up large amounts of trash and larger items to be disposed of.

The Household Hazards of Spring Cleaning

There must be something in the air this time of year that compels us to clean, consolidate and reorganize our homes into efficient and spotless spaces. As you work up the elbow grease and start tossing out junk, it may surprise that some of your everyday household products require special care when you dispose of them.

Do you have leftover items like paint, cleaners, oils, batteries, or pesticides lurking in your garage or basement? Oftentimes these products contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients and are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW).

Improper disposal of HHW includes pouring it down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them out with the trash. The dangers of these disposal methods might not be directly obvious, but incorrect disposal of these wastes can hurt the environment and even harm human health. The next time you're spring cleaning or on the move, be safe and do the right thing. Instead of in the trash or down the drain, here's what you can do to ensure proper disposal of your HHW:

- Become a label reader. As a general guide, bring products labeled "Warning" and "Poison" to your HHW Facility for safe disposal.
- Bring your household hazardous wastes (paint, motor oil, etc.) to the County Recycling Facility. Call ahead for drop-off locations and times.
- Create an inventory of the products you have, so you do not buy more than you need.
- Consider creating a non-toxic tool kit made from simple materials you have at home. Baking soda, vinegar, vegetable and lemon juice are a few common ingredients that make excellent cleaning substitutes. For additional tips on reducing HHW at home, visit: www.reduce.org.



2019 Street Construction Project

In 2017, City Staff evaluated City streets by conducting pavement condition ratings and road tours to prioritize improvement projects, resulting in a multi-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A 10-year CIP for the reconstruction of streets was created and the plan was presented and accepted by the Wyoming City Council. The CIP provides a schedule for the various roadway improvements that are necessary to maintain the City streets in an effective and efficient manner. Improvements proposed for construction in 2019 include the removal and replacement of the existing bituminous surface along

Fairview Avenue from Fallbrook Avenue to 257th Street and Fairview Boulevard from Fairview Avenue to Forest Boulevard (TH 61), approximately 3,350 feet (0.64 miles).



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Veteran's Memorial in Railroad Park

The City of Wyoming held a community engagement event on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 to begin discussions and a design for a Veteran's Memorial at Railroad Park (located on East Viking Blvd and County Road 30 next to the Sunrise Prairie Trail). The City plans to have more of these engagement events and work towards an approved rendering that would allow for the start of fundraising for a project. These future community engagement events on the City website, weekly email update and City Facebook page.



Mark Your Calendars

~ Upcoming Events ~

Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Wyoming Elementary – 10:00am - NOON

The rodeo is offered to kids of all ages. The event includes bicycle safety inspections, rider safety tips, and a bicycle skills obstacle course. The first 50 kids receive a free helmet. For additional information, visit the City of Wyoming website www.wyomingmn.org or the Wyoming Police Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/wyomingmnpolice>.

Touch a Truck

Saturday, June 15th, 2019

Wyoming Police Department - 10:00am – NOON

The inaugural Touch-a-Truck event rolls into the City of Wyoming on Saturday, June 15th from 10am to NOON at the Wyoming Police Department/Public Works Shop, located at 7665 Wyoming Trail. Touch-a-Truck is a **FREE** event. It is an interactive hands-on experience where children can learn about their favorite trucks and vehicles, honk their horns, and interact with the drivers. Featured vehicles at the event will include a fire truck, police vehicles and construction trucks, just to name a few. Tours of the Police Department and Public Works shop will also be offered at the event.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6th, 2019

Goodview Park - 5:00 – 8:00pm

The Wyoming Police Department believes in promoting meaningful police/citizen interaction with emphasis on problem solving, actively responding to community concerns, and public education. They are committed to the values of integrity, impartiality, professionalism and ethical practices in the performance of our duties. They are proud of the community involvement and level of service. The Police Department has committed efforts to keep Wyoming a safe place to live, work and play. Help us build a stronger, safer community and join the Wyoming Police and Fire Department for a night of family fun!

2019 Stagecoach Days

September 13th through the 14th, 2019

Wyoming Stagecoach Days is an annual community event in Wyoming, MN that's held in September and features unique vendors, arts and crafts, fun for kids, and a LARGE music venue.