

June 2018

# Word from Wyoming

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## Annual Wyoming Fishing Derby



The Annual Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wyoming Park on Third Street. It's for youngsters up to the age of 15 who must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Registration will take place at the park that morning, and registrants will be put into age groups at that time. Bottled water and snacks will be provided, but be sure to bring a bagged lunch. PFC Dan Creech has organized the fishing derby since its inception in 2009 and is looking for donations to help purchase the prizes. If you'd like to donate, please contact Town Hall or PFC Creech at 302-697-7960.



## Wyoming Peach Festival

The 2018 Wyoming Peach Festival will be held on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m., when the parade begins, through 3 p.m. The Peach Festival Committee is gearing up for another successful year. Please consider volunteering to be a member of the committee or just for that day. Simply contact Jaci Stokes at 302-697-3587 or Donna Mason at 302-697-1033. The meeting dates are June 20 and July 18. Please come out. It's never too late to start. Hope to see you there!

## Pam Haddick's Farewell



To all the great residents of Wyoming, I bid you farewell. I will be retiring from Wyoming Town Hall on July 1<sup>st</sup>. My last working day will be June 29<sup>th</sup>. I knew many of you through my 29+ years working at the Caesar Rodney School District, and I have met many more during my 10<sup>1/2</sup>+ years here. And, of course,

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## Calendar of Events:

-  Wyoming Police Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 16, 9:00 a.m.
-  Town Council Appeals Meeting, Monday, June 18, 3:00–4 :00 p.m.
-  Town Council Senior Discount & Tax Rate Meeting, Monday, June 18, 4:00 p.m.
-  Peach Festival, Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m.
-  Maintenance Building Dedication, Friday, June 22, 3:00 p.m.
-  Planning & Zoning Workshop, Saturday, June 23, 8:00 a.m.
-  Planning & Zoning Meeting, Wednesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.
-  Town Council Meeting, Monday, July 2, 6:30 p.m.
-  CWSWA Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m. @ CWSWA Bldg.
-  Trash pickup is every Friday. Recycle pickup is every Tuesday. Bulk pickup is every Wednesday. Yard waste pickups are Tuesday, June 12; Tuesday, June 26 & Tuesday, July 10.

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

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## Word from Wyoming (cont'd)

my family was from Wyoming and I grew up near here and graduated from CR. I have enjoyed knowing all of you so much. This town has been wonderful to me over the years, and I will miss seeing all of you on a regular basis. I still live just outside of town and don't plan on leaving so I'll see some of you now and then. Please keep this quaint little town just like it is; I love it this way.

I don't know who my replacement will be yet, but I'm sure someone great will be chosen. Laura Connor will continue to be here, and she is the best! And then there is our part-time administrative assistant, Catherine. She is wonderful also. Please take care and know that I will be thinking of all of you and will hopefully see you around town.

### Contractor Licenses & Bldg. Permits

A reminder to anyone doing any repairs, remodels or additions to your home or property: please be sure your contractor has a Contractor's License with the Town of Wyoming, not just the State of Delaware. The fee is \$100 per year, and the license year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our town has an application that must be completed, and we require a copy of the contractor's State of Delaware license and a Certificate of Liability Insurance along with their payment in the form of check, money order, cash or credit card. There is a small convenience fee for credit card payments, which must be made at Town Hall. Just about every project requires a building permit. You, the owner, or the contractor may purchase the building permit, but it is ultimately the owner's responsibility that there is one. Permits are based on the cost of the project and the number of inspections required. We have an application that must be completed, and we need plot plans and drawings of what is being done, as well as a copy of a quote from your contractor stating the contract price. When in doubt, please call Town Hall at 302-697-2966 to inquire. We are now using First State Inspections as our building inspector; therefore, it's taking a little longer for permits to be approved and printed. Please give us several days to process your application and provide you with a permit. Thank you.

## From Police Chief Willey



Summer is here and school is out. The Wyoming Police Department sponsored the third annual Field Day at W.B. Simpson Elementary School. There were approximately 675 students who participated in the two day event. Everyone who participated had a great time. The police department supplied a pizza lunch for the students. We're looking forward to sponsoring it again next year.

The police department also participated in the nationwide Click It or Ticket It campaign in May. We received thanks from the Office of Highway Safety for our outstanding performance in this program. We averaged 3.38 arrests per hour. The officers did an outstanding job participating in this program.

Now that the weather is warm, I want to remind everyone that you'll be seeing an increase in motorcycles on the road. Please be mindful of them. During 2016, Delaware motorcycle deaths accounted for 11.8% of the fatalities. Delaware saw a 33.3% decrease in fatalities from 2016 to 2017.

Over the past couple of months, domestics continue to increase in Wyoming. Most of our criminal arrests are a result of domestics. Please remember that if you get into an argument, the best thing to do is to walk away, take a break, which will allow everyone to settle down, and then come back to discuss the issue. This is far better than getting into an altercation.

Remember: Delaware law requires the police officer to make an arrest in any domestic when one party has marks on them.

Another friendly reminder is that when you go on vacation, stop by Town Hall or the Wyoming Police Department and fill out a property check form. We will check your residence daily for you while you're on vacation.

I would like to leave you with the following quote:

"We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the fall or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives." — Gary Zukav

## Message from Mayor Rife

June has arrived and with June comes summer days and nights. Also, June is the month in which we celebrate Father's Day. This year Father's Day is June 17<sup>th</sup>. I would like to take this opportunity to say Happy Father's Day to my father and all other fathers on their special day. You work hard all year so today, kick back and enjoy your day. I love you, Dad.



Wyoming Town Maintenance Building: I am very happy to announce that the new building has been completed, and we will have a dedication ceremony on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. Please come and see our newest project in the Town of Wyoming. The building is located on W. Broad Street, and is being dedicated to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Barber. Refreshments will be served.



Wyoming Park is looking great with the parking lot resurfaced. Please bring the children out soon for a visit to our beautiful park—and enjoy the new parking lot.



The Annual Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring your child or borrow one! Come and see "Officer Dan Creech" for the most fun you'll have fishing this year. Prizes and refreshments will be available.



Our newest member of the Wyoming Police Department, Matt Sarkissian, has completed all of his training and is doing a fantastic job. If you see him around, please say hi.



The Annual Wyoming Peach Festival is in full swing, and over 52 vendors have been booked. If you want to be a vendor, make your reservation soon. If you're interested in helping, please call Town Hall for more information at 302-697-2966.



New Home on Pine Street: If you haven't seen the amazing new home that was built by Lessard Builders with help from many volunteers for the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, you must ride by and see it. The residents of this home will be the AmeriCorps and Habitat for Humanity volunteers. This amazing project was started on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and was completed on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, around 4:30 p.m.—completed in less than 100 hours with all volunteer labor. Drive by and check out what is possible with the right attitude. I would like to thank all the volunteers and businesses that made this project possible.

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

As always, thanks 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 with them.

Thank You,

Mayor Dale Rife

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