

WORD FROM WYOMING

Calendar of Events

- Kent County CDBG Public Hearing scheduled for December 7th @ 10 AM @ the Annex
- Town Council Meeting scheduled for January 6 @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- Sewer & Water Meeting scheduled for December 10th @ 7:00 PM @ CWSWA
- Planning & Zoning Meeting scheduled for December 10th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- Tuesday Night Bingo at C-W Fire Company @ 7:00 PM.
- **Recycling Pickup** is every Tuesday; **Trash Pickup** is every Friday. **Upcoming Yard Waste Pickups** are, Tuesday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 31st. **Upcoming Bulk Pickups** will be on Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 28th.

The Town of Wyoming Town Council, Police Department, and Staff would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

P & Z MEMBER NEEDED

The Town of Wyoming Planning and Zoning Committee is looking for a new member. The P & Z Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month and is responsible for anything relating to land use within the Town of Wyoming.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please send a letter of interest to Wyoming Town Hall, 1 N. Railroad Avenue, Wyoming, DE 19934.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Once every year the federal government makes available grant money for residential rehabilitation (Community Development Block Grant) that municipalities can apply for through Kent County for their residents. Wyoming has just received the paperwork for this year's grant. If anyone in town has the need for any major repairs to their homes such as a leaky roof, plumbing & electrical issues, etc. that are beyond their ability to pay for, please contact Town Hall. There is an income ceiling, you must own and live in the house and your taxes and fees must be paid up to date. If you are unsure whether you would qualify, give us a call (697-2966). It is worth looking into. The public hearing for this program will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday. The office will reopen Thursday, December 26th @ 8:30 AM.

ADOPT—A—FAMILY & CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Instead of sending out cards to surrounding municipalities, state agencies, and local businesses the Town of Wyoming has decided to put their money towards better causes. We are looking to adopt a family within Wyoming. If you know of a family that is having a hard time this year we would like to make their holiday a little brighter. Please contact Pam or Nicole @ 302.697.2966 if you or a friend would like to be considered for our adopt—a—family.

We will also be accepting donations in Town Hall for hats, gloves, scarves, and coats (either new or gently used) to be delivered to local homeless shelters.

We are also collecting canned food to be given to the food bank.

We know that this time of year is hard on everyone, but please consider donating to those that have even less than you do.

If you have any questions or would like to assist on any of these projects please contact Town Hall.

Happy Holidays!

2014 Town of Wyoming Election

Want to be a Candidate??

Interested in participating on Town Council? This year there will be three (3) seats up for election, the Mayor's seat as well as 2 council seats. If you are interested there are some steps and requirements you will need to follow. First and foremost you will have to have fingerprinting and a criminal background check done. This costs \$45 and must be done at the SBI building which is located at the north end of the old Blue Hen Mall. The results MUST be turned in with your letter of intent. It has been brought to our attention that due to the government shutdown that you have to allow 6 to 8 weeks for the results to be returned to you. We advise that if you are interested in running that you get this step completed very soon to ensure you have the results to turn in on time. Once you turn in your receipt, letter of intent, and results you will be reimbursed your expense.

To qualify to be a candidate you must be:

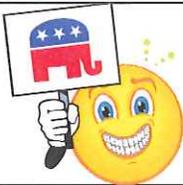
- A bona fide domiciliary of Delaware no less than 1 year
- A bona fide domiciliary of Wyoming no less than 1 year
- 21 years of age by the date of the election which will be February 22, 2013.
- You may not have any type of felony on your criminal record or any crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, bribery, or embezzlement.

If you do not meet ALL of these requirements your letter of intent will not be accepted and you will not be placed on the ballot.

In your letter of intent please include whether you will be running for Mayor or Council Member.

Your letter of intent, receipt for fingerprinting, and copy of your criminal background check results must be submitted to Town Hall no later than 4:30 P. M. on January 31, 2013. If you have any questions regarding running for Council or the election itself please feel free to contact Town Hall at 302.697.2966.

If you were to be elected to Council you would be responsible for attending monthly council meetings and some Special Meetings for different circumstances including budget, personnel, etc. We ask that you be able to provide this time as well as wanting to make the town better for its' residents.



TOWN OF WYOMING NEEDS POLL WORKERS AND BOARD OF ELECTIONS

With elections coming up in February, The Town of Wyoming is in need of several residents to volunteer to be members of the Board of Elections or work as Poll Workers. If interested, please send a letter of interest to Wyoming Town Hall, 1 N. Railroad Avenue, Wyoming, DE 19934. Board of Election members need to be able to meet at Town Hall at a given time on Saturday morning, February 22nd to open absentee ballots and again after the polls close to report the election results. Other than that, they only need to be nearby and available by phone in case any issues come up. The poll workers need to be at the polls all day from opening to close. Training is available for anyone who wishes to have it prior to the election by an Election Department representative. Please get your letters in early.

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR RIFE

December is the season to be thankful and to reminisce about the year we all have shared. This year we have more families that have fallen on hard times. Some have lost their jobs, some have lost loved ones, some have lost their health, and some have lost their faith. If you know someone in our town that needs help this year, please e-mail me at frankiedale@hotmail.com and tell me about the family, (this will be confidential). The Town of Wyoming is looking for a family to adopt this year as we have done in the past. The Town will not be sending out Christmas Cards; we will be using the money to help make a family's Christmas brighter. Merry Christmas to all the wonderful residents, businesses, landlords, and outside contractors. Your money and welcomed donations will be better spent bringing joy to a family in need.

Park Bathrooms: The park bathrooms are closed and a port-a-potty has been placed in the park for the winter.

Elections: It is the time of year that we start working on the election. The town will have two council seats as well as the Mayor's seat open. If you are interested in any of the seats please check the article in the WFW for more details.

Voting: In order to vote in the 2014 election you must be a registered voter in Kent County and have been a Wyoming resident for 30 days or more to vote in the 2014 Town of Wyoming Election.

The League of Local Governments had their meeting in November and Councilwoman Williams, Pam Haddick, and I attended. It is a good place to meet other town officials and learn what is happening in our great State of Delaware.

Without all of you the Town of Wyoming would not be "The GREATEST LITTLE TOWN IN DELAWARE".

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!

These are just a few things that are happening in our peach of a town. Please come out and join us at a meeting or call if there is anything we can do for you.

As always thank you for your support. My door is always open and my phone is available to all the distinguished citizens of the Town Of Wyoming. If you have any questions, or concerns please call, or e-mail me.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Thank You
Dale Rife,
Mayor

The Best little Town in Delaware

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FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF WILLEY

The Wyoming Police Department would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Can you believe the Christmas season is upon us already? During this season we should all be very thankful for our friends and family.

This time of year our department will be increasing its' presence due to the increase in criminal activity. To protect yourself please take extra care when you go out. Always secure your home and if you will be away for a few days take time to notify us and we will be sure to conduct property checks while you are traveling.

During the holiday season we also see an increase in parties and social gatherings; most of which include drinking. Departments throughout the State of Delaware have added patrols that are specifically targeting impaired drivers. Did you know that 30 to 40 percent of all fatal crashes in Delaware involve alcohol? Driving impaired could cost you your license, money, possible jail time, but most of all it could cost you or someone else a life. If you do drink...DON'T drive. Chose to designate a driver, stay at a friend's house, call someone to drive you, call a taxi, or plan to carpool as you are planning your evening. All too many times you hear people say that it won't happen to them; then it does. Another issue (which is an issue all year round, but increases around holidays) is drivers reading their emails and social media sites on their cell phones while driving. A recent study shows that 28% of drivers are doing this RIGHT NOW. This number is up from 13% in 2009. The biggest increase is from the ages of 18 to 29 where it rose from 29% to 49 %. These statistics are staggering and another reason we all need to be paying closer attention when driving. Our department will be cracking down on both offences this holiday season in order to keep our residents safe.

If you see any type of suspicious activity please call 911 and report it immediately.

I would like to leave you with this quote from Dale Evans Rogers "Christmas my child, is love in action...When you love someone, you give them, as God gives to us. The greatest gift he ever gave us was the Person of His Son, sent to us in human form so that we might know what God the Father is really like! Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

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Merry
Christmas

