

December 2017

# Word from Wyoming

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## Adopting a Family

As you will read in Mayor Rife's message, the town wants to adopt a family for Christmas instead of mailing out cards. We've been doing this for a number of years. Naturally, we'd like to help a family here in Wyoming. If you know of anyone in town who is in need this Christmas, please call Town Hall at 302-697-2966. Please notify us a.s.a.p. so that we'll have time to shop.

## Wreaths Across America



The non-profit volunteer organization called Wreaths Across America provides decorated wreaths for each gravesite in Arlington, Virginia. On Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, fourteen tractor trailer loads of wreaths will be delivered to the Camden-Wyoming Fire Co. Some wreaths will be decorated by students of the Fifer Middle School. A short ceremony will be held at the Fire Co. at Noon. Chiefs Martin Willey of Wyoming and William Bryson of Camden will escort the convoy. Please come & attend.

## New in 2018

Exciting news! Beginning after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, you'll be able to pay your taxes, license fees, and permit fees with a debit or credit card at Town Hall. A small convenience fee will be charged when you use a card. For more information, call Town Hall at 302-697-2966.

## Community Development Block Grant

Once again, the Town of Wyoming is looking for residents who are low income and in need of necessary repairs to their homes. The CDBG is a grant that is offered each year through the Delaware State Housing Authority. The application requires four eligible properties to be considered. We often pair with Camden to come up with the four. Last year, two of our properties were approved. There will be a public hearing after the holidays to answer any questions you may have. If you

## Calendar of Events:

- ★ Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water-Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. @ CWSWA Building
- ★ Planning & Zoning Meeting—No meeting in Dec. because of the Holiday.
- ★ Town Council Meeting—Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- ★ Trash pickup is every Friday. Recycling pickup is every Tues., and Bulk pickup is every Wed. Yard Waste pickups are Tues., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & Wed., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ Remember: The weeks of Christmas and New Years, all pickups will be one day late because of the Holidays.

*(All meetings are held at the Wyoming Municipal Building, 1 N. Railroad Ave.)*

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- ★ The 2018 Color Coded Trash Calendar is attached to this newsletter. Hang it somewhere for easy reference throughout the year.

are interested, please contact Pam Haddick or Laura Connor at Town Hall (302-697-2966) to give them your name and let them know what repairs are needed.

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## Halloween Festival 🎃

Our annual Halloween Festival was a big hit with lots of children and families attending. We'd like to thank the following businesses and residents for their help: ABC Consulting Services (Kay Wood Bailey)-donation; Camden-Wyoming Market-hot dogs & rolls; Hall's Family Restaurant-condiments & napkins; LaOrtalana-pizza; Jeff Connor; Louise Fair; Doug & Sue Frye; Larry Rife, and Dave & BJ VanKavelaar.

Without the support of these businesses and residents, we wouldn't be able to conduct our annual festival. Many thanks to all who helped.

### From Police Chief Willey

The Wyoming Police Department would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

October and November were fairly busy months for us. We've seen an increase in domestics which has resulted in an increase in criminal arrests. Remember: with this being the holiday season, try to have extra patience with your family members, as well as with other people. This time of the year always puts extra stress on people.

During the holiday season, we'll have extra officers on the road at certain times to provide a bigger presence in town and to deter any type of criminal activity. We will also be on the road looking for drunk drivers, and we have zero tolerance for anyone who's drinking and driving. Remember: if you drink, don't drive.

Matt Sarkissian, our new officer at the police academy, is doing well and will be graduating in February.

On Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Santa Claus came to Wyoming, took a tour of the town, and then met with the children. Approximately 250-300 people attended. This event was sponsored by the Wyoming Police Dept. and Tre Sorelle Dolce. In addition to visiting with Santa, the children also were able to decorate Christmas cookies which was sponsored by the Deep Water Church. We

also had hot dogs, cider, and hot chocolate for the children and adults. The hot dogs were cooked by the Camden-Wyoming Market. Plans for next year's event are already underway.

We hope and pray that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. I'd like to leave you with this quote:

"Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values." — Thomas S. Monson



### Snow Removal

Any elderly or disabled resident who needs assistance with snow removal should call Town Hall at 302-697-2966. Any resident willing to help a neighbor with snow removal, please call Town Hall.



**The Wyoming Council, Police Dept. & Staff  
wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!**



## Message from Mayor Rife

December is the month of Christmas, my favorite time of year. I see all the Christmas lights, the manger, the baby Jesus, people shopping for gifts, baking cookies, decorating their homes, and again, all of my memories of Christmas come flooding back. This is a wonderful time of year. Thank you for taking the time to decorate your homes and making this a joyful season for us all to enjoy.

Take time out to reflect on days gone by. Take a minute and call that long lost relative or friend just to say hello and catch up. After all, it's the season of giving, and your time is the most valuable gift of all. Let's not forget the less fortunate. Again this year, the Town of Wyoming will be adopting a family for Christmas. If you know someone in need, please call Town Hall at 302-697-2966 and tell us about them. We want to help.

Remember all the military men and women away defending our freedom. Also, remember our elderly residents who could use a visit from a friend, old or new, at this time of year. Be their bright and shining star this holiday season.

I'd like to honor our Town of Wyoming Family. Thank you to all of the employees for everything they do all year long. GREAT JOB!

### Office Staff:

- Laura Connor--Thank you for all you do for me. Without you, our town would not run as smoothly as it does.
- Pam Haddick--Thank you for keeping our finances straight.

Without all of you, the Town of Wyoming would not be the same.

### Maintenance:

Robert Wiegel--Thank you for helping to keep the town looking amazing.

### Police Dept.:

Chief Martin Willey, Lt. Charles Gross, and PFC Dan Creech. Without these men working every day, the Town of Wyoming would not be as safe as it is.

A special thank you to the Town Council & Committee Members. Council: Doug Denison, Vice Mayor; Kyle Dixon, Treasurer; Jonny Johnson, Secretary; and Councilman Carlen Kenley. Water and Sewer Committee: Tom Ness, Mike Quinn & Jim Winchell; Board of Adjustments: Laurie Coventry, Joanne Everett, Paula King, Lawaun Parham & Dustin Ressler; Planning and Zoning Committee: Tiffany Rife, Seth Greenberg, Joe Oman, Ernie Piazza & Don Pommell.

A special thank you to Patricia Van Wieren, who edits our newsletter. We give her all the pieces and somehow she makes it a wonderful work of art we so proudly call our "Word from Wyoming."

Thank you to all of our wonderful citizens for being so special. As always, without all of you, this town would not be "The Best Little Town in Delaware." If I can help you, please call or e-mail me.



Thank you,  
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