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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020



Pictured: Fireside Park Bee and Butterfly Garden

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A Message from the Mayor:

Hello Friends,

It seems we have jumped right from winter into summer! I think that Mother Nature knew we needed to move towards something more normal- I am thankful for these days and for being able to enjoy our Parks, trails and lakes with some family and a few friends.

While summer time allows us more opportunities to come together outdoors and feel like a community again, I believe that we have moved through this difficult time as one even as we have been apart.

I have witnessed so much generosity- people offering food and supplies to those who were furloughed, positive messages on doors, windows and sidewalks and appreciation for those on the front line including day care providers, doctors, nurses, police, fire and parents to name a few.

As events and large celebrations were cancelled, our community showed grace and understanding, putting the health and well-being of others ahead of individual wants. Our community has found unique and creative ways to celebrate special events including birthdays, weddings, and graduations. I especially loved the drive by birthday parades- AMAZING! I do not know what the next six months will hold, but I do know that this is the community I want to go through it with! #thisiswy

Stay Safe,

Mayor Lisa Iverson

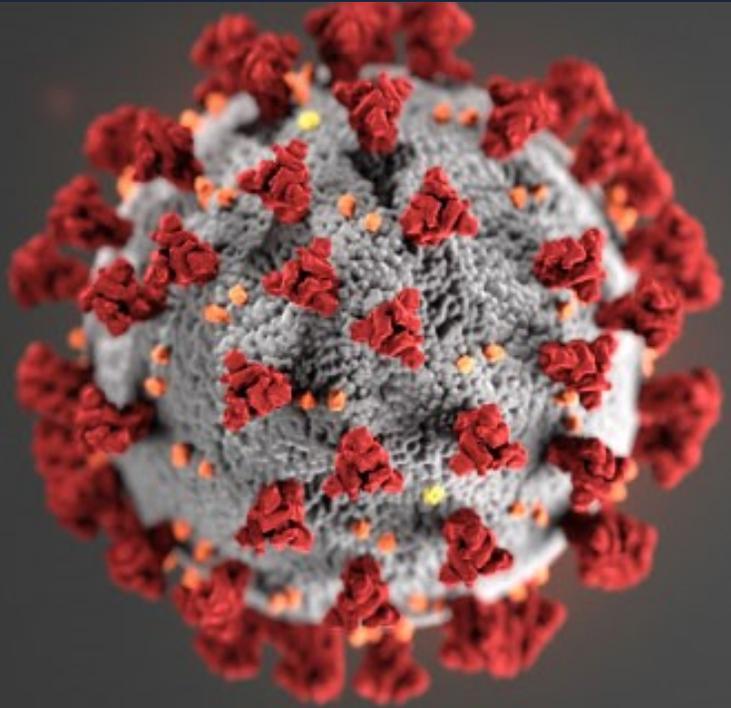


SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.

Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. Not everyone with COVID-19 has all of these symptoms, and some people may not have any symptoms. Talk to your health care provider if you have questions or concerns about symptoms.



WYOMING RESPONDS TO CORONAVIRUS



As we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, it is becoming more and more clear how important the use of facemasks is in reducing the transmission of the virus between people. Face masks have a significant impact in reducing a person who is contagious from spreading the virus to others. As Coronavirus has a long incubation period and may spread between asymptomatic people, it is important to wear a mask even if you are not feeling ill or experiencing symptoms.

City Hall is open to the public, but visitors will notice some changes to help support safety and social distancing. Some changes include that staff will be wearing face masks and all visitors to City Hall are highly encouraged to wear a face mask as well. Hand sanitizer is available in the lobby and a limited number of people are allowed to be in the lobby at a time. Hands free door handles have been added to public restrooms and there is a plastic sheet mounted at the public counter. Public meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice. You may view live City Council meetings on the City's Youtube channel.



STAGECOACH DAYS

After much deliberation, and in response to the COVID19 pandemic, the Wyoming Fire Relief Association is cancelling the 2020 Stagecoach Days celebration which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 19th. The members of the Relief Association collectively decided to cancel the event for 2020 in consideration of the difficulty of monitoring and enforcing social distancing requirements; and the health and safety of our community, volunteers, and entertainers. In the spirit of supporting our local businesses, we also felt it appropriate to relinquish the request for funding from our community businesses for 2020 to support their quick economic recovery. Stagecoach Days is primarily funded by donations made to the Relief Association from our local businesses. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of the Wyoming business community and cannot express our gratitude enough. We want to thank them all for their past participation in supporting the event, and look forward to their revived support next year when Stagecoach Days returns in 2021. While the festival is cancelled this year, the City will still host its yearly fireworks display on September 19th, 2020 and requests that people watch the display while practicing social distancing.

The Wyoming Fire Relief Association thanks you for your support and understanding during this unprecedented time. We are looking forward to Stagecoach Days in 2021!



ELECTION 2020

The Wyoming City Council is composed of a Mayor and four council members who are elected at large. The Mayor serves a four-year term of office and the Council members serve four-year staggered terms. The City Council legislates for the City and sets administrative policy.

The City of Wyoming has expanded the number of voting booths for the 2020 election to help facilitate social distancing while people are voting. Election staff will be wearing face masks and election equipment will be cleaned between uses to ensure voter safety. When you come to the polls, please practice social distancing to help keep our election process as safe as possible.

Primary Election
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

General Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polls are open from
7:00am – 8:00pm
Maranatha
24799 Forest Blvd. N.
Forest Lake, MN
55025

Summer Lawn Care Tips

Did you know that our summer lawn care practices at home can impact the water and air within our community? According to the EPA, excess nitrogen and phosphorus, which is often found in lawn fertilizers, causes algae to grow faster in our local lakes and wetlands. Too many nutrients from fertilizers can harm water quality, food resources, and habitats for the animals and bugs that live in our local waters. When you water your lawn or when it rains, the nutrients run off your lawn and into roadside storm drains, connected directly to local streams and rivers. What can you do to reduce your impact on nutrient pollution?

- Apply the appropriate amount of fertilizer, and not before rainy days or on windy days. Fertilizer should be added during the early spring and fall peak growth periods.
- Stop over watering your lawn. Over watering will carry away many of the nutrients that are great for your lawn but harmful for our water.
- Store excess fertilizer properly and handle it over hard surfaces for easy clean up.

Try some of these practices at home to help make a difference within our community and downstream!



Canines for Clean Water



With all the joys of having a pet, one of the not-so-glamorous parts would be cleaning up after them. Pet waste left uncollected is not only unsightly but unsanitary with detrimental effects to human health and the environment. When pet waste is washed away into our waterways, it depletes oxygen levels, releases ammonia and excess nutrients, all of which contribute to unsightly weeds and algal blooms while harming fish and other aquatic organism populations. It also contains pathogenic bacteria and other parasites leading to health issues such as increased levels of Escherichia coli (E. coli) making lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and recreational activities. Please remember to take time at home to properly dispose of your pet's waste and to bring along equipment like doggy bags to clean-up when you're on the go. It's up to us to keep our local waters clean.

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 from Mid April through mid-November. 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.



2019 Drinking Water Report

The City of Wyoming monitored its drinking water for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The results are available on the City of Wyoming website, 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..

LEAK THIS SIZE	WATER LOSS IN GALLONS		ANNUAL LOSS IN DOLLARS @ \$2.50 per 1,000 Gal. Rate
	Average Per Day	Average Per Month	
•	185	5,550	167
•	735	22,050	662
•	1,655	49,650	1,490
•	2,945	88,350	2,651
•	6,820	198,600	5,598
•	11,770	353,100	10,593
•	18,395	551,850	16,556
•	26,485	794,550	23,837
•	36,050	1,081,500	32,445
•	47,090	1,412,700	42,381

Leakage estimates based on 50psi pressure and 365 days per year.

Leakage Can Be Costly



The Wyoming Building Department



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.

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.



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.

Why Should Codes Apply To My Own House?

- 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.

