



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 sets administrative policies.



Skating at Swenson Park

Swenson Park offers a full sized hockey rink, pleasure rink and staffed warming house.

Warming house hours:

January through the 1st week in March

Weather permitting

Monday – Friday 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday 11:00am - 9:00pm

City Hall Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 4:30pm

Office will be closed

February 18th (Presidents Day)

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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

Water / Sewer Utility Rates – Overview

The City Council adopted new water and sewer rates at the November 20, 2018 City Council meeting which were implemented in January 2019. In 2018 a rate study was conducted by “Springsted Incorporated” a leader in Water and Sewer rate studies. This study determined water and sewer rates for the next 5 years from 2019 to 2023. This study was undertaken to review and analyze Wyoming’s Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Funds to determine the appropriate rate structure and rate levels needed to pay for anticipated operating expenses, debt service, future capital improvements, infrastructure repair and replacement, and to ensure adequate levels of cash reserves in those funds. Infrastructure repair and replacement consists of maintaining 25.84 miles of water main and 24.13 miles of sewer main, maintenance of the city’s three drinking wells, well chemical equipment, 13 sewer lift stations, 2 water towers, the computer operating systems for the water and sewer system, water meters, utility equipment, 280 fire hydrants, 343 gate valves, and Digital GIS Mapping of the system. In addition, the recommended water rates were set to promote water conservation/demand reduction. The rate study indicated that small increases were necessary to maintain and improve the system in the future. The rate study found that it was necessary to do annual increases on water rates at 4.85% and annual increases for sewer rates at 1.5%.

**Watch for more information on the Utility Rate Study on the City Website and community outreach events for information on the new rates*



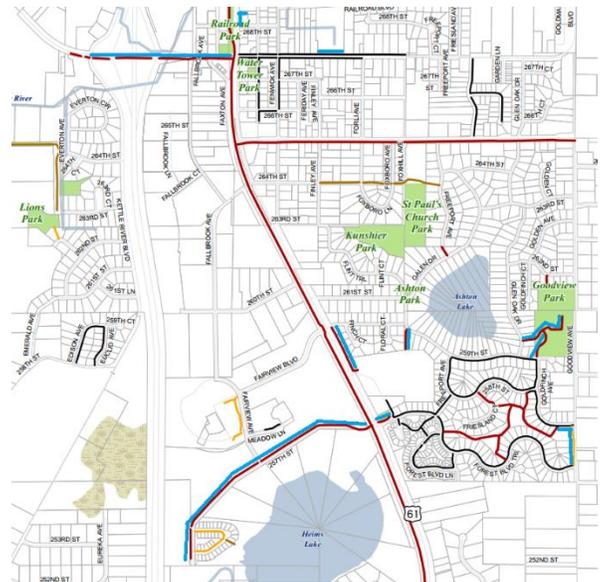
City of Wyoming Groomed Winter Trails & Plowed Paths and Sidewalks

Do you enjoy getting outside during the winter season?

You can now enjoy the groomed winter trail at Hawk Meadows Park Nature Trail or Lions Park Winter Trail. The secluded trails welcome nature enthusiasts, hikers, cross country skiers, and snowshoeing. Sights along the trail include beaver ponds, beautiful willow trees, woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife.

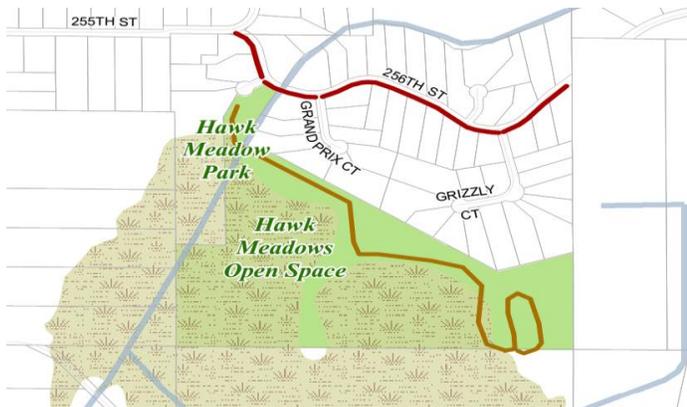
In the past 2 years the City has been plowing and snow blowing more blacktop trails to allow for continued walking by our residents in the winter months. Please see the Map to the right, and the blue line indicates areas that are being cleared.

Wyoming Trail/Sidewalk Plow Route



Blue lines indicate plowed city trails and sidewalks

Hawk Meadows Park Nature Trail



Lions Park Winter Trail



~ Smart Salting ~



Winter is here to stay and we all know that salt can be a good tool to melt ice on our driveways and sidewalks. But while salt can help prevent accidents on the road and around buildings, it comes at an environmental cost. When the snow melts, the de-icing salt, which contains chloride, runs into nearby lakes and can harm fish, ducks, and other aquatic wildlife.

How can you make a difference? Here are a few ideas to reduce your salt use this winter:

- 1. Check the temperature – is it too cold for salt? Most salts stop working around 15 degrees (F). When the temperatures drop, use sand for traction, but remember that sand doesn't melt ice.



2. Apply less than you think. Adding more salt does not equal more melting. Try to use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. Keep in mind one pound of salt is about the same as one 12-ounce coffee mug.
3. Clean-up any extra salt. If you can see sand or salt on dry pavement, it means that it is no longer working and could be washed away. Try to reuse salt or sand somewhere else or sweep it up and throw it away.

Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Photo credit: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Snowmobile Operations in the City of Wyoming

Snowmobile operation in the City of Wyoming is a part of our quality of life, utilizing the recreational resources in our community comes with respectful responsibilities. There are a couple rules snowmobilers must follow, here is a list of a few of those rules: *Per City Ordinance 34: 136-147*

- Operation is allowed on personal property with the written consent of the property owner.
- Snowmobiles may operate upon the right-hand lane of a municipal street, in the same direction of traffic at a speed of 20MPH or less for the purpose of traveling from their home and the allowed riding area by the most direct route.
- No person shall operate a snowmobile on any street in the city between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am Sunday – Thursday or between the hours of Midnight and 6:00am on Friday and Saturday, except going to or from their usual place of residence at a reduced speed and using the most direct route.
- No riding on Sidewalks or City owned walking trails
- No riding in City Parks or Playgrounds

Winter Reminders from the Public Works Department

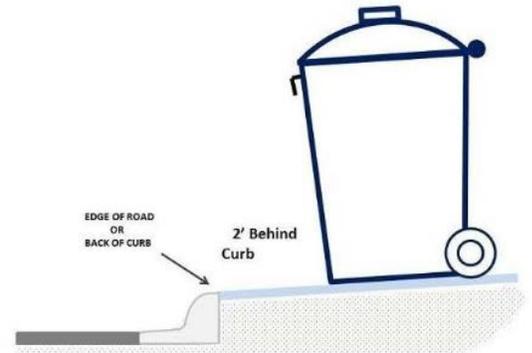
An important mission of the City's Public Works Department is snow removal. The City removes snow from streets, cul-de-sacs, and skating rinks with a variety of equipment from large and small trucks tractor loaders and snow blowers.

All of the Public Works personnel are involved with the snow removal process with the goal of keeping the City's streets safe during the winter months. Some things to remember about this snow plowing season:

- The City initiates snow plowing operations when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground.
- **Winter Parking Regulations** - No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street in the City of Wyoming after a snowfall of two or more inches of snow, until snow has been plowed from curb to curb. Winter parking regulations will be enforced. All vehicles are prohibited from parking on City streets and alleys from **2am to 12pm from November 1st to April 1st**. Failure to comply will result in a citation or tow of vehicle. In the event any vehicles are removed under the direction of any peace officer, city maintenance department employee, or the City Administrator, within 72 hours of the removal or impounding, notice shall be given by the peace officer or city employee to the owner of record of such vehicle. Notice may be given in person, by telephone, letter, or email. No vehicle will be released until all fines and towing charges have been paid in full. The City of Wyoming does not assume any responsibility for any damage done during towing or impounding of said vehicles.
- **Snow on roadways** – According to the laws of the State of Minnesota, depositing snow in any fashion onto a public street/right-of-way is **illegal** and punishable as a misdemeanor. The act of placing snow onto a public roadway may subject a person to a civil liability if a road hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump occurs and causes a traffic accident. The liability may extend to both the property owner and the person who actually placed the snow in the road/right-of-way. The City of Wyoming asks all citizens to comply with these rules which are designed to keep the street, right-of-ways, and highways safe during the winter months.
- **Driveways** – One of the most frequent and irritable problems in removal of snow from public streets is the snow deposited in driveways during plowing operations. Snow being accumulated on the plow blade has no place to go but in the driveway. The amount of snow deposited in the driveways may be significant but is unavoidable due to the nature of snow removal. The depth of snow in any given driveway is proportional to the depth of the given snowfall. The City will not clean driveways.
- Wyoming City Ordinance requires homeowners to be responsible for removing all snow and ice from public sidewalks in front of their home or business within (24) hours after a snowfall.
- The Fire Department asks residents to shovel out fire hydrants near their homes. Keeping hydrants clear of snow can substantially reduce the time it takes firefighters to put out a fire.



- **Garbage/Recycling Containers** – Efficient snow plowing requires that garbage and recycling containers be accessible for pick-up and placed off street to allow snow removal. The container(s) may be placed in the driveway to meet both of these requirements. It is the responsibility of the resident to see that the containers are located so as not to interfere with snow removal. These containers will not be repaired or replaced if damaged during City snow removal. City staff will not relocate the containers by hand if placed in a location that interferes with efficient plowing practices.
- In the event a mail box should be damaged by City equipment, public works will install a temporary post, a permanent post will then be installed in spring.



Should you have questions concerning the snow removal process please contact the City of Wyoming – Public Works Department at 651-462-0580. You can find additional information on the City's website (www.wyomingmn.org).



***A Reminder from the Fire Department
~ Chief Milligan***

Just a reminder, lower temps bring about a higher level of house fire responses for us as fireplace and space heater usage increases. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe during the lower temperatures:

1. If you have a fireplace have it cleaned and inspected annually. This will help to ensure there aren't any cracks that will let heat escape to ignite your home, as well as cut down the build-up of combustible materials in your chimney.
2. If you must use a space heater, never leave it unattended.
3. Only plug heaters directly into outlets; power strips or extension cords can heat up and start fires when used with a high draw item like space heaters.
4. In case of emergencies, make sure to keep extra warm clothes and something to eat in your car. Being stranded on the side of the road is no fun, but this time of year it can be deadly.

As the snow levels continue to increase this winter season, please remember to keep the areas around your gas meter and local fire hydrant shoveled. This can greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to get to you in the case of a fire or other emergency.

A New Year often brings a chance to think back and reflect on the last few years, as well as evaluate our goals and resolutions for the next 365 days. Do any of your resolutions include the following?

- Get life-saving training
- Spend time serving your community
- Start a part time job for additional monthly income
- Save more for retirement

If any of those sound like something you want to do then the Fire Department would like to talk to you about being a firefighter. We are looking for Wyoming residents who have strong integrity, honor, loyalty, and compassion to join our team. The Fire Department provides all the gear and training. In addition, you are paid monthly for your training and emergency responses and we also offer a retirement package. You can get an application at city hall or on the city website at www.wyomingmn.org. You can also send an email to me at jmilligan@wyomingmn.org and I can help get you started. From all of the firefighters here at the City of Wyoming Fire Department we would like to wish you a Happy New Year.