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# Celebrating 150 Years





A young girl enjoys a day at Wyoming's Fall Festival (above). Youth frisbee is a popular adult sport activity with the Recreation Department (top right). Wyoming accepts its 31st annual Tree City USA award (bottom right).



Music at the Holiday Celebration and a smiling face from Fall Festival.

Social events through the Recreation Department draw big crowds throughout the year. One of these popular events in 2024 was a celebration for the City's 150th anniversary (at top). A volunteer firefighter teaches school students fire safety tips (bottom right). A photo prop for humans also draws a playful pooch at the Fall Festival (below).



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## On The Cover: Then and Now

The cover photos illustrate the evolution of the community through its 150-year history:

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- A. The corner store at Wyoming Avenue and Springfield Pike was once a grocery and dry goods store.
- B. Today, the corner building is the Market @ be.
- C. The land that is now Wyoming Golf Club was once a dairy farm.
- D. Wyoming Golf Club.
- E. Wyoming's former main railway station and a business building.
- F. Crescent Park now sits where the railway station was once located.
- G. A portrait of Col. Robert Reily is inset.

# Celebrating Wyoming's Progress over 150 Years and Working to Ensure City's Future Success

We marked an important milestone in Wyoming in 2024, our 150th anniversary. Back in 1874, when the City was incorporated as a village with a little over 600 residents, City leadership wanted to create a safe, welcoming, and livable community that would thrive into the future. As we mark 150 years of history, I feel Wyoming has achieved the goal set out by its founders.

The City is a safe community with friendly neighborhoods connected by a network of tree-lined sidewalks and streets that enable easy access to schools and activities.

Today, Wyoming's administrative team and its civic leaders continue the work of planning, development, maintenance, fiscal responsibility, and safety that will help ensure Wyoming thrives for another 150 years.

In 2024, the City continued to work on major infrastructure projects as we look to improve streets and water service over the next four to five years (see story p.7). We completed several of these projects during 2024, including paving projects on Oliver Road and Vermont Avenue, and safer pedestrian access and traffic control on Wyoming Avenue. New sidewalk bump-outs on Wyoming Avenue provide more pedestrian ease in our business district and slow traffic to encourage a more walkable environment. This work will continue into 2025 as the City begins \$10 million in improvements including Reily Road, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, and Poage Farm Road.

Our renovated Village Green and brand-new pavilion, completed in 2023, provided the community with a new gathering space in 2024 that has proven to be a prime spot for entertainment (see story p.6).

The state-of-the-art pavilion made it possible to host events previously unavailable in Wyoming, such as the new Shakespeare in the Park performance of Hamlet held in July. Before our pavilion was constructed, Wyoming did not have a suitable stage to host such a performance. We



Rusty Herzog

have also been able to partner with Wyoming City School organizations to host events, such as an outdoor movie for middle schoolers from Wyoming PSA and the Wyoming Cowboy Comeback alumni event. The Recreation Department also added more summer concerts. In addition, holiday festivities such as our tree-lighting ceremony are opportunities to bring the community together for celebrations throughout the year at this central

location. We look forward to hosting more gatherings at the Village Green in the years to come.

Another ongoing priority has been high-quality communications. I hope residents take advantage of all the communication tools the City has put in place. Our new website, [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov), is a good place to start. It contains current information about our departments and services. There are also details about how to sign up for City newsletters, Facebook and other social media updates, and our emergency communications tool, NIXLE.

I want to make sure to thank our many generous volunteers who serve in valuable roles that help shape the community through vital citizen-led initiatives. There are many ways to get involved with the City and I encourage anyone interested to go to [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) for ideas on how to get started.

Lastly, I want to recognize the work of our administrative team and employees who dedicate themselves to providing reliable, high-quality services to our community every day of the year. They help make Wyoming one of the best places to live in Ohio.

My door is always open for questions or ideas. Please feel free to reach out if you have something you want to talk about.

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*Wyoming's third graders learn about the day Wyoming was named in the room where it took place (right). Col. Robert Reily's home still stands, and owners Tony and Cathy Ramstetter welcome students each fall to see the parlor where it is believed the name Wyoming was chosen in 1861.*



# Wyoming Remains “Queen of the Suburbs” 150 Years After Village Founded

Wyoming third graders learn about one of the City's key moments each fall during a history tour when they visit the location where Wyoming got its name: the home of Robert Reily. The date was April 4, 1861, and the room where the meeting occurred still exists today, giving the students a tangible connection to this significant event in the City's past.

The date of Wyoming's naming is one of many important events in the City's history that deserves commemoration during Wyoming's 150th anniversary in 2024. While some places that marked that history are now gone, they were vital in shaping the community we know and love today, and will always be remembered for their importance in Wyoming's story.

## INDIGENOUS TRIBES BEFORE SETTLERS ARRIVED

Long before Europeans set foot in the Mill Creek Valley that is now home to the City of Wyoming, there were many Native Americans who called this region of Southwest Ohio home. The earliest of these peoples were the Adena, whose settlements can be traced to 1000 BC. They left burial mounds across the state. One was even recorded within the northern portion of Wyoming's City border, although



*The Miami and Erie Canal in Lockland was a popular recreation spot in its day.*

it has since been destroyed. The Adena culture ended around 700 AD.

Early European settlers encountered Native Americans primarily from tribes that lived throughout the Ohio Territory in the 19th Century, including the Miami and the Shawnee. Early Wyoming settlers often uncovered artifacts they left behind.

## ALEXANDER PENDERY ARRIVES IN WYOMING

The Ohio River was the gateway for early European settlement in Southwest Ohio. This is how one of Wyoming's earliest pioneers, Alexander Pendery, came to Wyoming in 1807. He farmed 140 acres in Wyoming and built a log cabin, which he later improved with framed additions. This home stood for more than 150 years near the present-day location of Wyoming High School. Pendery Avenue is named for him. He and his wife, Mary Ludlow, had 12 children, and their descendants live in the region today.

Another recognizable name among those early settlers was Thomas Wilmuth, who served in the Continental Army. He married Alexander Pendery's sister, and they built a homestead on 40 acres of Pendery's land. The widow and daughters of another pioneer, William Evatt, were also members of this early community. They cleared three acres near Pendery's land in 1813 to build a cabin.



Members of the family of Robert Reily pose on the porch steps of his home for photo.

## ROADS, CANALS, AND RAILWAYS

The early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century was slow going for settlement due to the treacherous travel along primitive roads that wound from Cincinnati north to the Mill Creek Valley.

In 1807, Alexander and Mary Pendery traveled north along the Wayne Trace, named after General Anthony Wayne, who fought and won the Northwest Indian War. At what is now Carthage, the Penderys, and settlers who followed them over the years, took a shortcut north, known today as Springfield Pike.

Also, in the 1830s, the Miami and Erie Canal began to change life in the area by opening up travel and trade between Cincinnati and Toledo. A set of locks east of Wyoming helped take boats down a 48-foot elevation change and provided hydropower, creating a manufacturing center known as Lockland.

Among the early business owners who took advantage of this new industrial opportunity was George Stearns, who developed a mattress company and many other businesses. He and his descendants built many stately homes in Wyoming that survive today.

## TRAINS CHANGE EVERYTHING

Railway tracks and trains arrived in 1851, and this launched the era of Wyoming's rapid development into a bedroom community for Cincinnati's early business professionals by shortening travel time between Wyoming and Cincinnati from more than eight hours to less than one.

Between 1859 and 1873, the community ballooned from a population of 45 to more than 600 when many new residents came after the Civil War. A train depot opened on the tracks, which is Crescent Park today. Unfortunately, the depot and a business building, the Woodruff Building, constructed at the same location, were later demolished as travel moved away from trains toward automobiles.

During this period of rapid growth, another early settler in Wyoming, Reily, gathered some of his friends and neighbors for a meeting at his home to choose a name for the burgeoning community. Wyoming was chosen for its meaning: beautiful valley. The name traces its roots to a Delaware Native American word, maughwanwame.

## WYOMING BECOMES A VILLAGE

By 1874, Wyoming's location near growing industrial centers increased interest in Cincinnati as a suburban destination. New developments were being constructed, such as the Park Place subdivision on the northern end of Wyoming. This growth meant Wyoming could now be officially incorporated as a village with its own government.

Late 19th Century America was rapidly embracing technology to improve daily life, and Wyoming was quick to adopt these changes. Mayor Jacob Bromwell proposed a master plan in 1881 that included improvements such as an electric light plant, a new waterworks and sewage system, new schools, and some of the first sidewalks in Ohio. Social activities were popular, and Wyoming built an Amusement Hall, the precursor to today's Civic Center.

This early infrastructure was at the leading edge of residential luxury for the day, and helped earn Wyoming a reputation as the "Queen of the Suburbs" for its genteel lifestyle.

## MAKING A MODERN COMMUNITY



Historic marker placed in Wyoming's Centennial Park.

As automobiles gained popularity after the world wars, Wyoming grew toward the west (up into the hills) after annexing farmland west of Springfield Pike. This spurred a new housing boom and created the beginnings of the City we recognize today. Two more important changes helped shape Wyoming's destiny. One was the decision in 1926 to form a separate school district, and the next was the choice to become independent from Springfield Township and incorporate as a city, not a village. This

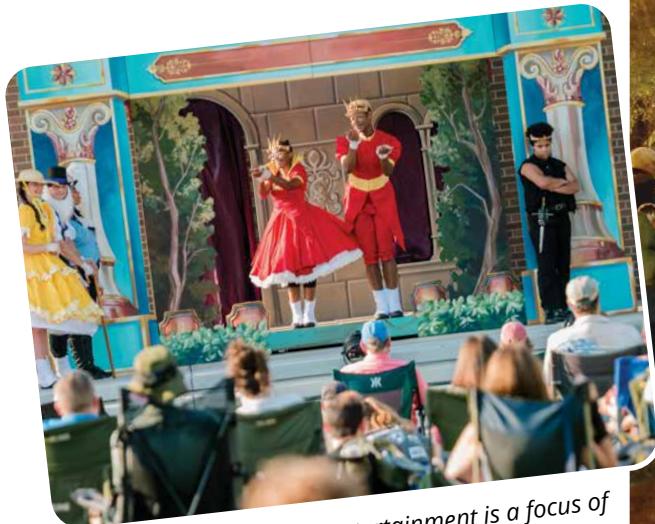
meant Wyoming could chart its path under its own city government, a decision that impacts the community to this day.

**Sources:** Johnson, Rebecca Strand. *Images of America, Wyoming*. Arcadia Publishing, 2005

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Young boys ride bicycles through the City's streets in the late 1800s.



*Family entertainment is a focus of many events at the Village Green.*



# Village Green Becomes Heart of Wyoming Community for Celebrations

The newly renovated Village Green and its state-of-the-art Village Green Performance Pavilion have become the gathering spot for Wyoming and a centerpiece venue for hosting a variety of City events, some of which have not been possible before the completion of the performance pavilion.

After renovations in 2023, the Village Green saw its first full year of entertainment in 2024 and City leaders say the facility lived up to its promise. Attendance at events increased roughly 30 percent from previous years, and the number and type of events have also grown, according to Director of Recreation and Citizen Engagement Rachel Leininger.

For the first time, Wyoming hosted a Shakespeare in the Park performance due to the stage capabilities of the performance pavilion. A crowd of more than 200 enjoyed the performance of Hamlet, which was sponsored by the Wyoming Community Foundation.

Other new events included a partnership with Wyoming PSA to host an outdoor movie for the Middle School in September, which allowed the event to be expanded to the entire community. Another partnership with the Wyoming Alumni Association brought



*Residents enjoy a puppet show at the new performance pavilion.*

the Cowboy Comeback alumni reunion to the Village Green.

"The Alumni Association loved the idea of hosting their alumni-focused event in the heart of the community," said Leininger. "It made perfect sense."

Several unique features built into the performance pavilion make it highly flexible and easy to use for events, Leininger noted. This capability has expanded the potential for the Village Green and provided new entertainment opportunities. For example, the stage provides storage for equipment, eliminating the need to move these items from multiple storage areas around the City for each event.

In addition, new lighting for the park makes it brighter and safer during evening programming and enhances visibility in the community. It also makes the space more versatile for year-round events. Wyoming's first holiday tree-lighting ceremony took place in 2023 and will be a regular part of year-end winter festivities for years to come, according to Leininger.

"Our tree-lighting features a 20-foot holiday tree in the middle of the park that provides lovely holiday scenery throughout December as well a special memory for residents as part of the Holiday Celebration event," she said.

"Creating a space where friends and neighbors can gather is vital to nurturing and building community spirit, which is why the City felt so strongly about the construction of the new Village Green," said Leininger. "Residents should expect to see even more event offerings in 2025."

# City-wide Infrastructure Project to Re-pave Streets and Roads

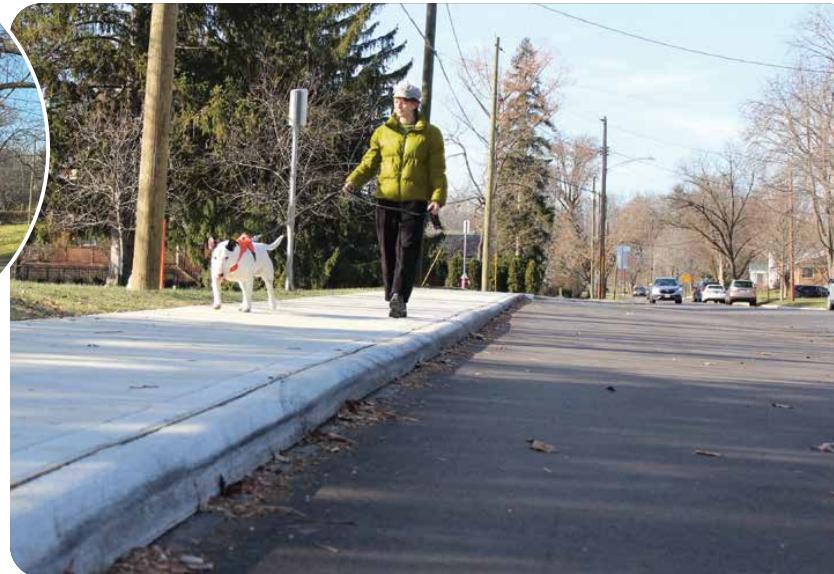
Over the next several years, Wyoming will undertake one of the most significant infrastructure improvement projects in its history, impacting dozens of streets in the City as well as multiple water mains.

The \$20 million project will unfold over the next five years and will be paid for in large part with increased real estate tax revenues realized by recent gains in home values. By the time the work is completed, a significant portion of Wyoming's streets and roads will have been transformed with new asphalt, curbs, and, in some cases, new water mains as well.

A City-wide inspection in 2022 revealed many of the City's streets and roads were in a deteriorating condition. Using a standardized rating scale of 0 to 100, with 100 reflecting new pavement, Wyoming's average road score was 61, indicating a fair condition, although a number of streets fell below this mark. To address the deficiencies, the City decided to emphasize infrastructure improvements starting in 2024.

City Manager Rusty Herzog said City street quality is not only crucial for transportation and services, it reflects civic pride and boosts the vitality and aesthetics of the City's neighborhoods.

"Improving our streets



is not just an investment in infrastructure; it's fulfilling one of the City's essential responsibilities to its residents," he said. "It's important to note that the majority of our streets are not eligible for grant funding simply because of their traffic volume, requiring the city to cover 100 percent of the cost for these projects. Our recent increase in property tax valuations provided the funds to tackle this project without raising taxes."

The framework for the project assigns a priority rating to streets and roads based on usage and then takes into account the scope of work needed on each street. For example, roads scheduled for water main replacement would be prioritized so that pipe replacement could be completed before paving begins. The work is scheduled in two phases. Phase 1 began in 2024 and should be complete by 2026.

During phase 1, the City will undertake roughly \$3.5 million in water main replacement and \$6.5 million in re-paving. Water mains will be replaced on Reily Road, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, and in the Poage Farm Road area before paving begins on these streets. Re-surfacing will also take place on more than a dozen other streets.

Phase 2 will begin in roughly two years and will include an

*New crosswalks with flashing signs were installed as part of the re-paving project on Oliver Road, one of many roads to receive new asphalt as part of a City-wide infrastructure improvement plan.*

additional \$8.5 million in street resurfacing and \$1.5 million in water main replacement. More than two dozen streets and roads will be included, and water repairs will take place on Fleming Road.

As part of these infrastructure goals, the City plans to extend the Hike/Bike Trail from North Park Avenue to the current terminus of the trail at North Park and North Avenues. The newly constructed trail will run along the Mill Creek through the City-owned lot on North Park Avenue. Construction would likely start in 2026 at the same time as paving work on North Park and North Avenues takes place.

Herzog added: "Well-kept streets are more than infrastructure—they reflect the care and commitment we share in making our city a place we're proud to call home. The most common question I get from residents is 'When will you pave my street?' This project should address this concern for many of our residents."

For more information on these projects visit: [wyomingohio.gov/336/Road-Information](http://wyomingohio.gov/336/Road-Information)

# Events and Camps Added as Recreation Activities Remain Popular



Youngsters participate in the FC Cincinnati soccer camp.

Recreation Department activities and camps drew even more participation this year as the new Village Green Pavilion attracted large crowds to Wyoming's business district. There were also more summer camps for youth, and ongoing seasonal festivals and events brought in visitors from across the region.

## SUMMER CAMP

A total of 260 children participated in the popular Recreation Department summer camps. New this year, Wyoming worked in partnership with FC Cincinnati to host two soccer camps in July. More than 100 kids took part in the camps, which featured skill development with FC Cincinnati team professionals. Other mini camps included Junior Police Camp, and Skyhawks sport camps for elementary school age campers who want to improve skills in multiple sports.

## NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Friday Concert Series** – The City of Wyoming hosted three Friday night concerts. The first, in June, was coordinated with the popular Touch-a-Truck event and featured the Jim Burns Trio. The July concert featured Danni Nicholls. In August, the theme was Back to School and featured the Queen City Silver Stars.

**Shakespeare in the Park** – For the first time ever, the popular Shakespeare in the Park series was offered at the Village Green, made possible with the City's renovated pavilion. A crowd of more than 200 attended the performance of *Hamlet*.

**Summer Vendor Markets** – Unique crafts and food were available at three summer vendor markets, which drew large crowds to the Village business district. Each event featured more than 15 regional vendors.

**Anniversary Celebration** – In honor of Wyoming's 150th anniversary, the City held a special event in May featuring history tours in a horse-drawn carriage, live music, and historical information presented by Wyoming's Historical Society.

**Village Green Kick-off** – To celebrate the completion of the Village Green, the City hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and party in May featuring live music and food from local restaurants.

## ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Daddy Daughter Dance** – This highly-popular event sold out for three nights as more than 500 young women and their special guests attended.

**Son-Sational Dance** – The boys had a weekend in March, as more than 150 young men and their special guests attended one of the two nights offered.

**Wyoming Art Show** – The 38th annual Wyoming Art Show, hosted by the Wyoming Art Show Committee, continued to draw large crowds to view over 100 arts and crafts vendors across the Midwest.

**End of Summer Celebration** – This event offered music and family games to celebrate the end of summer in August. The Queen City Silver Stars performed, and families enjoyed games like giant chess, cornhole, and connect four. Wyoming's restaurants participated in the event.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

**Cincinnati Circus Juggler** – Juggler Dave & Friends delivered an interactive and laughter-filled experience for more than 200 attendees. Their high-octane shows aim to engage audiences and keep energy levels high.

**Wump Mucket Puppets** – Cincinnati-based puppet touring company Wump Mucket Puppets brought

the story "Bee Happy," featuring the Bee Dance to Wyoming Village Green. Audience participation is a highlight of the show.

**Touch-A-Truck** – Children of all ages experienced big trucks up close and interacted with the professionals who operate them in the Village business district for this ever-popular event. Crews from Wyoming Fire & EMS, Wyoming Police Department, as well as Hamilton County SWAT and Dive teams, participated.

**Circus Mojo** – Back by popular demand, this traveling circus team included a contortionist, as well as circus acts, and sketch comedy. Kids attending were able to join the fun with activities like spinning plates and playing with hula hoops alongside the members of the circus.

**Zak Morgan** – Popular inspirational children's music artist Zak Morgan brought his show to the Village Green.

## LIVE ON THE GREEN CONCERT SERIES

Held once again at the Village Green, the series featured music ranging from classic rock to R&B. The concerts were scheduled every other Wednesday in June, July, and August. In addition to the live music, families enjoyed food and drink from Wyoming's restaurants.

## AUTUMN AND HOLIDAY EVENTS

**Wyoming Car Show** – Attendance doubled to roughly 2,000 for this unique show featuring more than 70 exotic cars. Held in August, the event, raised money for The Cure Starts Now, and featured music from The Yada Yada Yadas, plus food and drink from local restaurants.

**Fall Festival** – More than 90 vendors participated in the 41st Fall Festival, which has become one of the most anticipated events of the autumn season, attracting a crowd of roughly 5,000. New this year, Cincinnati Reds mascots Mr. Redlegs and Rosie Red made an appearance. There were also inflatables, a petting zoo, photo backdrop, and live entertainment.

**Holiday One Stop Shop** – A crowd of roughly 500 enjoyed craft and gift items from more than 30 vendors at the Civic Center. The Wyoming Civic Winds performed holiday-themed music and Schmidt's Sausage Truck provided dining options.

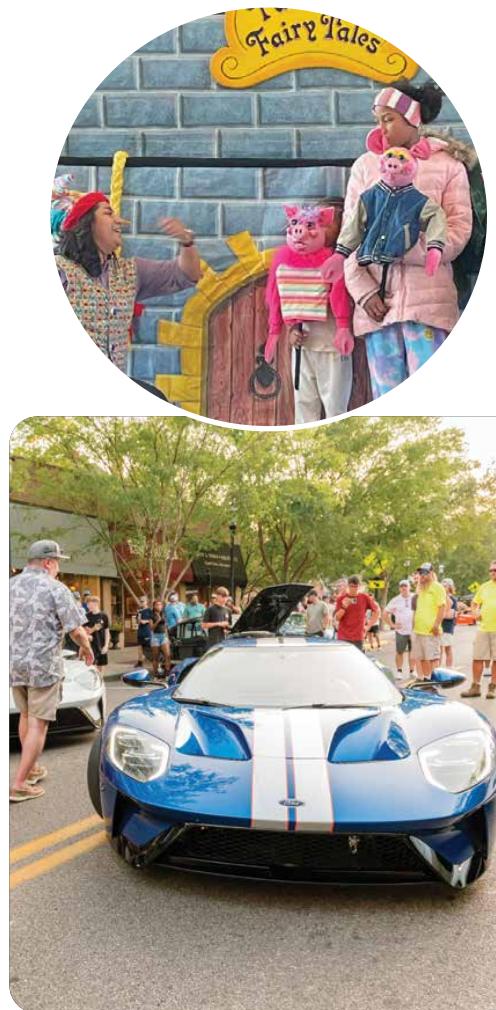
**Holiday Celebration with Light Up Wyoming** – Guests enjoyed a tree-lighting ceremony at the renovated Village Green and visits with Santa Claus in the new Village Green Pavilion. There were also live reindeer, an inflatable sleigh, and refreshments from City restaurants.

## CIVIC CENTER IS THE LATEST OF SEVERAL SOCIAL CENTERS

In 1884, Wyoming's first Civic Center, called The Amusement Hall, was constructed at the corner of Worthington Avenue and Springfield Pike. Two more buildings would be built on the site after the Amusement Hall burned in 1907. A new social hall, called the Wyoming Club, was built at the location in 1908. This

building was also burned and replaced by the current Civic Center building in 1949, which was first operated as a private club. The City took ownership in 1990 and it underwent significant renovations in 2018 and 2021. Today, the Civic Center hosts hundreds of events yearly, from community groups to large private events and smaller bowling parties in the candlepin bowling alley, one of only a few in the Midwest. It is designed to offer full-service party and event rental space in the community.

**Source:** City archives



*A puppet show (top of page) and the Wyoming Car Show were two of the many events offered by the Recreation Department in 2024.*



*The earliest social hall in Wyoming, the Amusement Hall was constructed in the late 1800s near the site of the current Civic Center.*

*Fitness classes for all ages and abilities are available at the Wyoming Recreation Center.*



## **New Classes and Staff Added to Fitness Center as Demand Remains High**

The sports and fitness offerings at the Wyoming Recreation Center continue to be extremely popular. In response, the Recreation Department has added new on-trend classes such as Tai Chi and kickboxing, along with new instructors and personal trainers. In addition, several new pieces of fitness equipment were added to the fitness center.

### **NEW CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS**

#### **Cardio and Correctives**

The class, which launched Tuesdays in the fall with instructor Julie Blom, targets muscle flexibility and strength using foam rollers and tennis balls to warm up muscles for the first half of class. This prepares participants to perform various exercise movements aimed at strengthening the heart, reflexes, and core. Julie is also available for personal training on Tuesday and Friday.

#### **Muscle Training Offered**

Amy Dickinson, a fitness instructor since 2010 who has taught a variety of classes from spin to Barre, launched Strictly Muscle in March. This course is for all fitness levels and is designed to develop lean muscle mass using dumbbells set to high-energy music.

#### **NEW PERSONAL TRAINERS**

- Melanie Sorensen is a physical therapist who also became a certified personal trainer through the National Council on Strength and Fitness in 2024. She is available on Monday and Wednesday.
- Brooke Pitman is a certified personal trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine.



*Julie Blom*

- Julie Blom is a certified personal trainer through the American Council on Exercise with additional training in TRX, spinning, kinesiology taping, and fascial stretching. She is available Tuesday and Friday.

- Marquis Brookins is a firefighter and EMT with the Cincinnati Fire Department and a certified personal trainer through the International Sports Sciences Association. He has availability on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.



*Marquis Brookins*

## WEEKLY FITNESS CLASSES

**Cycle and Core** – Spinning combined with strength conditioning

**HIIT** – High intensity interval training that uses weights and body resistance

**Total Body Barre** – Muscle conditioning using ballet and yoga elements

**Bootcamp** – Strength training and cardiovascular exercise

**Strictly Muscle** – Full body, high repetition class using weights

**Body Pump** – Dynamic strength and cardiovascular exercise using hand weights

**Pilates** – Mat, Reformer, and Osteoporosis classes available – strength and muscle conditioning using the Pilates method

**MysFit Dance** – High intensity dance class set to Hip Hop music

**Walking and More** – Walking combined with small weight exercises for overall conditioning

**SilverSneakers® Circuit and SilverSneakers® Classic** –

Strength and cardiovascular exercises customized for individuals with balance and mobility compromises

**Cardio and Correctives** – Foam rolling and stretching before bodyweight strengthening and cardio

**Yoga Leela** – Hatha yoga practice that incorporates fun and traditional yoga movements

**Aikido** – Self-defense training that uses holds and throws

**HYDRO-FIT®** – Deep water exercise using water as resistance (summer only)

**HIIT Kickboxing** – Dynamic kickboxing combinations and intense intervals (last class was October 5th)

## NEW IN 2024

### Adolescent Girls Fitness –

Hosted two sessions in summer and fall, which included body-weight and lightweight workouts, healthy habit discussions, and

confidence building.

**Tai Chi for Seniors** – In coordination with the Hamilton County Council on Aging, this special class for seniors on fall prevention was offered Tuesday and Thursday from March through May.

## ONGOING ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS

- Pickleball
- Men's Softball
- Adult Over 40 Basketball League
- Ultimate Frisbee League, ages 15 and up

## ONGOING YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS (for ages 3 to 18)

- Baseball and softball
- Basketball
- Football
- Cheerleading
- Flag Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Volleyball

## FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

**Pickleball** – Two additional pickleball courts were added to one of the tennis courts behind Spring Valley Bank, bringing the total number of courts in Wyoming to eight.

**Aquatic Center** – Installed new play surface in the spray park area.



Many pickleball courts have been added to accommodate the growing interest in this activity.

## RECREATION CENTER WAS ONCE A YMCA



The building now used as Wyoming's Recreation Center was built as a YMCA in 1985. By the late 1990s, however, the facility became unsustainable and the City of Wyoming expressed interest in taking over the site for its own recreation needs since there was little available land in Wyoming to build a recreation center. After purchasing the building and surrounding 14 acres of land in 1999, the City turned it into a full-service recreation facility, adding an aquatic center, and both grass and artificial turf fields in later years.

### Did You Know?

- The Wyoming Recreation and Family Aquatic Center is a SilverSneakers® location, meaning qualified seniors can take advantage of a no-cost membership and free fitness classes. Those 65 years or older can contact their insurance provider to see if SilverSneakers® is an available benefit to participate in classes.
- More than 4,500 visitors participate in fitness, sports, and recreation activities at the Recreation Center each month. Recreation is one of the most widely-used City services each year.



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A major update to the department's Rescue 97 fire truck enables firefighters to more efficiently operate in emergency situations.



## Rescue Truck Upgrades Deliver New Capability to Fire & EMS Responses

The Wyoming Fire & EMS Department relies on its equipment to enable the City's volunteer firefighters to do their jobs in the most effective way possible. In 2024, the department upgraded one of its primary firefighting vehicles to equip it to meet current standards and provide maximum support to the City's firefighting crews. Wyoming's 34 volunteer firefighters are dedicated to guarding residents' health and safety while saving millions over the cost of an all-career department.

### EQUIPMENT UPGRADES – FIRE TRUCK RE-FITTED

Wyoming's rescue truck, Rescue 97, was re-tooled in 2024 to bring its capacity in line with current firefighting technology. Rescue 97 is one of four fire trucks the department relies on during fire emergencies and is considered a vital workhorse. It carries critical gear and support equipment and is often referred to as the Swiss Army knife of fire trucks. The rescue truck is supported by a ladder truck and two smaller engine trucks.

Rescue 97 spent six weeks at Fire Manufacturing Innovations in Springfield to be re-designed and outfitted with the latest firefighting support equipment and storage capacity. The upgrades included:

- Battery-powered electric fans that replace old gas-powered fans to clear smoke or carbon monoxide from fire or gas-leak scenes. The new fans eliminate the possibility of adding carbon monoxide to the emergency as a side effect of operating the old gas-powered fans.

- New battery-powered LED lighting that provides hours of bright light and greater flexibility by reducing the need for a generator and electrical cords used with old incandescent or halogen lights.
- Re-designed tool mounting and storage systems that deliver easier access and more secure storage for less potential tool damage during fire truck runs.
- The equipment upgrades expand the truck's usability and provide greater flexibility and efficiency for firefighters in the field. The \$50,000 cost of the rescue truck upgrades was paid for using donated funds.

### EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

In 2024, the fundraising group of the Fire & EMS Department, the Wyoming Fire Association, raised \$20,000 to support the department's mission. Most of these funds were raised at the group's annual Turkey Raffle, held each year in November. The group also sponsors the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The added support of these fundraising events is essential. It helps fund equipment, training, and education outreach. Thank you to all those who support these efforts.

Fire & EMS Volunteers also provided manpower and vehicles for Touch-a-Truck, the Independence Day celebration, the Car Show, and Fall Festival.

## ONGOING SERVICES

**Note:** For more information or to schedule an appointment for the following services, call 513-821-6836 or email [wfdrequests@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:wfdrequests@wyomingohio.gov).

**Child Car Seat Fitting** – Wyoming Fire & EMS will professionally install your child car seat by appointment.

**CPR/AED Classes** – Monthly CPR/AED classes are available for a \$40 fee. Participants learn lifesaving CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators.

**Welcome Home** – Paramedics provide in-home support to residents returning from a hospital stay by helping them with hospital discharge instructions.

**Senior Home Safety Inspection** – Adults over age 65 can schedule a certified fire safety inspector to come to their home to evaluate fire and personal safety.

## Did You Know?

- The average response time for a fire call in Wyoming is seven minutes, 30 seconds, which is more than two minutes faster than national recommendations for a volunteer fire department.

- Wyoming paramedics are on station 24 hours-a-day for medical emergencies. In non-emergencies, paramedics are happy to answer hospital discharge instruction questions or check an individual's blood pressure at the station by appointment.

- Fire & EMS team members can help residents with flooding in a home or business. The department has specialized equipment that can remove up to 160 gallons of water per minute, plus submersible pumps capable of removing 25 gallons per minute. This is a unique service not normally provided by a community fire department.

- You don't need special skills to volunteer with the Fire & EMS Department. The only requirement is that volunteers must either live in or work near Wyoming. They volunteer during the hours they are available to serve. New volunteers are always welcome!

For information on safety programs email, [wfdrequests@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:wfdrequests@wyomingohio.gov)

## FIRE CADET PROGRAM ONGOING FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS



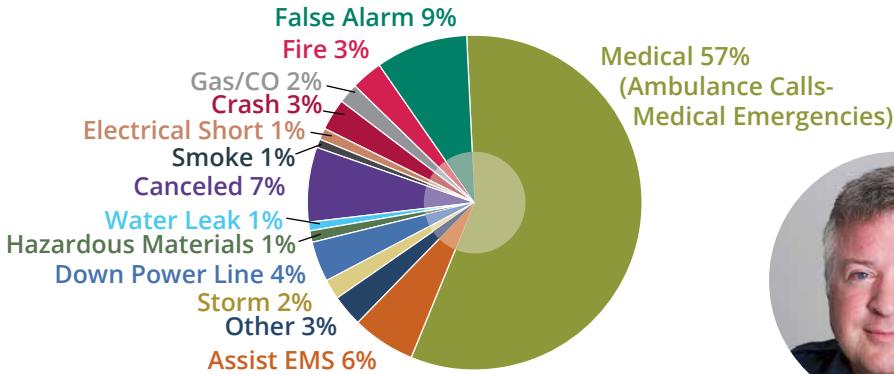
In 1966, Wyoming launched the fire cadet program, a partnership with Wyoming High School that allows high schoolers to volunteer with the fire department as support personnel. It is one of the oldest programs of its kind in Hamilton County and still attracts new students each year.

The program teaches students the value of volunteering and exposes them to new experiences they won't find in a classroom. Cadets have permission to leave school for emergency fire runs and take part in hands-on duties such as retrieving equipment from trucks and setting up lights or fans at a safe distance from the active emergency. More than 175 students have taken part in the cadets and many name it as one of the most memorable parts of high school.



*The first cadet class in 1967 included former Fire Chief Jim Benken and former Assistant Fire Chief Richard Smith.*

## Fire & EMS Responses in 2024



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*Above, Flock cameras were added in several important locations in Wyoming thanks to an anonymous donation; right, a police officer greets residents at a public event.*



# New Officers and Flock Cameras Added to Police Department

To maintain Wyoming's record as one of the safest communities in Southwest Ohio, the Wyoming Police Department (WPD) continually seeks to stay current with technology and equipment. In 2024, the department added multiple Flock cameras, and welcomed two new officers to the team.

## NEW OFFICERS



• **Braden Ruhe**, a graduate of Elder High School and the Great Oaks Police Academy, started working with the WPD in April 2024 after his graduation from the academy. He has also attended Xavier University. He was hired in November in anticipation of his graduation date in the spring.



• **Brandon Taylor** is a graduate of Anderson High School, Morehead State University, and Great Oaks Police Academy. He worked for the Blue Ash Police Department for 16 years before being hired by the City of Wyoming in December.

## FLOCK CAMERAS ADDED ACROSS CITY TO AID IN CRIME PREVENTION

Thanks to a \$29,000 anonymous donation, the WPD purchased eight Flock cameras in 2024 to assist in tracking vehicle data by identifying license plate information.

The cameras have become one of the most widely-used tools in policing across the country in the

last five years, and they have been deployed in many neighboring Southwest Ohio communities. They capture license plate images from passing cars for help in tracking stolen vehicles, identifying autos tagged for crimes such as Amber Alerts, and for objective evidence when crimes are committed.

Flock cameras photograph the rear of each passing car. No personal information about the driver or passengers is targeted as the cameras do not employ facial recognition. They also do not document the car's speed or any traffic violations at the time of the photo. When a flagged license plate is detected, the system sends an alert to each WPD patrol car through the department's computer system. Police Chief Brooke Brady said the cameras are another important tool the agency employs to help officers do their jobs more efficiently.

"This takes human bias out of crime-solving by collecting objective data and detecting possible criminal activity," she said. "Flock cameras are utilized by most agencies outside of Wyoming. Having Flock cameras allows us to work together with these agencies to solve crime investigations."

## DIGITAL SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE

Reports of scams using the internet have doubled in the past year. Chief Brooke Brady said residents have been tricked into sending cyber criminals thousands of dollars.

Examples of scams residents report include texts or emails that a scammer poses as a well-known delivery company such as FedEx, or as a bank representative. They claim to have a package that needs to be delivered, and then request personal information. Similar texts and emails are used with scammers posing as a bank and warning of a mistake in a target's account. These texts and emails

also ask for personal information or passwords to resolve issues. This information is then used for criminal activity.

The WPD and cyber security experts warn you to never respond to unsolicited texts or emails. To be sure you are dealing only with a legitimate business, call the company's phone number directly after looking it up through account information or a website. Never respond to a phone number in an unsolicited text or email.

Awareness is the best defense against these crimes, and residents are advised to seek digital security training to avoid being victimized by these sophisticated scam artists.

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES

Wyoming's officers train annually on various subjects to meet the requirements of the Ohio Collaborative Police Advisory Board. Each year, police personnel complete more than 24 total hours of training in areas including diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), mental health responses and critical incidents, sexual assault investigations, firearms and taser use, de-escalation through active listening, and more. New this year, officers attended in-person driver training with Dynamic Vehicle Operations at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy to enhance their skills.

In addition, officers receive daily updates on high-risk procedures involving the use of force, DEI, mental health responses, and other incidents. After the update, they take a quiz to ensure a thorough understanding of the policy.



## FIRST POLICE UNITS

The Wyoming Police Department was created in 1948 when Wyoming was incorporated as a city. Before that date, the community was served by a team of motorcycle patrol members. A police marshal led this group, and Frank Pendery was named the first police marshal in Wyoming in the early 1900s. He was paid \$100 a year.

**Source:** Johnson, Rebecca Strand. *Images of America, Wyoming*. Arcadia Publishing, 2005

*The 1927 motorcycle patrol, which policed the village before it became a city.*

### Did You Know?

- The Police Department gives away free bicycle helmets to both children and adults in Wyoming. Residents can come in for a complimentary fitting. They also hold bike safety talks in Wyoming's elementary schools. For more information about bike safety, contact the department at 513-821-0141.
- The department collects over 100 pounds of outdated prescription medication at its Prescription Drug Box inside the Safety Building annually.
- The WPD offers Junior Police Camp each summer for second through sixth-grade students. The camp allows kids to learn about the daily routines of policing and enables them to interact with officers in a fun, casual atmosphere.

## TOOLS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Follow the Police Department on Facebook for crime and safety alerts, traffic concerns, and community updates. For more information, go to [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) and click on the Police Department under the Departments tab on the homepage.

Subscribe to NIXLE, the City's emergency communication channel, by texting "Wyoming" to the number 888777 or by subscribing through the City's website, [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov). You'll get up-to-the-minute bulletins about changing safety information.

## EVERYDAY PROGRAMS TO SERVE RESIDENTS

**Away from Home Check Program** – Request periodic police checks of your home while you're out of town.

**Key File** – Homeowners can place a house key at the police station. If the resident is out of town and an emergency occurs at home (for example, a water pipe bursts), the police can use it to gain access to address the problem.

**Lockout Assistance** – Accidentally lock yourself out of your car? The police can help. Call the non-emergency number, 513-821-0141, to request officer assistance.

**Prescription Drug Box** – This dedicated receptacle allows you to dispose of old medication safely. Located inside police headquarters at 600 Grove Avenue, it is available during business hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Background Information** – BCI and FBI background checks are available through the department. Call 513-821-0141 or check the Police Department page at [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) for instructions and fees.



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A new home under construction on Fleming Road.



An artist's rendering of future streetscape along Wyoming Avenue near the entrance from Lockland.

# Streetscape Plans Aim to Improve Safety, Economic Opportunity

Wyoming's reputation for beautiful neighborhoods and thriving community life requires the diligent oversight of a team that carefully ensures new development matches the City's needs and enhances its appeal. The Community Development Department provides this oversight and helps Wyoming remain a vital destination for new businesses and homebuyers in Greater Cincinnati. One new business opened in 2024 and the department planned for future streetscape improvement projects in the coming years.

## NEW BUSINESS IN 2024

### Twelve08 Pizza, 1208 Springfield Pike

- A wood-fired pizza restaurant owned by Grant and Shelly Hoffman, backed by seven Wyoming investors. It opened early in 2024. Guests enjoy unique pizza recipes baked in a wood-burning oven imported from Italy, plus items such as wings and salads.



New pizza restaurant Twelve08 opened on Springfield Pike in January 2024.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2024

**Springfield Pike Safety and Streetscape Plan** – The City worked to identify funding sources to implement a streetscape plan developed in coordination with planning consultant KZF Design.

Proposed for the Springfield Pike corridor, it would include North Pike, the Wyoming-Woodlawn gateway, and the Promenade (the area from the Civic Center to the Wyoming branch library). Improvements could include high-visibility crosswalks, pocket parks, improved bus shelters, new landscaping, bike lanes on the west side of the Pike, and public art, among others.

**Property Maintenance Study** – The Economic Development Commission and City staff concluded a study to gather and analyze data to identify operational changes to improve property maintenance. The conclusions included prioritizing more efforts to help homeowners take advantage of regional programs, such as low interest loans to help maintain or improve properties, and outreach for seniors who need help maintaining a home or assisting with downsizing. The study also highlighted advantages for greater oversight of rental properties, as well as stricter code enforcement for all cases of property neglect. To access the full report, contact City staff.

### Wyoming-Lockland Gateway Streetscape

A \$78,000 grant from the Hamilton County Community Development Assistance Program (CEDAP) will partially fund the installation of new landscaping and upgrades including signage, bike parking, and additional parking spaces to the parking lot at 522 Wyoming Avenue / 508 Van Roberts Place.

## DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

**Public Safety Facility, 600 Grove Avenue** – A new fence with masonry pillars and a vehicular gate was approved for the Oak Avenue police parking lot.

## HISTORIC REVIEW

The Historic Preservation Commission and the Architectural Review Board reviewed six renovation plans for historic properties for compatibility with the Design Guidelines for Historic Properties.

## PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS

- Section 1135.99 provides a clearer penalty provision for zoning violations, classified as a minor misdemeanor, which calls for up to \$150 in fines.
- Adult Use Marijuana Prohibition, which prohibits any business classified as "Adult Use Marijuana" under Ohio law from operating in Wyoming. This is on top of a previous prohibition on "Medical Use Marijuana" in the City.



Mayor John MacKay in ancestral regalia.

### VILLAGE PLANNING BEGAN IN 1920s

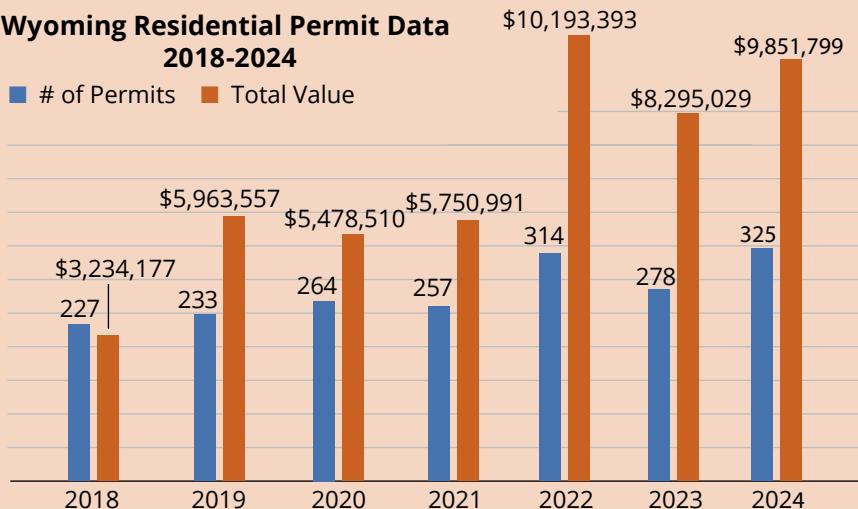
Wyoming Mayor John MacKay proposed a village planning and zoning commission in 1924 due to rapid building and development that, if left unchecked, could destroy the City's character and aesthetic. He was also the first to codify village ordinances, adopt a building code, and hire a building inspector. MacKay stated that his new administration should be "one of efficiency, service, and economy, thereby maintaining for the Village of Wyoming her well-earned and deserved reputation of being one of the best, if not the best governed village in the State of Ohio."



**Source:** Stiefbold, Angela. *Striving to be the "Queen of Suburbs": 1920s Planning and Zoning in the Village of Wyoming, Ohio*, 2013

### Wyoming Residential Permit Data 2018-2024

■ # of Permits ■ Total Value



This graph shows the main types of residential permits and the value of the work for residential properties (not including four-family properties or above). These permits include new residences, additions, alterations, accessory structures, repairs, replacements, demolitions, swimming pools, fences, decks, patios, and site work.

## Did You Know?

- New this year, City residents can submit and pay for residential permits through Cloudpermit, an online application, payment and communication system for digital permits. To access the webpage, go to [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) and click on the building permits icon.



Building Permits

- The City maintains all public sidewalks through a revolving repair program. In 2024, a total of 206 sidewalk sections were repaired or replaced throughout the community.
- To ensure the vitality and safety of the community, Wyoming regularly addresses deficiencies in property maintenance for both commercial and residential properties. In 2023, the City handled 127 cases of property neglect, which included 19 cases closed from previous reports.



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# Tax Revenue Up After County Revaluation

A robust real estate market and solid business development, plus careful budgeting, helped to boost City finances in 2024. Rising property values increased City revenue by \$1,065,855 over the past year after routine Hamilton County property revaluation reflected recent increases in home values. Wyoming's adherence to well-planned growth and preservation of community assets, such as its historic business center, and high-quality housing stock and streetscapes, continues to attract homebuyers and businesses that generate stable tax revenue necessary for a thriving, fiscally-sound community.

## TAX REVENUE AND BUDGET

The State of Ohio directs county auditors to reappraise all parcels of property every six years (Hamilton County completed its reappraisal in 2023) and to complete a statistical update every three years. In addition, the State of Ohio Department of Taxation certifies values on each of these.

Once the state certified the new values and set the tax rates, the county treasurer created a new tax bill based on updated values and voter approved tax levies, along with additional political subdivision add-ons, such as inside millage.

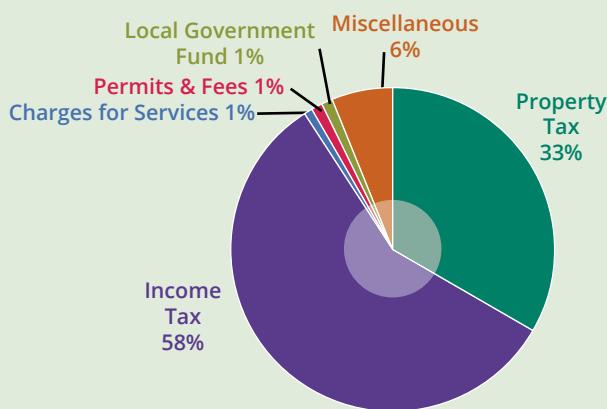


Property tax receipts were up 29.60 percent in 2024 over 2023 for a total of \$4,667,336 after the revaluation. Income tax receipts trended up and totaled \$8,101,984 in 2024, compared to \$7,392,387 in 2023. This revenue source was closely monitored in 2024 and the year-end estimate adjusted as economic data was received. Income tax collections exceeded the year-end estimate amount of \$7,696,000 by five percent or \$405,984.

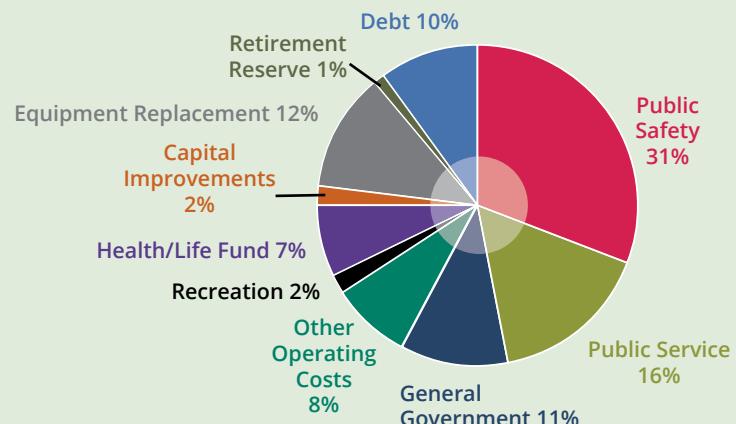
## RECREATION DEPARTMENT REVENUE INCREASE

Recreation year-end revenue for 2024 was up \$25,751 or two percent compared to budget projections for 2024. This is also an increase of 8.9 percent compared to 2023 Recreation revenue, for a total of \$1,448,966 for 2024. Increases in revenue from Day Camps and Recreation and Aquatic Center memberships are responsible for the increase in Recreation receipts.

### 2024 Revenue



### 2024 Expenditures



## GRANT FUNDING IMPORTANT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS

The City seeks federal and state grants each year to help fund the many capital improvement projects that enhance daily life in Wyoming. In 2024, the City received a total of \$308,659 in grant funding toward eight projects, plus private donations totaling \$81,500 toward Flock camera equipment, the overhaul of fire truck Rescue 97, Fall Festival and the Fourth of July celebration. Total grant funding is outlined below:

- Ohio Grant (police training) .....\$13,235.52
- Ohio Equipment Grant (Water Works) .....\$7,080.00
- Ohio BWC Safety Grant (floor scrubbers) ..\$12,280.50
- ODNR Clean Ohio Trails Grant (Hike/Bike Trail).....\$99,910.59
- MRF Grant (Mt. Pleasant Ave. street design) .....\$150,000.00
- Ohio Fire Training and Equipment Grant (Training & AED's) .....\$5,205.52
- Hamilton County Streetscape Grant (SFP Streetscape Design) .....\$14,906.69
- Hamilton County Composting Grant (Composting at Oak Park).....\$6,040.50

### Private Donations:

- Anonymous donation (Flock Camera equipment).....\$29,000.00
- Anonymous donation (Rescue 97 fire truck re-fit).....\$50,000.00
- Junior Womens Collaborative (Fall Festival and 4th of July).....\$2,500.00

## COMPLETE CITY FINANCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

To see full financial documents for the City, including the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as well as quarterly reports presented to City Council, go to the City's website, [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) and click Departments on the home page, then choose Finance Reports under the Customer Service & Finance Department heading.

### Did You Know?

- You can pay many City bills online, including your traffic tickets and water bill. Go to [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) and choose the "How Do I" tab on the homepage.
- The Customer Service & Finance Department received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for 2023 in June 2024. The award is given to organizations that file an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and receive a "clean" auditor report.
- Wyoming maintains an AAA bond rating, the highest grade attainable and achieved by only a fraction of municipalities statewide. This is due to the City's careful budgeting and sustainable financial management.

## CITY FINANCES BACK IN THE DAY

While early financial data for the City is sparse, the first documented budget from 1949 shows Wyoming collected tax revenues of \$196,072.68 with expenditures of \$167,503.53, including roughly \$75,000 in total employee salaries. No information about the number of employees is provided, however. Today, the City has 54 employees and a budget of more than \$20 million annually.

**Source:** City archives



## Don't Miss Important News

### Communication with the City is Easy

The City offers many ways to stay in-the-know about news, events, and emergency updates. Go to the City website, [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov), to subscribe to these important electronic communications under the "Residents" tab.

The City's e-newsletter provides information categorized to suit your needs. You can choose from topics including urgent communications, community events and updates, recreation programs, and more.

Emergencies can happen at any time. But you can avoid the traffic snarls and headaches that come with them with NIXLE. This communication tool sends vital emergency messages to your phone or computer through texts, emails, and social media alerts.



**Facebook** – The City has more than 4,900 fans from 10 countries.



**Instagram** – Followers now number 1,600.



**YouTube** – Watch informational videos and live-streamed City Council meetings to stay in-the-know about news and events in Wyoming. To access the City's YouTube channel, go to [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) and click the icon on the homepage.



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# Scheduled Maintenance and Upgrades Deliver Reliable Water Quality

To safeguard Wyoming residents' water quality and taste, the Water Works Department completed several improvement and maintenance projects in 2024 that will provide years of reliable service to the community. Among these were the replacement of a water main under Hilltop Park that impacts water delivery to half of all homes, and the replacement of lead service lines so water safety is better ensured.

## TOP PROJECTS IN 2024

- The 70-year-old water main under Hilltop Park between the reservoir and the water tower was replaced with a new 12-inch ductile iron main to provide better utilization of the reservoir by turning the water over more quickly.
- Lead water service lines were replaced on Oliver and Reily Roads prior to planned paving. Although Wyoming's routine tests for lead typically show less than one part per billion (ppb), which is less than the 15 ppb recommended by the EPA, the removal of lead lines improves safety by eliminating the possibility of contamination and the likelihood of old pipes breaking after new paving is completed. The department will continue to remove old lead pipes across the community



A sledder races at Hilltop Park with the water tower in the background.

- Two new isolation valves were installed on the 6-inch water main routed from Woodbrook Lane to Hidden Valley Lane. The valves, with the addition of an air release, reduce the likelihood of a prolonged water outage for residents on Hickory Hill Lane and Woodbrook Lane due to a break in the woods between these two lanes.
- Two sludge lagoons were cleaned in 2024. This augments Wyoming's partial cleaning last year and helps maintain water delivery standards.
- The department utilized almost \$60,000 in H2Ohio Direct Assistance grants for service line inventory work and line location equipment.

### Did You Know?

- Residents pay about a penny per gallon for water, which is comparable to the national average of about 9/10ths of a cent per gallon.

- Water usage in 2024 was roughly 81 gallons per person per day, which is up from the typical 75 gallons per person day average. Dry summer weather could be a factor in this increase.

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## WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT FOUNDED IN 1892



The first city-wide water service for Wyoming residents began on December 2, 1892 when three wells with pumps were activated. These pumped water from the

Mill Creek Aquifer, which still supplies City water today, to a three-million-gallon open reservoir where Hilltop Park now sits. The system had eight miles of distribution lines, compared to 45 miles today. At the time Wyoming's population was 1,454, versus more than 8,900 today.

**Source:** City archives

# Street Paving, Improvements Are Top Priority in Coming Years

The Public Works Department will undertake one of its largest street and water infrastructure improvement projects ever as the City tackles a backlog of repairs over the next several years (see story p.7). The department manages more than 35 miles of roads, 37 acres of parks and public spaces, and more than 45 miles of water lines every day of the year to keep the City running smoothly.

## TOP PROJECTS

The City has committed \$6.5 million in roadway funds and \$3.5 million in water funds to undertake multiple infrastructure improvement projects in 2024 and 2025 (see story, p.7).

- Replaced the concrete curbs, drive aprons, and resurfaced the asphalt on Oliver Road from Springfield Pike to Reily Road. High visibility pavement markings were added along with flashing crosswalk signals at Brayton Avenue and the Stearns Woods walking trail. Total project cost was \$1.045 million budgeted from the City's general fund.
- Vermont Avenue was fully reconstructed, including a new water main, new curbs, and drive aprons, plus new pavement. The street was also widened near Vermont School to accommodate traffic. This work began in 2023, but the roadway portion between West Avenue and Springfield Pike was completed in summer 2024. The \$2.3

million cost was partially funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

- Engineering work for Mt. Pleasant Avenue is underway to determine roadway reconstruction, water main replacement, and sidewalk construction from Springfield Pike to Compton Road. Significant utility relocations will take place in 2025 with major roadway construction planned for 2026.
- Preparation, engineering, and project bidding began on Reily Road after the City was awarded \$650,000 in SORTA funding. Reily Road is scheduled to receive new concrete curbs and drive aprons, minor widening, and pavement resurfacing in 2025. The water main between Hickory Hill and Liddle Lane will be replaced.

## PUBLIC WORKS DATES TO CITY'S FOUNDING



From the City's earliest days, Public Works was part of the day-to-day workings of village government. The first reference to this work was recorded in 1874 and mentions a street commissioner. Later, it was referred to as City Works. The department has played an instrumental role in the management of City infrastructure and parks throughout Wyoming's municipal history.

**Source:** City archives

## Did You Know?

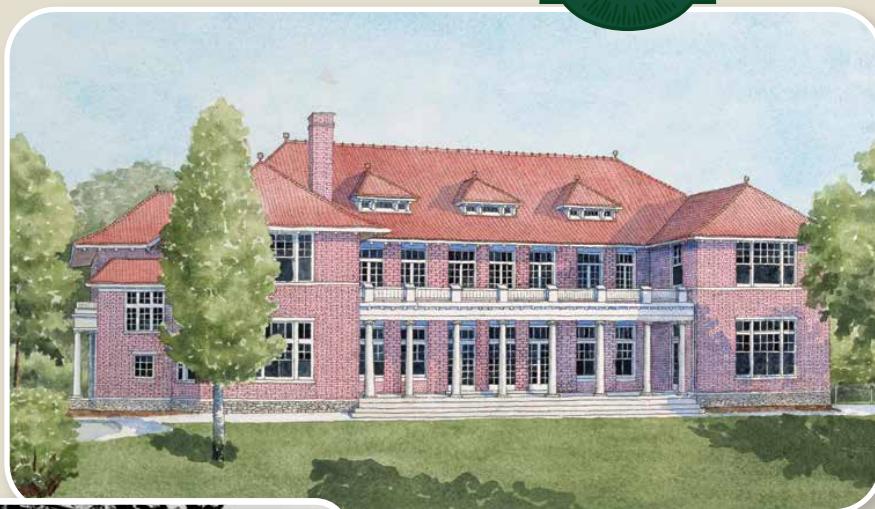
- Residents may place one large trash item at the curb at no charge for pick-up with the weekly trash collection as part of the City's contract with Rumpke, but rules apply. Check [wyomingohio.gov](http://wyomingohio.gov) under the Services tab for details.

- Rumpke collects yard waste every Monday (March to November) provided it is bundled (4 by 2-foot diameter, not more than 40 pounds) and has a yard waste sticker attached. Stickers can be purchased at the City building for \$2.50 each. During the winter, residents must call Rumpke to schedule pick up.

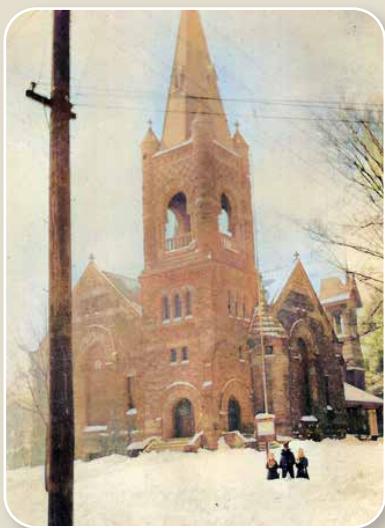
- Wyoming was named as a Tree City USA for the 31st consecutive year. In 2024, the City planted roughly 150 trees with funding from the Ohio Department of Resources.
- Wyoming earned a Best City Waste Diversion Rate in Hamilton County once again for keeping more than 1,700 tons of waste out of the landfill in 2024. Part of this waste diversion includes using leaves for leaf mulch. The City delivered 235 loads of leaf mulch in 2024.

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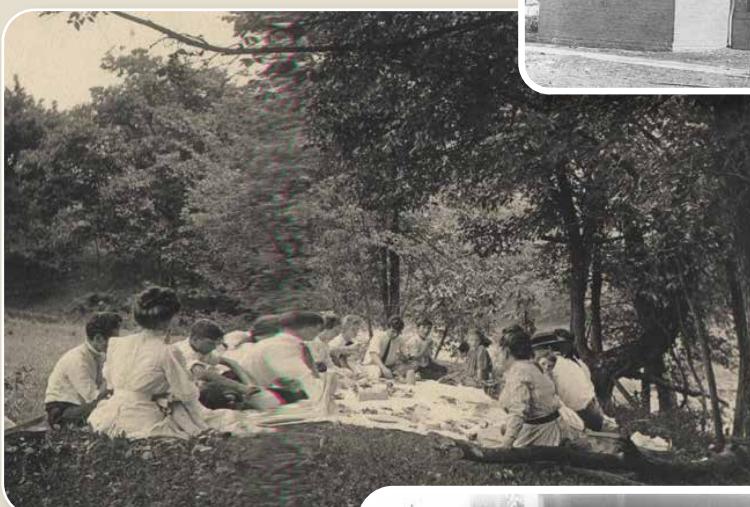


*The Wyoming Woman's Club organized an effort to place wrought iron flower planters on the City's street corners in the 1930s.*



*An early photo of Wyoming Presbyterian Church at the corner of Wyoming and Burns Avenue.*

*The Wyoming Club, an early precursor to the current Civic Center.*



*Before 1900, much of the land in Wyoming was farmland, which offered plenty of room to host a picnic.*



*Nadine Waters grew up in Wyoming and became a noted soprano who performed throughout the U.S. and Europe in the 1930s and 1940s.*



*A portrait of George Stearns, one of the early prominent residents and business owners of Wyoming.*



*Wyoming's first town hall and fire station on Wyoming Avenue is a restaurant today (Gilligan's Brewery).*



*The Wyoming School football team of 1914; below, the first St. James Catholic Church, which at the time was located on Crescent Avenue.*



# Master Plan Goals Met in 2024

## GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL HEALTH

### *Grants and Funding:*

- Completed \$850,000 OPWC Interest-Free loan for Oliver Road paving.
- Hamilton County CEDAP grant awarded \$78,000, for the Wyoming-Lockland Gateway Streetscape Project.
- SORTA - Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund grant awarded \$622,050 for paving Reily Road.
- Municipal Road Fund grant of \$150,000 awarded for Mt. Pleasant Avenue design.
- Awarded \$8,000 small events grant from Hamilton County.

### *Communication:*

- Printed City newsletters added to water bills in addition to existing online communications to expand reach to residents not using social media.
- Recreation Department launched online registration for programs and events.
- Community Development/Building Department launched online permit applications.

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

- Economic Development Commission presented recommendations on best practices for property maintenance and enhancing the City's code enforcement operations.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ZONES OF POTENTIAL CHANGE

- New business added: Twelve08 Pizza.
- Supported local business with street closures and equipment for events.

## ADJACENT JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION

- Collaborated with Woodlawn to finalize the Springfield Pike Safety and Streetscape Plan.
- Collaborated with Lockland to renovate the Wyoming-Lockland Friendship Plaza at Wyoming Avenue near the railroad tracks.
- The Police Department installed Flock Cameras to enhance safety and information sharing with neighboring law enforcement agencies.

## ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY

- Co-hosted Canoes & Conversations with Woodlawn to highlight the ecological and

recreational opportunities along the West Fork Mill Creek.

- Awarded the 'Best City Waste Diversion Rate' by Hamilton County for recycling efforts.
- Expanded the Residential Food Waste Composting Program at Oak Park.
- Continued invasive vegetation removal at Stearns Woods and Vale Creek/North Park.

## COMMUNITY MOBILITY

- Finalized the Springfield Pike Safety and Streetscape Plan with consultant KZF Design.
- Constructed sidewalk bump-out at Wyoming Avenue and Van Roberts Place and installed traffic bollards to be used during large events on Wyoming Avenue to shut down the street.
- Installed Rapid Flashing Beacons at key crosswalks throughout the community.
- Finalized plans and bid Phase 1 of the Local Street Improvement Program.



A rendering of proposed streetscaping at the entrance on Wyoming Avenue from Lockland.



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**2024 City Council:** *Standing L-R:* Dan Driehaus, Cindy Peebles, and Chris Woodside; *seated L-R:* Jodi Woffington, Mayor Melissa Monich, and Vice Mayor April Robles (Grant Hoffman is not pictured.)

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