

May 2020

Word from Wyoming

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Town Council Reorganization Meeting

At the May 4th Town Council Reorganization Meeting, our new Mayor and two council members were sworn in. Steve Bilbrough was sworn in for his three-year term as Mayor, and Kyle Dixon and Tracy Johovic were sworn in as council members for two-year terms. The new Wyoming Town Council is as follows:

- Steve Bilbrough - Mayor
- Doug Denison - Vice Mayor
- Kyle Dixon - Treasurer
- Tracy Johovic - Secretary
- Carlen Kenley - Supervisor, Parks & Streets

2020 Annual Fishing Derby



The Wyoming Police Department deeply regrets that the 2020 Fishing Derby has been cancelled. This decision was difficult to make. We rely on our local small business sponsorships for this event. Due to the State of Emergency, many small businesses are struggling. We ask that you support your local small businesses so that we can host this event in 2021.

Tax Assessments & Bills

Wyoming tax bills are determined by Kent County's property assessment. In the beginning of May, Kent County sent Wyoming the assessment list which will be posted for your review. The list will be put on the website <https://wyoming.delaware.gov/>, inside Town Hall, the Post Office, and at Hall's Family Restaurant. We ask that you review your assessed value for correctness. If you see a

Upcoming Meetings:

Things are changing on a daily basis. The Town of Wyoming will do its best to continue to hold important upcoming meetings virtually until we are able to gather for in-person meetings.

Please visit our website at www.wyoming.delaware.gov or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofwyomingde for the latest information regarding meetings and events.

discrepancy in your assessment, please call the Kent County Assessment Office at 302-744-2386.

The actual tax bills from Wyoming will be mailed out around July 1. They will be due no later than September 30, 2020; however, if paid in full by July 31, 2020, you will earn an early payment discount. If you do not feel you can pay your tax in full by September 30, please call Town Hall to set up a payment plan which can be weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

Our current tax rate is \$1.10 per \$100 of assessment. There is a \$100 base tax on each property to subsidize the police department, and our current trash rate is \$322 per year. The tax rate should be set some time during June.

Remember to adhere to our Governor's rules during this pandemic: **STAY HOME & practice SOCIAL-DISTANCING** (stay six feet away from strangers, friends & neighbors.)

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Wyoming Fun Facts???

In what year was the Peach Pie designated as the official dessert for Delaware?

Answer in next month's newsletter.

Last month: What year was the building formerly known as the First National Bank of Wyoming built?

Answer: 1903

Why is it important to respond to the Census?

It's important because the results of the 2020 Census help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems.

Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance to older adults.

If you have not responded yet, please visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html>.

Question of the Month

The Empire State Building first opened on May 1st. In what year did this occur?

Last month's question and answer: What American inventor held an astonishing 1,093 patents? Thomas Edison

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

Please remember to honor those who served and our American heroes on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th



Yard Waste

Yard waste, such as grass clippings, tree trimmings, and leaves, can clog storm drains causing pooling water and creating dangerous driving conditions. Yard waste also adds excess nutrients to ponds and streams, leading to algae blooms and fish kills.

What should you do with yard waste? Sweep the debris into a proper receptacle, not into a storm drain! Leave grass clippings on your lawn for free natural fertilizer. And compost yard and garden wastes to provide rich additives for your gardens—or take them to a recycling facility.

To prevent the spread of Covid-19, please remember to:

- ★ Wear a face mask when you leave your home.
- ★ Try to stay home as much as possible and go out only when necessary for essential shopping,
- ★ Remember to wash your hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds, or the time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice,
- ★ If soap and water aren't available, please use hand sanitizer,
- ★ Practice social-distancing by staying six feet away from strangers, friends and neighbors,
- ★ Stay calm,
- ★ If you need medical assistance, please call your health care provider,
- ★ Please stay smart, safe & healthy.

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