

# WORD FROM WYOMING

## Calendar of Events

- Town Council Meeting scheduled for March 3rd @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- Sewer & Water Meeting scheduled for February 11th @ 7:00 PM @ CWSWA
- Planning & Zoning Meeting scheduled for February 11th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- Town Council Elections scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd from 1:00 PM to 8:00 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, February 11th and Tuesday, February 25th. Upcoming **Bulk Pickups** will be on Friday, February 14th and Friday, February 28th. **Please watch the town website ([Wyoming.delaware.gov](http://Wyoming.delaware.gov)) for updates on trash pick-ups affected by bad weather.**

## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Town of Wyoming *will* be holding an election this year. We have the mayor's seat open and Frankie Dale Rife has filed for re-election for that seat. We have two council seats open which we have had three people file for: Mr. Terry Witt, Ms. Tracy Greenwood and Mr. Kyle Dixon. As Mayor Rife is unopposed, she will retain her seat as mayor. The election will determine which two of the three who filed for council will fill the open council seats. Please mark Saturday, February 22, 2014 between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on your calendars as a day you must come out and vote. The election will be held at the Annex at 10 S. Railroad Avenue. We hope to have short autobiographies of each of the candidates on the [Wyoming.delaware.gov](http://Wyoming.delaware.gov) website. Please keep a lookout.

## SNOW

Wyoming Police Officers have noticed several residents shoveling the snow from their driveways and sidewalks into the roads. Our maintenance man has been working diligently trying to clear the roads. By shoveling snow back into the roads after he has finished plowing just makes more work for him and keeps him from possibly helping out residents who really need his help. Please shovel your snow into grassy areas where it can take its time melting. Chief Willey thanks you for your consideration.

## WYOMING MILL POND

Chief Willey has noticed that there are a lot of footprints on the frozen Wyoming Mill Pond which means people, probably children mostly, have been walking on the ice. Please stop and explain to your children how dangerous it is. The water at the Mill Pond is constantly moving under the ice. Different areas of the ice are thinner than others. Regardless of how long it has been cold and you think the pond should be frozen, there are still areas where someone could fall in. We do not want to see anyone hurt or worse because they fell through the ice into the pond.

## TOWN SURVEY

Attached to the back of this newsletter is a survey that we would really appreciate you all filling out and returning to Town Hall. You may drop it in the mail slot on the Police Department door, drop it off in the office during working hours, mail it in to 1 N. Railroad Avenue, Wyoming, DE 19934, fax it in at 302-697-7961, or scan it into your computer and email it to [townofwyoming@comcast.net](mailto:townofwyoming@comcast.net). We want to hear the good and the bad. There is a place on the form to fill in your name, address and phone number but this is optional. If you do not wish to identify yourself, you do not have to. Your opinions will still be considered. If there are things we are doing right, please tell us. If there are things we are doing wrong, please tell us. We need to know. Thank you.

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR RIFE

## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF WILLEY

**Winter,** 2014 has been a very cold and snowy winter so far. January was one of the coldest months I can remember, and I for one cannot wait for spring.

**Election:** There will be an election in the Town of Wyoming this February. There were two council seats open this year. Three people filed for the two council seats. Incumbent Terry Witt filed, and residents Kyle Dixon and Tracy Greenwood also filed for the seats. The Mayor's seat was also up this year. Incumbent Frankie Dale Rife filed to retain her seat. No one else filed for the mayor's seat; therefore, she will retain the position of the Mayor of Wyoming. The election will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup>. For voting information see the website. Good Luck to All!

**Councilwoman Georgette Williams:** has chosen not to run again this year. Georgette has been the Treasurer for several years and we will miss her greatly. Thank you for your support and Good Luck!

**New Police Officer:** The Wyoming Police Department has filled the position. Our new officer will be starting the Delaware Police Academy in February. Please let's all welcome Darin Jarvis to the Wyoming Family. He will be doing some ride-a-longs with our officers starting this week.

**Delaware League of Local Governments:** I attended the DLLG meeting in January where several new bills that are coming up were discussed. It was a very well attended meeting. Pam Haddick also attended this meeting with me. Thank you.

**Survey:** Attached to this newsletter is a survey to see how we are doing. Please take a few minutes to fill out this document and return it to Town Hall. Please let us know your name and phone number so we can contact you if needed

As always: Without all of you this town would not be  
"The Best little Town in Delaware"

Thank You

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The new year is now in full swing. January was an interesting month. With the amount of snow that we had I can say we did not have any accidents during the bad weather. That is a good thing. The figures are in for fatalities for the year 2013. Traffic deaths in Delaware decreased by 14.6%. Delaware had 99 fatalities in 2013 which is the first time in 50 years the number was under 100. The seatbelt rate increased to 92% in Delaware which is one of the highest in the United States. 52 of the fatalities were either drivers or passengers in 2013 and of those 48% were not wearing seatbelts. Of the 99 fatalities, 36% were alcohol related. There were 26 pedestrian fatalities out of the 99. Some of the factors for pedestrian fatalities were pedestrians under the influence, running out in front of a vehicle and pedestrians not being visible by motorist. There were 20 motorcycle fatalities in 2013 which was an increase over 2012. The predominant contributing factor in crashes was speed on the part of the motorcyclists. Aggressive driving behavior (i.e. failure to yield right of way, improper lane change and running stop signs) contributed to 31% percent of the fatal crashes and 37% involved speeding as a factor. In fatal crashes, nationally, speed contributed to approximately 30% of them. I would like to leave you with this quote by a professional wrestler and former governor of Minnesota, Jesse Ventura, "I believe to go along to get along is unpatriotic. I believe that agreeing with your government on everything they do is unpatriotic. I believe a patriot stands up and holds your government's feet to the fire because if you do that, you will get good government."

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**TOWN OF WYOMING, DELAWARE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR 2014**

**The Town of Wyoming will be having an election on  
Saturday, February 22, 2014.**

**Polls will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
At the Wyoming Annex at 10 S. Railroad Avenue**

**The following residents have filed for the following seats:**

**Mayor: Frankie Dale Rife**

**Council (2 seats open): Kyle Dixon  
Tracy Greenwood  
Terry Witt**

**To be eligible to vote you must be:**

**Eighteen (18) years of age**

**A citizen of the United States**

**A continuous resident of the Town of Wyoming for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the election**

**A registered voter**

**Each voter must present proof of identity and address such as:**

**Current Delaware driver's license or ID**

**Uniformed service ID**

**Another photo ID issued by St. of DE, U.S. Government, voter's employer, high school or higher education institution**

**A current utility bill, bank statement, credit card statement, pay stub**

**A lease or sales agreement**

**Any other documentation that a person can reasonably and commonly accept as proof of identity and address**

**Personal recognition by a majority of the Election Officers in the polling place can attest to a voter's identity and address also.**

**Absentee ballots will be available upon request.**

**Please contact Town Hall at 697-2966.**

## The Town of Wyoming would like to hear from you!!!

To help serve the wonderful residents of Wyoming we would like to know what you would like to see! What do you feel is needed? What can be done better? What do you feel needs to be done? We understand that not everyone has the time to make it out to the monthly Council meetings so this is the perfect way to express your feelings/needs/wants.

Please take the time to fill out the below – confidentially is fine unless you would like to include your name/address– and drop it off at either town hall or in the mail slot at the Police Station by Friday, February 28, 2014.

We look forward to hearing from you!!!!!!!!!!

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### Communications from the town:

Are you satisfied with the communications from:

Town Council    Y    N

Mayor            Y    N

Police Force    Y    N

Staff             Y    N

What would you like to see communicated from the above and how?

Do you periodically check the town website for news and information?

Y    N

If No – why?

Do you find town employees and committee members readily accessible?  
Y N

Do you feel your tax dollars are spent wisely? Y N

Comments:

Do you know HOW your tax dollars are spent? Y N

Do you attend monthly town council meetings? Y N

If No – why?

Do you take advantage of the Town Park and it's amenities? Y N

Do you participate in town functions such as the Town Pride Day and Halloween Party? Y N

If No – why?

**Specific to our town's police force:**

1. What can the Wyoming Police Dept. do better to serve you?

2. I believe that the Wyoming Police Dept. does a good job in keeping the residents safe?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

3. I am confident in the ability of the Wyoming Police Dept. to serve the needs of the town?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

4. I am comfortable in contacting the Wyoming Police Dept. to report a crime or share information about a crime?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

5. The officer that I had contact with demonstrated professionalism?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

not applicable

6. The officer that I had contact with demonstrated integrity?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

not applicable

7. The officer that I dealt with made me feel comfortable?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

not applicable

8. The officer that I had contact with addressed my situation promptly?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

not applicable

9. The officer that I had contact with treated me with respect?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

not applicable

10. If I need assistance, I am comfortable calling the Wyoming Police Dept.?

strongly agree    agree    neutral    disagree    strongly disagree

What (if anything) would you like to see changed in town in general?

If you had a "wish list" for town improvements what would you like to see?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_