

WORD FROM WYOMING

Calendar of Events

- **Town Council Meeting** scheduled for July 8th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- **Sewer & Water Meeting** scheduled for June 11th @ 7:00 PM @ CWSWA
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting** scheduled for June 11th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex—**CANCELLED**
- **Peach Festival Committee Meeting** scheduled for June 18th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- **Tuesday Night Bingo** at C-W Fire Company @ 7:00 PM.
- **Camden Wyoming Fire Company Crab Fest** June 15th @ 6 PM @ CWFC
- **4th Annual Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby** scheduled for June 15th from 9 AM—2 PM.
- **Recycling Pickup** is every Tuesday; **Trash Pickup** is every Friday. **Upcoming Yard Waste Pickups** are, Tuesday, June 18th and Tuesday, July 2nd. **Upcoming Bulk Pickups** will be on Friday, June 14th and Friday, June 28th.

NEW TRASH CONTRACT

The Town of Wyoming has once again renewed its contract for trash, recycling, and yard waste with Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste.) Republic Services has agreed to supply our residents with trash cans now which you should probably see being delivered this month. They currently provide each residence with a recycle bin and they also have yard waste bins available if a resident wishes to purchase one. Many of you may have your own trash bins that are still in good condition. Remember that as long as they are plastic, you can use them for yard waste so that you will not have to purchase a yard waste bin or the recyclable bags. You can also hang on to them in case your trash bin gets full and you need a second one to hold excess trash. You may put more than one container out on a trash day if necessary. Trash, recycling and yard waste days will stay the same as they currently are. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Town Hall.

GRASS & WEEDS ORDINANCE *ATTACHED*

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. Most of you have been mowing your lawns for the past couple of months; however, a few properties are not being mowed as often as they should. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of Wyoming Ordinance #12-11, An Ordinance Regulating Overgrown Grass and Weeds in the Town of Wyoming. Based on this ordinance, no further notice will be given to any property owner who is not keeping the grass and weeds in check. The Town of Wyoming will have someone mow the property and the fees as listed in the ordinance will be added to the property tax bill. If anyone is aware of a property that needs attention, please contact Pam at Town Hall.

Due to the size of this month's newsletter and the abundance of information attached the Mayor's and the Chief of Police's articles will not be included. Please take the time to review all of the information in this newsletter and if you have any questions pertaining to anything please feel free to call Town Hall .

WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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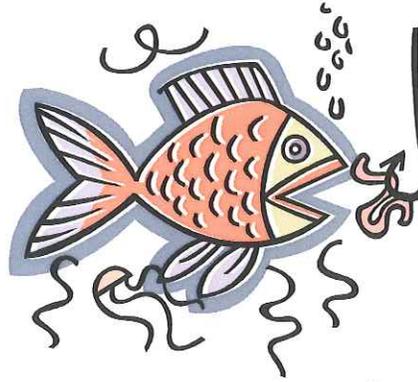
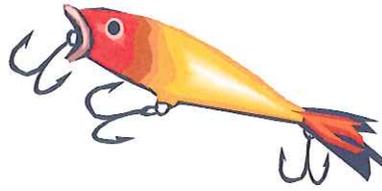
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Register at the Park
the day of the event.



Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 15, 2013

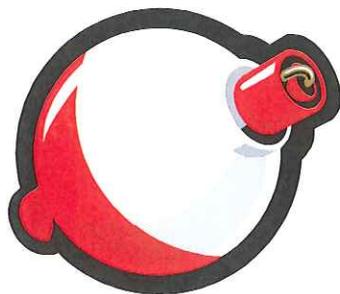
9:00 a. m.—2:00 p.m.

Wyoming Park

For Children 15 and under (must be accompanied by an adult) - Age groups will be set up the day of the event.



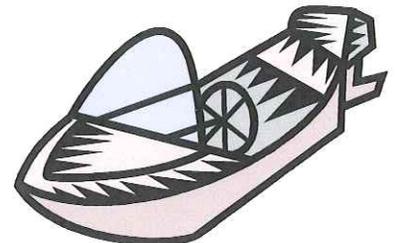
PRIZES!!!!



Bring Bagged Lunch



**Bank Fishing ONLY
NO BOATS!!!**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wyoming Mill Road Closing

Del-DOT is expecting to begin this project on Monday, June 17th and it should run through August 2013. You can expect to see the road closed on West/North Railroad Avenue at the Wyoming Mill Bridge for bridge repairs. The project is expected to last no more than 61 days. They are expecting to have the project completed prior to schools reopening.

DETOURS:

Traveling from Wyoming to North/West Dover?

- Take Westville Road west towards Maryland. Make a right hand turn onto Hazletville Road which will take you straight into Dover from there.

Traveling from Wyoming to Downtown?

- Use New Burton Road instead of Wyoming Mill Road.

Traveling from Dover into Wyoming?

- Use New Burton Road instead of Wyoming Mill Road **or**
- Take Hazletville Road west. Make a left onto Westville Road and follow into town.

We currently have a detailed detour map in Town Hall if you would like to come in to see it.

Wyoming Park Planting

Saturday, May 4th turned out to be a beautiful day for planting at the Wyoming Park. DNREC came through again for us by bringing us more plants. Lara Allison of DNREC and Lyle Jones, retiree from DNREC supervised the process. Caesar Rodney High School Leo Club sent us help from among its members, Reily Corbeil, Christopher McPoyle, Sam Mazzola, Krista Jarrell, and Julia Haynes. Although not a member of Leo Club, Meghan Hayward came to help out her friends as well. Polytech students, Jordan Taylor, Courtney Nagyiski, Jennifer O'Brien, Megan Donovan, Elizabeth Pepper and McKenzie Walters also donated their time and energy to help us out. Council members Jaci Stokes and Lisa Fulcher were among the diggers and planters and Lew Denham's grandson, Brandon Feaster, of Fifer Middle School was one of the hardest workers there. Lew spent his donated time moving mulch from the piles in the parking lot to the areas where it was needed. Town Clerk, Pam Haddick, made sure there was plenty of cold water to drink for the workers and pizza and cookies for their lunch. One of the trees that was planted, a serviceberry tree, was donated to the town by Simply Charming located on the corner of Grant Street and Railroad Avenue and their new location at the Wyoming Mill. Thank you, Simply Charming, for your Wyoming Park support.



Brandon Feaster & Lara Allison



Chris McPoyle



Councilwoman Jaci Stokes



Town Maintenance Man Lew Denham



Reily Corbeil

Sponsor: Mayor Dale Rife
First Reading: ___11/7/11___
Second Reading: _12/5/11___

ORDINANCE #12-11

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OVERGROWN GRASS AND WEEDS IN THE TOWN OF WYOMING

WHEREAS, the Town of Wyoming is authorized under section 27 of its Town Charter to enact ordinances related to the sanitation, beauty, health, and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Wyoming finds that overgrown grass and weeds are detrimental to the sanitation, beauty, health, and safety of the public;

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Wyoming, a majority thereof concurring in council duly met, that Ordinance #12-11 "An Ordinance Regulating Overgrown Grass and Weeds in the Town of Wyoming" be and hereby is enacted, as follows to wit:

Section 1. Unlawful to allow growth above certain height. It shall be unlawful for any person, group of persons, firm, association or corporation to permit any grass or weeds or other vegetation whatsoever other than edible vegetables, edible fruits, trees and flowers to grow higher than eight (8) inches from the ground on any lot or parcel of ground within the corporate limits of the town, owned by such person, group of persons, firm, association or corporation whether the lot or parcel of ground has or has not erected thereon improvements. Yards shall be kept free from trash and debris that interfere with mowing of the area.

Section 2. Unlawful to allow growth in sidewalks, walkways, other areas. It shall be unlawful for any person, group of persons, firm, association or corporation to permit any grass, weeds or other vegetation whatsoever to grow in any sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas.

Section 3. Abatement of violation by town upon owner's failure; collection of costs. If the owner or responsible party for a lot or parcel of ground permits a violation to occur by failing to maintain said lot or parcel in accordance with the terms of this ordinance, the town shall give five days written notice once each calendar year (January 1 through December 31) that the town shall proceed, without further notice, to abate the violation each time the property is inspected and found to be in violation of this ordinance. The cost thereof, together with any fines and costs, shall constitute claim against the owner or owners of the lot or parcel of ground and may be collected as any other fine or cost is collected.

Section 4. Charge for mowing by town. When the town is required under this ordinance to mow lots or when the town is requested to mow any private property in the town, the following

cost shall be assessed:

- (1) Mowing and/or weed-eating—\$50.00 per hour with a \$50.00 minimum;
- (2) Removal of trash and debris from area (if needed)—\$50.00 per hour with a \$50.00 minimum
- (3) Administrative charge—\$25.00

Section 5. Advertisement. The town shall place a copy of this ordinance in the town newsletter once each calendar year at the beginning of the year. Enforcement will not begin until 15 days after publication of the ordinance.

Section 6. Penalty. Any person or group of persons, firm, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation of this ordinance, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined no less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 and costs. Each day that such violation is maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 7. Payment of charges and penalty. The town shall bill the property owner for the charges incurred to abate the ordinance violation, plus the penalty provided for herein. Included with the bill shall be notice of the property owner's right to appeal the Code Enforcement Official's decision and proof of the violation, consisting of a photograph and, when applicable, an approximate measurement of the grass and/or weeds in violation of this article. If not paid when due, the costs for mowing and trimming, plus penalty, will be added to the Town's annual tax bill and as such shall constitute a lien upon the property.

Section 8. Appeals. Any property owner may appeal the decision of the Code Enforcement Officer that the owner's property was in violation of this ordinance by submitting such appeal, in writing, to the Town Council within 10 business days of the date of the bill for the mowing and trimming costs. The Town Council shall review the appeal and take appropriate action by or at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Synopsis

This ordinance prohibits property owners or other responsible persons from allowing grass, weeds, and other vegetation (not including edible vegetables, edible fruits, trees, and flowers) from growing in excess of eight inches in height. This ordinance prohibits individuals from allowing grass, weeds, and vegetation from growing in spaces or cracks in sidewalks, driveways, and other similar areas. The town must provide 5 days notice prior to taking action to abate a violation, and only one notice is required annually. This ordinance must be published annually in a newspaper in the town, and this ordinance outlines the penalties for violations and the charges for abatement actions taken by the town and allows unpaid penalties and fees to be added to the annual tax bills. Appeals procedures are outlined in this ordinance.

This shall certify that this is a true and correct copy of the ordinance duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wyoming at a duly-noticed and convened meeting at which a quorum was present on December 5, 2011.