

May 2015

# Word from Wyoming

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## Happy Memorial Day from the Wyoming PD



The Wyoming Police Department wants to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day—the unofficial beginning of summer. For Delaware, Memorial Day marks the start of tourist season with many visitors traveling to our beaches. You'll be seeing increased traffic during your weekend travels, especially on Route 1 South. Please keep the following in mind: give yourself extra time to reach your destination and use defensive driving techniques to ensure the safety of you and your family. Please remember that the NASCAR race weekend will be May 29-31. As such, you'll need to plan your travels around the Dover area accordingly. And on Memorial Day, please take some time to remember the men and women who

paid the ultimate price while defending this country. May God bless them and their families.

Please note that the Wyoming Police Department no longer has their calls routed through Town Hall. They go directly to the Police Department. If no one is there, which is most of the time, your call is forwarded to voicemail. If you need an officer, do not leave a message. Call 911 and have an officer sent to your home.

## Welcome New Council Members!

On Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Reorganization Meeting, Wyoming's two newest council members were sworn in. (See photos.)

Mr. Paul Cable, who resides on Front Street, was sworn in by Pamela Haddick, Wyoming Town Clerk/Office Manager. Mr. Cable is looking forward to making a big difference in the Town of Wyoming.

Ms. Williams was sworn in by Mayor Rife.

Ms. Williams is a long-time resident and currently serves as the Kent County Comptroller.



## Calendar of Events:

- Town Council Meeting—  
Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Meeting—  
Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- Peach Festival Meeting—  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.
- Trash Pickup—Every Friday with  
Bulk pickup on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Recycling pickup every  
Tuesday with Yard Waste  
pickup on May 19<sup>th</sup> and June  
2<sup>nd</sup>.

*(All meetings take place at the  
Wyoming Town Annex,  
10 S. Railroad Avenue.)*

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## Reflections by Mayor Rife

May is truly a special month. It's the month in which we honor the ones who gave us life on Mother's Day and then on Memorial Day, we honor the ones who gave their lives to protect our freedom.

**Reorganization Meeting:** In addition to the swearing in of two new Council members, the following designations were assigned at the Reorganization Meeting. Here is our town's Council for 2015:

- Mayor – Dale Rife
- Vice Mayor – Terry Witt
- Secretary – Georgette Williams
- Treasurer – Kyle Dixon
- Streets and Park - Paul Cable

**Memorial Day:** On May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Memorial Day. As Mayor of the Town of Wyoming, I recently signed a document stating that the great Town of Wyoming supports the military men, women and veterans of the United States of America. With great pride, I am honored to tell you that we have three veterans serving on our Police Department: Patrolman First-Class Dan Creech, United States Army; Corporal Michael Petyo, United States Marines; and Patrolman Darin Jarvis, United States Air Force. These men have worked most of their lives to protect our freedom. Today, they work to protect all the residents of the Town of Wyoming. So when you see these officers, take a minute to thank them for all they do and have done for us.

We have our freedom today because of all the great men and women who came before them and all of the young people who will follow in their footsteps. On Memorial Day, I hope you will take a moment to remember all the veterans on this very special day. I ask you to show respect by displaying our flag or by saying the Pledge of Allegiance or by taking time to say a prayer. Help keep God in our country. This is how we honor the great men and women who gave their lives so we can have the freedom we love so much in America. I personally thank all these great men and women—and their families for sharing them with us. May God Bless.

**Meeting with Senator Bushweller:** The meeting with Senator Brian Bushweller and other elected officials was held on Thursday, April 30, at the Nellie Stokes Elementary School in Camden. With over 85 residents in attendance, this was the largest meeting we've had in several years. I was happy to see that in addition to myself, also attending from the Town of Wyoming were the following individuals: Councilwoman Elect—Georgette Williams; Councilman Elect—Paul Cable; and Chief of Police Martin Willey. The main topic was the Camden-Wyoming bypass, which will help alleviate some of the traffic problems we are now experiencing in both towns. As more information becomes available, we will post it on our website: ([www.wyoming.delaware.gov](http://www.wyoming.delaware.gov)).

Speaking of Senator Bushweller, and as mentioned in last month's newsletter, he awarded our town \$500 for our Spring clean-up, which will take place in June. When the dates for this event have been finalized, they'll be posted on our website.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:** Currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

## David Bilow Tree Planting

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Wyoming, along with the Bilow family, planted a tree in honor of a great man—David Bilow.

Mr. Bilow served on the Wyoming Town Council in the early 90s. Even though he had become a resident of Camden, he still volunteered his time on the Town of Wyoming's Peach Festival Committee.

The Town of Wyoming would like to thank Mike Marasco for the beautiful Oak Willow tree he planted in the park to honor Dave Bilow.

We would also like to thank Lloyd Memorials for their donation of the granite marker.

Additionally, we would like to thank the Bilow family for letting us be a part of the memorial. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Dave Bilow was a loving father, husband, son, and friend. Surely, he will be missed by all.



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## Reflections by Mayor Rife (cont'd)

**Peach Festival Committee:** The Committee for the 25th Annual Peach Festival has already started reserving spaces for the festival, which takes place in August. If you are interested, please contact Jaci Stokes at 302.697.3587.

**Delaware League of Local Governments:** I attended the DLLG dinner and meeting. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Pam Haddick and Police Chief Martin Willey. Thank you both for your support.

**Camden-Wyoming Fire Company:** I attended the annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 25th, with my husband, Larry. It was a great success. I want to thank all the volunteers who work in the Fire Company and help to keep us safe.

**Wyoming Park:** I'm disappointed to report that some vandalism has taken place in the Park's bathrooms. If you see anything suspicious, please call 911 so that we can protect our park and catch the ones responsible for the destruction.

**Wyoming Fishing Derby:** Patrolman First-Class Dan Creech of the Wyoming Police Department will be hosting the 2015 Wyoming Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Currently, he's collecting donations to fund this event. If you 'd like to donate, please contact Patrolman Creech at 697-7960, ext. 17.

As always, thanks for your support. My door is open and my phone is available to all the distinguished citizens of the Town of Wyoming. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me.

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The Town of Wyoming Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday weekend.

~Wyoming Town Council, Police Department  
and Staff



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