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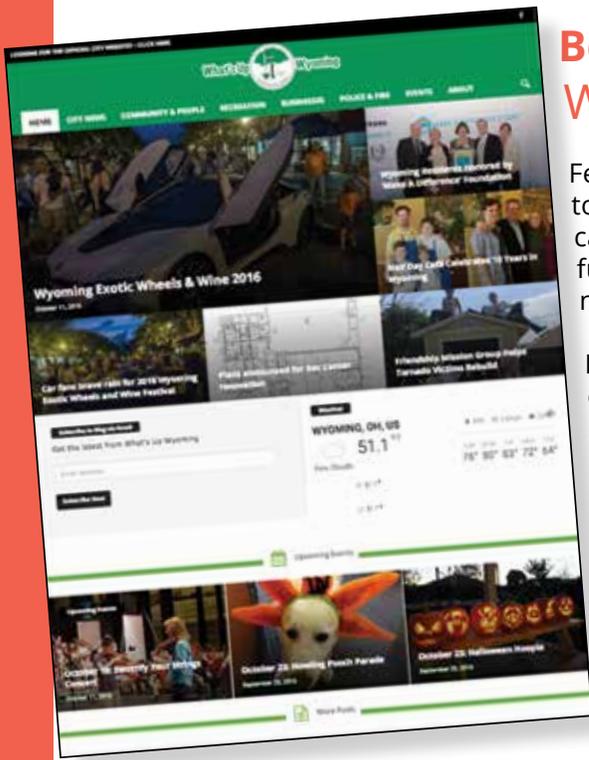
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## Be In-The-Know with Wyoming's New Blog: WhatsUpWyoming.com

Feel like you're not getting enough news about what's going on around town? Do you wish you had a way to read great stories and see captivating photographs of all that happens in Wyoming? Well, look no further. The new City blog, WhatsUpWyoming.com, brings you regular news and pictures that capture Wyoming's unique community spirit.

Launched this fall, WhatsUpWyoming.com, offers information about events and news, plus feature stories on topics ranging from City government to lifestyle pieces about local residents and community businesses and activities. In addition to stories, the blog features full-color photography by area residents that captures the character of the community.

Created and produced by the Promote Wyoming Commission, the blog's mission is to keep residents informed as well as to promote the unique features of the Wyoming community.

"Wyoming is a special place and this new blog will show both residents and non-residents how unique we are," says City Manager Lynn Tetley.

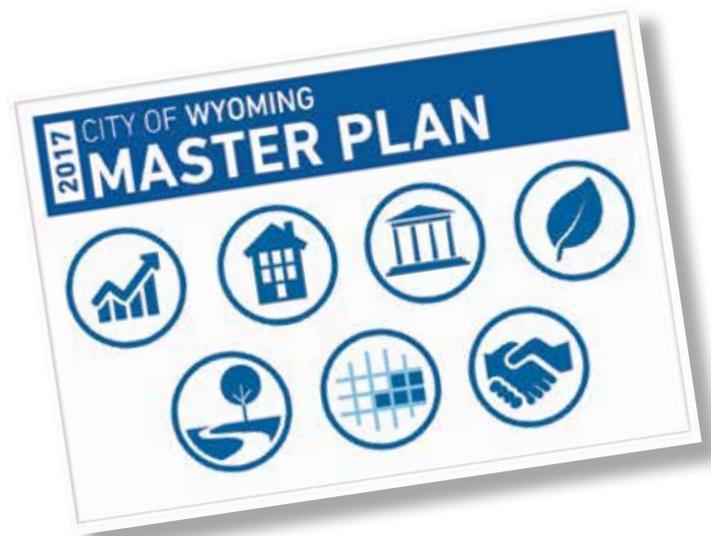
"Through stories and images, we hope that the new blog will help residents feel better connected with the City and help non-residents learn more about how much Wyoming has to offer."

Sign up for regular blog updates at [WhatsUpWyoming.com](http://WhatsUpWyoming.com) and click the subscribe button.



The 2017 Master Plan project is underway! The Master Plan Steering Committee would like your input on the development of the plan. Provide your input by attending any or all of the Open Houses, by completing the online public opinion survey, or both. Citizen input is key to understanding the goals and needs of the community.

Visit [wyomingmasterplan.com](http://wyomingmasterplan.com) to learn more about the process, sign up for project updates, complete the community survey, and find ways to participate that best work for you!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

### Open House Dates (Wednesday evenings)

Location: Civic Center, 1 Worthington Avenue

December 7, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m.

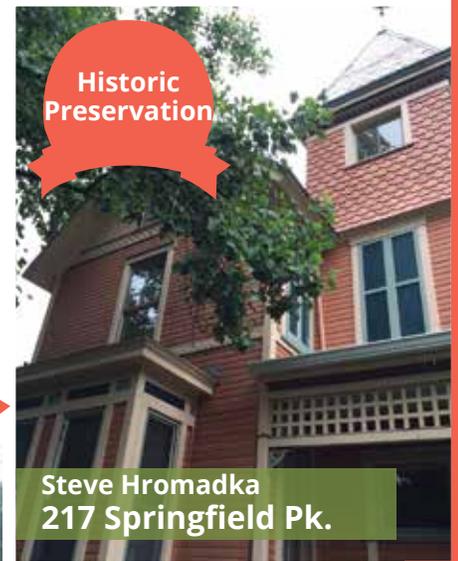
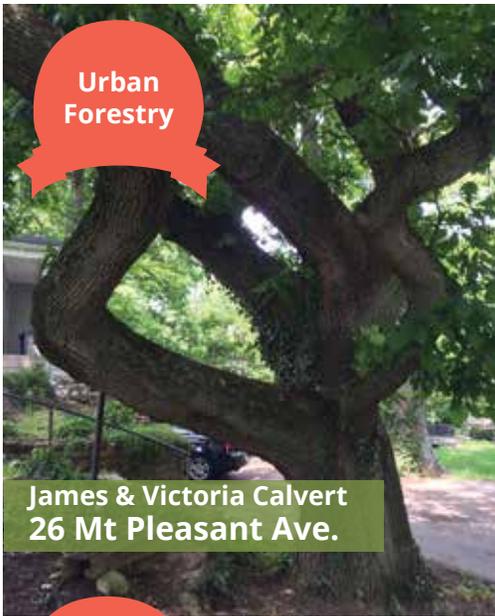
February 22, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m.

April 12, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m.

June 28, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Beautification**  
**AWARDS**

At the October 17 City Council meeting, the Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission presented its annual awards. This long-standing awards program recognizes properties in the community that best exemplify the most improved and aesthetically pleasing enhancements in architecture, landscape, trees, community spirit, and historic preservation. This year's awards are:



# West Fork Mill Creek Greenways Trail Extension to Get Underway

This spring, construction will begin on the newest section of the West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail in Wyoming that will run from the current trail, which starts at the intersection of North Park and North Avenue, to Oak Park.

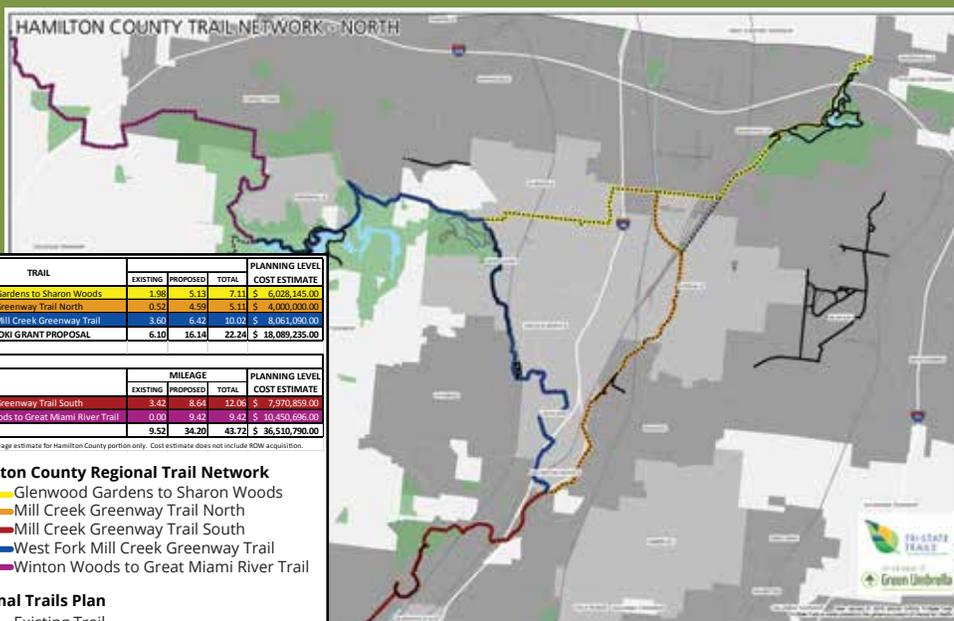
The new trail extension and the existing trail, which opened in 2009 and connects North Park with the Recreation Center, will be part of an unbroken trail system from Wyoming north to Glenwood Gardens, a recreation area that is part of the Great Parks system of Hamilton County. Eventually, the trail is proposed to extend all the way to Winton Woods.

The trail in Wyoming is the result of long-term planning in conjunction with regional recreation planners, says City Manager Lynn Tetley. The trail system was first discussed two decades ago during the creation of the 1997 Master Plan. The City formally adopted the trail plan in 2002 and sought grants for construction. Funding for the project is being supplied through a nearly \$304,000 Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant, plus a local matching contribution of \$101,250.

The City trails are part of a larger, regional effort to create a trail system that will eventually connect multiple recreation areas and allow pedestrians and cyclists to access 175 miles of interconnected pathways that will encompass nearly all of Hamilton County and tie into regional trails such as the Little Miami Scenic Trail.

Charles Skidmore, chair of the Wyoming Greenways Committee, says community trails are a vital resource for residents as a recreation outlet and a way to stay fit.

“Active transportation is healthy,” says Skidmore. “Walking and biking are good for communities and have been shown to increase property values, too.”



TRAIL	EXISTING	PROPOSED	TOTAL	PLANNING LEVEL COST ESTIMATE
Glenwood Gardens to Sharon Woods	1.98	5.13	7.11	\$ 6,028,145.00
Mill Creek Greenway Trail North	0.52	4.58	5.10	\$ 4,000,000.00
West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail	3.60	9.42	13.02	\$ 30,951,000.00
<b>TOTAL FOR OHIO GRANT PROPOSAL</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>16.14</b>	<b>22.24</b>	<b>\$ 38,080,235.00</b>

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	TOTAL	PLANNING LEVEL COST ESTIMATE
Mill Creek Greenway Trail South	3.42	8.64	12.06	\$ 7,970,859.00
Winton Woods to Great Miami River Trail	0.00	9.42	9.42	\$ 10,450,696.00
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>9.52</b>	<b>34.20</b>	<b>43.72</b>	<b>\$ 36,510,790.00</b>

- Hamilton County Regional Trail Network**
- Glenwood Gardens to Sharon Woods
  - Mill Creek Greenway Trail North
  - Mill Creek Greenway Trail South
  - West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail
  - Winton Woods to Great Miami River Trail
- Regional Trails Plan**
- Existing Trail
  - Existing Pedestrian Path
  - Proposed Trail



American Trails, an online resource for information about trails, has publicized studies that show trails are one of the most requested community amenities by home buyers. Walkability also rates as one of the most sought-after attributes in communities, and trails add choices for pedestrians and increase safety for recreational users and for kids walking and riding bikes to school.

Tetley says the trails add to Wyoming's community feeling and offer multiple benefits that make them an important part of Wyoming's recreation plan.

"Having access to a system of trails is a quality of life asset that is considered highly valuable," she says. "This is an important addition to our community's recreation amenities."

Due to grading and fill needed for the trail construction, the community gardens at the south end of North Park must be eliminated. City Council has appointed a taskforce to evaluate options for a possible new location for the gardens, says Tetley.

# Income Tax Reminder

The City of Wyoming annual income tax return is due April 17, 2017 for tax year 2016. All residents and those conducting business within the City are subject to the annual tax filing. You may obtain tax forms on the City's website. For additional assistance, please call 513.821.9731.

# Quarterly Coffee with the City Manager

Join Lynn Tetley for Coffee with the City Manager. Upcoming dates include February 2 and May 4, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Location of the events will be announced closer to the event date. This will be an informal opportunity to meet other City staff, ask questions, chat with your neighbors, and learn more about what's happening in your community. Please feel free to stop in anytime during this event. If you are interested in hosting a future Coffee with the City Manager with your neighbors, at your business, or with your group or club, and/or have questions about this program, please contact Lynn Tetley at 513.842.1382 or [ltetley@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:ltetley@wyomingohio.gov).

# DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

## Customer Service & Finance Department



**Jeremiah Caudill**, *Finance Director/Tax Commissioner*

Jeremiah joined the City in 2011 and has a total of 14 years of local government experience. He is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with a Masters of Business Administration. Jeremiah enjoys spending time with his fiancé and family and also enjoys attending sporting events and spending time in the outdoors.



**Linda Bussell-Amyx**, *Account Specialist*

Linda has been with City for over 18 years. Her job includes processing the City payroll, accounts payable, and income tax processing. Linda attended the University of Cincinnati. She enjoys travel, history, hiking, and reading. Linda lives in Fairfield Township with her husband, Jeff.



**Debbie Hufft**, *Account Specialist*

Debbie joined the City in 2009 after spending 20 years in the retail banking industry and six years managing a business office. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and volunteers for her local parish. Debbie enjoys entertaining in her Symmes Township home and traveling with friends or family. Her favorite travel is to visit with her children and grandchildren in Columbus and San Diego.



**Debby Martin**, *Executive Assistant*

Debby Martin has worked for the City for over 18 years. Debby lives in Deerfield Township with her husband, Mark; her children Scott, who attends UC Blue Ash, daughter Holly, who is a senior at Mason High School; and her dog, Roxie. In her spare time Debby enjoys cooking and baking, camping, and spending quiet time in her craft room. She is looking forward to becoming an empty nester.

The Customer Service & Finance Department staff work in the City Building at **800 Oak Avenue, Wyoming, OH 45215**

**Hours of Operation:**  
Mon-Fri  
8 am-5 pm

**Phone Numbers:**

513.821.7600  
Main

513.821.9731  
Tax

513.821.8044  
Water

**Holiday Hours:**  
City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; Friday, December 30; and Monday, January 2.



## WYOMING YOUTH SERVICES UPDATES ITS MISSION TO REFLECT COMMUNITY NEEDS

To reflect the evolving needs of families in the Wyoming community, Wyoming Youth Services is transitioning to serve as the primary advocate for the City's youth as a liaison between families and resources available in Wyoming and the wider community. The agency, a partnership between the community, the City, and the school district, will continue to serve families in the community by understanding their needs and connecting them with valuable resources for a wide variety of family issues from academic support to social and developmental support. Additionally, WYS will look to develop relevant programming as the challenges faced by our youth change over time.

"Based on feedback from the community, the WYS board decided that the needs of the community had changed," says David Frankle, the new executive director of WYS. "Counseling had been a big part of what WYS provided. But the school district has recognized the importance of counseling and has increased its own counseling staff as well as partnering with outside counseling services through MindPeace."

"The agency also helped connect students with volunteer opportunities," says Frankle. But, similarly, the schools began providing sufficient support for volunteering after witnessing the tremendous success WYS achieved with its volunteer programs."

WYS will continue to be a resource for the schools in support of their counselling and volunteer initiatives. Additionally, WYS will continue to provide highly valued after school tutoring at the middle school by funding tutoring services provided by school teaching staff. Given the success of the program, it could be expanded to other parts of the district. By focusing less on providing services and more as a resource to connect families with services, WYS will be able to make an impact on a larger number of families, he says. The goal is to help families easily access whatever help they need.

For more information about WYS, go to [wyomingyouthservices.com](http://wyomingyouthservices.com) or call 513.821.2428.



## Meet Our New Police Officers

**Drew Jones** is the newest member of the Wyoming Police Department. Before joining the City, Drew was a police officer in the Villages of Arlington Heights and Lockland. In his spare time Drew enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his family and friends.



**Patrick Sublet** has been in law enforcement for 17 years and joined the City in August 2016. He worked for the City of Reading as a patrol officer and for the Village of Lockland as a Sergeant prior to his employment with Wyoming. He has extensive training in all aspects of law enforcement and is certified as a traffic accident reconstructionist. He currently resides in Hamilton County with his wife and two children.

# CANDLEPIN BOWLING LANES GET NEW FLOORS



Wyoming's unique recreation treasure – the Civic Center's candlepin bowling lanes – got a much needed makeover recently as the floors were updated with new wood-look synthetic flooring that replaced the wood plank flooring original to the mid-20th century-era facility.

"The floors had been sanded and re-finished so many times that they were wearing down to the nail heads," says Director of Recreation and Citizen Engagement Rachel Leininger. "These new lanes have the same wood-look as the old floors, but will be easier to maintain. They also cost less and will give us the ability to add glow-in-the dark bowling."

As one of only a handful of candlepin lanes west of the Alleghany Mountains, Wyoming's bowling lanes are indeed rare. They have been a part of Wyoming life as far back as 1884 when the first "Amusement Hall" was built near the current site of the Civic Center

and included candlepin lanes. Although that building burned, the lanes were re-created in the two buildings that replaced it, one of which is the Civic Center we know today.

The sport is better known in the northeast where most of the nation's candlepin lanes are located, but its one-of-a-kind originality in the Midwest has made Wyoming's bowling alley the stuff of local legend. The lanes have been featured more than once in local media (including a recent article in Cincinnati Magazine - <http://www.cincinnati.com/citywiseblog/heck-candlepin-bowling/>), and the opportunity to bowl in the unique setting is something no other local community can boast. League play dates back to the original construction of the lanes and continues today.

## How is candlepin bowling different from traditional bowling you ask?

- It is played with a smaller, lighter ball that fits in your hand, easy for young players.
- There are three chances per frame to knock down the pins.
- The lanes are narrower.
- The fallen pins are not cleared away between frames as with traditional bowling.

The lanes are available for private rental and are perfect as a party spot due to their smaller more intimate setting. The adjacent corral room is included with rentals and acts as added space for parties. Rental rates are available on the City's website or by calling 513.821.5423.

Visit <http://wyoingohio.gov/departments/recreation-department/civic-center/> for information about rentals.



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# RECREATION TIMES

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# WYOMING RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Recreation Center Hours

M/T/W/TH	5 am-9 pm
F	5 am-7 pm
S	7 am-7 pm
SU	12-6 pm

## Holiday Hours

December 24	7 am-1 pm
December 25	Closed
December 31	7 am-1 pm
January 1	Closed

[www.wyomingohio.gov](http://www.wyomingohio.gov)

## CIVIC CENTER

513.821.5423

## RECREATION CENTER

513.821.5200

### Director

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Front Desk/Guest Services  
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Bryan Hill - Youth/Adult Sports  
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Fitness & Enrichment  
ssmith@wyomingohio.gov

## Recreation Center Memberships

### Memberships

	R/NR
Family	\$231/350
Dual/Single Parent Family	\$209/300
Individual Adult (18+)	\$176/265
Individual Senior (55+)	\$122/205
Senior Couple (55+)	\$165/255
Teen (12-17)	\$105/180
College Student (3 months)	\$77/90

### COMBO Recreation Center and Pool Membership

	R/NR
Family	\$460/665
Dual/Single Parent Family	\$390/520
Individual Adult (18+)	\$310/440
Individual Senior (55+)	\$185/335
Senior Couple (55+)	\$280/410
Teen (12-17)	\$170/285

### Daily Drop-In Class Fee

Class Type	M/R/NR
Group Fitness	\$5/10/12
Toddler Open Gym	Free/\$3/5



# SPECIAL EVENTS

**NEW!**

## FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Three FUN filled evenings for the entire family! Start out with enjoying Wyoming's hidden little treasure, candlepin bowling with family and friends, than some exciting programming with games and crafts for the kids as we create a memorable evening for everyone. Lastly, pop the popcorn, dim the lights, and enjoy the show! Please register your family by the Friday prior to the event attending.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Jan 20	F	5:30-7:30 pm	\$20 per family
Feb 24	F	5:30-7:30 pm	\$20 per family
Mar 10	F	5:30-7:30 pm	\$20 per family

\*open bowling and activities, movie starts at 7:30 pm.

**NEW!**

## Wyoming Day at Main Event Entertainment!

Tuesday, January 17

Experience a new world of fun at Main Event Entertainment in West Chester! Wyoming Day is a great way to have some fun with your family, fellow residents, and friends. Enjoy unlimited bowling, multi-level laser tag arena, billiards, gravity rope course, a \$10 FUNcard, two slices of pizza, and a drink. You may go on your own or bus transportation and supervision will be provided for kids, 4th grade and up! Bus transportation limited to the first 30 to sign up. Now that's a FUN day off of school! Buses depart from the Civic Center at 11 am and return at 5:30 pm. You can also register to go in the evening from 5 pm to close. See below for rates. **All participants MUST pre-register at the Recreation Center by January 10 to secure Wyoming's group rate. Space for the bus is limited so register early to guarantee a spot!** For more information call 513.679.4640 or email [lrusnak@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:lrusnak@wyomingohio.gov).

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Jan 17	T	11 am-5 pm	\$19 per person \$25 per child (buses and supervision provided)
Jan 17	T	5 pm-close	\$21 per person



## 10th ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Pre-K & Up

Enjoy the most popular event of the year with your little girl! Dads, uncles, grandfathers, and caregivers can plan for a spectacular evening where girls wear their best dresses and men wear their suits. The evening is filled with non-stop dancing, pizza, a keepsake photo, and the popular ice cream sundae station! This is an evening you will never forget! Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Center and space is limited to 176 per evening, so register early. No walk-ins will be accepted. **Registration deadline: Jan 31 or until full.** Location: Civic Center

Date	Day	Time	Resident	Non-Resident
Feb 3	F	7-9 pm	\$25 per couple	\$30 per couple \$10 additional girl
Feb 4	S	7-9 pm	\$25 per couple	\$30 per couple \$10 additional girl



# EVENTS

**A Free Event!**

## MADCAP PUPPETS PRESENTS: Jumping Over the Moon A Puppet Musical

**Sunday, February 26, 2 pm**

This puppet musical is fun for the whole family! Join Vaudeville actors Sigmund and Alex as they perform hilarious musical numbers at a birthday party for a mischievous little monster. The audience will be part of this musical fun!  
Location: Civic Center



## SON-SATIONAL EVENING Pre-K & Up

Moms, grandmothers, aunts, and caregivers can enjoy a special evening with your little guy. Dress up for this special occasion. Dance to music played by a DJ, eat pizza, take a keepsake photograph, and make sundaes. This evening will be filled with unforgettable memories. Make plans with your friends now. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Center and space is limited to 176 people. Sign up early! No walk-ins will be accepted.  
**Registration deadline: Apr 4 or until full.** Location: Civic Center

Date	Day	Time	Resident	Non-Resident
Apr 8	S	7-9 pm	\$25 per couple \$10 additional child	\$30 per couple



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## ENRICHING KIDZ PROGRAMS

### Better Babysitters Class Ages 10 and Up

Your child will learn the skills needed to be a better babysitter. All students will receive their own first aid kit to take home. Students will learn first aid safety, infant and child CPR, and practice with mannequins, care of the choking child and infant, how to handle emergencies, creative problem solving, and more! Location: Civic Center

Date	Time	M/R/NR
Jan 21, 28	12-4:30 pm	\$85/90/95



### School's Out Camp Ages 6-12

Wyoming students! Enjoy activities all day such as arts and crafts, movies, games, sports activities, and more. Snacks are provided but students need to bring a bag lunch and drink. A minimum of 10 kids needed to host each day. Location: Civic Center

Date	Day	Time	M/R/NR
Jan 16	M	7 am-6 pm	\$40/44/48
<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>7 am-6 pm</b>	<b>\$40/44/48*</b>
Feb 20	M	7 am-6 pm	\$40/44/48
Feb 21	T	7 am-6 pm	\$40/44/48

**\*Field trip to Main Event in West Chester. Students must arrive at the Civic Center by 9 am to participate. Buses return at 5:30 pm. Lunch is included. Students may bring money to purchase snacks or play games.**

### Toddler Open Gym Ages 1-5 (Drop-in)

This program offers toddlers an indoor gym environment for fun, learning, and social interaction. Run, jump, and climb on various pieces of play equipment that will enhance gross motor skills. The kids will need a nap after this activity. Location: Recreation Center Gym

Date	Day	Time	M/R/NR
Feb 9-Mar 31	F	10-11:30 am	Free/\$3/5

## TIPPI TOES DANCE PROGRAMS

### Ballet, Tap, Jazz Ages 3-7

Tippi Toes Dance Company offers high energy, kid-friendly dance classes. They work on teaching children a variety of dances covering basic steps in ballet, tap, and jazz. Classes meet monthly.



### Hip Hop Dance Ages 6-12

Using popular and current music, students start learning dances and choreography as well as learning various dance elements. Tippi Toes version of hip hop/jazz dance consists of age appropriate material.

All dancers will participate in a year-end recital if they continue in the program through May. The fees are paid monthly with an additional costume fee for recital. No class on Mar 29. Instructor: Tippi Toes Dance. Location: Recreation Center Studio A

Class	Monthly Session	Day	Time	M/R/NR
Ballet, Tap, Jazz	Jan-May	W	5:15-6 pm	\$55/60/65 per month
Hip Hop Dance	Jan-May	W	6-6:45 pm	\$55/60/65 per month

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## STEM PROGRAMS

### Science Matters Club Grades K-6

We bring STEM alive with hands-on, inquiry-based science. Start your child on a wondrous journey that lasts a lifetime. Students get involved in real science projects and build 21st century skills. Science Matters is the place where STEM and fun are one! **Register at [www.sciencematters.tv](http://www.sciencematters.tv).** Instructor: Science Matters. Location: Civic Center

Theme	Date	Day	Time	Fee
Kitchen Chemistry	Feb 7–Mar 14	T	4:30-5:30 pm	\$75
Bristle Bots	Apr 11–May 9	T	4:30-5:30 pm	\$75



## PHYSICAL PROGRAMS

### JKO Cincinnati Karate Ages 5-12

**NEW - Register for this program at [jkocincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:jkocincinnati@gmail.com)**

Students will discover a fun, new way to stay fit and healthy while learning to focus energy for discipline and strength. Karate classes teach basics in self-defense as well as renew energy levels and build confidence. If attending both days, students will receive a FREE gi and can progress in achieving belt promotion at JKO Cincinnati dojo. Contact [JKOCincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:JKOCincinnati@gmail.com) with questions. Instructor: Sensei Alex Dell. Location: Studio A.

Date	Day	Time	Cost
Jan-May	T, TH	4-5 pm	\$100/month (both days)
Jan-May	S	12-1 pm	\$50/month

## Breathe, Love, Chill

### Middle School Yoga Grades 5-8

Does your child need to stretch and strengthen his or her growing body? In these classes children learn to breathe deeply and quiet their inner thoughts. This is a great way to bring awareness to the muscles in the body and practice intentional movement. Yoga mats will be provided. Register at the Recreation Center. Location: Civic Center

Date	Day	Time	M/R/NR
Jan-April (monthly)	T	3:30-4:30 pm	\$55/60/65
Jan-April (12-weeks)	T	3:30-4:30 pm	\$110/120/130

**No class Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 28**



# YOUTH SPORTS



## Lacrosse Grades K-8

Lacrosse is a fast paced, combination sport that will offer excitement for everyone! Youth players of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. **Registration deadline: Jan 27.** Registrations received after deadline cannot be guaranteed placement on a team.

Grades	Date	M/R/NR
Grades K-2 (Boys)	Feb - May	\$55/65/77
Grades 3-4	Feb - May	\$85/95/107
Grades 5-6	Feb - May	\$105/115/127
Grades 7-8	Feb - May	\$105/115/127

**\$25 Late Fee for all grades after January 27.**

## Tennis Clinics

Wyoming's certified professional, Tim Mitchell, and his staff will be offering spring tennis programs for players of all ages! Sign up and don't miss out on this opportunity. Clinics begin in April and run until May. For more information, please contact Tennis Professional, Tim Mitchell, at 513.328.8811 or 513.541.9811.

## Knothole Baseball Ages 8-15

In this boy's recreational baseball program, players will be placed in a class division based on age and will receive a jersey and hat. Parents will be responsible for providing baseball pants, shoes, and socks. Volunteer Coaches NEEDED—contact the Recreation Center for more information. **Registration deadline: Feb 22.** Registrations received after deadline cannot be guaranteed placement.

Session	Date	M/R/NR
Spring	Apr-Jun	\$110/120/140

**\$10 Late Fee after Feb 22**

## Coaches Pitch Grades 1-2

This program teaches the fundamentals of baseball. The coach pitches with a safety ball. It is recommended that one year of T-ball is played before entering in this program. Teams will practice one or two nights during the week and play games mostly on Saturdays. Players will receive a shirt and hat. Coaches are needed.

**Registration deadline: Mar 1.** Registrations received after deadline cannot be guaranteed placement.

Session	Date	M/R/NR
Spring	Apr-Jun	\$40/50/55

**\$10 Fee after Mar 1**

## T-Ball Grades K-1

This first year baseball program for girls and boys focuses on basic skills, teamwork, and hitting a safety ball off of a tee. Teams will practice one night during the week and play games mostly on Saturdays. Players will receive a shirt and hat. Coaches are needed.

**Registration deadline: Mar 1.** Registrations received after deadline cannot be guaranteed placement.

Session	Date	M/R/NR
Spring	Apr-Jun	\$40/50/55

**\$10 Fee after Mar 1**

## Girls' Softball Ages 9-14

Teams will be formed and play in the GIRL recreational league. Players will receive a jersey and hat. Parents will be responsible for buying softball pants. Contact the Recreation Center for more information. **Registration deadline: Mar 1.** Registrations received after deadline cannot be guaranteed placement.

Ages	Date	M/R/NR
U10, U12, U14	Mar-Jun	\$80/87/103

**\$10 Fee after Mar 1**

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## SAY Soccer Ages 7-14

Teams will be formed and play in the SAY recreational soccer league. Teams are formed at random.

**Registration deadline: Feb 22.** Registrations received after deadline cannot be guaranteed placement.

Session	Date	M/R/NR
Spring	Mar-May	\$65/70/85

**\$10 Late Fee after Feb 22**

## Dribblers Soccer Ages 5-6

Open to girls and boys. The Dribblers soccer league will play teams within Wyoming. Each team will have one weekday practice per week and one Saturday game per week. Team shirts will be provided. **Registration deadline: Mar 21.**

Session	Date	M/R/NR
Spring	Apr-May	\$40/44/52

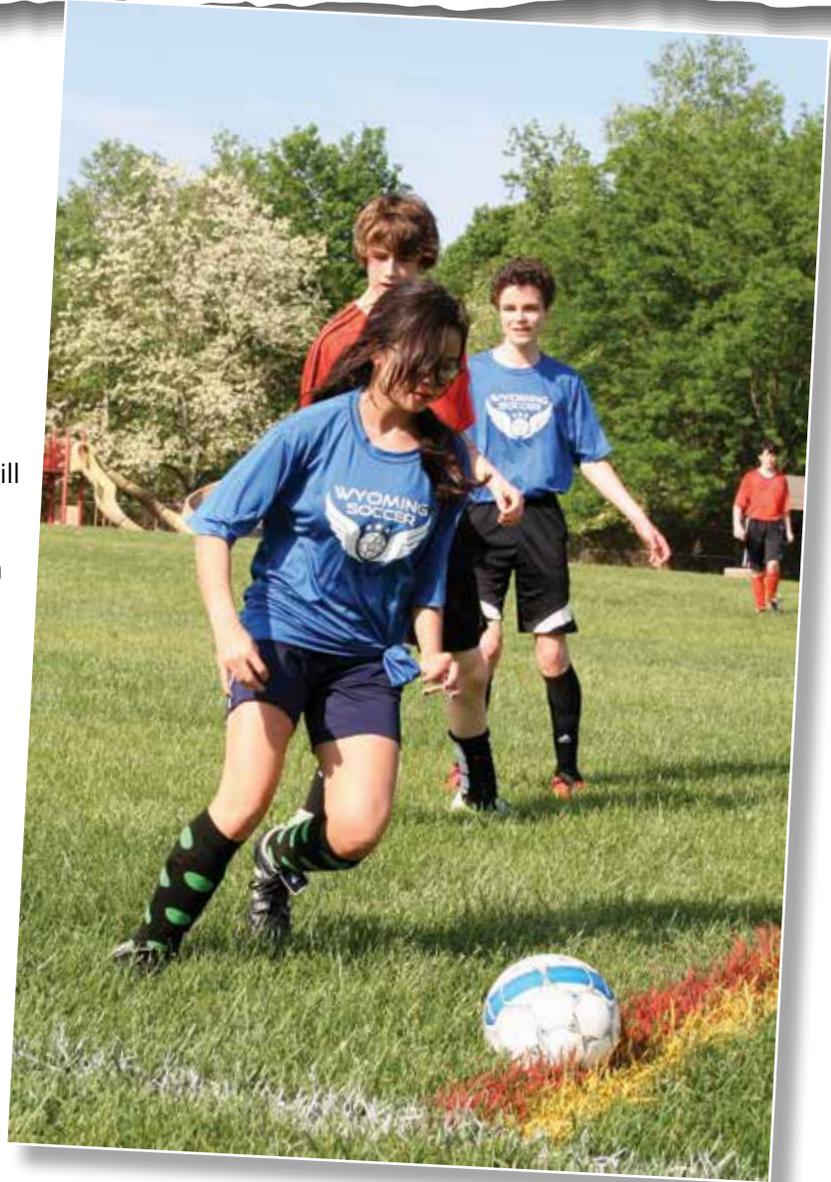
**\$10 Late Fee after Mar 21**

## Pee Wee Soccer League Ages 4-5

Instructional soccer league open to boys and girls. Volunteer coaches receive an instruction manual and teach the basics of soccer. The league meets on Wednesdays at Crescent Park for six weeks of practice/games. Coaches are needed. Team shirts are provided. **Registration deadline: Mar 21.**

Session	Day	Time	M/R/NR
April-May	W	6 or 7 pm	\$40/44/52

**\$10 Late Fee after Mar 21**



## Girls on the Run Grades 3-5

GOTR of Cincinnati is a girl's fitness program that combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with uplifting workouts that discuss health issues like peer pressure, body image, leadership, and healthy decision-making. For more information, contact Alea Brown at [aleambrown@hotmail.com](mailto:aleambrown@hotmail.com). Location: Oak Gym

Dates	Day	Time
Feb 13-May 13	M, W	4:00-5:15 pm

# ADULT SPORTS & SENIOR CITIZENS

## ADULT SPORTS

### Adult Pickup Basketball

#### League Ages 18 & Up

This newly formed league consists of players interested in a friendly, semi-competitive game of basketball. League meets at the Wyoming Middle School and will run all year long with the exception of any holidays or school closings. Everyone must fill out a waiver. Please pay at the Wyoming Recreation Center.

Date	Day	Time	M/NM
Jan-Dec	M	7:15-9 pm	Free/ \$30 year

### Co-Ed Adult Outdoor Soccer

#### League Ages 30 & Up

Register your team or individually for our Adult Co-Ed Outdoor Soccer League. The league will begin April 14 and will be ten weeks. It will play 35-minute halves. Teams are now required to bring their own referee fees to games. A minimum of four teams are needed to run the league. For information, email [bhill@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:bhill@wyomingohio.gov).

**Registration deadline: April 7.** Location: Turf Field

Date	Day	Time	Fee
Apr-July	F	Evenings	\$170/team

### Mens Softball League

#### Ages 21 & Up

This recreational league is comprised of eight teams for men. Teams are formed by the head coaches. You can sign up individually if teams have room. Teams are required to bring their own umpire fees to games. If you are interested in playing and are not on a team roster contact the Recreation Department at 513.821.5200 or email [bhill@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:bhill@wyomingohio.gov). Rosters are final two weeks after the first game. **Team registration deadline: April 21.** Location: Foster Memorial Park

Date	Day	Time	Resident Team
May-Aug	M	6:15 or 7:30 pm	\$200/team

## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Walking and More Ages 50 & Up

#### FREE!

Join the Walking Club! The club will do low impact exercises with small weights. Instructor: Mary Corley. Location: Civic Center in Jan/Recreation Center Gym Feb-May

Date	Day	Time	M/R/NR
Jan-May	T, TH	10-11 am	Free

### SilverSneakers® Classic

#### SilverSneakers® Members Free!



Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a SilverSneakers® ball are offered for resistance. A chair is available if needed for seated or standing support. Instructor: Suzanna Smith. Location: Studio A

Date	Day	Time	M/Non-Members
Jan-May	W	10:30 am	Free/\$2

### Tai-Chi

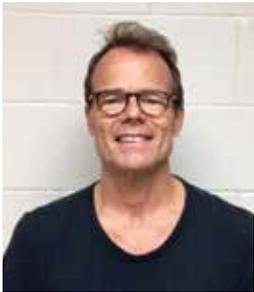
Tai-Chi is a slow-moving, low-impact Chinese martial art that stimulates healthier internal organs. Regular practice has shown a reduction in falls for older adults. It helps to balance your CHI (energy) while sharpening your concentration. Long pants and sneakers must be worn. Instructor: Kenneth Ware. Location: Recreation Center

Date	Day	Time	M/R/NR
Jan-May	F	11 am	\$28/34/40 (per month)

# FITNESS



## TRAINER HIGHLIGHT



**WILLIAM CRANOR**  
Strength and Conditioning Specialist and Fitness Instructor

William understands personally the impact of stress on the body and how to “reset” through exercise and healthy living. He raised his three children while owning and running his own businesses for 25 years and found exercise to be a great outlet. His desire for healthy living led him to pursue a certification as a Strength Conditioning and Fitness Specialist and he wants to help busy people make fitness a consistent part of their lives. Check out his innovative fitness classes (Fit for Living, Tabata Time) along with his morning and evening training schedules on MINDBODY



Access class schedules, receive up-to-date information, and pay with ease.

### How to use MindBody Online to view, sign-up, and pay for Wyoming Recreation Center fitness classes:

1. Go to [mindbodyonline.com](http://mindbodyonline.com). Click **LOG IN** at the top right.
2. Search for **WYOMING RECREATION CENTER** and then select it.
3. First time user: Click **CONTINUE TO SITE WITHOUT LOGGING IN**. Enter your **FIRST** and **LAST NAME**. Your name will appear and you will select it and verify it. If name does not appear, create a LOG IN and continue to the site.
4. Returning users **LOG IN** with their Username/Email and Password.
5. Click on classes, programs and appointments to register.

**OR... Download the MindBodyConnect App for iPhone and Android to view, sign-up, or pay for classes and programs.**

Fitness Classes Fees	
<b>Fitness Punch Pass</b>	<b>M/R/NR</b>
5 visits	\$25/40/50
10 visits	\$50/80/100
<b>Class Drop-In Fee</b>	<b>M/R/NR</b>
Group Fitness	\$5/10/12
<b>Unlimited Class Pass</b>	<b>M/R/NR</b>
Monthly	\$50/65/70

# FITNESS

Jan 2 thru May 26

Check MindBody for updated class schedule and enrollment

## MONDAY

Class	Time	Instructor(s)	Location	Class Type
• #GetFitWithTC	5:45-6:45 am	TC O.	Rec Gym	Strength/Cardio
• Cycling	6-6:45 am	Tom S.	Cycling	Cardio
• Body Tone	9-10 am	Karen M.	Studio A	Strength/Cardio
• SilverSneakers® Classic	10:30-11:30 am	Suzanna S.	Studio A	Seniors
• Tabata Time	12:15-1 pm	Suzanna S.	Studio A	Strength/Cardio
• PiYo	4:15-5:15 pm	Becky F.	Studio A	Flexibility/Strength
• Fit for Living	5:45-6:45 pm	William C.	Studio A	Beginner Strength
• Dance Blast	7-8 pm	Lisa S.	Studio A	Cardio/Dance

## TUESDAY

• TRX & BOSU	5:45-6:40 am	Suzanna S.	Studio A	Strength/Cardio
• Pilates	9-10 am	Karen M.	Studio A	Flexibility/Strength
• Cycle & TRX	10:15-11:15 am	Suzanna S.	Studio A	Strength/Cardio
• Restorative Yoga	5:45-6:45 pm	Cezarina T.	Studio A	Flexibility
• Zumba	6-7 pm	Dawn M.	Civic Center	Cardio/Dance

## WEDNESDAY

• #GetFitWithTC	5:45-6:45 am	TC O.	Rec Gym	Strength/Cardio
• Cycling	6-6:45 am	Tom S.	Cycling	Cardio
• Tabata Time	8-8:45 am	Amy W.	Studio A	Cardio/Strength
• PiYo	9-10 am	Kelly M.	Studio A	Flexibility/Strength
• SilverSneakers® Classic	10:30-11:30 am	Suzanna S.	Studio A	Seniors
• Dance Blast	7-8 pm	Lisa S.	Studio A	Cardio/Dance

## THURSDAY

• Total Body Barre	6-6:45 am	Jessica J.	Studio A	Flexibility/Strength
• Pilates	9-10 am	Karen M.	Studio A	Flexibility/Strength
• TRX & BOSU	10:15-11:30 am	Suzanna S.	Studio A	Flexibility/Strength/Cardio
• Cycle & Strength	4:15-5:15 pm	Becky F.	Cycling	Strength/Cardio
• Fit for Living	5:45-6:45 pm	William C.	Studio A	Beginner Strength
• Zumba	6-7 pm	Brianne B.	Civic Center	Cardio/Dance

## FRIDAY

• #GetFitWithTC	5:45-6:45 am	TC O.	Rec Gym	Strength/Cardio
• Cycling	6-6:45 am	Tom S.	Cycling	Cardio
• Body Tone	9-10 am	Amy W.	Studio A	Strength/Cardio
• Tai Chi	11 am-12 pm	Kenneth W.	Studio A	Seniors

## SATURDAY

• Tabata Time	9-9:45 am	William C.	Studio A	Strength/Cardio
• Dance Blast	10-11 am	Lisa S.	Studio A	Cardio/Dance

- Punch Passes - Unlimited Class Pass, Drop-in on MINDBODY
- 8 Week Program on MINDBODY
- DanceBlastInfo.com to register for class
- Register with Zumba at 513.348.9891
- SilverSneakers® Members Free or \$2
- Monthly fee – register at Rec Center

# Know *Your* Schools!

Wyoming City Schools

WYOMING SCHOOLS



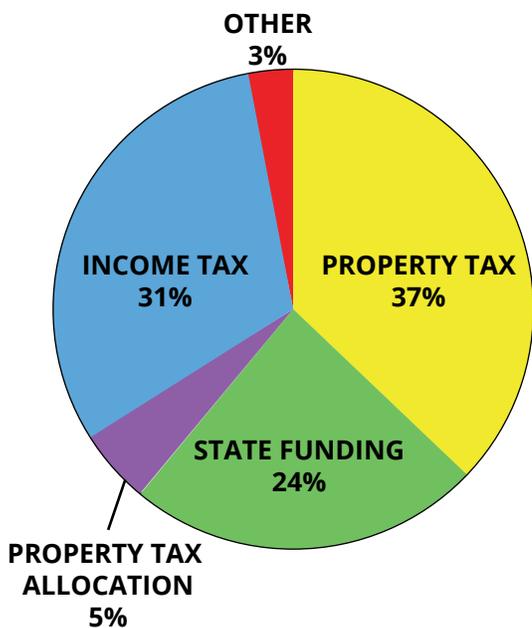
## Homecoming 2016: *A Win for the Wyoming Cowboys and the Junior Class!*



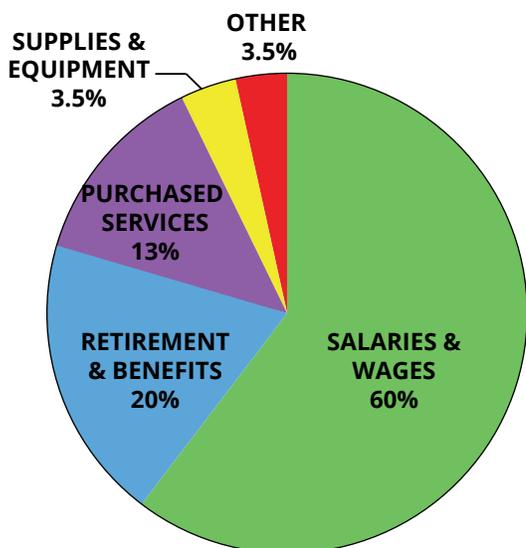
Students, staff, and the community at-large celebrated at the annual Homecoming festivities on September 30, as the Wyoming Cowboys handily beat the Mariemont Warriors in the 7 p.m. football game. Revelers young and old enjoyed the annual Homecoming parade as it traveled down Springfield Pike. This year's junior class brought on an upset with the float building competition by creating a life-size Red Riding Hood feature float! Special thanks to the City of Wyoming for your support. Enjoy a few photos from the event! *(Photo credit: Rod Apfelbeck, Steve Connock, and Susanna Max)*

# WYOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

## FY16 Operating Revenues



## FY16 Operating Expenditures



## REVENUES:

### Where Does the Money Come From?

Though the average school district in Ohio receives **46%** of its revenue from the state, **state funding only accounts for 24% of the revenues of Wyoming City School District.** Fortunately, Wyoming enjoys strong local revenue support from local property taxes and school district income tax. **The last operating levy was passed in 2005** and, due to the implementation of conservative fiscal measures, the district has not returned to the voters for an operating ballot request in **11 years.** For most districts, the time between levies is typically 3 or 4 years.

**Wyoming City Schools is very fortunate to have strong support from our community and school organizations.**

These groups donate thousands of dollars every year to support our mission. Those funds are accounted for separately from the General Fund as required by Ohio law. Last year, donations from the community totaled more than \$350,000.

## EXPENDITURES:

### Where Does the Money Go?

Wyoming continues to operate in a fiscally responsible and conservative manner. Though the average school district in Ohio spends 67.1% of operating dollars on classroom instruction, **in Wyoming 73.6% of expenditures go directly to classroom instruction.** Traditionally, school districts spend approximately 80-85% of their budget on staffing. Wyoming is aligned with that benchmark with 80% of expenditures going to salaries and benefits. **Wyoming City School District continues to maximize the use of resources to provide the best educational opportunities for students.** The district contracts transportation, food services and some custodial services, and shares technology staff with the City of Wyoming to reduce costs. Wyoming City Schools is a member of several consortiums that assist in receiving services and sharing costs with other districts for educational and service programs, health insurance cost management, and technology services and support.

**Wyoming City Schools' board of education and administration uses the district's Five Year Forecast to engage in long range planning and discussions of financial issues facing the district.**

A five year forecast is a projection of operational revenues and expenditures accompanied by assumptions for the future. Each school district in Ohio must submit a five year forecast to the state each fiscal year. Additionally, Wyoming City Schools utilizes permanent improvement and technology plans for strategic short-term and long-term maintenance and refurbishment of buildings, equipment, and technological infrastructure. Each month, the Wyoming City Schools' Finance Committee meets on fiscal matters. This committee includes two school board members, the Treasurer, the Superintendent, and a Wyoming teacher.

**For more information regarding school finances, contact Wyoming City Schools Treasurer Carolyn Hinds at [hinds@wycs.org](mailto:hinds@wycs.org) or 513.206.7012.**

## Know Your Treasurer Carolyn Hinds



Carolyn Hinds is in her third year as treasurer of Wyoming City Schools. She has worked in school finance for 12 years and, during each of her years here in Wyoming, the district has continued to receive the Ohio Auditor of State Award, presented to public entities that meet specific criteria related to a “clean” audit.

As treasurer, Hinds is responsible for fiscal stewardship of the district. Her duties include overseeing the budgeting process, financial planning and analysis, payroll, purchasing, and the accounts payable process. She coordinates financial matters between local, state, and federal authorities and the District. Additionally, as a member of the District Finance Committee she meets monthly with two board members, the superintendent and a teacher representative to monitor and discuss fiscal matters.

Hinds has a Bachelor’s in Accounting from Miami University. She is a member of the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and is vice-president of Ohio Valley Association of School Business Officials.



## “I am Wyoming” Sign Provides New School Spirit Opportunity

School spirit in Wyoming took on a whole new look in September when the WHS administrative team unveiled a life-size rolling photo booth just in time for Homecoming. The idea comes to our community courtesy of WHS Assistant Principal, Martha Sacks. At Martha’s previous school district students, parents, staff, and community members had the chance to show off their pride by joining in an “I am” sign, and, since Martha grew up in Wyoming herself, she knows the value of school spirit right here at home.

“In Indianapolis, there’s an Indy sign, where people can stand in front of it and be the ‘I’. It’s the same idea, but with the ‘I am Wyoming,’” said Sacks. “So people can take a photo with the sign and send it out on social media with the hashtag #iamwyoming. It is the perfect way to show our Cowboy pride!”

Sacks and WHS Principal Ashley Whitely teamed up with WHS Art Teacher C.J. Langenhop and WMS Woodside F.A.B. L.A.B. Leader Evan Shaw to build the sign. The “I am Wyoming” sign will be featured at varsity athletic events, school dances, and major community functions. Community members are encouraged to take photos and share out on social media using the hashtag #iamwyoming.



## Hilltop School Outdoor Learning Center and Butterfly Garden Connects Students to the Real World

Hilltop first grade teachers Julie Roush and Emily LaValle have made a point of ensuring their students learn science standards in the most memorable, hands-on way possible. By stepping outside. That's why, several years ago, the teachers began a regular practice of gardening with their students and planting vegetables, sunflowers, and zinnias on the hill behind their school building. Yet, it was just the beginning.

In 2015, Roush and LaValle took their love of experiential learning to a whole new level when they applied for, and received, two state grants. The Ohio Project Wild Grant offered the classes \$500 so the students could build a sun and shade garden. An additional grant from Lowe's later gave the two classes \$2,600 to expand the learning area and garden trails well beyond its current state.

To begin, the young students surveyed others in the school about what they would like to see in the outdoor learning area, measured and mapped the sun's pathways, and even took time to draw up their "dream plans" for the perfect educational garden.

Eventually, other grades joined in the Hilltop program Roush and LaValle were leading. They included assignments that supported state science standards. Second grade classes built weather stations, third graders developed bird habitats, and the fourth grade students are adding a fossil walk with native Ohio fossils included.

What makes this project unique is what happened next. It is a testament to the connection between our schools and the community at-large. Roush and LaValle received a call from Wyoming Girl Scouts in Troop 4333 asking if they could help the younger students design, research, and plant a butterfly garden as part of their efforts to earn another Girl Scout badge. The older students helped the Hilltop first graders design, research, and plant the butterfly garden. They came into the classrooms to teach lessons on butterflies, and they were recognized at a recent Board of Education meeting for their support for the program. Similarly, Boy Scouts from Den 7, Pack 82 built three compost bin sites, and benches for the Outdoor Learning Center were built by Eagle Scout Thomas Harmon.

In a recent article in *The Tri-County Press*, Roush stated, "Learning outside, planting the garden, taking care of it, and seeing the plants thrive is hands-on learning. Understanding that rather than sitting in class and watching a video, they can see it firsthand. They see the sun's warmth and the rain are helping the plants grow. They learn more when they're actively involved."

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Wyoming, OH 45215

**Wyoming Civic Center**  
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Wyoming, OH 45215

**Wyoming Recreation Department**  
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Cincinnati, OH 45215

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## Wyoming Recreation Center Reminders

### January

- 2 Fitness Classes Begin
- 3-17 Christmas Tree Pick Up
- 16-17 School's Out Camp
- 17 Wyoming Day at Main Event Entertainment
- 20 Friday Family Fun Nights
- 27 Lacrosse K-8 Registration Deadline

### February

- 2 Coffee with the City Manager
- 3-4 Daddy Daughter Dances
- 20-21 School's Out Camp
- 22 Master Plan Open House at Civic Center 7 pm  
Registration Deadline for Knothole and SAY Soccer
- 24 Friday Family Fun Nights
- 26 Madcap Puppet Show

### March

- 1 Registration Deadline for Girls Softball, Coaches Pitch, and T-Ball
- 10 Friday Family Fun Nights
- 13-28 Spring Curbside Leaf Pick Up
- 21 Registration Deadline for Pee Wee and Dribblers Soccer

### April

- 7 Registration Deadline for Adult Soccer
- 8 Son-Sational Evening
- 12 Master Plan Open House at Civic Center 7 pm
- 17 City of Wyoming Income Tax Returns Due
- 21 Registration Deadline for Mens Softball
- 22 Spring Clean Up - Citywide Junk Pick Up
- 29 Spring Clean Up - Yard Waste Pick Up Northwest Section of the City

### May

- 6 Spring Clean Up - Yard Waste Pick Up Remaining Sections of the City

Important Dates To Remember!