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#### Adopt a Family

Every year, we hear about a family that has fallen on hard times because of a

recent loss of employment, an illness, or a financial hardship that plaques them just before the holidays. Whatever the reason, the Town of Wyoming would like to adopt a family who needs assistance during the upcoming holidays. Our goal is to adopt a family here in Wyoming, but any family living nearby will also be considered. If you know of anyone whom we could help, please call Town Hall at 302-697-2966 prior to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### <u>Town Council Elections</u>

Elections will be held in February, and this year, we have two council seats available. The positions are for two years from May 2019-May 2021. If you're interested, you can pick up an election packet at Town Hall. Qualifications for council members are as follows: must be 21 years of age by the date of the election, must be a citizen of the State of Delaware, must be a gualified elector, and must be a bona fide domiciliary of the town for at least one year prior to the date of the election (per Ordinance #22-07). Candidates must also supply the town with the results of a criminal background check at the time they submit their application. These checks must be done at the State Bureau of Investigation located behind the Blue Hen Corporate Center. Call 302-739-5871 to check on times and to make an appointment. Candidates must file their papers no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last Friday in January, which is January 25, 2019.

#### Wyoming Fun Facts...

are facts we intend to include in this newsletter for the

## <u>Calendar of Events</u>:

Town Hall closed, Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23.

- Planning & Zoning Meeting, Wednesday, November 28 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Town Council Meeting, Monday, December 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
- CWSWA Meeting, Tuesday, December 11 @ 7:00 p.m. @ CWSWA Building.
- ☆ Trash pickup is every Friday.
- 📌 Recycle pickup is every Tuesday.
- 📌 Bulk pickup is every Wednesday.
- Yard waste pickups are Tuesdays, November 13 & 27 and Dec. 11.

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

next few months to see how much our residents know about our town—and to give our newcomers a short history lesson. The answer will be in next month's edition. Here's the question: In what year was the Town of Wyoming founded?



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#### Wyoming Park Bathrooms

The Wyoming Park bathrooms are closed for the winter, and a port-a-potty is there instead. If you are at the park and have a problem with the bathrooms, please call Town Hall at 302-697-2966 or the police department.

#### Recent Telephone Scam

The Camden-Wyoming Fire Department has informed us that there is a recent telephone scam where the caller asks for donations for the local fire department. Any donation requests from the C-W Fire Department are sent via U.S. Mail; they do <u>not</u> solicit donations via the phone. If you would like to make a donation to the C-W Fire Department, please contact them at 302-697-8671 or make a donation directly on their website: http://cwfc41.com/

#### Hello, Hi and Howdy...

to our two new town hall employees: Tracey Parker, Finance Clerk; and Roseann Lamar, Administrative Assistant. Welcome!

#### From Police Chief Willey

The Wyoming Police Department would like to wish everyone a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- I would like to let everyone know that there were no issues in town during Trick or Treating or criminal mischief night (10/30/18).
- It has been fairly quiet in town for the last month. We handled a few domestics, and a couple of disorderly and trespassing complaints. Because of these incidents, we made a few criminal arrests.
- \* This is the time of the year for telephone scams and e-mail scams. If you get a phone call requesting money, ask the caller for information about their organization, and then contact the police department. We will let you know if it is a valid organization. If you get an e-mail that looks suspicious, do not open it. Just delete it, then permanently delete it in your trash or delete file. We have had some people who've had their computers hacked and some who have received an e-mail telling them to pay them

or they will release a virus to their computer. The easiest way to avoid this is just to delete any e-mail that looks suspicious.

- With the major holidays upon us, there is always an increase in criminal activity. Make sure that you lock your vehicles even in your driveway. Also, make sure that you lock your residence when you leave. We have seen an increase in people going to bed and forgetting to put their garage doors down. This will give people free access to what is in the garage and also access to your residence. If you go on vacation, please stop by the police department or town hall and fill out a property check form, and we will keep an eye on your property while you are away.
- \* <u>Attention children</u>: I have sent a letter to Santa Claus this year, and he has agreed to take time from his busy schedule to visit the children of the Town of Wyoming. He will be at the Wyoming Train Platform on Saturday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. He told me he had such a great time last year that he's looking forward to coming back again.
- \* I'd like to leave you with this quote:

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are." Joyce Giraud

#### Question of the Month

What seven-letter word has hundreds of letters in it? Answer in next month's newsletter!



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#### Message from Mayor Rife

November is the month in which we remember our veterans on November 11, Veteran's Day. This is one of the great holidays on which we honor the men and women who gave us our freedom. When you voted on November 6th, no matter for whom you voted, a veteran gave you this freedom. So take a minute and thank the veterans and their families for all the sacrifices they endured for you and me. The military is very dear to my heart because my husband, Dad, uncle, step-father-in-law, and step-father all served during war time. These and people like them are who we owe our freedom today.

- <u>Congratulations</u> to Lyndon Yearick as being re-elected as the State Representative District 34. He has done so much for our town. Congratulations to Charles Paradee III as being newly elected State Senator District 17.
- <u>Halloween</u>: The town celebrated Halloween on Wed., Oct. 31st from 6-8 p.m. at town hall. The weather was great and the turnout was amazing with over 650 kids and their families coming out to celebrate. We had hot dogs, pizza, water, coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals, goodie bags, and lots of great candy. We also had goodie bags for the four-legged children. I want to thank all the people who came out to help, including Louise Fair; Larry Rife; BJ and Dave VanKavelaar; Patsy Rush; and my parents, Hilton and Jean Dow. Special thanks to the following businesses who donated to the Halloween Festival: Camden Wyoming Market; La Ortalena Pizza; Hall's Family Restaurant; and all the town residents who donated candy and water. And a special thank you to Dave Reed for all of his help with the festival and with the Thanksgiving Turkey that arrived on Nov. 1st and is sitting on the train platform.
- <u>New Town Hall</u>: I'm sure many of you have heard the rumor that we have decided to build a new Town Hall. We've talked about this for years—and this budget year, the plan to build has become a reality. We have the budget to make our dream come true. During the beginning stages of planning, our plans came to an abrupt halt when I received a phone call from the WSFS Corporate office. They informed me that the Wyoming Branch of WSFS would be closing, and they would like to donate the bank building and parking lots to the Town of Wyoming. Although the details are not yet finalized, it is a great opportunity for the town to consider the possibility of making the bank the new Town Hall and Police Station. The town does not want to commit to anything until we know what the required renovations will cost, but it is a possible and wonderful opportunity. A special "Thank You" to WSFS Bank for this great gift.
- Thanksgiving: A celebration for all of us to give thanks. A time to reflect on all the wonderful people we have in our lives. Material things come and go, but friends are people that we choose to stay in our lives. Please remember those who are less fortunate—it will not only help them, but it also will make you feel so much better about yourself. Give and you shall receive. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving Day.

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, thank you 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.



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