

Crossroads

October-December 2009

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom

FROM THE MAYOR...

Welcome to summer! Yes, as I write to you today (in early September) summer has finally arrived. However, something is different! Labor Day has come and gone and it's football season. This was the summer that wasn't - at least for nice weather. We did have a terrific concert series here in the City and the Farmer's Market has really been a big success. Thanks to all of you who have participated in coming to the concerts and also taking advantage of the fresh Michigan bounty at the Farmer's Market.

As most of you have read or heard much has been a buzz around our fair City. In my State of the City address I mentioned a new program - Community Emergency Response Team or CERT. This initiative will provide vital services to our community in the event of a catastrophic disaster, natural or man-made. Service will range from directing traffic, providing bottled water to those who are without, and to assist first responders. For this I'm asking for volunteers! It will require 20 hours of course instruction over seven weeks. The instruction will be provided by professionals. Please, if you have been wondering how you could get involved in our community, this is a great opportunity. Please call the Fire Department to find out more at 248.624.1055.

Many of you are aware as well; our City had fantastic, splendid news of the Ford Wixom Site Redevelopment Project. This is the biggest opportunity in the State of Michigan, as well as the country. Three new companies are moving into and refurbishing the site to Green Technology, Manufacturing, Research and Development and a possible extension type University. Thousands of jobs will be created directly and indirectly within our City; jobs that will attract our young adults back to Michigan. We have the potential to

become the Nation's Renewable Energy Destination. We can all be proud of the selection and commitment these new companies have made to our City, County and the State of Michigan.

If you haven't felt excited for a while due to all the bad news, well my fellow citizens, you can be excited now for the good news, we're back! Happy Fall to you all and stay tuned!

Your Mayor,

Kevin W. Hinkley



'WIXOM'S TIME HAS COME, AGAIN!'

Thursday, September 10th Governor Granholm, Ford Chairman Bill Ford Jr., Mayor Kevin Hinkley and notable others, announced the development of a \$725M "Renewable Energy Park" at the Ford site. Three companies: Clairvoyant Energy and Oerlikon Solar (solar panel manufacturing) and Xtreme Power (large scale power storage systems) will anchor the site creating 4,000 jobs in the next two years. Indirect jobs creation is estimated at an additional 10,000.

Since the news of the closing of the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant broke in 2006, the City Administration has

worked at great length with Ford Motor Company. When Ford came to the City with their "Renewable Energy Park" concept the City took immediate action by forming an internal development team and involving local and state legislators as well as the Governor to assist Ford in re-purposing the 318 acre, 4.7 million square foot plant. Mayor Kevin Hinkley stated "this new alternative energy campus will be the catalyst for our new economy with Wixom leading the way as the nation's destination for renewable energy products".

Chairman Bill Ford Jr. stated "through this effort, we're going to put this plant and our skilled workers of Michigan back to work". The Governor was quoted as saying "this is symbolic of Michigan's transformation".

Carlos Coe, president and CEO of Xtreme Power, commended the collaborative effort by saying "in the next 24 months, you will see the next generation of power systems for the 21st Century". Clairvoyant Energy CEO David Hardee shared his feelings that "this project could do for Michigan what the silicone valley did for California". Mayor Hinkley extended his thanks to local and state legislators, Ford Motor Company, Clairvoyant Energy, Oerlikon Solar and Xtreme Power right up to the Governor. A special note of thanks was extended to City Manager Mike Dornan. "Mike was available 24/7" Hinkley said. "Other communities should only be so lucky". The Mayor concluded by saying "The people in Michigan rebound and work hard, and through a collaborative effort we got it done. It is no longer the Wixom Ford Plant, but a Renewable Energy Park".

Visit the City's website for pertinent Ford information including newspaper articles, updates, etc.

See Election info. On Page 8.

2009 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



LEAF PREPARATION GUIDELINES

NEW SCHEDULE CHANGES: Soon leaf collection will be starting throughout the City. Please take the time and note the week your neighborhood is scheduled for collection. The Department of Public Works will make every effort to maintain this schedule. However, the weather may influence the timetable. If this is the case, you will be notified via Constant Contact and by signage at the entrance to your subdivision or street. You can sign-up for Constant Contact e-mail notification by visiting our website at <http://www.cityofwixom.com> and select the "Signup Email List" option. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at 248.624.0141.

BE PREPARED: Know your scheduled week! Rake your leaves by the weekend prior to your scheduled Section. Leaves piled longer than a week may scatter, plug the storm sewer system, or cause possible traffic hazards.

DIRECTIONS: Keep leaves free from debris such as branches, rocks, metal, lawn clippings and pet waste. Also, **DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET DURING YOUR ASSIGNED SECTION.**

BAG YOUR LEAVES OPTION: Wixom's Leaf Collection Program is designed to provide residents with optional bagged leaf collection. You can bag your leaves for Waste Management's curbside collection through the end of November. Also, Wixom residents can drop off leaves and other yard waste "free-of-charge" at the DPW's compost facility (2041 Charms Road) until the end of December.

PATIENCE: Leaf collection takes time. Delays due to weather, the rate at which the leaves fall and potential emergencies are inevitable. Unless an immediate hazard exists, the DPW will follow the schedule that ensures systematic coverage.

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4	SECTION 4 Contd.
<i>OCT. 26 - 30</i>	<i>NOV. 2 - 6</i>	<i>NOV. 9 - 13</i>	<i>NOV. 16 - 20</i>	<i>NOV. 16 - 20</i>
Trails of Loon Lake	Highgate on the Green	Hickory Hills	Birch Park	Hillsborough
Hidden Creek	Highgate on the Lake	Finn Camp	Indian Springs	Potter Rd
Norton Creek	Courts of Highgate	Cliffs of Loon Lake	Indian Wells	
Charms Rd	Wildwood	Loon Lake Woods	Maple Rd	SECTION 5
Wixom Rd	Quail Hollow	Loon Lake Rd	Millstream	NOV. 23 - 25
Theodore	Wainstock	Northridge Estates	Maple Run	Wexford Mews
Sibley Ct	Pontiac Trail		Nissen Ct	Wexford Woods
Terra Ct			Cameron Ct	

HOME IMPROVEMENT

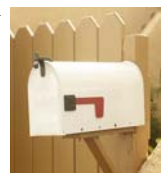
When we think of home improvements we tend to think about updating and remodeling projects in our homes. Think too about your mailbox. Talk about curb appeal! It is the first thing people see when they arrive at or drive by your home. Leaning posts, rusted or damaged boxes contribute to the appearance of blight and neighborhood degradation.



The repair or replacement of unsightly boxes can have a dramatic impact on the overall appearance of your neighborhood, which translates into a well-kept family oriented environment. A simple coat of paint can do wonders for the appearance of this much used and often neglected device. For a more impressive effect perhaps a whole new post and box are in order. They are relatively inexpensive, plentiful at any home improvement store in many colors and styles, easy to install and will add a whole new

dimension to the aesthetics of your home.

On the City's part, we have launched an initiation aimed at encouraging repairs and upkeep of utility boxes such as cable, telephone, electric, etc. City representatives have reviewed the entire city, compiled a list of utility boxes that are in disrepair and are now working with the utility companies on corrective measures. If you know of a utility box that is in disrepair, please notify the DPW at 248.624.0141.



FIRE NEWS

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4-10

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the **Great Chicago Fire** in 1871. This two-day blaze on October 8-9, killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 more homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. That tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** sponsors a fire prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire safety.

The Wixom Fire Department's annual **Fire Prevention Week Open House** is Saturday, October 10. Join us from 10 am-1 pm at Fire Station #1 on Wixom Road for demonstrations, activities, and a picnic lunch. Kids of all ages are welcome.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK – CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

This year we “fall back” to Eastern Standard Time on Sunday, November 1. Mark your calendar now to *change your clock and change your smoke detector batteries*. Smoke detectors **SAVE LIVES**.



CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

As fall settles in and the home heating season is upon us, residents need to test carbon monoxide detectors in the home. If you don't own a detector, consider purchasing one. *CO detectors save lives*. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and it *kills*. Warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, nausea and/or vomiting and fatigue. Severity of symptoms varies with age, existing medical conditions and physical size. If your detector activates, **leave the house immediately, then call 911. Do not open doors or windows to ventilate the house.** Fire Department personnel will test your home for the presence of carbon monoxide and evaluate your family for symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STORAGE

As many of you know, in early August, we had a house fire in Wixom which can be attributed to the improper

storage of household items. When products that require ventilation are improperly stored and not vented, heat can be created. If the amount of heat created causes one or both products to reach ignition temperature (self ignite) spontaneous combustion occurs. This was the case with the August fire. To spare you the same tragic results, the Fire Department would like to share some important information.

Residents should not store any dangerous substances (as well as those that are subject to spontaneous combustion) within their homes or attached garages but rather at least 10 feet away from their dwelling entirely, preferably in an external building such as a secure detached garage, shed, etc. If impractical, materials should be stored in a fire-proof cabinet, which can be purchased at many home improvement stores or online. Flammable vapors are typically heavier than air and that is why flammable liquids and other fuels should be stored in an approved container on the bottom shelf or below eye level and away from open flames.

Many families store chemicals and cleaning supplies in a garage or basement, and while those may not be high traffic areas for family members, it is important to store and handle chemicals correctly, wherever they are. According to the State of Home Safety in America™ (2002), household chemicals caused more than 45,000 emergency room visits in a single year. The following guidelines are recommended when storing and handling dangerous products, including, but not limited to, gasoline, pool chemicals and pesticides:

- Use child-resistant caps on dangerous products, including those stored in the garage, such as pesticides, automotive fluids, charcoal lighter, paint thinner, antifreeze, and turpentine. Ideally, hazardous products should be stored in a locked cabinet.
- Buy only what you need to avoid having left over products.
- Store all products in their original containers and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Read the use and storage directions before using products. Original labels on product containers often give important first-aid information.

- When using harsh products follow safety recommendations, such as wearing gloves and masks. Do not mix products - together their contents could react with dangerous results.
- Never transfer poisonous or caustic products to drinking glasses, pop bottles, or other food containers, which could be mistaken and the contents consumed. Store only a small amount of gasoline, in a garage or shed, and always in an approved, vented container designed and labeled for gasoline. Because of its highly volatile



flammable vapors, gasoline must never be brought indoors. Propane, kerosene and lamp oils should be considered and handled in the same manner.

- Fertilizers and Pesticides are extremely hazardous – consider substituting non-poisonous insecticides whenever possible. If you choose not to use non-poisonous materials, again store them according to the manufacturer's recommendations, in the original containers and read the directions for important first-aid information.
- Mix insect sprays outdoors, away from areas used by your family and pets.
- Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's directions, always in tightly covered original containers, in a dry place. Keep these away from other chemicals and products.

Dispose of unwanted hazardous materials at scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) events. The next event for our area is Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the RRRASOC MRF (20000 W. 8 Mile Rd., Southfield) from 9 am to 2 pm. For a complete listing of HHWD events please visit <http://www.rrrasoc.org/>

The following website also contains more interesting information regarding storage of chemicals, gardening products, etc.

<http://sdces.sdstate.edu/south2/Horticulture/AB/columns/10.25.06.htm>

**WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

The Wixom Firefighters Association presents their 30th annual *Breakfast with Santa* on **Saturday, December 12, 2009**. This social event is held at the Wixom Community Center from 8 - 11 am. Activities include a pancake breakfast and a visit with Santa for all **children 10 and under**. To help the less fortunate this holiday season, **Wixom Firefighters will be collecting non-perishable food items**. Space is limited to 500 children. Registration deadline: November 30th.



**WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009
REGISTRATION FORM * DEADLINE NOVEMBER 30**

LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER AGE 10: _____
WRITE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

AGE	INFANT	1-2	3-4	5-7	8-10
GIRLS					
BOYS					

TO HELP THOSE IN NEED, WE ASK THAT YOU BRING A
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

Mail to: Wixom Fire Department
1345 N. Wixom Road
Wixom, MI 48393

WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY, PLEASE



This is to advise you of the Holiday Schedule for the calendar year 2010 and New Year's Day 2011.

It is Waste Management's intention to minimize the potential for service issues during each of the holidays.

CALENDAR YEAR 2010

New Year's Day – Friday, January 1
Monday - Thursday collection on schedule
Friday - No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind - Saturday

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31
Monday - No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Tuesday - Saturday

Independence Day – Sunday, July 4
Sunday Holiday - No change in schedule
Collection on schedule Monday - Friday

Labor Day – Monday, September 6
Monday - No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Tuesday - Saturday

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25
Monday - Wednesday collection on schedule
Thursday - No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Friday - Saturday

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
Monday - Friday collection on schedule

CALENDAR YEAR 2011

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1
Monday - Friday collection on schedule

HOME WINTERIZATION

It's that time of year when people begin thinking about vacationing in a warmer climate. If you're one of them and will be leaving town for an extended period of time, please keep in mind the winterization of your home and associated water system. If a water pipe bursts, your

home could sustain significant water damage. The following tips are intended to help you avoid a cold weather related calamity.

- Exterior:
 - Irrigation systems need to be winterized before freezing weather arrives. Purge all sprinkler lines of water or have a professional do it for you and deactivate sprinkler timers.
 - Drain garden hoses. Full hoses will freeze during cold weather and may burst or be weakened.
 - Shut-off the valves that allow water to the exterior hose connections then open the outside faucets to let them drain.
- Interior:



- Shut-off the water supply at the water meter.
 - Drain water pipes, or have a professional do it, including the hot water tank.
 - Put Recreational Vehicle type anti-freeze in toilets and drain traps.
 - Lower the temperature, but do not turn your furnace off completely.
 - If you are on a well, turn-off your well pump.
- Other:
 - Notify the Wixom Police Department (248.624.6114) before you leave for an extended period of time. Be sure that they know how to get in touch with you or a trusted friend or relative, while you are away.
 - Forward your mail, have a hold placed on it or ask a trusted friend or relative to collect it. The local U.S. Post Office can be contacted at 248.624.2382.

Finally, please arrange to have the sidewalk adjacent to your home, if there is one, and driveway cleared of snow in your absence. This will give the appearance of someone at home as well as accommodating pedestrian travel along the walkway.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to contact the City's Building Department, at 248.624.0880, the Department of Public Works at 248.624.0141, or the City's water system operator, United Water, at 248.624.6421.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Learn a New Language -- Online!

Interested in foreign places and cultures? Enjoy picking up new skills? The Library now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system! Wixom patrons can access Mango free of charge through the Library's website. It's the easiest way to learn a foreign language.

Mango focuses on teaching actual conversation skills. Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with an easy-to-follow interface and simple, clear instructions. The service currently offers 12 language courses, with many more on the way.

Ready to get started? Just visit www.wixomlibrary.org and click on "Online Resources." You'll find Mango Languages under "Education." Enter your library card number for immediate access anywhere.

Don't see the language you're looking for? Would you rather learn in the car? Don't forget the Library's excellent collection of language courses on CD!

New: Movies in the Meeting Room!

Catch a movie on our new big screen this fall! We've installed ceiling-mounted projection equipment and window-darkening shades in the Meeting Room. New tables and chairs that are easier to stack and move are also on the way. Together, these changes will allow us to hold computer classes, show films, and offer a wider variety of activities.

Big thanks to the Friends of the Wixom Public Library for both the movie licensing and projection equipment! Please register in advance at the Information Desk for our Fall movie line-up, and pass the popcorn!

BIG-SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT:
Gran Torino (R)
Tuesday, October 13, 5:30-7:30 pm

TEEN BOOK TO MOVIE – SCI-FI

MINI FILM FESTIVAL:
Inkheart (PG) and *Coraline (PG)*
Monday, October 19 starting at 3 pm



BIG-SCREEN MOVIE MATINEE:
Kiss the Girls (R)
Saturday, November 14, 2-4 pm

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG)*
Monday, December 28 at 5 pm

More Programs for Adults & Teens:

MEET THE COUPON LADY!
Wednesday, October 7, 6-7 pm
Who doesn't like to save money? Super-saver Laura Webber will show how you can, just by clipping coupons!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE
Saturday, October 10 at 1:30 pm
Teens and their families are invited to attend this one-hour lecture. Maureen Gault of College-SOS will cover how and when to search for college scholarships. She will discuss the cost of college and the importance of scholarships. Don't miss this!

NATURAL FAMILY HEALTH THROUGH HOMEOPATHY
Tuesday, December 1, 6-7:30 pm
Kathleen Slonager introduces helpful home remedies just in time for the cold season. Learn to combat colds, flu, stomach and head complaints, perform basic first aid, and more.

Children's Highlights

SPECTACULAR SATURDAY SPECIALS
Saturday programs are geared towards families with children ages 2-10. Please register in advance at the Children's Desk.

R.E.P.T.I.L.E.S.
Saturday, October 10 at 10:30 am
Join Mike Brophy for an informative, unique morning with Mike's LIVE reptile collection.



Annual Halloween Happening
Saturday, October 31 at 10:30 am
Children ages 2-10 are welcome to join us on for a combination magic and puppet show with special guest The Amazing Clark. Cider and donuts and goody bags will top off this festive morning.



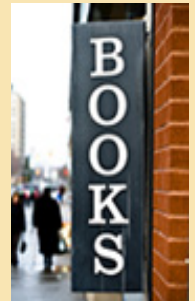
Local Author Visits Wixom
Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 am
Maria Dismondly will read her delightful picture book, SPAGHETTI IN A HOT DOG BUN: HAVING THE COURAGE TO BE WHO YOU ARE. Maria's presentation will include a book signing. Families are welcome to pre-order the book at the Children's Desk or buy a copy that day, if desired.

Holiday Workshop
Saturday, December 12 at 10:30 am
Join in the fun at our present making workshop. All you need to bring is your imagination and a smile, we will provide the rest!



Don't Miss the Fall Used Book Sale October 21-24

Thanks to a huge outpouring of donated books, this fall's Friends of the Library Used Book Sale promises to be a gigantic event. Books and multimedia materials for all ages and tastes are in abundance—and the value cannot be beaten. Prices range from 25 cents for children's soft covers to a dollar for adult trade and hard cover books. Values can also be had on electronic media and specially priced "collector" items.



Sale Dates:

Wednesday, October 21: Preview sale for Friends only, 5:30-7:30 pm (memberships available at the door)
Thursday, October 22: 10 am–8 pm
Friday, October 23: 10 am–5 pm
Saturday, October 24: 10 am–4 pm
Bag Day (fill a bag for \$5)

Stop in and stock up. The Library is located at 49015 Pontiac Trail. Trick or Treat bags will be given out to the children. All proceeds will benefit the Wixom Public Library. Book donations may be dropped off in the Library lobby. Special thanks to the Walled Lake Western High School Cross Country Team for moving boxes of books and helping to set up for the sale!

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

You can now register for classes at www.cityofwixom.com, by phone (248-624-2850), fax (248-960-8873) or mail! Also, visit our web site www.cityofwixom.com for a full listing of classes, summer camps, trips & events! All classes take place and trips leave from Wixom Community Center unless otherwise noted.

TRIPS

DISNEY ON ICE

Who: Everyone
When: Sat Oct 3
Time: Bus leaves 10 am
Fee: \$20 per person



Join the celebration as 65 of Disney's unforgettable characters from 18 beloved stories come to life in Disney on Ice celebrates 100 years of magic! Join the one and only Mickey Mouse, the irresistible Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck, Jiminy Cricket, Pinocchio & all the Disney Princesses in a skating spectacular you'll remember forever. Venue: The Palace. Fee includes snack, admission & bus.

TIGERS VS. WHITE SOX

Who: Everyone
When: Sun Oct 4
Time: Bus leaves 11:15 am
Fee: \$32 per person



Join us in cheering on the Tigers at their LAST Regular Season Home game vs. the Chicago White Sox! Register early- 20 minimum/ 45 max. Limit 6 tickets per household. Fee includes bus, snack & admission. Seats located in Section 329.

CURIOUS GEORGE

Who: Everyone
When: Sat Oct 17
Time: Bus leaves 9 am
Fee: \$24 Gallery A



(24 seats)/ \$30 Main-Floor (20 seats) & Canned items
Fun new musical- George ends up on a mission to help Chef Pisghetti's meatballs win a world-famous competition. Venue: Fox Theater. Fee includes snack, admission & bus. Bring non-perishable item to donate to Hospitality House for those in our area who are in need.

LEGALLY BLONDE

Who: Everyone
When: Sat, Oct 24
Time: Bus leaves 12:15 pm
Fee: \$72



Venue: Fisher Theater. Fee includes snack, admission & bus.

NUTCRACKER

Who: Everyone
When: Sun Dec 13
Time: Bus leaves 1:30 pm
Fee: \$47- Seats @ Gallery A4 (35 seats) / \$77- Seats @ Mezzanine 6 (10 seats)



Great Ballet Holiday tradition. The story of a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King with seven heads. Venue: Fox Theater. Fee includes snack, admission & bus.

WIZARD OF OZ

Who: Everyone
When: Sat Jan 30
Time: Bus leaves 6 pm
Fee: \$65



There truly is no place like home as the greatest family musical of all time, the wonderful WIZARD OF OZ, twists its way into Detroit! Think ahead: give tickets as Holiday gifts! Venue: Fisher Theater. Fee includes snack, admission & bus.

SPECIAL EVENTS

HOSPITALITY HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

When: Oct 12-15
Time: 7:15-5:30 pm
Where: City Hall, Community Services Lobbies



Please help fight against hunger within our own community! Bring non-expired, non-perishable items (cereal, canned veggies & fruit, soup, tuna, jelly, peanut butter, juice, toiletries, etc.) to be distributed to those in need.

FALL FEST

Who: Age 2-10
When: Sat Oct 10
Time: 5-8 pm
Where: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.
Fee: \$10 per child



Great event that is fun & festive for kids to dress up and trick-r-treat along the trail from 5-7 pm! Pumpkin, music, face painting, pony rides, doughnuts & hayrides for all! Register at park. No pre-registration at Parks & Rec accepted. Limited to the first 400 kids.

8TH ANNUAL MONSTER MASH

Who: Everyone
When: Fri Oct 16
Time: 6-8 pm
Fee: \$8 per person (Age 2 & up)/
Canned food donation



Come dressed to give the crowd a chuckle or scare! DJ will play the latest knock dead hits! Pizza dinner, cookies & punch included. Don't forget your camera! Must pre-register by 3 pm Oct 15. 250 max. Bring non-perishable item to donate to Hospitality House for those in our area who are in need.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Who: Age 17+/ 110 lbs +
When: Dec 23, 7am-7pm
Fee: One Pint of Blood



Our area is in crisis mode as blood levels are minimal! Please call Jodi at 248-624-2850 to make an appointment or walk-ins are also welcome. You can also schedule and learn more at www.givelife.org. Even if you are on medications, are in remission from cancer (after 5 years) or have diabetes- you are still eligible! Your help is desperately needed!

FALL MICRO-BEER TASTING

Who: Age 21+
When: Fri Nov 6
Time: 7-9 pm
Fee: \$18 per person



Cheers! You've asked for it- we have scheduled it! Taste the beers you want to enjoy and share during the Holidays. Selection of micro-brews, craft beers, domestic & international. Will also have a table of wines. Light snacks available. Pre-register by 3pm, Nov 5.

TREE LIGHTING

Who: Everyone
When: Wed Dec 2
Time: 6:30-8 pm
Fee: No charge



Come and see our municipal complex light up as we sing carols for the Holidays and welcome Santa for the season. Bring your camera. Light refreshments will be served.

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.Cityofwixom.com			1	2	3 Disney on Ice 10 am 
4 Tigers 11 am 	5 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9	10 Fire Open House 10 am Fall Fest 5 pm 
11	12 Parks & Rec Commission 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	13 Sr. Commission 10 am Friends of the Library Mtg 11:30 am City Council 7:30 pm	14	15	16 Monster Mash 6 pm 	17 Curious George Live 9 am 
18	19 Tales & Ghost Stories (WHS) 7 pm	20 DDA 7:30 am	21	22	23	24 Legally Blonde 12:15 pm 
25	26 Planning Wkshp 7:30 pm Library Board 7 pm	27 City Council 7:30 pm	28	29	30	31  Halloween

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ELECTION DAY 	4 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	5	6 Micro-Beer Tasting 7 pm 	7
8 Wixom Antique Road Show (WHS) 12 pm	9 Parks & Rec Commission 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	10 Sr. Commission 10 am City Council 7:30 pm	11 City Offices Closed  Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Planning Wkshp 7:30 pm Library Board 7 pm	24 City Council 7:30 pm	25	26 City Offices Closed Thanksgiving 	27	28
29	30				Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.CityofWixom.com	
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DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.Cityofwixom.com		1	2 Tree Lighting 6:30 pm 	3	4	5
6	7 Planning Commission 7:30 pm Santa Hotline 5:30 pm	8 Sr. Commission 10 am City Council 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12 Breakfast with Santa 8 am Nutcracker Ballet 1:30 pm
13	14 Parks & Rec Commission 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	15 City Council 7:30 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Red Cross Blood Drive 7 am-7 pm 	24 City Offices Closed Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas	26
27	28 Planning Wkshp 7:30 pm	29	30	31 City Offices Closed New Year's Eve 		

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

On November 3, 2009 Wixom voters will cast their vote for Mayor, three members of City Council and two Library Board of Trustees members. Additionally, voters in the portion of Precinct 3 that is located within the South Lyon Community School District will be voting for members of the South Lyon Board of Education. As with all elections of late, Precincts 1 and 3 vote at the Community Center while Precincts 2 and 4 vote at City Hall; and polls will be open on Election Day from 7 am until 8 pm. Qualified and registered electors who wish to vote an absentee ballot for this election are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248.624.4557 to request an application if you have not already done so.

Oakland County Animal Control will send out their usual reminder in December concerning 2010 dog licenses.



Watch your mail for this communiqué, and be sure to obtain your dog's license from the City Clerk's Office in a timely manner in order to avoid the late charges that are assessed after the June 1st deadline. Don't forget that you need to provide proof of current rabies vaccination when applying for this license.



Please be aware that City Offices will be closed the following upcoming dates: November 11, November 26, December 24 & December 31.

Since this is the last newsletter that will be outgoing before year's end, please accept this as the City Clerk's Office's wishes for you to have safe and happy holidays with your family and friends.



FARMERS MARKET

Day: Each Thursday
Time: 3-7 pm
When: Wraps up Thur, Oct 29
Where: Old Wixom Road & Pontiac Tr.
Visit the City of Wixom Farmers Market for all your fall supplies: apples, gourds, pumpkins, corn stalks, mums & more. Stay local and support our local farmers right here in the State of Michigan. Seasonal fresh foods and products for all. Master Gardeners from MSU will be onsite to answer your gardening questions. Market will also host a juried craft and artisan section to enhance your shopping experience. Market is at our main City crossroads of Old Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail. Also visit the many shops in our Village Center Area – Make your day a Wixom Day!
Are you interested in becoming a vendor next year? Call 248.624.2850 or visit website www.cityofwixom.com.



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This publication is dedicated to providing news to our community, educating our readers, and offering critical comment.

City of Wixom Phone Directory

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Fire, Police, Ambulance	
NON-EMERGENCY	
Fire Admin.....	624-1055
Police Admin.....	624-6114
City Manager.....	624-0894
Clerk/Voting.....	624-4557
Community Center/ Parks & Recreation.....	624-2850
Senior Center.....	624-0870
Finance/ Taxes.....	624-0885
Library.....	624-2512
Public Services.....	624-4664
Public Works.....	624-0141
Roads, Recycling, Solid Waste, Sewer, Water/Sewer Operations.....	624-6421
Building.....	624-0880
Assessing.....	624-3223

WIXOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The new season of programs offered by the Wixom Historical Society kicks off on Monday, September 21 with its “get back together” pot luck dinner highlighted this year with an added attraction “How to be a Lighthouse Keeper” presented by society member Sue Griffor.

Sue and brother Tom manned the Tawas Point Light House on Lake Huron for a week. Learn what its like to be a part of the intriguing, mystical and romantic history of these sentinels of safety.

Join us at City Hall at 6:30 pm, bring a dish to pass, and plan to hear about a unique adventure.

OCTOBER 19 GREAT LAKES TALES AND LIGHTHOUSE GHOST STORIES 7 PM

Our investigation of lighthouses continues into the month of Halloween with tales of wandering ghosts and other paranormal activity told to us by Lori Feret.

Our shores and lakes attract stories of old Indian legends, tales of wandering ghosts from lost ships, sightings of ghost ships and even accounts of sea monsters. Learn about the lives of the lighthouse keepers and the fascinating structures.

Youngsters should really enjoy this program which follows a short business meeting starting at 7 pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – REMEMBER TO VOTE – ALL PRECINCTS AT CITY HALL AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 THE WIXOM ANTIQUE ROAD SHOW NOON TO 4 PM

The long anticipated fun event for everyone arrives. We all have “treasures” but we really don’t know much about that dusty item found in Aunt Tillie’s attic...is it really a keeper?

Join with the society as we welcome our appraiser Fred Fleming as he examines your treasures and tells the background, age, and value. Furniture (if it’s big, perhaps a drawer or good photograph), lamps, clocks, pottery, china, glass, dolls and old jewelry are Fred’s forte. There will be a \$5 charge for each piece appraised which benefits the historical society.



A numbered ticket will be given at the door for a place in line but it won’t be boring for those waiting because the stories and appraisals will be for the benefit of all.

Look around , bring those things you’ve always wondered about...who knows, you may be surprised.

And looking ahead...December 7...an afternoon Wassail open house at the Wixom Wire Museum to usher in the holiday season.



All meetings and programs are open to the public without charge. Unless otherwise announced, all meetings are held at Wixom City Hall starting at 7 pm.

MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with the City of Wixom’s Village Center Area Memorial Gift Program.



Please visit www.CityofWixom.com to print out your order form for the Memorial Brick & Bench program or visit the Parks & Recreation Department! Bricks and Benches will be placed throughout the new Village Center Area. A contribution of \$150 will buy a standard 6”x8” brick or \$1950 for a 72” bench engraved with your personal message. Call 248-624-2850 for more information.