



March 2019

Word from Wyoming



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Chat with Council Members

Beginning on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00 am until Noon, a "Chat with Council Members" is scheduled at the Municipal Building, 1 N. Railroad Avenue. This event will occur the second Saturday of every month. This is an opportunity to just "chat" with Council Members. There will be no minutes taken, no motions made, no actions of Council. The purpose of this event is to have an "open discussion and dialog." Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Mosquito Control

The Mosquito Control Section of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) is the agency responsible for reducing mosquito populations in Delaware without adversely affecting human health or the environment. The Wyoming Town Council gave permission to Delaware Mosquito Control to spray over and throughout the town limits. Additional information can be obtained at DNREC's website: www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/mosquito. Once on the website, select "Spray Information" and then "Spray Zone Notification System."

You can sign up to be notified when spray activities are scheduled in our area. The town limits of Wyoming are within zones 91 and 92. If there are times that you feel a mosquito spray is needed in our area, you may call the hotline at 1-800-338-8181 or Town Hall at 302-697-2966.

\$\$\$ Property Tax Discounts \$\$\$

Property Tax time is just around the corner. The Town of Wyoming downloads all of our tax information from Kent County. If you believe you might qualify for a senior citizen low income discount or a handicapped discount, you must go to the Kent County Tax Office

Calendar of Events:

- ◆ Peach Festival Meeting, Wed., March 20 @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Zoning Meeting, Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Town Council Meeting, Monday, April 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ CWSWA Meeting, Tuesday, April 9 @ 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 Tuesdays, March 12, 26, and April 9.

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

on Bay Road to apply. If you qualify with Kent County, the information will automatically download to us and we will give you the discount also. Don't wait until the last minute. Kent County's information will be downloaded to us around the middle of May.

Over, please

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2019 Wyoming Peach Festival



The 2019 Wyoming Peach Festival will be held on Saturday, August 3. The Peach Festival Committee is in the beginning stages of planning for another great year. Please consider volunteering to be a member of the committee. You can contact the committee via email at: wyoingpeachfestival@gmail.com or by phone: Jaci Stokes at 302-697-3587 or Donna Mason at 302-697-1033. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month in the Municipal Building at 1 N. Railroad Avenue. Upcoming meeting dates are March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19 and July 17. Hope to see you there!

Annual Fishing Derby



Mark your calendar! The Annual Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wyoming Park on Third Street. The derby is for children 15 years of age and under who must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Registration will be held at the park the morning of the derby. Registrants will be divided into age groups at that time. Bottled water and snacks will be available, but be sure to bring a bagged lunch.

PFC Dan Creech of the Wyoming Police Department has organized the fishing derby since its inception and is looking for donations to help purchase the prizes. If you'd like to donate, please contact PFC Creech or town hall at 302-697-2966.

Question of the Month ?

Nothing is in it, But something is in it
Nobody is in it, But somebody is in it
If you have it, You and I are in it
What is it?

Answer in next month's newsletter.

Answer to last month's question: What are the next 4 letters in the following sequence? J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, S, O, N, D. (September, October, November, December)

Wyoming Fun Facts???

When was Wyoming incorporated as a town by the Delaware General Assembly? Last month: In what year was the Wyoming Train Station built by the Delaware Railroad? Answer: 1872

New Building, New Name!

Our residents spoke, and we listened! We received 111 responses regarding the name for our new building. "Town Hall" received the most votes with 44, "Town Square" was not far behind with 39 votes, "Town Plaza" received 11 votes, and "Town Complex" received nine votes. There were also eight votes received with write-in names.

From Police Chief Willey

◆ Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- ◆ The month of February was quiet for the Wyoming Police Dept. We made six criminal arrests which included theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, offensive touching, endangering the welfare of a child, strangulation, and criminal mischief. We have seen an increase in parking tickets also. Remember you can block your own driveway, but you *cannot* block a driveway or any portion of a driveway that is not yours.
- ◆ Please be aware that State Police will have extra officers on the road from March 14th (Thursday) to March 18th (Monday) for St. Patrick's Day. The extra officers will be looking for people who are drinking and driving—and there will be zero tolerance. If you need a list of safe ride options, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety has it. Simply text "saferide" to "99000." Remember that drinking and driving is responsible for almost one third of vehicle-related deaths in the United States each year. Last year, drunk driving deaths increased eight percent. The Wyoming Police Department will do its part to see that there is a decrease in deaths due to drunk driving. We will have extra officers on the road to enforce the no drinking and driving law.
- ◆ The Wyoming Police Department is proud to announce that we have filled the vacant

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position (police officer). We hired Cali Echeverri, and she will be starting the Delaware State Police Academy this month.

I would like to leave everyone with this quote from Karan Patel:

“I don't go by or change my attitude based on what people say. At the end of the day, they, too, are judging me from their perspective. I would rather be myself and let people accept me for what I am than be somebody who I am not, just because I want people's approval.”

Message from Mayor Rife

March marks the beginning of Spring and Daylight Savings Time which means longer days, and hopefully, warmer, milder weather. March is also the month of St. Patrick's Day so Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

- **Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water:**
During the Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water meeting last month, Mr. Scott made the comment that Kent County is looking at raising our rates by five percent. Please take a minute to call the County and check out this decision before it is final. Let's work together to stop this increase. The CWSWA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The question we should be asking is: HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR SEWER AND WATER BILLS HERE IN WYOMING?
- **Wyoming Park:** Weather permitting, the Wyoming Park bathrooms may open sooner, but they will definitely reopen in time for the sunrise services on Easter Sunday, April 21st.
- **Delaware League of Local Governments:**
At the January 24th meeting of the DLLG, our very own Laura Connor received two certificates. She completed the required classes to receive the Academy for Excellence in Local Government Leadership and Delaware Planning Education Program. Thank you for taking the time to attend these great classes and congratulations on completing them. We are very proud of you.

Message from Mayor Rife (cont'd)

- **Wyoming Peach Festival:**
The Wyoming Peach Festival Committee will be meeting on March 20th. The Committee is always looking for new members so please feel free to attend the meeting and join in the fun!
- **Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby:**
The 10th Annual Wyoming Police Department Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, June 15th at Wyoming Park. PFC Dan Creech of the Wyoming Police Department will be the host. The Town of Wyoming is looking forward to this wonderful event so please mark the date on your calendar. We are proud to have police officers like Dan Creech who take their time to volunteer and work with children in events like this one.
- **Town Council Elections:**
Congratulation to the winners of this year's Town Council election; specifically, Doug Denison and Carley Kenley. Both councilmen will be sworn in on May 6th at the Wyoming Town Hall. Congratulations to you both, and thank you for working so hard for the Town of Wyoming.

Please remember that 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 email me. And as always, without all of you, this town would not be "The Best Little Town in Delaware."

Thank you,
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