



CITY OF WYOMING ESTABLISHED 1855  
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# RESIDENT'S GUIDE



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# WELCOME TO THE CITY OF WYOMING

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This guide provides you with the latest information regarding the City of Wyoming and the services the city provides. Answers to frequently asked questions are found within the guide. To get a better understanding of how your local government works for you, you will find descriptions of the different boards and committees that advise your City Council. Also included is information about city and county parks, building permits, property taxes and elections. Additional information about the three school districts in Wyoming, county services, local churches and service organizations make this directory a valuable tool to finding the many services offered within your community.

The City Council and staff are dedicated to providing you with excellent services. The City's goal is to develop a safe and harmonious balance of pleasant residential neighborhoods, goods and services, and clean, progressive industry to help stabilize the tax base and provide local employment. If you have questions about Wyoming that are not answered here, your elected officials and City staff are available to help you.

The City of Wyoming covers an area of 21.92 square miles on the north side of the Twin Cities in the southwest part of Chisago County. While residents are attracted to the City because of its natural amenities, including lakes and wetlands, I-35 makes it just a 30 minute drive to downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis. As of 2022, our population is 8,228 people living in 2,953 households.

## **WYOMING CITY HALL**

**26885 FOREST BLVD**

The administration, finance, building, and utility billing departments are located at City Hall.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 651-462-0575

Email: [wyoming@wyomingmn.org](mailto:wyoming@wyomingmn.org)

Fax: 651-462-0576

City Offices (this includes listed departments below) are closed on the following holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Friday, ½ day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, ½ day New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**7665 WYOMING TRAIL**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone: 651-462-0577

Email: [police@wyomingmn.org](mailto:police@wyomingmn.org)

Fax: 651-462-0506

After office hours, call the Chisago County dispatch line at 651-257-4100. For emergencies, dial 911.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**26490 FAXTON AVE**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Phone: 651-462-0580

After Hours: If you are experiencing a problem that needs attention from Public Works staff, call the Chisago County dispatch line at 651-257-4100. For emergencies, dial 911.

Email: [publicworks@wyomingmn.org](mailto:publicworks@wyomingmn.org)

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**26885 FOREST BLVD**

Office Hours: Monday- Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone: 651-462-0577

Email: [fire@wyomingmn.org](mailto:fire@wyomingmn.org)

Fax: 651-462-0506

## HISTORY OF WYOMING

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The first settlers arrived in Wyoming in 1855. It consisted of six German and Dutch families from Pennsylvania, shortly joined by families from Chicago and St. Paul. They named the site "Wyoming" because it reminded them of the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania. The word "Wyoming" is derived from the Algonquian language and is said to mean "mountains and valleys". Many descendants of the original settlers still thrive in the area. The spot where the first structure was built is marked by a memorial stone in Centennial Park. In those days, it would have overlooked the Sunrise River, just to the North. When Wyoming was founded, there were only 225 houses in St. Paul.

Wyoming was the first stop on the stagecoach route from Rice Street in St. Paul to Duluth. In the 1860's, travelers to Duluth stopped here for the night and the stagecoach horses were changed. If you wanted to go on a shopping trip to St. Paul in an oxcart, it was a 2-day trip! Pretty hard to become a shopaholic. After the era of the stagecoach, the same travelers' house served as a train crew house when the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad Company laid tracks down the old stage road.

In 1855 the Sioux and Chippewa Tribes were in the area; some of them took part in the famous uprising of 1862, which was largely caused by lack of food and unfulfilled government promises in earlier treaties with the tribes, particularly the Traverse des Sioux agreement signed near St. Peter. The tribes often were in conflict with one another, especially near their territorial border between Wyoming and Forest Lake, and this is still evidenced by the many arrowheads found in the area. The area might have been a large meadow, but there were still plenty of trees to be removed before it could be farmed. Some of this work was done by sailors from Duluth, stranded for the winter by ice on Lake Superior. Farmers built log cabins for the sailor-lumberjacks, who were glad for the work. Former County Commissioner Curtis Lendt said that his great grandfather cleared a 200-acre farm this way. By 1864, people attended church in a log cabin owned by F.W. Tepel. By 1868 a Lutheran Church was built. By 1874 there was a school, which was a one-room log structure. People at the time complained that the student's lunches would freeze in the winter and needed to be thawed out at noontime. The log cabin school was replaced by a two-story structure around 1898. In the early 1900's, Crex Carpet Company had three camps west of town and several warehouses just north of the train depot. They manufactured wiregrass carpets; very popular at the time.

Stagecoach traffic began declining in the late 1860s, to be replaced by steam locomotives. By the 1870s, the old St. Paul & Duluth Railroad had a rail line through Wyoming to Duluth, and there was a branch to Taylors Falls built in 1878-1880. One of the most famous locomotives on the main line (and later the branch line) was Northern Pacific Locomotive No. 328. People said you could recognize its whistle anywhere, and some couldn't get to sleep at night until they heard the night train's mournful wail. 328 was built in 1905 and operated until 1950, when it was retired...but not for long! After the tracks disappeared, 328 survived in a city park in Stillwater. In 1981, it was restored to operation by the members of the Minnesota Transportation Museum. It is now on display at the Jackson Street Roundhouse. Go to the Minnesota Transportation Museum at [transportationmuseum.org](http://transportationmuseum.org) for more information.

By 1915, Wyoming had a weekly newspaper, the *Wyoming Enterprise*. It was published by Wyoming booster S. D. Pierce, and on its masthead was this unabashed motto, "*Published In A Live Growing Town That Has A Bright Future In View*". 400 people lived here at that time. One of the advertisers was First State Bank Wyoming, which is still in business and still growing. Another advertiser was Bill Gatzow, ancestor of Wyoming's former Mayor Neil Gatzow. He had a barber shop which also was a pool hall, cigar and candy enterprise. A one stop shop!

The same newspaper reported that in 1915, Wyoming had a bank, a hotel, an orchestra, an opera house, electric lights, a baseball team, two barber shops, two secret societies, a good potato market, and plenty of lots that could be purchased for as little as \$50.

Wyoming has been struck by tornadoes twice in its history, in 1908 and 1986, but it was a great place to grow up. There was a very popular swimmin' hole and trysting place on the Sunrise, north of the present Heritage Heights subdivision, and the Village Council paid men and boys to bring in the tails of dead gophers, which sometimes overran the town.

Construction of the old elementary school began in 1938 and people were extremely proud of the building and its staff. Part of the funding was a depression-era PWA grant. THIS school had a kitchen that served hot dish from the get-go.

In the beginning, the Village government consisted of a Constable, a President, a Clerk, a Marshall, and some Trustees. The Constable patrolled the streets at night, lit the street lamps, and arrested "vagabonds". He also ran a "hospital" for inebriated people who arrived in town by stage or train, and often served as the official undertaker. The first Mayor was Will Aney, who held office from 1920 - 1923. Mayor Aney was a blacksmith, a carpenter, and a tavern owner. He told the Village Council that he could fix anything, and often sold services to the Village. In his time, the Village Council argued for years whether the front windows of taverns should be curtained (to prevent the spread of evil habits) or uncurtained (so we'd know what they were up to in there). What would YOU have voted for? Many other fascinating issues can be found in the old handwritten Village Council minutes recently found in an old safe and donated to the Chisago County Historical Society ([www.chisagocountyhistory.org](http://www.chisagocountyhistory.org)).

The Village Hall was located in several places in Wyoming's history, fairly recently in a gas station on Forest Boulevard, where the safe's combination was written on the wall, prominently. In 1977 the present City Hall was dedicated. It was funded partly by a federal development grant that a new Congressman named Jim Oberstar helped obtain.

Looking back, you could say that Wyoming's fortunes have always been closely related to transportation. First we had Indian trails and oxcart paths; then stagecoach lines and railroad lines. Then in the 1960s the freeway was built and the population increased immediately. Finally, we've gone back to a different kind of trail, the Sunrise Prairie Trail built on the old railroad grade. Someday this trail will link St. Paul to Duluth, and the historical cycle will be complete.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### ADMINISTRATION

City Administrator ..... 651-462-0575  
Assistant City Administrator ..... 651-462-0575  
Administrative Assistant ..... 651-462-0575

### FINANCE

Accounting Clerk/Accounts Payable ..... 651-462-0575

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official, Permits & Inspections ..... 651-462-0575

### UTILITY BILLING

Utility Billing ..... 651-462-0575

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Administrator ..... 651-462-0575  
Economic Development ..... 651-462-0575

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor - Lisa Iverson ..... [liverson@wyomingmn.org](mailto:liverson@wyomingmn.org)  
Council Member - Brett Ohnstad ..... [bohnstad@wyomingmn.org](mailto:bohnstad@wyomingmn.org)  
Council Member - Claire Luger ..... [cluger@wyomingmn.org](mailto:cluger@wyomingmn.org)  
Council Member - Dennis Schilling ..... [dschilling@wyomingmn.org](mailto:dschilling@wyomingmn.org)  
Council Member - Linda Nanko Yeager ..... [lnankoyeager@wyomingmn.org](mailto:lnankoyeager@wyomingmn.org)

### PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation ..... 651- 462-0575

### WYOMING NEWS

The City publishes a quarterly newsletter. Inside each you will find news about community events, community development projects, public safety, public works information and much more. You may view past newsletters online at [www.wyomingmn.org/citycommunications](http://www.wyomingmn.org/citycommunications).

You may also sign up to receive weekly emails that allow residents and businesses to stay informed about upcoming city meetings, events, current happenings, and current and future projects. To become a subscriber to our weekly email, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/citycommunications](http://www.wyomingmn.org/citycommunications).

### WEBSITE

Visit the City of Wyoming's website at [www.wyomingmn.org](http://www.wyomingmn.org).

### NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

The *Chisago County Press* covers the City of Wyoming. Coverage includes community events, local news, sports, legal notices, police reports and more. Visit their website at [chisagocountypress.com](http://chisagocountypress.com).

### MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Wyoming is a legally established city under the laws of Minnesota. The City is governed by an elected mayor and four council members. They are responsible for establishing city regulations and ordinances, approving operating budgets, making capital improvements, maintaining public facilities, employing city workers and planning the city's future. The mayor serves a four-year term. Council members serve four-year staggered terms. The mayor and council members are elected at large. Elections are held in November of even-numbered years.

City Council meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month (unless the Tuesday falls on a holiday), in the council chambers at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. Check our website – [www.wyomingmn.org/mayorcouncil](http://www.wyomingmn.org/mayorcouncil) – for contact information, a schedule of City Council meetings, links to view past and current meetings, and copies of agendas and minutes.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) is comprised of private citizens and business owners who lend their business and expertise to strengthen the business climate within the city. The committee's goal is to provide a balance of residential and business properties to stabilize the tax base in Wyoming, while being respectful of the city's unique natural environment. It is responsible for helping the City Council encourage growth of new business and industry and offers support to existing businesses.

For more information about business opportunities in Wyoming, call the City Administrator at 651-462-0575 or go to [www.wyomingmn.org/eda](http://www.wyomingmn.org/eda).

### PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Wyoming Park Advisory Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters of park acquisitions and development. The board also oversees the development of park and trail systems, as well as recreational programs designed to serve the needs of our diverse community. Park Board members work closely with the City's Public Works Department to determine park maintenance and use policies. A Comprehensive Park Plan has been adopted by the City for long-range designation of parks and trail sites.

The Wyoming Park Advisory Commission consists of five members appointed by the City Council. Park Board meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month at the Wyoming Area Giese Memorial Library (26855 Forest Blvd, Wyoming, MN 55092). For more information, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/parkadvisorycommission](http://www.wyomingmn.org/parkadvisorycommission).

### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission advises the City Council on planning and zoning issues. In long-range planning matters, it reviews land use, transportation and zoning amendments as they relate to the comprehensive plan. They also review plats and other land subdivisions, site plans for commercial and industrial buildings, rezoning requests, variances and conditional use permits, and other land use issues. Their recommendations then go to the City Council for final action. Planning Commission meetings are held at Wyoming City Hall at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers. The Planning Commission has five members appointed by the City Council. For more information, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/planningcommission](http://www.wyomingmn.org/planningcommission).

# VOTING INFORMATION

## WHEN ARE ELECTIONS?

In accordance with the Wyoming regular municipal, election dates are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year. Other elections (presidential, state, county and judicial) are held in even numbered years. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

## WYOMING POLLING PLACES

Voters may only vote in the precinct where they live. To verify, go to <https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov> to locate your polling place.

Wyoming has two precincts. Precinct A is at St. Paul Lutheran Church (5879 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming, MN 55092) and precinct B is at Maranatha Church (24799 Forest Blvd, Forest Lake, MN 55025).

## DISTRICTS OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Wyoming is in Congressional District 8, State Senate District 32 and House District 32B. To find your ballot, go to [sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot](https://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot).

## HOW TO REGISTER

Here are the ways to register to vote:

1. Online – <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>
2. Mail – <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>
3. Paper Registration Application – <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/>
4. Election Day – <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>

In Minnesota, you must meet the following requirements to register and vote (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/who-can-vote/>). You must be:

- A US citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- A resident of the City of Wyoming and the precinct in which you wish to vote
- Not under court-order that revokes your right to vote

In addition, if you move, change your name or haven't voted at least once during a 4-year period, you will need to re-register to vote.

**Registering Before Election Day** – You can preregister to vote up to 21 days prior to an election. Voter registration forms are available at [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) or at the Chisago County Government Center (313 N Main Street, Center City, MN 55012).

**Registering On Election Day** – You may view the requirements needed to register in person on Election Day by going to <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

You may vote early by using an absentee ballot, instead of voting in person at the polling place on Election Day. You have the option of voting absentee either by mail or in person. Absentee ballots are available 46 days before an election. Go to <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/140/Absentee-Voting> to apply for your ballot.

## VOTING ASSISTANCE

All polling places are fully accessible with clearly marked accessible doors and parking spaces. If you need help with voting:

- You can ask the election judges at the polling place for assistance in reading or marking your ballot.
- You may also bring someone along to assist you.
- The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires that every polling place be equipped with a voting system that is accessible for individuals with disabilities, providing them the opportunity to vote privately and independently. Our AutoMark Voter Assist terminal is available for voters with disabilities and other special needs. This assistance includes an audio function that allows blind voters or those with severely impaired vision to listen to the choices through headphones and a zoom feature that enables voters to increase the font size of each race listed on the optical scan ballot.

## CURBSIDE VOTING

If you are unable to easily leave your vehicle to enter the polling place, you can ask to have a ballot brought out to you. This is known as "curbside voting". Two election judges from different major political parties will bring out a form to gather the necessary information to verify voter registration status. Once you have been entered into the election roster, they will bring a ballot to your vehicle. If you need to register or update your registration, you will need proper identification or someone to vouch for you. When you are finished voting, election judges will bring your ballot inside for you and put it in the ballot box.

## BECOMING AN ELECTION JUDGE

Serving as an election judge is an excellent way to get involved within your community and this service is an essential part of our democracy. Per State Statutes, election judges must be eligible to vote, able to read, write, and speak English, and are required to attend a training session. Election judges are responsible for:

- Opening & closing the polls
- Registering new voters and signing in registered voters
- Distributing and collecting ballots
- Operating voting equipment

# WYOMING PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE DEPARTMENT

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7665 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming, MN 55092

Office: 651-462-0577

Dispatch/Non-Emergency: 651-257-4100

Emergency: 911

Fax: 651-462-0506

Email: [police@wyomingmn.org](mailto:police@wyomingmn.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Wyoming Police Department provides data-driven crime prevention strategies, equitable enforcement of laws, exhaustive investigation of crimes, proficient emergency response, and authentic community outreach to ensure the safety of all Wyoming community members. We strive to build and maintain the trust and respect of the community through collaboration and partnerships. Alongside these efforts, we will be committed to the principles of a learning organization by acquiring new knowledge and modifying our practices and procedures to exceed the evolving needs of the community.

## CORE VALUES

The members of the Wyoming Police Department value a community-oriented approach to policing, compassion, dedication, integrity, teamwork, trusting relationships, and making a difference in the Wyoming community.

## ABOUT

Under the direction of the Public Safety Director, this department delivers all police, fire and emergency preparedness services for the City of Wyoming.

The Wyoming Police Department believes in promoting meaningful police/citizen interaction with emphasis on problem solving, actively responding to community concerns and public education. We are committed to the values of integrity, impartiality, professionalism and ethical practices in the performance of our duties.

Public safety personnel understand that keeping a community safe is based on the support and involvement of the community; thus, they constantly strive to enhance relationships with the community. The Wyoming Public Safety Department is dedicated to preserving your rights as citizens.

The next few pages are our highly requested ordinances and regulations.

## JUVENILE CURFEW

It is unlawful for a juvenile under the age of 18 to be present in any public place after the times listed below unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or in an emergency situation. For more information, call Wyoming Public Safety.

### **Sec. 22-36. Established**

- a) Minors 14 years and under. It shall be unlawful for any minor of the age of 14 years or under to loiter, idle or be in or upon the public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, places of entertainment or refreshment, or any other unsupervised place within this city between the hours of 10:00 pm on any day and 5:00 am the following day.
- b) Minors 15 and 16 years. It shall be unlawful for any minor of the age 15 years or 16 years to loiter, idle or be in or upon the public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, places of entertainment, or refreshment, or any other unsupervised place within this City between the hours of 11:00 pm on any day and 5:00 am the following day.
- c) Minors 17 years of age. It shall be unlawful for any minor of the age of 17 years to loiter, idle or be in or upon the public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, places of entertainment, or refreshment, or any other unsupervised place within this City between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am on any day.

### **Sec. 22-37. Defenses**

This article shall not apply to such minor accompanied by his parent, guardian, or any other adult person having the care and custody of the minor or when the minor is upon some necessary errand by permission or direction of his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor, which permission shall be in writing and signed by the parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor.

### **Sec. 22-38. Adult's Liability**

It shall be unlawful for the parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a minor of the ages set forth in this article to permit such minor to loiter, idle or be in or upon public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, parks or entertainment, or refreshment or any other unsupervised place within this City during the hours prohibited in this article.

### **Sec. 22-39. School Nights**

The Mayor may designate certain nights during the school year as school nights. The provisions of this article shall not apply to any student under the age of 18 years or to his parents, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor who is lawfully going to, attending or returning from any school function on any designated school night.

### **Sec. 22-40. Penalty**

Any minor of the ages set forth in this article or any person having care and custody of such minor who shall violate the provisions of this article shall, upon adjudication, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Ord. No. 11-18-91, § 425.05, 11-18-1991

## SIREN WARNING SYSTEM

The Wyoming Public Safety Department is responsible for the Emergency Preparedness Program that is designed to alert residents to any natural or man-made disaster. Seven sirens connected to the Metro Warning System have been installed in Wyoming. Sirens can be activated for selected municipalities in Chisago County.

Sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. The kind of signal denotes the kind of emergency.

- **Alert or Attention Signal** - A five-minute steady tone alerts residents of any impending or actual natural disaster, such as a tornado or hazardous waste spill.
- **Attack Warning Signal** - A five-minute wavering tone warns of a nuclear attack against the country.

## FIREARM & ARCHERY DISCHARGE

Hunting is permitted in various areas throughout Wyoming. In accordance with State and Federal laws, the City of Wyoming has adopted ordinances restricting firearm and archery discharge to ensure hunter and resident safety. Generally, waterfowl hunting is allowed on all lakes in Wyoming. Hunting on any land in Wyoming requires written landowner permission which is to be in the possession of the hunter at all times. [See Wyoming ordinance, Sec. 22-4.](#)

The shooting of firearms and controlled weapons is permitted under these and other circumstances:

- By any person for target practice with a firearm provided that the projectiles are stopped by a suitable backstop and provided further that the shooting does not occur within five hundred (500) feet of a public park or trail or within five hundred (500) feet of a building, or a stockade or corral containing livestock, unless such building or livestock is owned by that person, or unless that person has the owner's written permission carried on his/her person. If permission is oral, the person must be able to provide immediately the name, address, and phone number of the owner or lessee from whom permission was obtained, and if requested, must be able to produce written verification of that permission within seventy-two (72) hours.
- By any person hunting with a firearm; provided, that no shooting occurs within five hundred (500) feet of a public park or trail or five hundred (500) feet of a building a, or a stockade or corral containing livestock, unless such building or livestock is owned by that person, or unless that person has the owner's written permission carried on his/her person.
- By any person hunting with a bow and arrow; provided that no shooting occurs within two hundred (200) feet of a public park or trail or within two hundred (200) feet of a building or a stockade or corral containing livestock, unless such building or livestock is owned by that person, or unless that person has the owner's written permission carried on his/her person.
- By any person for target practice with a controlled weapon, provided that the projectiles are stopped by a suitable backstop. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no shooting for the purpose of target practice shall occur within one hundred (100) feet of a public park or trail or within one hundred (100) feet of a building or a stockade or corral containing livestock, unless such building or livestock is owned by that person, or unless that person has the owner's written permission carried on his/her person.
- Archery discharge is permitted on private property. Archery shooters/hunters cannot discharge their bow and arrow within 200 feet of a neighboring building.

The Wyoming Public Safety Department offers a firearm safety course each year. Please contact the Public Safety Department at 651-462-0577 or [police@wyomingmn.org](mailto:police@wyomingmn.org) with questions about hunting, firearm, or archery discharge or for a full copy of the ordinance.

## SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

In conformance with applicable state laws, snowmobiles are allowed on most lakes and on all designated snowmobile trails throughout Wyoming. On local streets, residents can drive their snowmobile from their home to a designated snowmobile trail on the roadway surface at a speed not to exceed 20 mph. Snowmobiling is prohibited throughout the City of Wyoming between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am Sundays through Thursdays and between the hours of 12:00 am and 6:00 am Fridays and Saturdays except going to or from their usual place of residence at a reduced speed and using the most direct route. Please contact the Wyoming Public Safety Department at 651-462-0577 or [police@wyomingmn.org](mailto:police@wyomingmn.org) with questions or for a full copy of the ordinance.

## ATV REGULATIONS

In conformance with applicable state laws, ATV operation is allowed on the operator's own property or on private property of another but only with that owner's consent. ATV operation is prohibited on roadways or any public property throughout Wyoming. Class 1 ATVs shall not exceed a speed of 20 mph on local city streets.

Please contact the Wyoming Public Safety Department at 651-462-0577 or [police@wyomingmn.org](mailto:police@wyomingmn.org) with questions about ATV operation or for a full copy of the ordinance.

26885 Forest Blvd, Wyoming, MN 55092

Office: 651-462-0577

Dispatch/Non-Emergency: 651-257-4100

Emergency: 911

Fax: 651-462-0506

Email: [fire@wyomingmn.org](mailto:fire@wyomingmn.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### ABOUT

As a progressive, professional organization, the Wyoming Fire Division takes pride in providing exceptional service in the most efficient manner to our community.

We take pride in being a highly trained organization of professional paid on-call employees committed to providing an exceptional response. Our staff providing fire suppression, rescue operations, hazardous material incident mitigation, emergency medical services, and mutual aid response to our neighboring community partners.

In addition to emergency response, we are committed to prevention through community education and raised awareness. We work closely with our schools, hospital, and businesses to prevent, prepare and plan for a variety of emergency events, to ensure our residents and businesses are doing what they can to reduce the risks in our community.

Our desire is that this website will help you understand the general role and responsibilities of the Wyoming Fire Division and its commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the City of Wyoming.

**One Vision. One Mission. Wyoming Public Safety.**

The Community Development's role is to manage growth in a manner consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinances. The department consists of the following divisions.

### **PLANNING**

Planning staff's primary function is preparation and implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plan, which provides a long-range plan for all development and operations of the City and carries out the vision for the community's future. Staff advises the Planning Commission and City Council on all planning and land use issues. It oversees all land use, transportation and zoning amendments that would affect implementation of the plan. It reviews plats and other land subdivisions, site plans for commercial and industrial buildings, rezoning requests, variances, conditional use permits, and other land use issues.

### **ENGINEERING**

Engineering is currently a contracted service that provides input during the planning and construction phases of development. Staff approves grading, storm water and improvement plans, reviews and approves maps, plats and easements, and responds to customer inquiries. Its major responsibility is to ensure that municipal water, streets, sewers and storm sewers are constructed according to City specifications. Engineering staff manages the City's capital improvement program projects, conducts special studies and investigations, and assists with water resource development.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Economic Development promotes commercial and industrial development activity within the city to stabilize the City's economic tax base, create jobs, and provide residents with the opportunity to shop locally for goods and services. The department promotes the city and its businesses, works with local businesses and organizations to strengthen the business climate, assists landowners, building owners and developers in marketing vacant commercial and industrial properties, and coordinates the City's incentive programs.

### **BUILDING**

The Department of Building Safety is responsible for safeguarding the public health, safety, and general welfare by reviewing and inspecting all new construction, remodeling and repairs in accordance with the State Building Code and City regulations. Staff issues all construction permits, city contractor licenses and Certificates of Occupancy. The Department of Building Safety is also responsible for enforcing sign, nuisance, and land use ordinances.

## PUBLIC WORKS

26490 Faxton Avenue, Wyoming, MN 55092

Office: 651-462-0580

Dispatch/Non-Emergency: 651-257-4100

Emergency: 911

Email: [publicworks@wyomingmn.org](mailto:publicworks@wyomingmn.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

### ABOUT

Our Public Works department is a team that keeps our community's physical infrastructure running smoothly and safely. Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. **Roads & Transportation** – Building, maintaining, and repairing streets, bridges, sidewalks, traffic signs, and signals
2. **Water Systems** – Drinking water supply, wastewater (sewers), and stormwater drainage
3. **Facilities & Assets** – Maintenance of public buildings, fleets, and equipment
4. **Snow & Emergency Response** – Snow plowing, debris removal, and infrastructure support during storms or disasters
5. **Engineering & Construction Oversight** – Planning, inspecting, and managing public infrastructure projects
6. **Trees & Parks** – Inspecting and maintaining trees, and park upkeep
7. **City Partnerships** – Working effectively and efficiently with Public Safety (Police & Fire) Departments, and assisting in city events and programs

## WATER & SEWER

### ABOUT

The Water Department is responsible for supplying safe, quality water to many Wyoming homes and businesses. The City operates two water towers and three wells. There are currently 1,502 water connections.

The Sewer Department is responsible for providing reliable and efficient disposal of waste water. Sewer collection is accomplished through a series of trunk lines that use a series of 13 sewage lift stations operated by the City.

The City employs radio telemetry to control both the water and sewer systems. The systems are monitored by a master computer which has alarms that alert utility personnel to any problems that may arise, thus allowing prompt action to correct or repair the issue. The alarm dialer notifies city staff around the clock, 24/7.

Responsibilities also include city sewer and water installation inspections, installing and programming meters and radio read devices for remote reading, meter repairs and testing, utility locating, hydrant flushing, gate valve exercising, sanitary main jetting, water sampling, MDH & DNR reports and daily checks, and maintenance of both the water and sewer systems. Funding for the utility departments are from user fees.

### HYDRANT FLUSHING

Each spring and fall, the City's utility department flushes hydrants to clear sediment build-up and ensure that the hydrants are operating properly. This causes turbulence of the water in the water mains and may cause dark-colored water. Although the water is safe for human consumption, please check for discolored water before laundering clothes as it may stain certain fabrics. If clothes develop stains, do not dry them. Instead, rewash the clothes immediately to remove stains. If discoloration appears, run water until it again appears clear.

Spring hydrant flushing occurs in late April or early May. Fall hydrant flushing is normally scheduled in September.

### PUBLIC WORKS MAINTAINS

- 2 water towers
- 3 wells
- 338 hydrants
- 372 gate valves
- 32.11 miles of watermain
- 13 lift stations (14<sup>th</sup> coming soon)
- 24.55 miles of wastewater mains
- 6 backup generators
- 697 storm drains
- 16 miles of storm sewer lines

## EMERGENCY REPORTING PROCEDURES

Emergencies such as sewer backups, water leaks, missing stop signs, or potholes in the street should be reported to the City's Public Works Department. Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, call the Public Works department at 651-462-0580. For emergencies outside of the listed times, call Chisago County Dispatch at 651-257-4100.

## WATER QUALITY

Fluoride and chlorine are added to the water according to state regulations. Polyphosphate is also added to control the iron content. No other treatment of city water is performed. Water samples are taken daily to ensure that drinking water quality standards are maintained. If you have questions in regard to water quality, please contact us.

## UTILITY BILLING RATES

To view the most current water and sewer rates, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/utilitybilling](http://www.wyomingmn.org/utilitybilling). Your quarterly sewer and water bill represents the previous three months usage. You have 30 days from the date on your bill to remit payment. Residents moving in or out of their homes must contact the utility billing department to request that the bill be placed in the name of the new occupant. For questions regarding utility billing, call 651-462-0575 or email [wyoming@wyomingmn.org](mailto:wyoming@wyomingmn.org).

## SPRINKLING ORDINANCE

In order to conserve our precious natural resources, the City of Wyoming sprinkling ordinance is in effect from May 15 through September 15 on an odd/even schedule. At all times during the year, sprinklers or other devices used to hydrate lawns with water from the municipal water system, or a community well system, shall not be used on properties with even-numbered street addresses on odd-numbered calendar days and shall not be used on properties with odd-numbered street addresses on even-numbered calendar days. Hand watering of bushes, trees, and shrubs shall be permitted on all days.

## SPRINKLING HOURS

No lawn watering with water from the municipal water system, or a community well system, is permitted between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

The adoption of seasonal water restrictions is a necessary and a reasonable measure to control water consumption during periods of peak demand. Also, sprinkling restrictions will delay the need for additional well houses that are costly to build and maintain. The ordinance applies only to those individuals drawing water for sprinkling from the public water system. Watering of new sod and new seed for the first 30 days is permitted with a 30 day permit. The first violation shall result in a warning. After a warning, the citation costs \$50, \$100 for the third warning, \$200 for a fourth warning and your water will be disconnected after the fifth warning. For a full copy of the ordinance contact Wyoming City Hall at 651- 462- 0575 or go online to [www.wyomingmn.org](http://www.wyomingmn.org).

## STREETS & UTILITIES

### ABOUT

This department maintains and improves city streets for safety and mobility throughout the year. Patching, crack filling, and sealcoating are essential functions of this department which help increase the road's expected lifespan.

Additional responsibilities include street sweeping, sign maintenance, road right of way tree trimming for better visibility at intersections and for street signage, removing debris on roadways, and boulevard/ditch maintenance. Public Works personnel are always available for natural disasters and emergencies such as tornadoes or flooding.

To report potholes needing repair or street lights that are not working, call our Public Works department at 651-462-0580 or [publicworks@wyomingmn.org](mailto:publicworks@wyomingmn.org).

### **PUBLIC WORKS MAINTAINS**

- 72 miles of paved streets
- 13.5 miles of gravel roads

## STREET SWEEPING

All City streets are swept in the spring of each year. This annual Street Sweeping Program involves the removal of the residual debris resulting from snow and ice control maintenance. Areas of the City served by City water are swept first to keep ahead of hydrant flushing, which can wash debris into wetlands. Residents can help by keeping vehicles off streets when sweeping crews are in their neighborhoods. With good weather and no breakdowns, it takes about 7 to 8 days to complete the entire City. In areas where construction activities are not fully completed, the Building Department arranges for the streets to be swept on a regular basis by the Project Developer.

## SNOWPLOWING & SNOW EMERGENCIES

The City's goal is to achieve roads clear of snow in a reasonable time period. This depends greatly on the type and amount of snow. City crews begin plowing the streets after it has stopped snowing or when the snow depth has reached an accumulation of two inches with continual snowfall. Normally, crews begin plowing around 3:00 am, and are able to remove snow two to six inches deep from city streets in an 8 to 10 hour period. Whenever icy or slippery conditions develop, sanding and salting crews are dispatched immediately.

The City will maintain city owned sidewalks and select pedestrian trails (Monday-Friday, 7 am to 3:30 pm). All other sidewalks are the responsibility of the owners and/or occupants. Trails/sidewalks are normally plowed when the measured snowfall depth exceeds one inch. After the streets and cul-de-sacs are cleared, personnel begin clearing the remaining trail system and ice rinks. In order to expedite the prompt and efficient removal of snow from city streets, it is unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park any vehicle on any public street within the city between the hours of 2:00 am and 12:00 pm between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, or at any other time when the accumulation is 2 or more inches of snow until the street has been plowed. Hardship exceptions are provided with temporary on-street parking waivers. Such waivers may be requested from the police department, dependent on rules. More information about snowplowing and snow emergencies can be found at [www.wyomingmn.org/streetmaintenance](http://www.wyomingmn.org/streetmaintenance).

## MAILBOX & SOD DAMAGE

The US Postal Service has design standards for the installation and replacement of mailboxes. Residents are encouraged to research design standards to ensure compliance with regulations prior to installing or replacing the mailbox structure. If a mailbox is damaged during the process of snow removal activities, the City will replace or repair the mailboxes that comply with design standards, and only if it was physically hit by the snow equipment. Mailbox damage must be reported to Public Works within 72 hours for verification. Heavy or large amounts of snow discharged from the plowing equipment causing damage to the mailbox will not be repaired by the City. Please report damage to the Public Works department at 651-462-0580 or [publicworks@wyomingmn.org](mailto:publicworks@wyomingmn.org).

## BOULEVARDS

Residents are requested not to put landscape materials (fences, rocks or other decorative materials) on their boulevards. Boulevards are designed for utility purposes and snow storage and the City cannot be responsible for damage to these items when pushing snow back or hydrant flushing. Residents who have sprinkler systems with heads just behind the curb must take care to lower or remove those heads before winter. The plow wings often jump the curbs and can shear off sprinkler heads.

## PARKS & RECREATION

City of Wyoming's parks are nestled in almost every corner of the city. From small neighborhood parks nicely equipped with playground equipment to larger parks with ball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, or a hockey rink. Residents can find a destination for their outdoor gatherings, picnics, or a place to walk and relax. In an effort to keep our parks clean and grass green, do not park vehicles on the grass, throw away your trash and please be considerate of others by obeying the leash ordinance (see page 28) and cleaning up after your pet.

### PARK PAVILION RESERVATIONS

Fields and pavilions can be reserved for any day of the week between the hours of 5:00 am - 10:00 pm. However, securing and paying for the reservation must be made during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm). Parks are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a \$45 fee for Wyoming residents plus a \$100 refundable damage deposit to hold the reservation. To reserve a park pavilion or field, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/parkreservations](http://www.wyomingmn.org/parkreservations).

### CITY PARKS & TRAILS

The City of Wyoming park system includes 17 existing parks, over 15 miles of trails, 1 dog park, 2 tennis/pickleball courts, 2 outdoor skating rinks, and winter trails. Public Works staff maintains our parks and trails. For a full list of the City parks and trails, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks](http://www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks).

In the winter, our Public Works department grooms three trails:

1. Hawk Meadows Trail - Located off of Grail Court; Trail begins at the end of the cul-de-sac, going southwest
2. Lion's Park - Located at the west end of 263<sup>rd</sup> Street, off of Kettle River Blvd; Trail starts on the right, going north
3. Fireside Park – Located on the east side of Lyons St, north side of the park; Loops around the butterfly garden

The City plows only certain sidewalks in the winter, as the property owner is in charge of their own sidewalk (See page 19 for more information). To view the map of which ones are plowed, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks](http://www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks).

### VANDALISM

Our parks can experience vandalism, which costs the taxpayers money in labor and material to repair the damage. In an effort to eliminate problems, all parks close at 10:00 pm. If you see someone in the act, call 911. If you discover the vandalism, call 651-257-4100.

### MASTER PARK & TRAIL PLAN

The City of Wyoming utilizes a master park and trail plan to guide future park development and redevelopment. To view the plan, go to <https://www.wyomingmn.org/parksrecreation>.

### WYOMING TREE BOARD

Trees are a critical part of a City's infrastructure. A healthy forestry program helps to protect groundwater, reduce energy costs, support erosion control and boost property values. On May 19, 2020 the Wyoming City Council designated the City's Park Advisory Commission to serve as the Wyoming Tree Board. For a description of their role, go to <https://www.wyomingmn.org/parksrecreation>.

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

The Wyoming Park Advisory Commission receives several requests annually for Eagle Scout volunteer projects. For more information on the process, guidelines and application, go to <https://www.wyomingmn.org/parksrecreation>.

### PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

If you have input or ideas on how to make our parks better, please reach out to the Park Advisory Commission. See page 8 for their details.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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The City of Wyoming offers many community events throughout the year. Check out the City's upcoming events at [www.wyomingmn.org/communityevents](http://www.wyomingmn.org/communityevents), on our calendar at [www.wyomingmn.org/citycalendar](http://www.wyomingmn.org/citycalendar), or on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofwyomingmn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofwyomingmn).

### **SPRING MEDALLION HUNT**

The Spring Medallion Hunt is held the week of Forest Lake School's spring break. Get out and search the parks for the medallion. Clues are posted on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cityofwyomingmn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofwyomingmn)).

### **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April. The celebration will take place on a Saturday in April or May when the weather looks the best. We will then celebrate by planting a tree...or two! Dress appropriately for weather and planting.

### **BIKE RODEO**

Sponsored by the Wyoming Police Department. Come out for a family fun day of bike safety! You can test out your skills and receive a ticket for a chance to win prizes and much more. This event is held on a Saturday in May.

### **TOUCH A TRUCK**

Presented by the City of Wyoming. This is a family friendly event for children and adults of all ages who can get up close and personal with larger than life trucks, heavy construction and public safety equipment and other specialty vehicles. This event takes place the first Saturday in June at Goodview Park.

### **NIGHT TO UNITE**

Night To Unite is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make Wyoming's neighborhoods a more safer and caring place to live. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. This event is held on the first Tuesday in August.

### **STAGECOACH DAY**

Stagecoach day is the day we celebrate Wyoming! This event also supports our local Wyoming Fire Relief Association. There are games, music, food and merchandise vendors, a parade, and so much more. Typically held the second weekend of September.

### **COFFEE WITH A COP**

Coffee With A Cop is held in October & January. Join your local officers for conversation and coffee.

### **"STUFF THE SQUAD" FUNDRAISER**

Help us "Stuff The Squad" with non-perishable food donations to support Family Pathways during the holiday season.

### **ANONYMOUS SANTA TOY, FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Wyoming Fire Department partners with Anonymous Santa of Chisago County. They drive fire trucks around Wyoming collecting toys, clothes, non-perishable food items and gift cards for local families and children in need on the first Saturday morning in December.

### **TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Join us the second Saturday after Thanksgiving at Railroad Park from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. There will be a display of holiday trees, displays and refreshments. This event is free and sponsored by the City of Wyoming.

## SCHOOLS

3 school districts serve Wyoming. To determine with district you are in, go to [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us).

### SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Forest Lake School District #831 .....	651-982-8100
Located at the Forest Lake Area Schools Education Center 943 SW 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Forest Lake, Enter Door #1	
Chisago Lakes School District #2144 .....	651-213-2000
Located at Lakeside Elementary 29678 Karmel Avenue, Chisago City	
North Branch School District #138 .....	651-674-1000
Located at Sunrise River School 28705 Grand Ave, North Branch	

### FOREST LAKE SCHOOLS

Find out what school your student will attend by calling the Welcome Center at 651-982-3154.

Forest Lake Area High School - 6101 Scandia Trail N, Forest Lake .....	651-982-8100
Forest Lake Area Middle School - 21395 Goodview Ave, Forest Lake .....	651-982-3000
Forest Lake Area Community School - 943 SW 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Forest Lake .....	651-982-3170
STEP Program - 200 SW 4 <sup>th</sup> St, Forest Lake .....	651-982-8653
Columbus Elementary - 17345 Notre Dame Street, Forest Lake .....	651-982-8900
Forest Lake Elementary - 408 4 <sup>th</sup> Street SW, Forest Lake .....	651-982-3200
Forest View Elementary - 620 4 <sup>th</sup> St SW, Forest Lake .....	651-982-8200
Lino Lakes Elementary - 725 Main Street, Lino Lakes .....	651-982-8850
Linwood Elementary - 21900 Typo Creek Dr NE, Wyoming .....	651-982-1900
Scandia Elementary - 14351 Scandia Trail, Scandia .....	651-982-3300
Wyoming Elementary - 25701 Forest Blvd, Wyoming .....	651-982-8000
Ranger Academy - Distance Learning .....	651-982-3171
Early Childhood Programs - 943 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Forest Lake .....	651-982-8300

### CHISAGO LAKES SCHOOLS

Chisago Lakes Area High School - 29400 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom .....	651-213-2500
Chisago Lakes Area Middle School - 13750 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom .....	651-213-2000
Chisago Lakes Education Center - 13750 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom .....	651-213-2071
Lakeside Elementary - 29678 Karmel Ave, Chisago City .....	651-213-2300
Primary School - 11009 284 <sup>th</sup> St, Chisago City .....	651-213-2200
Taylor's Falls Elementary - 648 West Street, Taylor's Falls .....	651-213-2100
Early Childhood Programs - 11009 284 <sup>th</sup> St, Chisago City .....	651-213-2281

### NORTH BRANCH SCHOOLS

North Branch Area High School - 38175 Grand Ave, North Branch .....	651-674-1500
North Branch Area Middle School - 38431 Lincoln Tr, North Branch .....	651-674-1300
Sunrise River School - 37775 Grand Ave, North Branch .....	651-674-1100
Norse Area Learning Center - 38432 Lincoln Tr, North Branch .....	651-674-1050
Distance Learning Academy .....	651-674-1050
NBAPS Early Learning - 38705 Grand Ave, North Branch .....	651-674-1220

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There are several options in the area for those looking for youth activities.

### Schools

Forest Lake Community Education	<a href="https://forestlake.ce.eleyo.com">https://forestlake.ce.eleyo.com</a>	651-982-8110
Chisago Lakes Community Education	<a href="https://ce.isd2144.org">https://ce.isd2144.org</a>	651-213-2600
North Branch Community Education	<a href="https://www.isd138.org/o/nbace">https://www.isd138.org/o/nbace</a>	651-674-1027

### Churches

Cornerstone Pentecostal Church	<a href="https://www.cornerstonechurchofmn.com">https://www.cornerstonechurchofmn.com</a>	651-964-0311
Grace Evangelical Free Church	<a href="http://gracewyoming.com">gracewyoming.com</a>	651-462-6677
Maranatha Assembly of God	<a href="http://www.realchurch.org">www.realchurch.org</a>	651-464-3131
St. Paul Lutheran	<a href="https://www.sharingchristслоve.org">https://www.sharingchristслоve.org</a>	651-462-5212
Wyoming United Methodist Church	<a href="http://www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org">www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org</a>	651-462-5276

### Groups

4-H	<a href="https://extension.umn.edu/local/chisago#ways-to-participate,-join-or-re-enroll-2438361">https://extension.umn.edu/local/chisago#ways-to-participate,-join-or-re-enroll-2438361</a>	651-243-1324
Boy Scout Troop #9142	<a href="https://www.goscouting.org">https://www.goscouting.org</a>	651-280-0369
Cub Scout Pack #142	<a href="https://troop142bsa.tripod.com">https://troop142bsa.tripod.com</a>	
Cub Scout Pack #9142	<a href="https://www.goscouting.org">https://www.goscouting.org</a>	612-281-4989
Forest Lake Area Athletic Association	<a href="http://www.flaaa.org">www.flaaa.org</a>	651-982-8165
Girl Scout Troop #57731	<a href="https://www.girlscoutsrv.org/">https://www.girlscoutsrv.org/</a>	

### Other

Forest Lake YMCA	<a href="http://www.ymcanorth.org/locations/forest_lake_ymca">www.ymcanorth.org/locations/forest_lake_ymca</a>	651-259-2133
Pinehaven Farm	<a href="http://www.pinehavenfarm.com">www.pinehavenfarm.com</a>	651-462-1704
Lakes Center For Youth & Families	<a href="http://www.lc4yf.org">www.lc4yf.org</a>	651-464-3685
Splitrocks	<a href="http://splitrocksmn.com">splitrocksmn.com</a>	651-462-6000
Sunrise River Farm	<a href="http://www.sunriseriverfarm.com">www.sunriseriverfarm.com</a>	651-462-8220
Wyoming Area Creative Arts Center	<a href="http://wyomingcreativearts.org">wyomingcreativearts.org</a>	651-272-5122
Wyoming Area Giese Memorial Library	<a href="http://eclib.org/wyoming-area-mn-giese-memorial-library">eclib.org/wyoming-area-mn-giese-memorial-library</a>	651-462-9001
Wyoming Parks	<a href="http://www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks">www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks</a>	651-462-0575

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES & HOUSING

There are several options in the area for those looking for senior activities.

### Schools

Forest Lake Community Education	<a href="https://forestlake.ce.eleyo.com">https://forestlake.ce.eleyo.com</a>	651-982-8110
Chisago Lakes Community Education	<a href="https://ce.isd2144.org">https://ce.isd2144.org</a>	651-213-2600
North Branch Community Education	<a href="https://www.isd138.org/o/nbace">https://www.isd138.org/o/nbace</a>	651-674-1027

### Churches

Cornerstone Pentecostal Church	<a href="https://www.cornerstonechurchofmn.com">https://www.cornerstonechurchofmn.com</a>	651-964-0311
Grace Evangelical Free Church	<a href="http://gracewyoming.com">gracewyoming.com</a>	651-462-6677
Maranatha Assembly of God	<a href="http://www.realchurch.org">www.realchurch.org</a>	651-464-3131
St. Paul Lutheran	<a href="https://www.sharingchristlove.org">https://www.sharingchristlove.org</a>	651-462-5212
Wyoming United Methodist Church	<a href="http://www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org">www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org</a>	651-462-5276

### Other

American Legion Post #225	<a href="http://www.post225.com">http://www.post225.com</a>	651-464-2600
Chisago Age Well	<a href="https://chisagoagewell.org">https://chisagoagewell.org</a>	320-227-1658
Chisago County Senior Center	<a href="http://www.chisagosrcenter.org">www.chisagosrcenter.org</a>	651-674-8658
East Central Housing Organization	<a href="http://www.eastcentralhousing.org/senior-services">www.eastcentralhousing.org/senior-services</a>	320-679-1800
Forest Lake VFW Post #4210	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Forest-Lake-VFW-Post-4210-2405827552970019/">www.facebook.com/Forest-Lake-VFW-Post-4210-2405827552970019/</a>	651-464-6827
Lakes & Pines Community Action Council	<a href="http://www.lakesandpines.org">www.lakesandpines.org</a>	320-679-1800
Meadows On Fairview	<a href="http://www.meadowsonfairview.org">www.meadowsonfairview.org</a>	612-254-6663
Splitrocks	<a href="http://splitrocksmn.com">splitrocksmn.com</a>	651-462-6000
Wyoming Area Creative Arts Center	<a href="http://wyomingcreativearts.org">wyomingcreativearts.org</a>	651-272-5122
Wyoming Area Giese Memorial Library	<a href="http://eclib.org/wyoming-area-mn-giese-memorial-library">eclib.org/wyoming-area-mn-giese-memorial-library</a>	651-462-9001
Wyoming Farmers Market	<a href="http://minnesotagrown.com/member/wyoming-farmers-market">minnesotagrown.com/member/wyoming-farmers-market</a>	612-834-5112
Wyoming Parks	<a href="http://www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks">www.wyomingmn.org/wyomingparks</a>	651-462-0575

## SENIOR HOUSING

### Meadows on Fairview

25565 Fairview Avenue, Wyoming

Phone: 651-982-6228

Website: [www.meadowsonfairview.org](http://www.meadowsonfairview.org)

Meadows on Fairview is a senior living provider that offers residents assisted living, nursing homes and memory care. They offer transitional care and a variety of services and amenities to meet your lifestyle needs now and in the future.



## PROPERTY TAXES & BUDGET PROCESSES

Property tax information, land values, and legal descriptions are available from Chisago County's Records & Taxation department at 651-213-8550 or [www.chisagocountymn.gov/130/Assessor](http://www.chisagocountymn.gov/130/Assessor). Before calling you must know your property's PIN (Property Identification Number). To find the PIN, you may look at your tax statement or call Chisago County at 651-257-1300.

### PROPERTY VALUES & TAXES

The Chisago County Assessor's Office determines the taxable value of all property in Chisago County. These values are not controlled by the City. For questions regarding the value of your property call the Chisago County Assessor at 651-213-8550 or go to [www.chisagocountymn.gov/130/Assessor](http://www.chisagocountymn.gov/130/Assessor). Property taxes are due to Chisago County on May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. To see a breakdown of where your money goes, visit [www.wyomingmn.org/propertytax](http://www.wyomingmn.org/propertytax).

### CITY BUDGET PROCESS

Wyoming operates on a yearly budget cycle, each cycle ends December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, and is a year-round activity. It takes strategic planning to make sure we meet yearly needs. To view the entire process, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/budgetprocess](http://www.wyomingmn.org/budgetprocess).

The city's budget is a financial plan for city services that include:

- Public Safety (Police & Fire)
- Street Maintenance like street sweeping, snowplowing and engineering
- Park Planning & Maintenance
- Park Facilities
- Community Development Activities, which bring in new businesses and industries
- Building Inspection & Code Enforcement
- Legislative & Administrative Operations like elections, human resources and communications

The budget consists of the following areas:

1. General Fund - A budget is prepared for each major department (For example, Administration, Public Safety and Public Works are departments within the general fund)
2. Capital Projects
3. Debt Service
4. Proprietary Funds

### TRUTH IN TAXATION

Your property tax dollar is split between state, county, city, school district, and special taxing districts. Chisago County sends a Truth in Taxation statement in the fall, which shows your proposed property tax for the coming year and the amount of increase or decrease. The statement also shows what portion of your taxes goes to the various taxing districts and the time and location of each district's Truth in Taxation hearing. At these hearings, taxing districts are required to explain their proposed budget and tax levy for the coming year.

### CHISAGO CITY LICENSE BUREAU (DMV) FOR CHISAGO COUNTY

10625 Railroad Ave in Chisago City

Phone: 651-257-6578

Website: [www.ci.chisagomn.us/dmv](http://www.ci.chisagomn.us/dmv)

Services Provided:

- Driver's license renewals, duplicates and name/address changes
- Motor vehicle registration tabs, license plates, title transfers, duplicate titles, and trailer licenses
- ATV, boat and snowmobile licenses
- Passport photos
- Hunting and fishing licenses

### DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAM STATION

5400 Old Hwy 8, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Phone: 651-201-7900

Website: [www.cityofardenhills.org/894/Drivers-Licenses](http://www.cityofardenhills.org/894/Drivers-Licenses)

### CHISAGO COUNTY COURT HOUSE

313 North Main Street in Center City

Phone: 651-213-8650

Website: [www.chisagocounty.us](http://www.chisagocounty.us)

Services Provided:

- Birth & Death Records
- Elections & Voting Information
- Health Services
- Homestead/Agricultural
- Human Services
- Property Tax Information
- Gun Permits
- Marriage Licenses
- Veterans Benefits

### WASTE HAULERS LICENSED IN THE CITY OF WYOMING

- Ace Solid Waste - 763-427-3110 - [www.acesolidwaste.com](http://www.acesolidwaste.com)
- Chisago Lakes Sanitation - 651-257-4763 - [www.chisagolakessanitation.net](http://www.chisagolakessanitation.net)
- Curbside Waste – 763-504-2872 - [curbsidewaste.com](http://curbsidewaste.com)
- Gene’s Disposal Service - 651- 426-1224 - [www.genedisposal.com](http://www.genedisposal.com)
- LePage & Sons - 763-757-7100 - [www.lepageandsons.com](http://www.lepageandsons.com)
- Republic Services - 952-941-5174 - <https://www.republicservices.com>
- Waste Management - 888-827-9234 - <https://www.wm.com>

Curbside recycling is available to residents in Wyoming. Most haulers provide their customers with a recycle bin and will pick up recyclable materials on the same day as garbage pick-up. Garbage and recycling containers need to be placed off the street in the driveway per MN State Statute 160.2715(A)(2) and City Ordinance Sec. 34-102e.

### RECYCLING & HOUSEHOLD WASTE FACILITY

Wyoming residents have two facilities to choose from to properly recycle and dispose of unwanted items. This is a free service for all Wyoming residents. Please don’t wish-cycle! View the list below for acceptable items.

1. North Branch – 39649 Grand Avenue
  - Recycling Yard - [www.chisagocountymn.gov/1420/Recycling](http://www.chisagocountymn.gov/1420/Recycling)
  - Hazardous Waste - [www.chisagocountymn.gov/396/Household-Hazardous-Waste](http://www.chisagocountymn.gov/396/Household-Hazardous-Waste)
  - Hours
    - Mondays (excluding holidays) from 12:00 -7:00 pm
    - Last Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
    - Not open on holidays or observed holidays
  - For a full list of acceptable items, go to [www.chisagocountymn.gov/1436/Recycling-Disposal-Search---Waste-Wizard](http://www.chisagocountymn.gov/1436/Recycling-Disposal-Search---Waste-Wizard)
  - If you have any questions, call 651-213-8920 or email [solid-household-waste@chisagocountymn.gov](mailto:solid-household-waste@chisagocountymn.gov)
2. Forest Lake – 6065 Headwaters Parkway - [www.washingtoncountymn.gov/604/Environmental-Center](http://www.washingtoncountymn.gov/604/Environmental-Center)
  - Hours
    - Mondays from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
    - Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
    - Saturdays from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
    - Closed on Washington County-observed holidays
  - For a full list of acceptable items, go to [www.washingtoncountymn.gov/630/Disposal-Directory](http://www.washingtoncountymn.gov/630/Disposal-Directory)
  - If you have any questions, call 651-275-7475 or email [environmentalcenter@washingtoncountymn.gov](mailto:environmentalcenter@washingtoncountymn.gov)

### COMPOST SITE

The Chisago County Compost site is located at 31501 Lofton Avenue in Chisago City. You must show proof of residency. Phone: 651-257-0620

Website: [www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works/pages/area-compost-site](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works/pages/area-compost-site)

Months of Operation: April - November

Hours:

- Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm or dusk (whichever is first)
- Saturdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sundays from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Closed during inclement and rainy weather

### WHAT IS THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE?

Wyoming's ordinance prohibits loud or disruptive noise that disturbs people's peace, comfort, health, safety, or enjoyment of property. Here is a shortened list of prohibited noises:

1. Music/electronics including radios, speakers, musical instruments, amplifiers, loudspeakers, etc.
  - Allowable hours: Weekdays from 8:00 am-9:00 pm and weekends/holidays from 8:00 am-10:00 pm
2. Horns, audible signaling devices – Allowed only as danger warnings
3. Exhaust – Allowed only through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises
4. Defective Vehicles or Loads – No person shall use any vehicle so out of repair or so loaded as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise
5. Excessive noise during loading, unloading, or unpacking any vehicle
6. Noisy Parties or Gatherings – No person shall participate in any party or other gathering of people giving rise to noise which unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, or repose of another person
7. Animals - The keeping of any animal which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity
8. Schools, Churches, Hospitals, etc. – No person shall create any excessive noise on a street, alley, or public grounds adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, hospital, or senior housing facility
9. Domestic Power Equipment – Includes a power lawn mower, power hedge clipper, chain saw, mulcher, garden tiller, edger, drill, or other similar domestic power maintenance equipment
  - Allowable hours: Weekdays from 7:00 am-9:00 pm and weekends/holidays from 8:00 am-9:00 pm
10. Construction Activities – Involves any kind of electric, diesel, or gas-powered machine or other power equipment
  - Allowable hours: Weekdays from 7:00 am-9:00 pm and weekends/holidays from 8:00 am-9:00 pm
11. Fireworks or discharge of guns used to create noise disturbances

Noise hour extensions may be approved by the City until midnight through a special event permit; allowing up to three extensions per organization each year. For the entire ordinance, please see [Wyoming ordinance, Division 4. Sec. 16-90](#).

### DOES MY PET HAVE TO BE LEASHED?

Yes or under the control of a competent person when not on your own property. See [Wyoming ordinance, Sec. 8-1. \(10\)](#).

### CAN I PARK ON THE ROAD?

The City of Wyoming prohibits all on-street parking from 2:00-6:00 am daily. Residents can apply for a temporary variance or parking permit for construction projects or special events by contact the Wyoming Police Department. Winter parking regulations are enforced November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Go to page 19 for details.

### WHEN DO I NEED TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT? HOW DO I APPLY?

No structure can be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, improved, removed, converted, or demolished unless a building permit has been obtained from the City. In addition, permits are required for the installment or replacement of a furnace, air conditioner, water heater, fireplace, pool, fence/retaining wall or driveway.

Permit applications are available on the City website ([www.wyomingmn.org/permits](http://www.wyomingmn.org/permits)) or at Wyoming City Hall. Permit applications identify and describe the work to be covered by the permit, the land on which the proposed work is to be done, and the use for which the proposed work is intended. If your application requires a lot survey, you may contact the building department to determine if a survey is on file for your property by emailing [permits@wyomingmn.org](mailto:permits@wyomingmn.org).

Your application will be reviewed and a permit will be issued for work that meets MN State Building Code and City requirements. Permit fees are based on the City's fee schedule. Building permits become null and void if the work authorized by the permit does not begin within 180 days of the permit date, or if the work is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work has commenced for a period of 180 days.

For more information on building permits, contact the Building Department at 651-462-0575 or by email at [permits@wyomingmn.org](mailto:permits@wyomingmn.org).

## **WHEN AM I REQUIRED TO PUMP MY SEPTIC SYSTEM? IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?**

If you have an on-site sewage system on your property, you are required to have your septic system pumped every three years. The septic pumper must be a state licensed contractor. The contractor is required to submit a septic maintenance form to the City. Failure to meet these requirements may result in formal enforcement action by the City.

For more information on septic requirements, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/septicssystem](http://www.wyomingmn.org/septicssystem) or contact the Building Department at 651-462-0575 or [permits@wyomingmn.org](mailto:permits@wyomingmn.org).

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT A DEAD ANIMAL IN MY YARD OR IN THE ROAD?**

If there is a dead animal in your yard, contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at 651-772-7910. If the dead animal is on a county road, contact Chisago County at 651-257-1300. If the dead animal is on a city street, contact Wyoming's Public Works department at 651-462-0580 or [publicworks@wyomingmn.org](mailto:publicworks@wyomingmn.org).

## **WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION ON MY PROPERTY TAXES?**

See page 25 of this guide and/or contact Chisago County at 651-257-1300.

## **CAN I HAVE FARM ANIMALS?**

The keeping of farm animals or limited livestock raising may be permitted in rural zoning districts according to the City's zoning ordinance. An exception can be made for operating a zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition. Contact the Zoning Administrator at 651-462-0575 or at [permits@wyomingmn.org](mailto:permits@wyomingmn.org) for specific information regarding the keeping of farm animals.

## **CAN I WORK OUT OF MY HOME?**

Residents who are interested in operating a business out of their home should contact City Hall to request the provisions for conducting a home occupation. Requirements and limitations vary depending on the location and intensity of the business. Fees may be applicable for some permit types.

Home Occupation requirements can be found in Sections 40-540 to 40-544 of the Zoning Ordinance ([www.wyomingmn.org/citycode](http://www.wyomingmn.org/citycode)). Contact the Zoning Administrator at 651-462-0575 for more information.

## **DO SOLICITORS NEED LICENSES?**

Yes, door-to-door soliciting within Wyoming is regulated to protect residents' safety, privacy, and welfare. All solicitors are required to pass a background check and receive council approval before soliciting. Approved solicitors may operate between the hours of 10 am and 7pm. Each solicitor is provided with an orange card bearing city official signatures, which residents may request to see at any time. If you prefer to not have solicitors on your property, you may print and display a "No Soliciting" sign (<https://shorturl.at/lcgy5>).

## **WHAT IS SURFACE WATER?**

Surface water management helps reduce the water pollution in our area. Stormwater runoff (mainly comes from rain and snow) can harm surface waters such as lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. Management of stormwater runoff from urbanized areas is very important for restoring and protecting our local surface waters. It is operated as a public utility pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section §444.075 (State law reference: Metropolitan groundwater management plan, Minnesota Statutes §103B.255). For more information, go to [www.wyomingmn.org/surfacewater](http://www.wyomingmn.org/surfacewater).

**WHY HAS THE CITY ADDED THIS FEE?** The City Of Wyoming must follow certain State mandates to protect our water sources and it requires monies to do so. Due to the significant and ongoing cost of the program, the City utilized an alternative to property taxes that is fairer and more equitable, similar to a user fee.

**WHAT IS THE FEE BE USED FOR?** Your surface water management fee goes directly into a protective water initiative fund, which then helps ensure our surface waters are clean and healthy for all citizens of Wyoming. State and federal law requires three major categories of activities be carried out by municipalities. The revenue for this fee will ensure the City is compliant with those laws. They include the following:

1. The administration, planning, analysis, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of public storm water drainage systems.
2. The administration, planning, implementation, construction, and maintenance of surface water Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the introduction of sediment and other pollutants into local water resources.
3. All necessary activities to maintain compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements established by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including preparation, implementation, and management of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

### Police

Emergency .....	911
Police Non-Emergency .....	651-257-4100
Wyoming Police Station .....	651-462-0577
Chisago County Sheriff's Office .....	651-257-4100
Reserve Deputy Program & Chaplin Volunteer Program .....	651-213-6317
Correction Jail Volunteer Program .....	651-213-6461
Bailiff Volunteer Program .....	651-213-6333
Chisago County Office Refuge Network .....	651-257-2890

### Fire

Emergency .....	911
Fire Non-Emergency .....	651-257-4100
Wyoming Fire Station .....	651-462-0577

### Streets & Utilities

Chisago County Highways .....	651-213-8700
Chisago County Inspections .....	651-213-8385
MnDOT .....	651-296-3000
Sewer & Water After-Hours Emergency .....	651-257-4100
Wyoming City Streets .....	651-462-0580

### Utility Providers

Connexus Energy .....	763-323-2600
Frontier .....	1-866-226-5170
Midcontinent .....	1-800-888-1300
Xcel Energy .....	1-800-895-4999

### General

Chisago County Assessor's Office .....	651-213-8550
Chisago County Historical Society .....	651-257-5310
Chisago County Information .....	651-257-1300
Department Of Motor Vehicles (DMV) .....	651-257-7333
Department of Natural Resources (DNR) .....	651-296-6157
Northwoods Humane Society .....	651-982-0240
Wyoming Giese Memorial Library .....	651-462-9001
Wyoming Lion's Club .....	651-571-5466
Wyoming Post Office .....	651-440-7536

### Newspapers

Chisago County Press .....	651-257-5115
Forest Lake Times .....	651-464-4601

### Clinics & Hospitals

Fairview Lakes Hospital - 5200 Fairview Blvd, Wyoming .....	651-982-7000
Immunization Clinics .....	651-213-5600

### Employment

Job Line .....	651-257-1300
Job Training Center .....	651-257-1300

## Waste Haulers & Disposals

Ace Solid Waste .....	763-427-3110
Chisago County Compost Site - 31505 Lofton Avenue, Chisago City .....	651-257-0620
Chisago County Hazardous Waste Facility - 39649 Grand Ave, North Branch .....	651-213-8920
Chisago Lakes Sanitation .....	651-257-4763
Curbside Waste .....	763-504-2872
Gene's Disposal Service .....	651-426-1224
LePage & Sons .....	763-757-7100
North Environmental Center - 6065 Headwaters Parkway, Forest Lake .....	651-275-7475
Republic Services .....	952-941-5174
Waste Management .....	888-827-9234

## Churches

Cornerstone Pentecostal Church .....	651-964-0311
Grace Evangelical Free Church .....	651-462-6677
Maranatha Assembly of God .....	651-464-3131
St. Paul Lutheran .....	651-462-5212
Wyoming United Methodist Church .....	651-462-5276

## Social Services

Chisago County Health Services .....	651-257-1300
<a href="http://www.chisagocounty.us/604/Health-Services">www.chisagocounty.us/604/Health-Services</a>	
Services Provided: Chemical Health Services, Child & Teen Checkups, Community Health, Dental Varnishing, Family Home Visiting, Immunizations & TB Testing, Kidformation, Mental Health Services, Public Health, Wellness Resource Guide, WIC	
Chisago County Human Services .....	651-257-1300
<a href="http://www.chisagocounty.us/515/Human-Services">www.chisagocounty.us/515/Human-Services</a>	
Services Provided: Adult Services, Aging & Disabilities Division, Child Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Child Protection Services, Child Support Services, Economic Support Services, Employment & Economic Development Assistance, Foster Care Licensing, Foster Care Online Video Training, Fraud Assistance, Medical Assistance Programs, Parent Support Outreach Programs, and Veterans Services	
Crisis Line & Mental Health Services .....	988 – Call or Text
Family Pathways - 26816 Kettle River Blvd, Wyoming .....	651-462-6632
Head Start Preschool Program .....	1-800-832-6082
<a href="http://www.lakesandpines.org/head-start">www.lakesandpines.org/head-start</a>	
Offers home-based programs, child care partnerships, homeless program, and health and nutrition.	
Lakes & Pines Community Action Council Program .....	320-679-1800
<a href="http://www.lakesandpines.org">www.lakesandpines.org</a>	
Services Provided: Energy Assistance program, energy crisis assistance, Reach Out For Warmth, energy related repairs, emergency housing assistance programs, financing for basic permanent home repairs, free tax prep, financial literacy, Family Assets for Independence in MN (FAIM), SNAP, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), MNsure, Transportation Programs, senior services, group respite, Live Well At Home, and more	
Mediation Services for Chisago County .....	651-435-6535
<a href="http://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Self-Help-Centers.aspx">www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Self-Help-Centers.aspx</a>	
Confidential, free service that acts as a neutral party when disputing parties cannot resolve a conflict	
Minnesota Extension Service .....	651-243-1324
<a href="http://extension.umn.edu/local/chisago">extension.umn.edu/local/chisago</a>	
Offers 4H, horticulture, agriculture, home economic, family living, budget assistance programs, and literature	