



# City of Wyoming Summer Newsletter

July 2019

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## Local Elected Officials

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### Mayor

Lisa Iverson

### City Council Members

Claire Luger

Linda Nanko Yeager

Dennis Schilling

Joe Zerwas

### City Council Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

at 7:00pm

City Hall

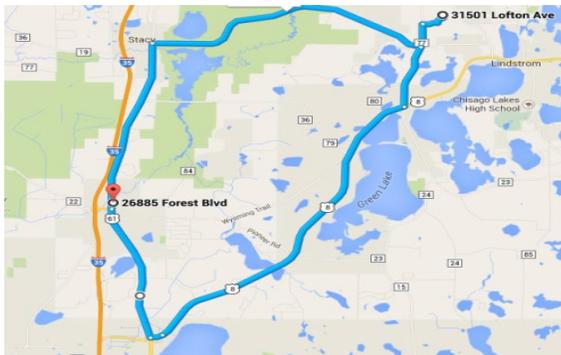
26885 Forest Boulevard

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.

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## Chisago County Compost Site



The Chisago County Compost Site is open Wednesdays 2pm to 7pm, Saturdays from 9am to 4pm and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm, weather dependent. They operate through Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The facility is located by the Chisago Lakes Joint Wastewater Treatment Site off of County Road 77.

If you have any questions regarding the Compost Site, you can contact the City of Lindstrom at 651-257-0620.

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## Building Department

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### Who needs Building Codes?

We all do — whether in our homes, offices, schools, stores, factories, or places of entertainment. We rely on the safety of structures that surround us in our everyday living. The public need for protection from disaster due to fire, structural collapse, and general deterioration underscores the need for modern codes and their administration.

### How Reliable Are They?

Most aspects of building construction — electrical wiring, heating, sanitary facilities — represent a potential hazard to building occupants and users. Building codes provide safeguards. Although no code can eliminate all risks, reducing risks to an acceptable level helps.

### What Is A Building Code?

Practically, it is the government's official statement on building safety. Technically, it is a compendium of minimum safety standards arranged in a systematic manner (codified) for easy reference. It embraces all aspects of building construction — fire, structural, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical.

### Why Should Codes Apply To My Own House?

For several reasons:

- For your personal safety, and that of your family, and the guests invited into your home.
- To ensure the economic wellbeing of the community by reducing potential spread of fire and disease.
- For the conservation of energy.
- To protect future home purchasers who deserve reasonable assurance that the home they buy will be safe.

Local building departments provide a wide range of services beyond the usual plan review and building inspection process. These range from the administration of planning or zoning laws to housing maintenance inspection, nuisance abatement, and a number of other related or ancillary duties. Visit your local building department and get acquainted with the people who make it work.

### What If I Want To Do A Building Project Myself?

The Department of Building Safety has pamphlets and brochures explaining, in detail, how to obtain permits and design and construct a safe building. For further information, contact the City of Wyoming Department of Building Safety at (651) 462-4947, 26885 Forest Blvd., PO Box 188.

Provided by the International Code Council.



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### **2018 Drinking Water Report**

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The City of Wyoming monitored its drinking water for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The results are available on the City of Wyoming website, [www.wyomingmn.org](http://www.wyomingmn.org), under the Streets and Utilities tab.

The purpose of the report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

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### **City of Wyoming Comprehensive Plan Update**

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The City of Wyoming will be updating their Comprehensive Plan beginning in the Fall of 2019. What is a comprehensive plan? The Comprehensive Plan is the vision for development in Wyoming. Although it is a physical plan, it is a reflection of the community's social and economic values. These values are translated into the type of land use the City desires and programs regarding economic development, housing, parks, transportation and other key areas. Please keep an eye out for comprehensive plan update information that will be shared initially by a mailed newsletter. Residents and businesses may be involved in the process by completing a community survey, participate in community meetings, and use the City of Wyoming website ([www.wyomingmn.org](http://www.wyomingmn.org)) and City of Wyoming Facebook page to follow the process.

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### **Water-Conscious Lifestyle**

Water use is a regular part of our everyday lifestyle: brushing our teeth, showering, brewing coffee, watering the lawn, filling the pool, running through the sprinkler, and washing our cars, dishes and clothes. At the end of a typical summer day in Wyoming, how much water has our city used? For the entire city of Wyoming, over 500,000 gallons per day!

We need water for everyday tasks, and incorporating water conservation habits into our lifestyles is a simple way to decrease the amount of water that is wasted in our city throughout each day. *Here are some simple water conservation tips:*

**Daily:** -If you like drinking cold water: Instead of running the faucet until the water is cold, keep a jug of tap water in your fridge.  
-Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth, washing your face, and shaving: You can save approx. 10 gallons of water!

**Throughout the week:** -Wash your clothes and dishes with full loads. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose, and water the plants where necessary: a typical hose uses 8 to 10 gallons a minute. -If your kids enjoy running through the sprinkler: Consider meeting up with other families to enjoy a sprinkler, and each other's company, together. Also, teaching your kids how to turn off the sprinkler at lunchtime, snack time, and naptime teaches them water awareness and conservation habits.

**Seasonally:** Fix leaks around the house. Leaks quickly waste water, up to 20 gallons a day, and your money if they are left unrepaired. If you are going out of town for the weekend, remember to turn off your water.

**Long-term:** If you are planning on replacing your washing machine, dishwasher, showerheads, or faucets, purchase water-efficient models: they will save thousands of gallons of water per year!



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## Wyoming Police Department

The Wyoming Police Department would like to remind you that the new Hands-Free bill was signed and will become law on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The bill is designed to make the roads safer by keeping phones out of driver's hands and eyes focused on the road. Drivers **ARE ALLOWED** to make calls, text, listen to music/podcasts and get directions, but **ONLY** by VOICE COMMANDS or SINGLE-TOUCH ACTIVATION without holding the phone. What is **NOT ALLOWED** with this new law is for a driver to have their PHONE IN THEIR HAND at any time while on the roadway. Also, a driver may not use their phone at any time for video calling, video live-streaming, Snapchat, gaming, looking at video or photos stored on the phone, using non-navigation apps, reading texts and scrolling or typing on the phone. The **ONLY TIME A PHONE MAY BE HELD BY A DRIVER ON THE ROADWAY** is when the phone is being used to obtain emergency assistance, if there is immediate threat to life and safety, or when in an authorized emergency vehicle while performing official duties. For a more in-depth breakdown of the new law check out the Video on the Wyoming Police Department's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wyomingmnpolice/>) or visit HandsFreeMN.org.



**HANDS-FREE  
MINNESOTA LAW**  
HandsFreeMN.org

## Wait Before You Drain

It's easy to fill our pools and hot tubs for summertime fun, so why is draining it a big deal? First, think about the chemicals you might use to treat the water to keep it safe for you and your family. Chlorine pool products can help manage bacteria in the water and prevent your backyard pool from becoming a mosquito haven, but if those same chemicals reach our local waterways they can harm fish and wildlife. Keep in mind that the storm drains on our streets are part of a system of pipes that often connect directly to our local lakes and creeks, so it's important to "Wait Before You Drain".

When it's time to empty your swimming pool for the season, follow these simple steps:

1. Stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait at least four days for chlorine levels to neutralize. Sunlight will help to break down the chemicals naturally. If you need to drain your pool quickly, you can purchase chlorine neutralizing chemicals at your local pool supply company.
2. Test the chlorine level with a pool test kit. The chlorine level should not exceed 0.1 mg/L (parts per million) when you're ready to drain your pool.
3. Remove excess leaves and debris from the water.
4. Release pool water to a vegetated surface, like your lawn. Avoid discharging pool water directly to bare

soils, into a storm drain, and across neighboring properties to prevent nuisance conditions.

5. Add product to finish winterizing the pool (as needed) and cover for winter.



## Wyoming Fire Department

Are you interested in serving your community and helping your neighbor?

The Wyoming Fire Department is currently accepting applications for Paid-on-Call firefighters for our Fall hiring pool. We provide all the gear and training, and you earn a monthly paycheck for your training and emergency responses. There is a vested retirement package available to you once you meet the years of service thresholds. We are looking for Wyoming Residents with a strong work ethic, understanding of commitment and integrity. If this sounds like you, you can get an application to join at City Hall or on the City of Wyoming website at [www.wyomingmn.org](http://www.wyomingmn.org). You can also email me at [jmilligan@wyomingmn.org](mailto:jmilligan@wyomingmn.org) and I can get you in touch with our hiring Captain.

*Neighbors helping neighbors since 1910*



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## Mark Your Calendars ~ Upcoming Events ~

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**2019**  
**National Night Out**  
**Goodview Park**  
**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 – 8:00pm**

National Night Out is being held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. This event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Events this year will include a Wyoming Fire Department demo, a giant jump, K9 demo, State Patrol rollover simulator, Pleasant Valley Cloggers, a photo booth and creative arts tent.

*Additional information available at:*  
*The Wyoming Police Facebook Page*  
<http://www.facebook.com/wyomingmnpolice>



**2019**  
**Wyoming Stagecoach Days**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Wyoming Stagecoach Days is an annual event put on by the Wyoming Fire Department. It features live bands, a parade, fireworks, and food and merchandise vendors. If you would like to sponsor or make a donation to the event, you can contact Travis Parson, Event Coordinator, at 651-357-3090. Community support and donations make Stagecoach Days possible.

*Additional information available at:*  
*www.wyomingstagecoachdays.com or*  
<https://facebook.com/wyomingstagecoachdays>