



December 2018

# Word from Wyoming

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## Adopt-a-Family

Do you know a family that has fallen on hard times this holiday season? Whatever the reason, the Town of Wyoming would like to Adopt-a-Family for the holidays. If you or someone you know is in need this holiday season, please contact Town Hall at 302-697-2966. Our deadline is December 15th so we'll have time to gather the needed items and distribute before Christmas.

## Town Council Elections

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 qualified 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???

What year did the first Postmaster (John Jakes) work at the Post Office in Camden-Wyoming? Last month: What year was Wyoming founded? Answer: 1856.

## Calendar of Events:

- ★ CWSWA Meeting, Tuesday, December 11 @ 7:00 p.m. @ CWSWA Building.
- ★ Planning & Zoning Meeting: No meeting in December
- ★ Town Council Meeting, Monday, January 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ Trash pickup is every Friday.
- ★ Recycle pickup is every Tuesday.
- ★ Bulk pickup is every Wednesday.
- ★ Yard waste pickups are Tuesdays, December 11, 26 & January 8.
- ★ Remember: The weeks of Christmas and New Years, all pickups will be one day later than normal.
- ★ 2019 Color Coded Trash Calendar is attached.
- ★ Please note that after January 1st, Town Hall will be closed on Fridays as we prepare to move to the WSFS Bank building.

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

Over, please 

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### Community Development Block Grant

The Kent County CDBG is an annual grant that provides funds for repairs and renovations that will bring a home up to housing code standards. Examples of some of the types of work done are: electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating and structural renovations. The deadline is fast approaching for funding that will be available on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so act quickly. If you or someone you know within town limits would benefit from this grant, please contact Town Hall at 302-697-2966 or Kent County Planning directly at 302-744-2480.



### Santa is Coming to Town!

Santa will be riding on the fire truck from the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company on Monday, Dec. 17, and will be visiting the following

neighborhoods in Wyoming: Wingate, Wyoming Mills and Greens at Wyoming. The fire truck will depart the firehouse at 5:30 p.m. Come out when you see the lights or hear the siren! Any questions, call the fire house at 302-697-8671.

### Postal Rate Increase

Effective January 27, 2019, the cost of first-class mail will increase from 50¢ to 55¢, which is a significant increase. The good news is that you can purchase Forever Stamps now at the current rate at our local Post Office or online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).



### When it snows...

...please keep in mind that there are some residents who are elderly, disabled, or for other reasons are unable to remove snow and/or ice from their steps and sidewalks. Any resident who needs assistance or anyone willing to help a neighbor with snow removal, please call Town Hall at 302-697-2966.

### Question of the Month

I go all around the world but always remain in the corner. What am I? Answer in next month's newsletter! Last month's answer: What seven-letter word has hundreds of letters in it? Mailbox.

### From Police Chief Willey

- ◆ The Wyoming Police Department would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- ◆ November was a fairly quiet month in town, and there were no issues during Thanksgiving. I am hoping for the same this Christmas. We are starting to see an increase in domestics again. Let's remember this is the holiday season so have patience with others.
- ◆ During this time of year, there is always an increase in criminal activity such as robbery and theft. Take extra precautions. Because we cannot be everywhere at one time, we need your help. If you see anything that is suspicious or anything that does not look right, do not hesitate to call 911 and report it—and we will be dispatched. You can remain anonymous, if you'd like. If you plan to go away for the holiday season, stop at the Wyoming Police Department or Town Hall and fill out a property check form, and we will check your property for you while you're away for the holidays.
- ◆ We will be working extra hours during the holiday season to ensure everyone has a safe and wonderful Christmas. There will be extra officers on the roads throughout the state looking for people who are drinking and driving, using cell phones while driving, and not wearing seatbelts, as well as speeders.
- ◆ The Wyoming Police Department sponsored the arrival of Santa on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the train platform. Even with the bad weather, we had approximately 250 attend. The children got to talk to Santa Claus. We had hotdogs, donuts, hot chocolate, water, apple cider, kettle corn, and cookies—all provided free of charge. I would like to thank all the sponsors (Tre Solace Dolce, Fifer's Orchards, Remedy, Camden-Wyoming Market, Deep Water Church, and Green Gavel Action). Without their help, this event would not have been a success.
- ◆ If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact me.

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## Message from Mayor Rife



December 2018, what a year this has been for the Town of Wyoming. The Town has been working on many projects, and I would like to update you on our progress in the last seven months:

- \* We have completed the annual audit and everything looks great in our town. The Town of Wyoming is in the Black, and all is looking well.
- \* There was NO tax increase this year, and the trash was lowered due to a new contract good for three (3) years.
- \* We were successful in giving our employees a raise this year, while still staying in our budget.
- \* The Town of Wyoming has been working on a new Town Hall for many years. I am pleased to inform all of our wonderful residents that we will take ownership of the WSFS Bank building in early 2019 and start renovating to convert this building into the Town of Wyoming Municipal Building shortly thereafter. This building will house the Town Hall and the Wyoming Police Department. Thank you for your support; watch for updates.
- \* We had a great success with the Halloween party with over 350 people attending.
- \* There was a wonderful Christmas visit from Santa on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> which was sponsored by the Wyoming Police Department.
- \* The Town of Wyoming was able to complete the maintenance building. We can now organize and store everything in one place.
- \* The paving for the Maintenance Building and Wyoming Park parking lots were completed with funds from Senator Bushweller and Representative Yearick at no cost to the Town of Wyoming.
- \* The Town of Wyoming has been promised the funds to repair a sink hole and roadway in Wingate by Senator Bushweller (with the blessing and commitment of our new Senator W. Charles "John" Paradee) and Representative Yearick.
- \* The Town of Wyoming has also been promised the funds to resurface Railroad Avenue from Front Street to Southern Boulevard. This is also being funded by Sen. Bushweller (with the blessing and commitment of our new Senator W. Charles "John" Paradee) and Representative Yearick.
- \* Elections are in Feb. If you are interested, see the information in this newsletter.

We could not have accomplished all of the above without the help of Laura Connor, Office Manager and Town Clerk; Roseann Lamar, Administrative Assistant; Dave Reed, Maintenance; all of the Wyoming Town Council; and last but not least the Wyoming Police Department. Thank you for all you do every day.

These are just a few things that are happening in our peach of a town. I hope you are pleased with the progress we are making for you and our town.

December is a magnificent time of year with Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. Please take time to enjoy all the wonderful parties and get-togethers with family and friends. From our home to yours, I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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