



Discover Winter Fun In The City Of Wyoming!

www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks

Winter arrived in a hurry this year, giving us even more time to enjoy the exciting seasonal activities right here in Wyoming.

Winter Trails - Lions Park, Fireside Park & Hawk Meadows Trail - Bundle up and take a stroll along these scenic pathways; it's perfect for all ages! Whether you're out for some light exercise or just soaking in the serene environment, our trails are a local gem during the colder months.

Ice Rinks - Grab your skates and head on over to Swenson Park! The park offers a full sized hockey rink, a pleasure rink, and a warming house. Whether you're perfecting your skills, playing a game of pick-up hockey, or simply gliding under the open sky, the rinks are a hub of winter fun for friends and families.

Coffee With A Cop - January 21st from 8-10 am at McDonald's - Cozy up with a hot cup of joe and take the opportunity to ask your local police any questions you have.

Spring Medallion Hunt - March 9-13 - Mark your calendars! This beloved community event is the perfect way to transition from winter to spring, bringing out the treasure hunter in all of us. See the right hand side of this page for details.

Don't let the cold keep you indoors...embrace the season with these fantastic winter recreation opportunities in Wyoming! For updates on trail conditions, rink availability, and event details, go to www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks or follow us on social media. Stay active, stay warm, and enjoy all that winter has to offer in our great city!



Upcoming Events

Coffee with a Cop

January 21st from 8-10 am
McDonald's
4811 E Viking Blvd

Spring Medallion Hunt

March 9-13
Clues will be posted on our
Facebook Page
facebook.com/cityofwyomingmn

www.wyomingmn.org/communityevents

Railroad Park Update

www.wyomingmn.org/railroadparkproject

History Walk Update - Design work for the new History Walk interpretive signs are currently underway. These signs will highlight key moments from our community's past and celebrate the people who helped shape our city into what it is today. These signs will be installed along the edge of the History Walk. Installation is anticipated for Spring 2026.

Buy A Brick - Space Available - Order Yours Today!

Bricks are ordered on a first-come first-served basis until the site is full. You may purchase a brick to honor anyone—veterans, loved ones, yourself, or family, living or passed. Leave a lasting memory at Railroad Park! Get yours at www.wyomingmn.org/railroadparkproject.

HHW Reciprocity Agreement

www.washingtoncountymn.gov/604/Environmental-Center

Washington County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility is now open to residents of Chisago County! For information on accepted items, disposal process, locations, and hours, go to www.washingtoncountymn.gov/604/Environmental-Center.

Chisago County still has their HHW Facility located in North Branch. For information, go to www.chisagocountymn.gov/396/Household-Hazardous-Waste.

Please note, brush/yard waste is not accepted at any of these HHW facilities.

Congrats Sergeant Rod!

www.wyomingmn.org/police

Sergeant Brian Rod is retiring after 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Wyoming. Sgt. Rod's career has been marked by steady leadership, mentorship, and an unwavering commitment to community safety.



As part of this transition, we welcome Sgt. Matt Paavola back to the Wyoming Police Department. He returns as a Police Sergeant, bringing 13 years of prior service with the department and additional leadership experience from the private sector.



The City of Wyoming extends sincere gratitude to Sgt. Rod for his service and expresses excitement for the future as our new sergeants continue strengthening safety, trust, and service for our growing community.

Wyoming Taxes Explained

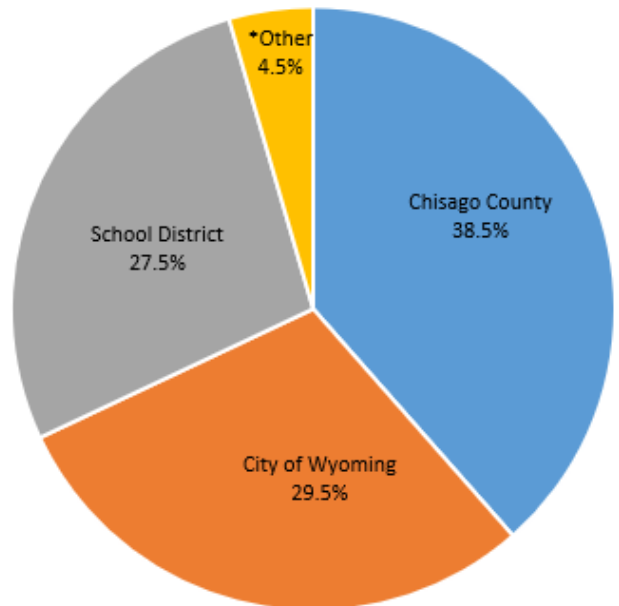
www.wyomingmn.org/propertytax

Property taxes are set each year in December by determining the amount needed to provide services to the community. Policy makers (i.e. state, county, city, school district) create a property tax levy that reflects the budget and expenses in the area that you live in. Your property taxes are the sum of "your share" of this approved property tax levy and fluctuates based on changing budgets of the various taxing jurisdictions and shifts in a property's share of total estimated market value.

Your market value is determined by Chisago County. The Assessor's office estimates property values and sets property classifications. If you feel your property taxes are incorrect, you may dispute your 2027 property taxes in April of 2026. Date and time has yet to be decided. When the details are confirmed, we will add this to our calendar at www.wyomingmn.org/citycalendar.

Property taxes are due May 15 and October 15 of each year. Property tax payments are made to Chisago County. For payment options, go to <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/199/Property-Tax-Information>.

Here is a breakdown of where your property taxes go:



*Other consists of State of Minnesota and Special Taxing Districts: Comfort/Forest Lake Watershed, County HRA, ECRDC & Tax Increment

Winter Trails

www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks

Our Public Works department grooms 3 trails in Wyoming - Hawk Meadows Trail, Lion's Park & Fireside Park - to ensure beautiful sights, exercise and fun. Sights include beaver ponds, beautiful willow trees, woodlands, wetlands and plenty of wildlife. Check it out!

Hawk Meadows Trail

The trail is conveniently located off of Grail Court. Trail starts at the end of the cul-de-sac, going southwest.

Lion's Park

Located at the west end of 263rd Street, off of Kettle River Blvd. Trail starts on the right, going north.

Fireside Park

This trail begins on the east side of Lyons St on the north side of Fireside Park. It loops around the butterfly garden.

Snowmobile Trail System

The following roadways are designated as part of the snowmobile trail system and are safe to use their adjacent ditches:

- County Road 36/295th Street
- County Road 30
- Highway 61
- Kettle River Boulevard
- County Road 22/Wyoming Trail
- Highway 8
- Heath Avenue
- Pioneer Road

Based on road design and traffic volumes, the following adjacent road ditches are safe to use when going or returning from the designated snowmobile trail system roads listed above:

- East Viking Boulevard - East of Railroad Boulevard
- Goodview Avenue
- Greenway Avenue

All other snowmobile operations are restricted to the right hand lane of a municipal street or alley. If passing or making a left turn, you may operate in other lanes; which are also used for vehicle traffic going in the same direction. This is only used for the purpose of going or returning from the designated snowmobile trail system using the most direct route. Your speed must not exceed 10 mph.

Facility Improvements Update

www.wyomingmn.org/cityfacilitiesproject

On November 3, 2025, the City acquired 26263 Forest Blvd., which will be remodeled for our new Police Department and City Hall offices. Since the acquisition, the City has progressed with due diligence and design development. Construction bids are anticipated for this spring, with work to follow shortly after. Also planned for 2026 is the renovation of the existing City Hall and Fire Station into a modern, dedicated Fire Station.

These improvements will replace outdated, undersized facilities with spaces designed for today's needs, including a victim-centered interview room, 24-hour safe room, firefighter decontamination areas, upgraded mechanical systems, dedicated meeting rooms, and expanded office space.

This investment supports our steady community growth with purpose-built spaces to enhance first responder safety, improve city operations efficiency, and increase resident accessibility. The City will continue to pursue additional state funding opportunities to help reduce the local cost of these essential upgrades.

Facility updates and more information will continue to be posted on the City's website at www.wyomingmn.org/cityfacilitiesproject.

Spring Building Plans?

www.wyomingmn.org/permits

Winter is here, and now is the perfect time to prepare for your spring projects. Before work begins, be sure your plans and permit applications are approved. Start drafting and submitting them today—the building department is ready to answer your questions and guide you through the process. Contact us today!

Contact

Phone - 651-462-0575

Email - permits@wyomingmn.org

Stop By - 26885 Forest Blvd - M-F, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

How do I obtain a building permit?

Go to www.wyomingmn.org/permits, download and fill out the appropriate permit. We accept applications online, by email, by mail, in person and in our drop box.

Winter Weather Reminders

www.wyomingmn.org/snowremoval

Operations: Snow plowing generally commences with accumulations of 2" or more. Lesser accumulations may also trigger operations if they are combined with icy or drifting conditions. Crews first plow streets that connect neighborhoods to state and county roads. Plowing operations stop if strong winds and drifting result in unsafe conditions; plowing resumes when conditions improve.

Winter Parking: No vehicle shall park on any street in Wyoming after a snowfall of 2" or more, until the snow has been plowed curb to curb. All vehicles are prohibited from parking on city streets and alleys from 2 am to 12 pm from November 1st to April 1st. Failure to comply will result in a citation or the vehicle being towed.

Garbage & Recycling Containers: Container(s) must be accessible for pickup **and** placed off the street to allow for efficient snow removal. These containers will not be repaired or replaced if damaged during snow removal.

Mailbox or Sod Damage: Snowplows must often operate when visibility is hampered by blowing snow, fog, or darkness, making it difficult for the driver to see the edge of the pavement or curb. If you believe your grass or mailbox was damaged by a snowplow, contact Public Works at 651-462-0580. To be in compliance, the bottom of the mailbox must be a minimum of 41" from the top of the curb or, if no curb, the edge of the roadway.

Snow On Roadways: Depositing or pushing snow in any fashion onto or across a public street/right-of-way is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles left in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner.

Fire Hydrants: The fire department asks residents to shovel out fire hydrants near their homes. Keeping hydrants clear of snow can substantially reduce the time it takes firefighters to put out a fire.

Sidewalks: According to City ordinance, property owners are required to remove all snow and ice from public sidewalks in front of their home or business within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Using Road Salt Effectively

www.wyomingmn.org/surfacewater

With snow, comes the use of road salt. Chloride is found in road salt and is a permanent pollutant that does not break down or degrade over time. An estimated 403,600 tons of road salt is used in Minnesota annually. A 50 lb. bag of salt can contaminate 10,000 gallons of water. Once it's used, it travels with the melting snow and ends up in our lakes, rivers and groundwater; sticking to vegetation, causing dehydration and death. It's pertinent to use the "less is more" approach. Here are some effective deicing tips:

1. Most salts stop working around 15°F, use sand for traction
2. A 12 oz. coffee mug of salt is enough for a 20' driveway
3. Clean up extra salt and reuse it
4. Shovel early and often, use the sun and rising temps to your advantage
5. Store salt in a covered container
6. Wear proper footwear with good traction
7. Utilize homemade deicers - pickle brine, beet juice, vinegar, and dish soap

Calculating Sewer Usage

www.wyomingmn.org/utilitybilling

We receive several questions about how a resident's sewer usage is calculated on their bill. Unfortunately, sewer usage cannot be measured by the actual amount of wastewater discharged from your home. Instead, we calculate it **based on your quarter 1 water usage**. Quarter 1 occurs from January 1st to March 31st. This time of year acquires the lowest water usage (no irrigation usage, no watering of flowers or your garden, no cleaning your car, no pool fill ups, etc.). Each following quarter your sewer usage will equal your quarter 1 water usage. There is **one exception**...your sewer usage will never surpass your actual water usage; it will always be equal or lower than your water usage. For example, if your water usage during quarters 2-4 is lower than your quarter 1 water usage, your sewer usage will go down to meet it.

On another note, sewer usage **makes up roughly 2/3 of your entire utility bill**. This is because sewer usage is calculated at a higher rate than water usage is. If we combine both factors (high water usage and a higher rate), it makes it that much more important to watch your quarter 1 water usage (which is occurring now!).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at wyoming@wyomingmn.org or 651-462-0575.