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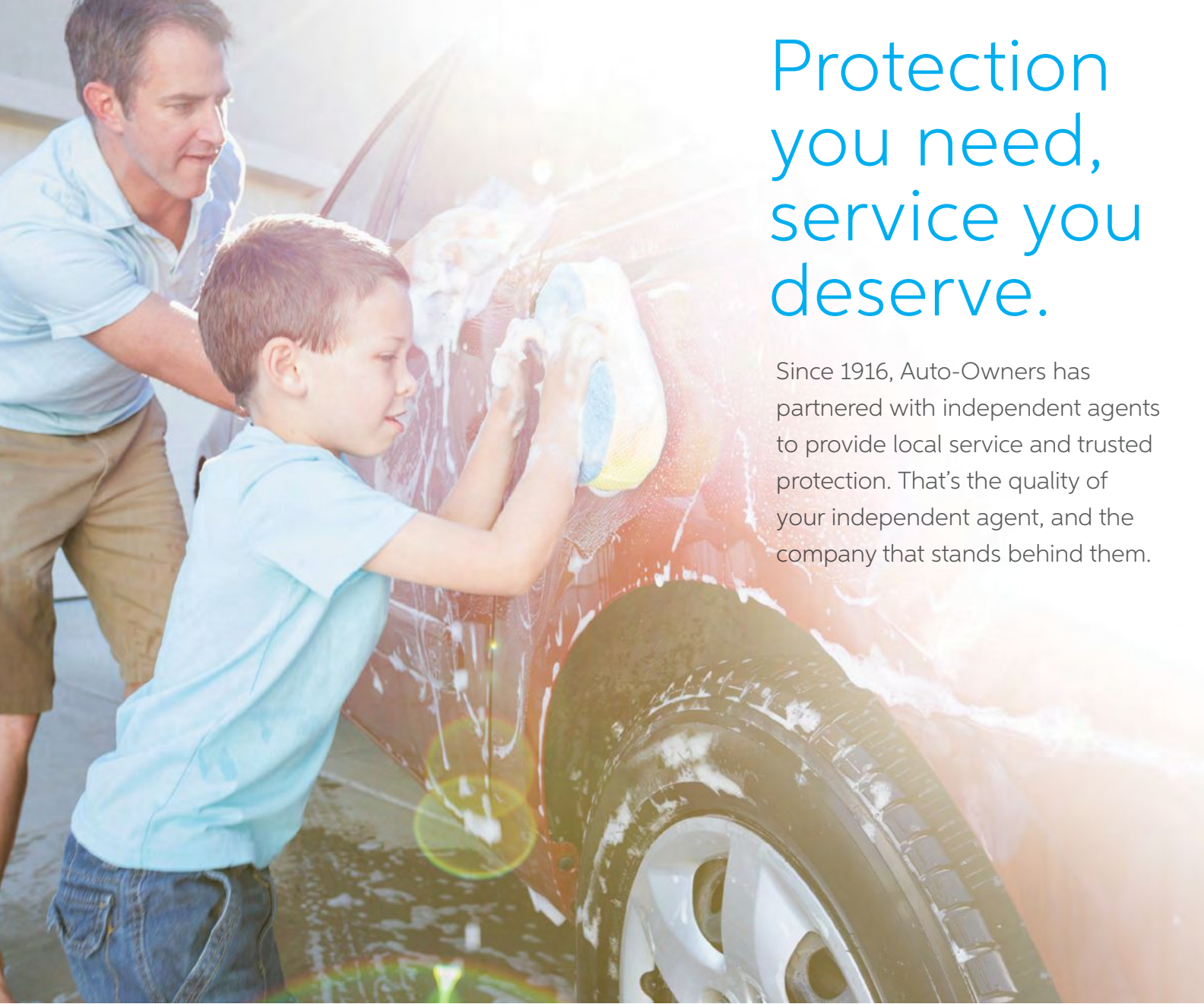
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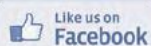
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Welcome to WYANDOTTE!

On behalf of our elected officials, it is a great pleasure for me to extend a sincere welcome to our great city of Wyandotte. The City of Wyandotte prides itself on our community. We offer excellent schools, quality public services, safe neighborhoods, a charming downtown business district, a scenic waterfront – and we work together for continued development and historic preservation in our city.

Wyandotte is well known for its community events, beautiful historical museum, festivals, and our annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair. Our cultural and special events, combined with our appreciation for the arts, makes Wyandotte a dynamic city for both residents and visitors.

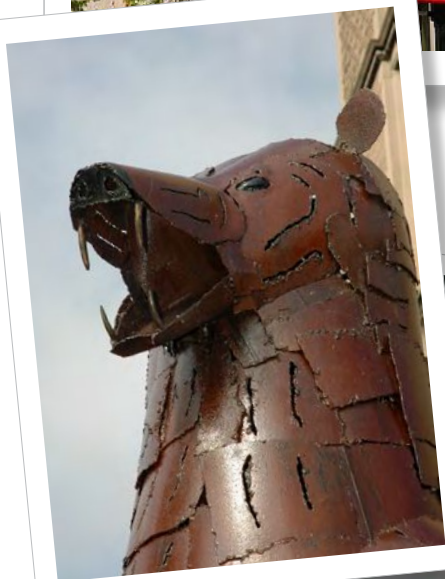
This publication is a combination of our events calendar, business and restaurant listings and descriptions, information on our city services and amenities and fun facts about our town.

I am proud to be Mayor of Wyandotte and encourage you all to support our local businesses and enjoy the many services and activities that we have to offer. I am thrilled to welcome you to Wyandotte!



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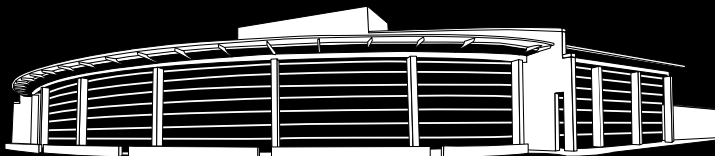
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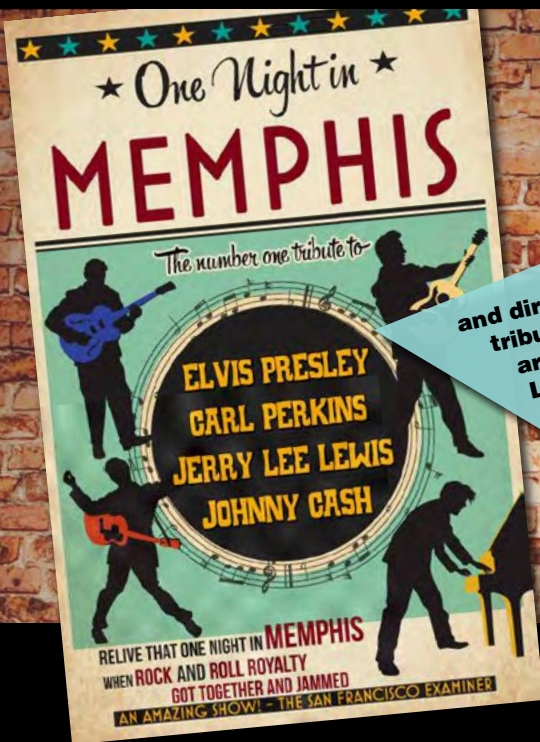
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1. OUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Incorporated in 1867, the city of Wyandotte is often described as the "Heart of Downriver." The site where Wyandotte sits today was, in the 1700s, a village for the Native American tribe known as the Wyandot, a part of the Huron Nation. A waterfront community, Wyandotte is rich in history and is known for its distinctive architecture, charming downtown district and variety of cultural offerings.

2. FIND ART IN WYANDOTTE!

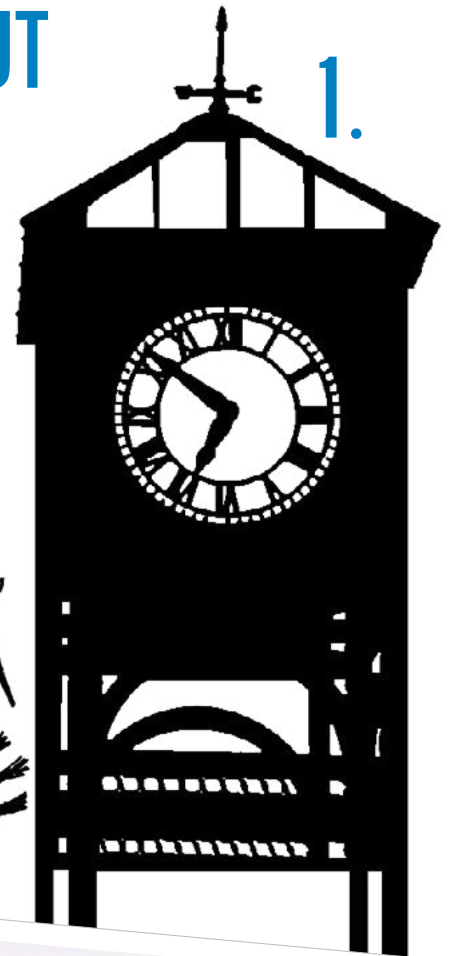
Wyandotte is well known for its numerous community events, festivals, and our annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair. The event traces its history to 1961 when a handful of artists from the Acanthus Art Society exhibited their work in front of a local downtown business. From these humble beginnings, the Wyandotte Street Art Fair has grown to be one of the largest and best-attended fairs in the state. ART is one of the earliest creative images representing the fair. ART's likeness was rediscovered on an early Street Art Fair poster in the archival collections of the Wyandotte Museums. Originally a stylized line drawing, ART represents a true piece of Wyandotte history! When ART first made his debut in Wyandotte, it was 1964 and the Street Fair was only three years old. ART is fun, funky, and creative, encapsulating the spirit of our fair. Every year, ART gets a new interpretation by a regional artist, so stay tuned for what he will look like this year!

3. SPLISH, SPLASH

Wyandotte is a waterfront community. Get out there and boat, kayak, or fish! Whatever you choose to do here in Wyandotte, make sure to have fun while doing it!

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The area that became the city of Wyandotte was first settled in 1732 by a branch of the Huron Tribe known as the Wyandots. The Wyandots first arrived from Ontario, Canada when their French allies founded Detroit. The Wyandots followed the Detroit River 10 miles to the south and founded a village named Maquaqua.

The first permanent non-native settler in the area was Major John Biddle. He was an officer in the U.S. Army during the War of 1812 and a mayor of the city of Detroit. His land was located in the area of Biddle and Vinewood Avenues. He named his farm "The Wyandotte" after his neighbors to the south. When other settlers came to the area they started to refer to the area as Wyandotte. It is from Biddle's farm that the city of Wyandotte derives its name.

December 12, 1854 marks the date of the founding of the Village of Wyandotte, which coincides with the founding of Wyandotte's first industry, Eureka Iron Works. On May 26, 1865, Eureka Iron Works was the first mill in the United States to produce steel using the Bessemer Process. This method was the foundation of the industrial revolution and the key to making high-quality steel in large quantities. Unfortunately, Eureka Iron Works suffered a boiler explosion and fire in 1888, from which it never recovered.

The Village of Wyandotte officially became the City of Wyandotte on April 8, 1867. A few years after that event, in 1871, the Wyandotte Shipyards started operation. The shipyards produced many hulls, including the famous and speedy passenger boat, the Tashmoo, and the Columbia, one of the Boblo boats. The Shipyard remained in operation until 1922.

In the early 1890s, a man named Captain J.B. Ford traveled to Wyandotte to investigate the reports of salt deposits found here. Captain Ford was interested in the salt to produce soda ash, a chemical necessary in the manufacture of plate glass. Having found salt in sufficient quality and quantity, Ford created the Michigan Alkali Company to process the chemicals he needed. In addition, he started the J.B. Ford Company to further process the soda ash into various soaps and cleansers sold commercially. These and other chemical plants have

formed a lasting industry in Wyandotte that continues to this day. In 1969, the chemical giant BASF purchased the Michigan Alkali Company and the J.B. Ford Company (which merged in the 1930s) when they went public with their stock. BASF continues operations in Wyandotte to this day.

As the other communities of southern suburban Detroit have grown around it, Wyandotte's riverfront and other charms continually draw people from all over the world. Over the years, Wyandotte has mirrored the rest of the country with several waves of immigrant populations moving into the area seeking jobs and community. Much of the city's culture is influenced by the German, Irish, Italian, and Polish immigrants.

The city has several festivals during the year, including the Independence Day Parade, the Heritage Event Series (highlighting culture and history), the Wyandotte Street Art Fair (the second largest in the state), and Skip Clack's Fishing Derby. Also found in the city are many art studios, galleries and boutiques. There have been many local visual and performing arts groups in Wyandotte since its inception. Currently, the Acanthus Art Society is the oldest, having been established in 1932. The City also owns a cultural campus, which includes the Wyandotte Museums. The museums consist of three homes restored to a period-appropriate look.

Wyandotte, which is located 10 miles south of Detroit along the Detroit River, is a community of about 28,000 residents. With a municipally owned water and power plant, the City has the capacity to provide all needed services to businesses and residents.

As the City moves forward, it remains committed to preserving the past and celebrating the unique culture and history that make up the city of Wyandotte.

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Mike has built his business on being honest and caring about his customers. He realizes that word of mouth is the best advertising there is, along with online reviews. People don't want to take their second-most-expensive possession – the first being their house – to a shop that has poor reviews or that friends and neighbors don't speak highly of themselves.

Mike K. and his son Kevin have built such trust with their customers that often they will receive calls asking for advice on who to use for home repairs and other non-automotive items. Clients feel that if they can trust Mike K's with their vehicles, they must know who to recommend for honest work around town.

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While studying to be an electrical engineer, Kevin came in to the shop to help out in 1993, and he has never left. He is now a State Certified Master Mechanic.

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Mike K's crew is one of the best in the entire Downriver area, with Kevin K., Brandon and Bill in the shop. Kevin's bride Danielle greets customers at the front desk and takes care of the

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Like A Good Neighbor...

By Tony Calabrese

Strong beliefs, principles guide local insurance agent in serving his own

State Farm agent Steve Vargo has served the Wyandotte area for four years, and has nothing but good things to say about the community.

"I think it's on the rise," Vargo said. "I think they do a good job of bringing people in and promoting themselves."

Originally from Grosse Ile, Vargo has lived in Wyandotte since 1996, when he bought a lot in the city and built a house on it. He has been involved in financial services his entire career, adding up to about 20 years of experience.

"I was a stock broker for about eight years out of college," Vargo said.

After some time spent working in the family business of vending machines, Vargo got back into the financial business in 2006. He spent time as a financial advisor and as a banker, working for Chase Bank and Fifth Third Bank during that time. Six years ago, he joined State Farm. It was that opportunity that launched him on the path to where he is today.

"There was a State Farm office opening in Wyandotte, only about a mile and a half from my home," Vargo explained.

Four years ago, Vargo got the chance to have his own State Farm agency. He took that opportunity and ran with it, and he is

glad he did.

"I like being in charge of my own destiny," Vargo said.

"I like the idea of working for myself and being able to help other people. I really like the idea of running a business the way I think it should be run. Being able to shape my business the way I want to, that was definitely a positive."

Vargo has some strong beliefs when it comes to insurance.

"I want to try to make sure everybody is protected the way they should be," Vargo explained.

"Michigan has some of the country's highest auto rates, and people want to make sure they have the right protection to ensure they don't fall victim to those rates."

He is also clear in letting customers know what they are dealing with.

"The last thing people want to do is pay for something they're not protected for correctly," Vargo said.

He mentioned customers' desire to know what and who they're dealing with as factors in which insurance they choose.

"Our goals are to try to save people money and protect their families," Vargo said. "I wouldn't suggest anything to any of my customers that I wouldn't suggest for my own family."

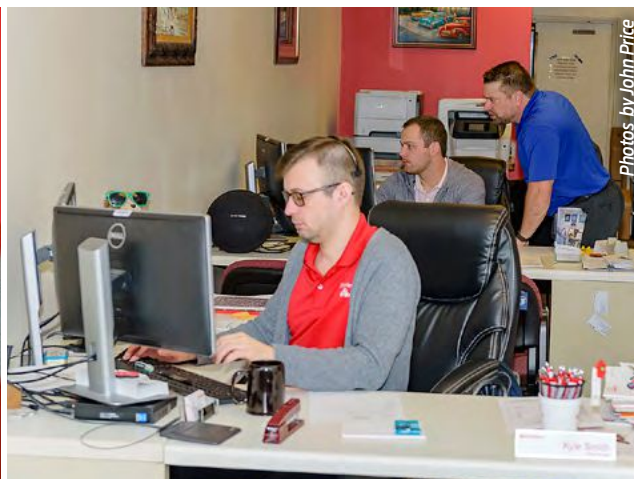


The opportunity to run a business this way and adhere to these principles all stuck out to him when he got the opportunity to open his own office, which includes office managers Kyle Smith, who's been with Vargo since the beginning, and Tom Shewchuk Jr., who has been with State Farm for eight years and at Vargo's office for three. New to the team is office representative Greg Galetto, who is in the process of getting licensed.

Vargo lives in Wyandotte with his wife Rebecca and their three sons, and he doesn't take for granted that he can run his business in the same community where he lives.

"By far, I think it's the best city downriver," Vargo said. "They've got nightlife, they've got retail, and they communicate really well with their residents and businesses. Nothing but positives."

Contact Steve Vargo at steve.vargo.dyo2@statefarm.com or call (866) 663-4029. His office is located at 1811 Fort Street just north of Ford Avenue in Wyandotte.





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BISHOP PARK

Bishop Park is situated along the Detroit River and is contiguous to the Wyandotte Central Business District. The 12.2-acre park is the second largest of the 13 parks in the city. The park offers excellent fishing opportunities from its large fishing pier. The park also features a concession stand (hours vary) with an open-air wood deck picnic area, umbrellas, restrooms, two large picnic shelters, playground equipment and basketball courts. Bishop Park is the site for various city events, including the Children's Fishing Derby and various concerts throughout the summer. The picnic shelters may be used by the public. However, they may not be reserved in advance and are first-come, first-serve. Temporary event tents are permitted in the park, however, due to the sprinkler system, they may not be attached with stakes. If anchoring is required, please use sand bags or water barrels.

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BASF PARK

BASF Waterfront Park is located along the Detroit River, just south of Eureka Road. The 20-acre park is the largest in the city, and features a romantic brick promenade, lookout decks, rowing launch, trails, sand volleyball courts and an amphitheater. BASF Waterfront Park hosts several entertainment events throughout the year. Notable events include the Hebda Cup and Wyandotte High School rowing regattas.

LOCATION:

Along the Detroit River just south of Eureka Road.

PARK HOURS AND RULES:

6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., year-round. Pets, bikes, skateboards and rollerblades are not permitted in the park. Alcohol is not permitted in any city park.

BASF Waterfront Park Promenade/Gazebo Rental

BASF Waterfront Park may be rented for weddings and other special events. For more information on rental, please contact the Recreation, Leisure & Culture Department at 734-324-7295 or recreation@wyan.org

OTHER PARKS

Pulaski Park

12th Street & Oxford Court

Oak Club Park

20th Street & Vinewood

K of C Tot Lot

McKinley & Davis

Wyandotte Athletic Association Park

Alfred & Highland
Richard W. Smith Memorial
Playground

Wyandotte Lions Club Park

Vinewood & 9th Street

Memorial Park

20th Street & Ludington

Exchange Park

2nd Street & Felice

F.O.P. Park

8th & Bondie

Rotary Park

3rd Street & Maple
Wm & Edna Kreger Memorial
Playground

Wyandotte Skate Park

Memorial Park at 20th and Grove

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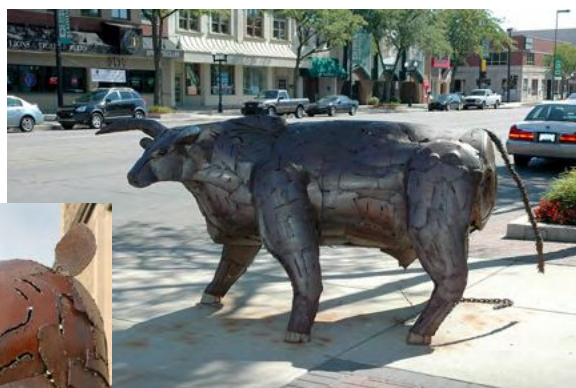
The Gwen Frostic Sculpture sits in Frostic Field, located just behind the Copeland Center at 4th and Mulberry Streets. The sculpture was given to the city of Wyandotte by Western Michigan University and was dedicated on April 26, 2009. WMU has honored our city and memorialized Ms. Frostic with the gift of this fabulous sculpture, which melds Gwen's metal work with her delicate prints of Michigan's flora and fauna.

The Wyandots – A Family Tribute was dedicated to the city of Wyandotte in 2000. The sculpture sits in BASF Park, near Wyandotte Shores Golf Course. The sculpture was created by Michael Duffy Kramer and is made of bronze. The sculpture is modeled after a Native American family, and depicts items that are essential to their survival: corn, beans, squash, as well as tobacco, sage, sweet grass and cedar.



The Wyandot Totem Pole was carved by Gordon Watkins and is constructed of cedar. It was donated by Wyandotte Savings Bank to commemorate the city's 100th anniversary in 1971. The totem pole sits at the southwest corner of Eureka and Biddle Avenues near the fountain. A large turtle sits atop the pole that represents Chief Walk-in-the-Water's family totem. Five other figures tell the story of the Wyandot that settled in this area: an Iroquois warrior, the crest of French explorer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, a beaver, a whitefish and the figure of a Wyandot clutching a canoe paddle.

Merrill Lynch Bull and **Wyandotte Bear** were both created by artist Keith Coleman in 2005 and 2006, respectively. The bull sits on the corner of Biddle Avenue and Oak Street. The bear stands on the corner of Eureka and Fifth Street, in front of Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. They were created from salvaged water heater cores, and have a weathered rust finish.



The World War I Memorial is located on Superior Boulevard just east of Biddle Avenue and was dedicated to the city in 1923. The boulder and bronze tablet lists the names of those who lost their lives in World War I. Two cannons also sit on the site of the memorial.



The Veterans Memorial is constructed of black granite and flanked by flags. The Wyandotte Veterans Memorial Committee spearheaded the construction of the memorial, located in Bishop Park. It was designed by Mike Miller, the winner of a design competition held for the project.



The Purple Heart Memorial was designed and sculpted by Isadore DeBiasi of River Rouge. It was originally dedicated by Michigan Governor Harry Kelly in 1943. The statue is a testament to the sacrifice of Michigan servicemen and women. Wyandotte has the distinguished honor of being the first city in the country to which the National Military Order of the Purple Heart commissioned and donated a monument of this type. The Wyandotte Beautification Commission and local veterans worked together from 2007-2010 to raise funds to bronze the statue.



Count Casimir Pulaski was cast in concrete and dedicated in 1938. It was shipped to the New York World's Fair in 1939, and remained there until the Detroit Institute of Arts acquired it. It was then given to Wyandotte to be placed in Pulaski Park, which is located on 12th Street south of Walnut. The statue was re-cast in bronze in 1991 and rededicated to the city.

The Wyandotte Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located at the east end of Superior Boulevard at Van Alstyne Street.



The Looking Forward Statue was donated as a sesquicentennial gift to the city of Wyandotte. The bronze, created by John Pappas of Ypsilanti, was installed in 2000. The sculpture is located in BASF Waterfront Park.





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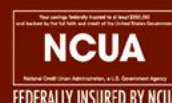
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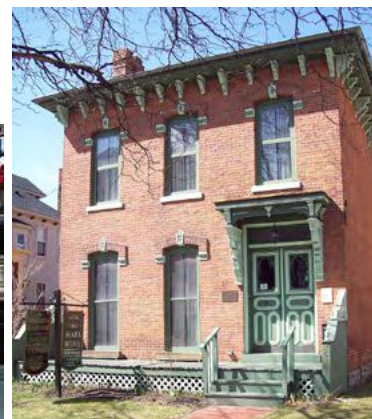
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WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT RENTAL

The Wyandotte Community Garden is located on Oak between 1st and 2nd Streets adjacent to the Wyandotte Farmers Market lot. Individuals and organizations are invited to rent a plot at the Community Garden. Rental is FREE for first-time participants, and for organizations that are growing food for charitable causes. Rental is FREE and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

YACK ARENA RENTAL

The Yack Arena is also a versatile public recreation center, which hosts several different events from March through August. The building offers 25,440 square feet of floor space, two conference rooms, two kitchens, locker rooms, first aid room, restrooms and showers. The area seats a total of 3,800 persons. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 734-324-7295 or email recreation@wyandottemi.gov.

FORT STREET SIGN RENTAL

The Fort Street Electronic Sign is located at the corner of Eureka Road and Fort Street. The sign scrolls messages at 3-5 second intervals, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Cultural events, services and other promotions are permitted to be listed on this sign provided they benefit charity or promote culture or education. The fee for this service is \$10, and the application along with the payment should be submitted to City of Wyandotte, Customer Service, 3200 Biddle, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192. For more information, you may contact Julie Sadlowski at 734-324-4544 or jsadlowski@wyandottemi.gov.

WYANDOTTE DUMP & WYANDOTTE RECYCLING CENTER

Available for use by Wyandotte residents or business owners. The DPS Dumping Facility is located at 4201 13th Street, Wyandotte. The hours for the city dump are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Wyandotte Recycling Center is located at 1170 Grove Street, between 11th & 13th Streets in Wyandotte. Phone: 734-324-4589. Email: dps1@wyandottemi.gov.

Hours for Recycling Center: *Summer Hours* (April 1-September 30), Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Sunday: 12 noon – 4 p.m. *Winter Hours* (October 1-March 31), Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday: 12 noon – 4 p.m. **Extended hours during the month of November ONLY:** Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Recycling Center is closed on federal and city holidays. The Wyandotte Recycling Center accepts the following items: newspaper; office paper; phone books; glass bottles and jars; clear-only, plastic bottles (#1-7). No PLASTIC BAGS. Steel and aluminum can, jar lids and empty aerosol cans, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, brown paper bags and box board. No styrofoam, auto and household batteries. used motor oil and antifreeze. Yard Waste: (in bold) Grass clippings and leaves cannot be put out with regular trash. *Household Batteries may be recycled at City Hall. Please place them in the marked receptacle located directly adjacent the corridor to the Engineering and Building Department at 3200 Biddle Avenue, Suite 200. Please place the items in the containers as marked at the Recycling Center. If you have questions as to whether or not an item is accepted by our recycling center, please consult our onsite staff or contact us.



Service You Can Trust

Wheeler's takes care of families like they're family

By Diane Gale Andreassi

It's not unusual for Lee Rudd, owner of Wheeler's Complete Auto Care, to work on vehicles from a lot of people in one family. The dad tells his kids, and before you know it, their friends and their families are coming, too.

That's how Rudd's business has grown exponentially. The customers become a village of people who depend on Wheeler's on Fort Street in Wyandotte. Rudd has owned the repair shop with his wife Kathy since 2010, providing all kinds of auto repairs from brakes, shocks and struts to alignments, hoses and air conditioning issues. They also offer diagnostic services for the trickier problems. The only thing they don't do is body work.

Rudd tells stories about his customers and their cars and each one seems just as important to him as the next.

"One gentleman lives in Lincoln Park and he's a Vietnam war veteran," Rudd said. "He brings his car, his wife's car, his son-in-law's car, his son's car, his son's girlfriend's car and his granddaughter's car."

Seen it all

Second to brake replacements, Rudd said, most people come in because their vehicles just aren't running right – it's

overheating or has a leak. Having been in the auto repair business for 34 years, he's seen just about every possible problem.

His best advice to vehicle owners is to get oil changes every three months or 3,000 miles.

"If you come in for an oil change, we look it over," Rudd said. "A lot could happen, a leak could develop, anything."

The biggest mistake people make is taking their vehicles to backyard mechanics or trying to diagnose their car's problem by going on Google, which isn't "the best place to find your answer," he added. "They can go to a backyard mechanic, but it will probably end up costing them more money," Rudd said. "Monday morning, we're fixing what the backyard mechanic messed up."

Rudd said he likes to provide his customers with the extra care, like replacing a light bulb or installing wiper blades for free.

"I'll plug a hole in a tire and they'll say, 'I'm bringing the car in next week for an oil change,' so I just add it on to that bill," he said. "I believe I do more customer service than most."

The doctor is in

Sometimes customers will call and explain what's going on with their vehicles to try and figure out what's happening.

"I'll give them an idea and tell them it could be the radiator, a hose or a water pump," Rudd said. "But you have to look at it to be sure. I give a fair estimate. I'm not the most expensive around and I'm

not the cheapest. I do fair quality work at a fair quality price. I'm here to take care of my customers. That way they'll trust me

and they'll keep coming back here no matter what they need."

Rudd and Kathy have been married 34 years and they have six boys and one girl. Rudd said he understands what it means to stretch the family budget. He treats his customers as if he was spending his own money.

"I try to spread their paycheck as far as I can," Rudd said. "I'll say, 'You need this now, but you can wait a month or two to do that.'"

Wheeler's Complete Auto Care is located at 1079 Fort Street in Wyandotte. Call (313) 436-1308 or visit their website at www.wheelersautocare.com for more information.

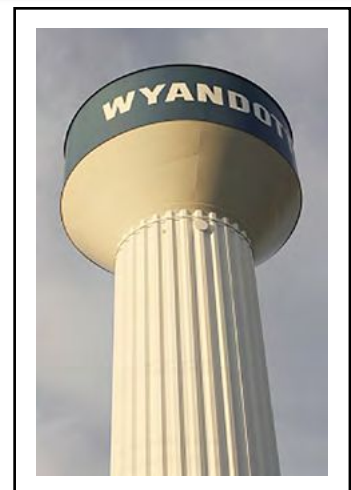


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In 1983, the department installed the cable infrastructure throughout the city and began offering basic cable television services. Since 1983, we have developed the limited basic cable television system into a full broadband telecommunications system offering a wide selection of cable television services from digital to high definition programming to full feature, internet connected, advanced cable box service as well as Turbo High Speed Broadband Internet and Digital Phone services. In 1999, the cable infrastructure was rebuilt and upgrades to existing services, enhancements and additional service offerings are continually being introduced. Today, the telecommunications utility serves approximately 5,700 cable television subscribers, 5,600 high-speed internet subscribers and 1,000 digital phone subscribers with annual revenues of approximately \$10 million.

Wyandotte Municipal Services telecommunications system (Wyandotte Cable) offers competitive television programming selections, Vu-It TiVo advanced cable box services, Turbo High Speed internet packages and residential and business digital phone service with unlimited local and long-distance calling,

all with state-of-the-art technology and outstanding customer service.

The utility contributes 5 percent of its gross revenue to the City's general fund and supports a cable television studio where public access, local access and government programming is produced almost exclusively in high definition format. In 1999, when the cable telecommunications system was rebuilt, it consisted of over 3,000 strand miles of fiber-optic lines and 72 miles of coaxial cable.

Technology and advanced equipment upgrades are continually being implemented. In 2017-18, Wyandotte Cable continued work on its systems, driving fiber deeper into our neighborhoods, installing more fiber optic nodes and upgrading via new equipment and installations in all digital Gig E and ASI signal formats. This allowed for the addition of our new Vu-It TiVo advanced cable box service, many more HD (High Definition) channels, online access to a variety of video programming services and the ability to upgrade internet speeds even more significantly.

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completion of this brief and fun training, volunteers can produce their own Public Access Programs in our studio that will air on Wyandotte Cable Channel 15. Volunteers can also work with cable staff on productions of various city events using our mobile production truck. Local events include city meetings, parades, high school sports and concerts, and many others. For more information on volunteering call (734) 324-7136.



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WATER DEPARTMENT

In early 1889, local residents created the Wyandotte Municipal Water Utility to provide fire protection and have a convenient safe source of drinking water. Today, the municipal water utility serves over 12,000 consumers, has annual revenues of over \$3.5 million and sells over 1.5 billion gallons of water annually.

Wyandotte is the only downriver community that owns and operates a potable water filtration plant. The Wyandotte Municipal Water Plant can produce up to 15 million gallons of water per day. The community's water source is the Detroit River and the treatment process consists of:

- Screening or removing debris
- Adding alum for coagulation of suspended particles
- Adding chlorine for disinfection
- Adding phosphate for stabilization
- Removing all suspended particles through filtration
- Adding fluoride to prevent tooth decay

Our water distribution system consists of 110 miles of water mains ranging from 4 inches to 30 inches in diameter. Fire protection is provided by over 850 fire hydrants located throughout the community. The municipal water system has a 500,000-gallon elevated storage tank (water tower) and 4.5 million gallons of ground level storage for peak demand periods such as fighting fires or other emergencies.

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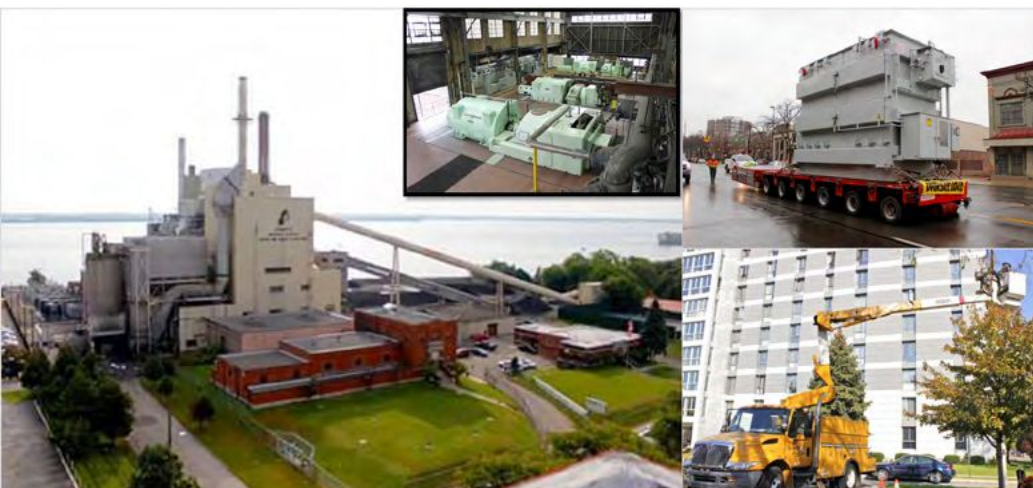
OUR DEPARTMENT GOALS:

- Assure availability of potable water based on a projection of our community's needs
- Provide a treated water supply and distribution system through the implementation of an engineered plan
- Maintain cost-effective service for all of our customers
- Ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act
- Provide information and education to state and federal officials, legislators, and K-12 systems using ongoing communications and public relations

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
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- Use the dishwasher and clothes washer for full loads only
- Water your lawn only when it needs it
- Find more useful conservation tips on our website at www.wyan.org





ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

The Wyandotte Electric Light Company was incorporated on September 19, 1889, for the purpose of manufacturing and supplying electricity for light, heat and power.

In 1892, local residents voted to create a community-owned municipal electric utility, which initially provided only street lighting. In 1896, the municipal electric utility began serving retail consumers and for a number of years the municipal electric utility and the Wyandotte Electric Light Company competed locally for consumers.

Today, Wyandotte's municipal electric utility is one of 41 public power systems in Michigan, and one of nearly 2,000 public power systems in the United States. It serves over 12,000 consumers.

Wyandotte Municipal Services's electric department encompasses the power plant production of electricity and the Transmission and Distribution (T&D) side of bringing electricity to residents and businesses located in Wyandotte.

Our municipal electric system has three sources of supply to provide reliable, affordable service. Our electric distribution system consists of 69,000-volt transmission lines and 13,200-volt and 4,800-volt distribution lines. The municipal electric utility also installs, maintains and provides electricity for streetlights throughout the community.

Wyandotte, having its own electric distribution and generation facilities, gives our residents a great advantage when power outages occur. The time to bring our power back online is considerably less than in neighboring communities served by other power utilities. Reliability is our number one priority. All you have to do is ask any Wyandotte citizen about the reliability of Wyandotte electric and you'll generally get the response that there is no better provider of electric services.

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OUR DEPARTMENT GOALS:

- Assure availability and reliability of electricity to all our residents and businesses
- Continue our heritage of electrical independence by providing safe electric generation and distribution capabilities
- Maintain cost-effective service for all our customers
- Ensure compliance with the EPA and all state and federal regulations
- Provide information and education to state and federal officials, legislators, and K-12 systems using ongoing communications and public relations

GOING GREEN:

EcoSmart Choice Electric Power is a program that allows you to buy some or all of your electricity from clean, renewable sources like wind, hydroelectric and biomass energy. EcoSmart Choice Power produces fewer pollutants than traditional power sources, and can help keep our environment cleaner and greener for generations to come. The program is available to residential and commercial / industrial customers.

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Lower the thermostat and limit the use of space heaters
- Keep appliances in good repair
- Unplug or turn off equipment when not in use
- Plug in home electronics, like TVs and DVD players, into power strips and turn it off when equipment is not in use
- Insulate your attic and make sure all windows and doors are sealed when heating or cooling your home

For more information on how you can go green in your own home or business and for more conservation tips, please visit our website at www.wyan.org!

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Passion for Wyandotte comes alive at Real Estate One

Lisa Sobell has been a realtor at Real Estate One for a while now, and during that period her decision to change careers has been affirmed many times over.

"I couldn't be happier with my decision to go into real estate, I really couldn't," she said.

Before Sobell went into real estate, she was a special education teacher for 23 years – many of them spent in Ecorse Public Schools – before having stints in Southgate and Monroe County.

"I had a really nice classroom in a really nice building," Sobell said. "It was hard to leave that, but you get burned out after a while."

When Sobell decided to move on from teaching, the thing she had been interested in since the 1990s presented itself – real estate.

"I always wanted to do real estate," Sobell said. "I was always interested in it."

Her business at Real Estate One has seen a lot of positive growth in the past few years, a trend that has been helped by the different services they offer customers.

"We do residential, we do commercial and we do work with investors," Sobell explained.

Sobell has assembled a team which includes her son, Michael, and Shelly

Wellington, another real estate specialist.

Working with her 21-year-old son has been a blessing for Sobell.

"He took the initiative to do this – I certainly didn't force him – and he's eager to learn about the business and everything it entails," Sobell said. "He had a base of knowledge that he acquired

while working at Quicken Loans, so that helped as well."

Right now, Sobell is teaching her son about how to handle the business they receive through Zillow.com, with calls coming in day and night.

"Business picked up suddenly around the holidays, which usually doesn't happen," she said. "I had one client who wanted to see a listing on Christmas Eve!"

With business brisk and the holidays over, Sobell is focusing on the new year and how best to serve all her customers in the downriver area and beyond.

"I fully expect the market growth to continue this year as much as it did last year," Sobell said.

Their growth has also been helped by the vast scope of territory they cover. Although they are based downriver, that is far from the only area they've had listings.

"I've had property listings as far out as Jackson County," Sobell said.

Their geographical reach is far, but their heart remains in Wyandotte.

"Wyandotte's got it going on," Sobell said. "They have a great downtown, and they've really developed it over the past 15 years."

As the community continues to grow and develop further, more good news rolls in for Sobell and her team at Real Estate One.

"Good businesses attract more good businesses," Sobell said. "They attract more restaurants. It's really becoming a popular place for people to come to."

Good businesses themselves are helped by lots of support and cooperation from the city government, and Sobell has had great experiences herself in that area.

"Wyandotte has really gotten on the ball with city services," Sobell said. "It's nice to do business in Wyandotte because you know what to expect."

For more information about Real Estate One and their services, email Sobell at lisa@realestateone.com or call her office at (734) 225-9424.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

WYANDOTTE CLINIC FOR THE WORKING UNINSURED

The Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured provides health care for working adults without medical coverage. Volunteer physicians, nurses and other medical professionals run the clinic. Services available are routine office visits, podiatric care, nutrition counseling, work physicals and referrals to other facilities. Women are eligible for a well-woman checkup, which includes a Pap test and breast exam. Patients are required to be at least 18 years old and must present proof of employment. For more information, call 734-365-3560 or visit www.wyandotteclinic.com.

DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Downriver Community Food Pantry provides hunger assistance to those in need. It is located in Doherty Hall, which is affiliated with Wyandotte's St. Patrick Catholic Church. Food is given away from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Those coming for assistance can use the back alley to access the building. A referral from either a church or social services agency must be shown to obtain food. The pantry can be contacted at (734) 281-6733.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) & MICHIGAN 211

(DOWNLOADABLE INFO AVAILABLE ON www.wyandotte.net)
Michigan 211 provides referrals for: food pantries, long-term care options, disability resources, rent/utility assistance, H1N1, housing, volunteer opportunities and more. Michigan 211 puts you in touch with organizations providing health and human services throughout Michigan. Call 211, the call is FREE, and open to all residents.

THE INFORMATION CENTER

The Information Center is a private, nonprofit, comprehensive information and referral agency dedicated to the national goal of the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems: bringing people and services together. Information and Referral Department of The Information Center, Inc. is a team of call specialists dedicated to helping Downriver citizens access the help they need. We work with a database of human service organizations and keep abreast of all local resources in an effort to match you with resources for your individual needs. For more information, please visit www.theinfocenter.info or call 734-282-7171.

WEATHERIZATION ENERGY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The Downriver Community Conference Weatherization Energy Assistance Grants from the Michigan Public Service Commission are available to those who qualify. Visit <http://www.dccwf.org/weather.php> for more information.

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SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Wyandotte residents may be eligible to receive emergency food assistance. Please bring your registration card, proof of residency or current I.D and dependent information every third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. For further information about this program, please call (734) 324-7292 or email recreation@wyandottemi.gov.

WYANDOTTE YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The Wyandotte Youth Assistance Program is a community-based program sponsored by the City of Wyandotte with some additional funding through Wayne County Department of Child and Family Services, and local community organizations' contributions. This juvenile diversion program serves not just as an intervention for youth ages 7-16, but also as a prevention program. All services are free and open to Wyandotte's residents. Depending on need and availability, services may include one-to-one mentoring, life skills peer groups, counseling, parenting workshops/support, referrals for outside therapy/treatment, recreational activities, prison visits, court observation, field trips, or tutoring help. Wyandotte youths ages 7-16 years old who are having problems such as school or home truancy, drug or alcohol use, behavioral problems, family conflicts, difficulty dealing with a grief or loss and trouble with law enforcement are eligible for enrollment. Youths are generally referred to us through the schools, police, juvenile courts or parents. The Wyandotte Youth Assistance is always looking for volunteers to mentor our children. If you or someone you know is willing to make a commitment to the program by sharing an hour of your time once a week for a period of six weeks, you may contact us. You must be at least 21 years of age or older with a good driving record. All mentors must meet screening requirements and qualifications, and will be trained at no cost. A few hours a week could make a tremendous difference in the life of a child. Please contact the Youth Assistance Office to apply. Wyandotte Youth Assistance, 2015 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192. Phone: 734-324-7268

SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN

Lunch at the Sal is an open-door Soup Kitchen, established to feed everyone. Hours of operation are: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon – 1 p.m., Sundays from 1 – 2 p.m. Address: 1258 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte



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EVENTS & FESTIVALS 2019

The following events are held on an annual basis and will be updated throughout the year. All dates and details are subject to change. For more information visit www.wyandotte.net.

WINTER

FEBRUARY 15/16: DBNAI Adult Skating Competition

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

MARCH 15-17: St. Patrick's Day Party and Leprechaun Crawl

WOW 360/ Wyandotte Third Friday

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE ON THE RIVERFRONT

FRI. 6-11 PM, SAT. 11 AM-11 PM,

SUN. 11 AM-10 PM

WWW.STPATSPARTY.COM

MARCH 15: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

The museum will be open until 8 PM. Stop by to see our exciting exhibits. Free admission!

MARCH 22-24: Ice Travaganza

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

SPRING

APRIL 6/7: Lions Club Flea Market

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

APRIL 6/7: Local Artist Guild Art Show

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

APRIL 13: King of the Cage MMA

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

APRIL 20: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

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PHONE: 734.324.7284

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APRIL 21/22: NAMES Expo

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

APRIL 26: Tin Can Tourists Vintage Camping Club

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE, 5-9 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

MAY 4: MS Walk

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

MAY 4: Cinco Block Party/WOW 360

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE

ON SYCAMORE STREET, SAT. 1-10 PM

WWW.360EVENTPRODUCTIONS.COM

MAY 10-11: St. Vincent Pallotti: Spring Fling

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

MAY 17: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

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MAY 17-18: Swiggin' Pig BBQ

WOW 360/ Wyandotte Third Friday

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE ON THE RIVERFRONT

FRI. 5-11 PM, SAT. 1-11 PM

WWW.SWIGPIGBBQ.COM

MAY 17-19: City Wide Garage Sale

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

Registration is \$20, includes lawn sign, beginning April 2. Maps available during event hours for \$1 behind 2610 Biddle Ave.

MAY 19: Vintage Market

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

JUNE 1: Skip Clack's Fishing Derby

BISHOP PARK FISHING PIER, 10 AM -12 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

PHONE: 734.324.4502

This popular event typically draws over 200 participants for the derby, ranging from 5-13 years of age. Awards, gift bags, raffle prizes!

JUNE 4: Southgate Graduation

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

JUNE 6: R.H.S Graduation

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

JUNE 8: '80s vs. '90s Party and Pub Crawl

WOW 360

SAT. 5-11 PM

WWW.80VS90PARTY.COM

JUNE 10: Woodhaven Graduation

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

JUNE 15: Circus Pages

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

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JUNE 21: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

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JUNE 21/22: Bark On Biddle

WOW 360/ Wyandotte Third Friday

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE ON THE RIVERFRONT

FRI. 5–10 PM, SAT. 12 NOON–8 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

WWW.BARKONBIDDLE.COM

PHONE: 734.324.4502

SUMMER

JULY 4: Independence Day Parade

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE, 10 AM–12 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

PHONE: 734.324.4502

What better way to start off your day of family, barbeque, and backyard fun than by joining thousands of others at the City of Wyandotte's Independence Day Parade? This event brings hundreds of groups, businesses and Americans decked out in red, white and blue to Downtown Wyandotte.

July 10-13: Wyandotte Street

Art Fair

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE,

10 AM–11 PM DAILY

WWW.WYANDOTTETREETARTFAIR.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.4502

Over 200,000 visitors and fine artists attend this annual event, along with the participation of many local restaurants and merchants.in the state of Michigan, this event attracts artists from across the state, region and nation to showcase their work, and provides cultural enrichment to all ages in a fun and festive environment!

JULY 19: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

The museum will be open until 8 PM.

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JULY 20: Blue Collar Wrestling

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

JULY 27: King of the Cage MMA

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

AUGUST 11: Pie and Ice Cream Social

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

AUGUST 16: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

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AUGUST 16: Wyandotte Wine Crawl

WOW 360/ Wyandotte Third Friday

6–11 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTEWINE.COM

PHONE: 734.324.4502

AUGUST 24: Wy. Stars Vintage Baseball Home Classic

MEMORIAL FIELD, 23RD AND PENNSYLVANIA

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

Enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned fun.

Watch and learn how base ball has changed through the years as teams compete by historic rules. Free admission.

AUTUMN

SEPTEMBER 7/8: Vivani Skating

Competition

YACK ARENA, 3131 3RD STREET

PHONE: 734.324.7292

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

SEPTEMBER 13/15: City Wide

Garage Sale

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

Registration is \$20, includes lawn sign, beginning April 2. Maps available during event hours for \$1 behind 2610 Biddle Ave.

SEPTEMBER 20: Wyandotte Beer Festival

WOW 360/ WYANDOTTE THIRD FRIDAY

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE ON THE RIVERFRONT
5 PM–12 AM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

WWW.BEERFESTWYANDOTTE.COM

PHONE: 734.324.4502

SEPTEMBER 20: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

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OCTOBER 11-12: Historic Cemetery Walk

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

A guided walking tour through a local cemetery to meet some interesting citizens from the past 150 years! Tickets \$22/guest, available at 2624 Biddle, beginning September 4.

OCTOBER 18-19: Fire and Flannel Fest

WOW 360/Wyandotte Third Friday

FRI. 5–11 PM, SAT. 3–11 PM

WWW.FIREANDFLANNEL.COM

OCTOBER 18: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

The museum will be open until 8 PM. Stop by to see our exciting exhibits. Free admission!

WINTER

NOVEMBER 1: Detroit River Cocktail

Showdown: WOW 360

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE ON THE RIVERFRONT
6–11 PM

WWW.COCKTAIL-SHOWDOWN.COM

NOVEMBER 2: Dave & Chuck the Freak .5

WOW 360

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE ON THE RIVERFRONT
10 AM–7 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

WWW.360EVENTPRODUCTIONS.COM

WWW.WRIF.COM

NOVEMBER 15: Tree Lighting
WYANDOTTE THIRD FRIDAY

SYCAMORE STREET & BIDDLE AVENUE, 6 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

PHONE: 734.324.4502

Visitors are welcome at the tree lighting at the intersection of Sycamore and Biddle Avenue, where they are given jingle bells to join in with the choir. Festive decorations surround the guests along with live reindeer and other cheerful activities!

NOVEMBER 15: Wyandotte Third Friday:
Winter Market

SYCAMORE AND BIDDLE, 6 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

PHONE: 734.324.4502

NOVEMBER 16: Christmas Parade

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE, 10 AM–12 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

PHONE: 734.324.4502

Join Wyandotte's elected officials, bands, clowns, floats and many more entertaining groups in welcoming our special guest Santa Claus!

DECEMBER 6: Wyandotte Museum Festive Friday

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

The museum will be open until 8 PM. Stop by to see our exciting exhibits.

DECEMBER 13: Wyandotte Museum Festive Friday

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

The museum will be open until 8 PM. Stop by to see our exciting exhibits.

DECEMBER 20: Santa Pub Crawl
WOW 360/WYANDOTTE THIRD FRIDAY

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE, 6–9 PM

WWW.WYANDOTTE.NET

PHONE: 734.324.4502

DECEMBER 20: Museum Open House

FORD-MACNICHOL HOME, 2610 BIDDLE

WWW.WYANDOTTEMUSEUMS.ORG

PHONE: 734.324.7284

The museum will be open until 8 PM. Stop by to see our exciting exhibits. Free admission!

DECEMBER 31: Rockin NYE Event

DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE

WWW.ROCKINNYE.COM



Wyandotte Street Art Fair

The city of Wyandotte is known for many things, and one of them is the Wyandotte Street Art Fair. The Wyandotte Street Art Fair (WSAF) is conveniently located in downtown Wyandotte, the heart of the city, and reaches over 200,000 people for the four-day event. This year, the Art Fair will take place July 10-13, 2019. With summer right around the corner, we want to share some history and fun facts about the fair to get you excited to Find ART in Wyandotte at the 58th Annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair!



The event's history traces back to 1961 with a handful of artists from the Acanthus Art Society who exhibited their work in front of local downtown businesses. From these humble beginnings, the Wyandotte Street Art Fair (WSAF) has grown to be one of the largest and best-attended fairs in the state. The artist portion of the fair is by far the most exciting. The WSAF features fine artists as well as emerging artists, artist demonstrations, children's art, the Clock Tower Craft Show along First Street and a garden art section to inspire everyone's green thumb. We guarantee there will be something for everyone!

ART! In 2009, our staff found an early fair poster dating back to 1964. In it was a stylized line drawing in the Wyandotte Museums archival collections that was lovingly named "ART". ART represents a true piece of Wyandotte's history, as he is one of the earliest creative images representing our fair. His mid-century modern aesthetic is fun, funky and creative, and has been reimagined by a handful of artists since his discovery years ago. ART has been many different mediums and themes, including a circus ring leader, a super hero flying through the streets of downtown Wyandotte spreading the word on the fair, and he just recently received a pet pup named Pigment! Stay tuned for the reveal of this year's ART!



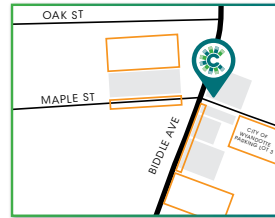
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HONESTY IS THE Best Policy

Groat Brothers has been serving customers since 1947

By Elizabeth Reames

Winter in Michigan can bring fun and happiness for kids, but for grown-ups, it can be a time of stress – especially on the roads. Michigan roads are notorious for being rough all year long, but with ice and snow making the roads slick, they can become downright treacherous. Never fear, though, Groat Brothers Towing in Wyandotte is happy to help.

Groat Brothers was founded in 1947 by brothers Stanley and John Groat. John was a member of the United States Marine Corps, and after coming home from World War II, he and his brother decided to open up a garage in Wyandotte.

Groat Brothers Towing is currently run by Bob Groat, son of original owner John, and his son, Joe. The Groat family has been providing their services to not only the larger Downriver community, but also to the local police departments. They have towed for the police since their founding, and have an impound lot at their shop.

“We’ve been towing for the police since 1947,” said Bob. “If they trust us, we have to be above and beyond everybody else.”

Groat Brothers doesn’t just offer 24-hour towing services. As well as roadside and recovery assistance, they

offer a full-service garage for all your auto repair needs. Services include tune ups, steering and suspension, oil changes, air conditioner repair, and more.



Groat Brothers technicians are educated on the most up-to-date systems in modern cars, and the garage has several pieces of advanced testing equipment to their name. This includes the BG Power Flush and Fluid Exchange System, which is the same system used by car dealerships to flush coolant, transmission fluid, and power-steering fluid.

When asked what makes Groat Brothers stand out from their competitors, Bob Groat points to one factor: honesty.

“When you give good service and you treat people right, they treat you right,” he says. “When you’re in business, you gotta do the best you can and be honest with the people, and treat the people right.”

Bob also provided some tips for winter driving, the first of which is as simple as this: If there’s heavy snow, stay at home! He also emphasized the importance of basic vehicle

maintenance.

“Just have your car checked,” he said. “Don’t be afraid to come in, check the antifreeze, washer solvent, fluids, tire pressure, just all-around performance. When the idiot

lights come on, have it checked! Even if there’s nothing wrong, have us or your favorite garage check you to make sure you’re safe.”

Groat Brothers Towing is located at 1466 Eureka Road. They’re open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can give them a call at (734) 284-6232.



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Tee times vary with season change!

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DON'T BREAK THE BANK

Kitchen, bath renovations come alive within budgets

If you're looking to renovate your kitchen, bath or basement, KDI Kitchen and Bath can make the process easy and affordable, according to owner Fred Decaminada.

The family-owned business has been serving the Downriver community for more than 15 years.

"We've been helping people's dreams come true," Fred said.

He started the business with his wife Wendy and her brother-in-law Jack Jenkins and his son Joe Jenkins in 2003 in Lincoln Park. They eventually moved the showroom to Wyandotte and opened stores in Trenton and Livonia.

"With combined experience spanning over 50 years, we've poured our passion and knowledge for improving kitchens and bathrooms for customers without having them break the bank," Decaminada said.

Current trends

More and more customers are using quartz rather than granite for their kitchen countertops, he said, adding that quartz is attractive and has become much more affordable than granite.

White, shaker-type cabinets are also popular.

"If you have a small kitchen, it makes it look a lot larger if you use lighter cabinets and colors," he added.

A big request for bathroom remodels is to tear out the one-piece fiberglass units and replace them with custom ceramic and marble tile, which adds durability and offers a richer, more elegant look. KDI also specializes in tub-to-shower conversions.

"If they're on a budget, one thing about us is that we stock three different brands of cabinets," Fred said, stressing that all KDI products are made in the United States. "We buy them by the semi-load and it's more economical. If they're doing it themselves they can get them the same day."

KDI also makes custom solid-surface laminate and Corian countertops in their 22,000-square-foot location in Wyandotte, which means customers can get their pieces quicker and for less money.



"That will give them a huge savings," Decaminada said. "We're cutting out the middle man and letting the customer go direct."

Laminate countertops are often finished within four days.

KDI has a designer at each store and customers are offered free designs.

All jobs are done with an initial site visit to take measurements and get information about what the customers want. Then clients come into the showroom and meet with the designer and salesperson to brainstorm ideas that match their wants to their budgets.

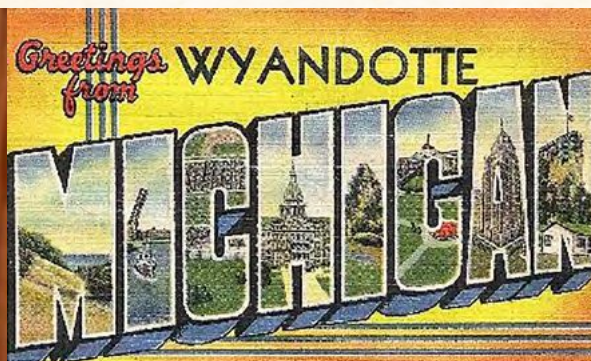
Let them help

"At KDI, we feature the leading brands in the industry and custom-fabricated options all made from the best materials available," according to the KDI website, kdiusa.com. "Our design team will help you choose from our vast selection of cabinets and countertop options. Our focus is on excellent customer service, whether you need a full-service renovation or you're working on a DIY project and just need some advice. We keep our prices low so you can get the kitchen or bathroom of your dreams within your budget."

Call (734) 284-4600 to schedule an appointment for a no-strings-attached, onsite estimate and professional measurements. Go to kdiusa.com to get information online.

Hours of the store in Wyandotte are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fridays and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturdays.





RICH IN HISTORY

The Wyandotte Museum preserves local culture and helps bring history to life.

The site of this elegant Queen Anne-style mansion, located at 2610 Biddle Avenue, has an important and prominent place in the history of our city long before the current house was built in 1896. The land was originally the homestead of Major John Biddle. Registrar of the Government Land Office, Mayor of Detroit, and trustee of the Michigan University, John Biddle was the first notable American of European descent in the area. Downriver appealed to Biddle, who thought he could live the life of a gentleman farmer.

Wyandotte was farmland and wooded areas at the time Biddle bought the land in 1818 and built his farm (or, summer estate as he referred to it) on the corner of Biddle and Vinewood. He wanted it to be a retreat from the hustle and bustle of Detroit city life. He named his estate “Wyandotte.” The Georgian-style home was completed in 1835. From 1836 to 1848 Biddle lived in Wyandotte, but ended up selling his estate to the Eureka Iron Company. When the city was established, West Jefferson was named Biddle in John Biddle’s honor, in respect to his reputation and the location of his early estate. His home was moved when construction began on the Ford-MacNichol project.

Completed in 1896, the Ford-MacNichol home was built by Captain John Baptiste Ford and his son Edward as a

wedding gift for Edward’s daughter, Laura, and her new husband, George Pope MacNichol. The Fords owned and operated the J.B. Ford and Michigan Alkali Companies – pioneers of the early chemical industry in Wyandotte.

The Ford-MacNichols lived in the home for seven years before they moved to Toledo to be with the rest of their family. At that time, the house was purchased by Jeremiah

Drennan, a local lawyer. The Drennan Family lived here for 60 years, making them the longest private owners. In the 1970s, Yvonne Latta purchased the home and saved it from demolition. She was instrumental in the restoration of the structure, doing much of the work herself. In 1977, the home was purchased by the City with a grant from the Michigan History Division of the Department of State, along with funds provided by the Wyandotte Historical Society, local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals.



The Ford-MacNichol House is a textbook example of the Queen Anne architectural style of the late 19th century, with influences of the classical revival. Designed by the famed Detroit architectural firm Malcomson and Higginbotham (also responsible for the Old Main building on the campus of Wayne State University and the Ford-Bacon House in Wyandotte), great detail and forethought was taken into consideration in the design and



construction. This is evidenced by the tower with witch's hat roof, projecting gables, wrap-around porch and elaborate decorative trim.

Much of the interior is also original. The 6,600-square-foot home has 32 rooms and 11 closets. It was considered to be the height of technology at the time with indoor plumbing, a coal furnace with gravity duct system, speaking

tubes, and both gas and electric lighting. There are 6 fireplaces, 65 windows and 53 doors. This elaborate and inspiring building represents the grandeur and promise of Wyandotte's past and future. The Ford-MacNichol House is on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

Guided tours of the Ford-MacNichol House are conducted Thursday-Sunday, 1- 5:00 p.m., March-December.

JOIN OUR CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS!

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

— Winston Churchill

The benefits of volunteering one's personal time or resources for the betterment of a community are well documented. The reasons for volunteering are as varied as the individual seeking to give their time. The Wyandotte Museums offers many avenues by which citizens are able to give back to their community.

For instance, we need volunteers to assist with museum operations, which those interested in volunteering at the Wyandotte Museums have a wide variety of opportunities to choose from; there's something for everyone! For instance, volunteers could assist with museum operations, which include tasks such as light cleaning, garden and grounds care, painting, and even carpentry. Those interested in a behind-the-scenes view of the museum may enjoy collections care, as they assist staff with the care and inventory of our archives and 3D collections. Volunteers in our docent program are outgoing people who lead tours of the museum and educate visitors on our unique heritage. And finally, those who volunteer at our special events engage the public through a range of signature fundraisers throughout the year.



Volunteer staff can work both regular schedules and occasional hours. Send us an email at museum@wyan.org or give us a call at 734.324.7284 and we can discuss your interests and our needs. We're excited to work with you to care for and promote the museum!

Host YOUR EVENT WITH US!

Weddings in Victorian Splendor

The Wyandotte Museum provides an alternative site for small weddings and is very flexible to meet your needs. Ceremonies can take place in the parlor, foyer, or the porch, depending on the size of your party. We also offer a dressing room for the bride and her party in our second-floor master bedroom.

Due to special exhibits installed at the museum for the Halloween and Christmas holiday seasons, the museum is not available for wedding rentals from mid-September through mid-January. However, the museum is available for photo sessions year-round, and the special holiday exhibits prove an even more unique backdrop for your photos. We advise you to visit the museum prior to booking, so staff can discuss and show you how the exhibits are arranged during that time.

Frontier Style along the Waterfront

The rustic cabin standing in Wyandotte's historic Bishop Park was built in 1942 to serve as a meeting place for the city's senior citizens. This building was the headquarters for the Wyandotte Centennial in 1954. In 1991, following a petition drive to save the historic structure, the City turned the building over to the Cultural and Historical Commission.

The Old Timer's Log Cabin is used today for families celebrating birthdays, graduations, reunions, and other festive events. It can also be rented out to various nonprofits, including scout groups, and religious and cultural organizations. The cabin is available for rental May 1–October 31 each year.



RESEARCH AND LEARNING

One of the ways that the Wyandotte Museums seeks to enrich the city of Wyandotte and its citizens is by providing access to the Museums' collection of local history archives.

Research into genealogy, historic buildings, businesses, and many other topics can be conducted at the Burns Home. Visitors can request information on specific topics, which they will then be able to view in our public reading room.

Our collection strengths are in the late 19th to early 20th century domestic items, industrial artifacts from Wyandotte's chemical boom years of 1880 to 1950, and photography documenting the city's development since the 1860s.

At this time, access to the archives is scheduled by appointment. Please call 734.324.7284 to establish a time and date, along with your topic of inquiry.

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The Wyandotte Stars are a group of volunteers, young and old, from all walks of life who put on vintage base ball uniforms each weekend. When attending a match, you can take a close look at this phenomenon called "Vintage Base Ball," where it's not just reenacting, it's playing a very real, competitive, nine-inning game of base ball, with no gloves! It's a "Gentleman's Game," using only 19th century rules, equipment, behavior, and language, all played on pastoral ball fields throughout the region.



The Stars are just one team in this national pursuit that is loved and played with grace, skill, and guile by thousands of passionate practitioners all across the country.

A program of the Wyandotte Museums, the Wyandotte Stars are proud to share how base ball helped shape young America of the 19th century and became America's pastime.

The Wyandotte Stars come together, sharing passion for the history of the game of base ball. We are always pleasantly discovering the long-lasting impact we have on our fellow teams, our supportive community, each other and most rewarding, the young and old who enjoy the vintage game with us. We'd like you to join us for some of the fun. Hitch up the wagon, load up the kids, and come on down to a match or two this season. Discover baseball all over again!

Club History

The original Wyandotte Stars Club was formed in the mid-19th century in Wyandotte, Michigan. In a letter and scorecard dated October 5, 1867, the Stars won a sweeping victory against the Monitor Club of Taylor, beating them 85 to 15!

The original Wyandotte Stars scorecard is on display at the Wyandotte Museums. This intriguing document is one of a handful of early baseball records in southeastern Michigan, and is the inspiration for the present reformed team.

September 8, 2007 was the inaugural match of the new Wyandotte Stars, 140 years after the original team took the field.

Rules

The game will be played by the rules of the 1860s as found in *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference for 1867* by Henry Chadwick. Haney's is the first official base ball rule book from 1867, and covers all aspects of pitching, batting, and fielding with full instructions for umpires and scorers.

Henry Chadwick, the sport's first great journalist, was a leading figure in the development of the game. His manual includes not just rules, but also advice on how to form and manage clubs, as well as hints on how to field, pitch, and bat. For the adventurous enthusiast, there are even several pages on how to play base ball on ice!

See the Stars!

Visit www.wyandottemuseums.org for our full season schedule. All home matches begin at 2 p.m. at Memorial Field at Pennsylvania Avenue and 23rd Street in Wyandotte, Michigan.





Wine Tasting with Free Spirit, Different Tastes

By Diane Gale Andreassi

Modern Craft Wine Tasting in Wyandotte went through 25 cases of piña colada wine in a few months – a perfect example of how the operators thrive on taking the snob out of vino.

Despite those huge pour rates, the most popular selling flavor in 2018 was actually cherry wine, followed by North Bound Red and North Bound White. Servers also happily mix two wines of the customer's choice or add juices, sodas and tonics to come up with custom tastes. Modern Craft wines have unique flavors that break free from the ordinary wine experience.

For the nontraditional wine drinker, Modern Craft has flights of five samples, of the customer's choice, for \$5 plus tax, which includes the glass.

"We also try to make sure we have the traditional whites and reds, too," explained Heather Wright, Modern Craft Wyandotte proprietor who also oversees marketing for the downriver area.

Loyal fans

They've already built a following of customers since the doors opened at 138 Sycamore in June 2017.

"We jokingly say we're a lot like Cheers," Wright said.

Patrons often come in with their own food, because Modern Craft doesn't serve meals, but happily allows carry-ins.

"We searched the area and we like what Wyandotte does for the community and the fact there are smaller mom-and-pop shops and a lot of restaurants and bars," Wright said. "People know to come down here to spend an afternoon or a nice evening."

The local tasting room also hosts a ton of events showcasing vendors, sign paintings on Tuesdays and celebrations running the gamut from baby showers to bachelorette parties.

It has the same up-north feel as the other Modern Craft Wine Tasting rooms in Au Gres, Bay City, Frankenmuth, Harrisville and West Branch.

It's got that same destination-and-almost-rural, close-knit community feel like Au

Gres, where people go to get away from suburbia and just have fun.

Wyandotte has a downtown that attracts thousands of locals and out-of-towners with their annual street fairs and festivals and it seemed like a perfect spot for the unpretentious motto at Modern Craft, Wright said. With the Wyandotte location there isn't a place in the Detroit area further than a

45-minute drive from a Modern Craft tasting room.

How it started

Wright and her longtime friend Jill Robinson decided to break free from their ordinary careers when they were introduced to Modern Craft several years earlier at Robinson's family reunion. They took a trip up north, stopped at the flagship location in Au Gres and their destinies were forever changed.

They approached Tom Nixon, who owns the Modern Craft business with his wife Melissa, about opening a tasting room in Wyandotte.

Wright and Robinson transformed the former UPS store into a 1,700-square-foot rustic Modern Craft tasting room.

The new location is a complete remodel with bright colors, a customized long wooden bar, a cozy lounge area with inside seating and an outdoor patio.

For more information and hours of operation, call (734) 486-6538 or visit their site at <https://moderncraftwine.com/pages/Wyandotte-Wine-Tasting-Room>.



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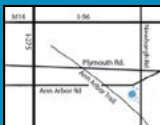
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ON THE Waterfront...

Revitalized restaurant is a hot spot, and a hot property

The Waterfront Restaurant has become a hot place to go if you like delicious food, a cozy atmosphere, and of course, a great view of the Detroit River.

What Jason and Amanda D'Herin have done with the place since they opened in 2016 is nothing short of miraculous. It's widely known that before they purchased the property, which is located at 507 Biddle Avenue, it was in dire need of some TLC.

But the truth is the D'Herins weren't looking to get into the restaurant business at all. They're in real estate, and they actually bought and built the restaurant for another party to purchase from them and run. But when that deal didn't work out, the D'Herins had no choice but to take it over themselves.

And although they know a lot about buying, developing and selling real estate, the D'Herins weren't as well versed in the restaurant business.

"We've learned that consistency is the best thing you can have in this business," Jason said. "Good servers, sous chefs...a great bartender can make a huge difference for customers when it comes to long wait times for tables."

And most people know that the restaurant business is tough. With razor-thin margins, tons of competition and a natural high turnover rate of employees, it takes many hours of toiling for little reward, most times.

The D'Herins are enjoying the offerings from their new (in the last five months) chef Charlie Barber, a well-known chef in the area for 24 years.

With the addition of Chef Charlie comes a whole new menu, with a focus on more Italian dishes like Homemade Ravioli (beef, or three-cheese), Chicken Triestina with lemon butter, white wine sauce, capers, mushrooms and artichoke hearts; and their always awesome steak and seafood dishes.

An extensive wine list offers many choices to complement your meal, and depending on the time of year, you can enjoy live entertainment every Thursday in the summer while taking in the magnificent views and relaxing in the cozy atmosphere The Waterfront provides.

And don't forget their banquet and special event facilities, which can be rented for weddings, showers, birthday parties or pretty much any type of event you'd want to have.

For more information about The Waterfront, its menu and the rental of its facilities, visit the restaurant's website at www.thewaterfrontwyandotte.com, or call (734) 286-9046.

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You're In Good Hands...

With the O'Dell Allstate agency of Wyandotte

By Tony Calabrese

Melanie O'Dell's work at Allstate has been so good that survey-takers have begun to take notice.

"We were recently rated in the top 1 percent in customer service in the country," O'Dell said.

O'Dell officially shares ownership of that Allstate office with her father, who started the business in Lincoln Park about 50 years ago. Melanie has been a part of the business for 21 of those years.

work at Allstate, however, it was something that O'Dell was not about to pass up.

"I like dealing with people," O'Dell said. "Allstate allows me the opportunity to do that."

O'Dell emphasized that her family's business has always had high goals when it came to customer service.

"We've always strived to provide wonderful customer service," O'Dell said.

She stresses the importance of face-to-face interaction with customers in a world where interaction increasingly happens online or over the phone.

"You don't get that tip-top customer service online," O'Dell said. "Face-to-face interaction is great because it allows you to really get to know who you're dealing with and gain a sense of familiarity and comfort with them. That's why I think it's so much better than basic online communication."

The fact that the surrounding area is one that provides support and the feel of a tight-knit community has been nothing but good for O'Dell Allstate.

"Wyandotte has a bit of a small-time vibe," O'Dell said. "It seems like you can hardly go anywhere without running into somebody you know. I know that I almost always run into somebody I know whenever I go out."

The support that the community provides is one that O'Dell wants to give back, which she does in several ways.

"We like to hand out t-shirts at local home basketball games," O'Dell said. "We definitely like to support the greater community in the same way that it supports us and businesses like us."



Allstate

Handing out t-shirts is not the only way the O'Dell Agency

gives back to their community. This past holiday season, the agency paired with Totes of Love to help families in need. Their office was used as a drop-off point for those who wanted to participate in fulfilling the Christmas wish lists of two families in need who spend a lot of time in and out of the hospital.

"I love this town and I love this area," O'Dell said. "I love being downriver."

And O'Dell loves the fact that her business is the family business.

"It's good to be a family business because you treat clients like family," O'Dell said. "Our business is small – there's only one employee other than me – and that only helps to further the close-knit family aspect."

For more information on the services they provide, contact the O'Dell Agency at (734) 285-2224, or email O'Dell at MelanieODell@allstate.com.



A member of Central Michigan University's Class of 1997, O'Dell started working with her father that same year. The business is still her father's, although O'Dell runs it.

She may have this position now, but working in the family business was not her first career choice.

"I originally went to school to be a social worker," O'Dell said.

When the opportunity popped up to



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Wine Dotte Bistro serves dining rivaling Detroit's best

A lot of ingredients go into making Wine Dotte Bistro, known as Wyandotte's hidden gem, what Chef David Wood calls a diamond in the rough.

Chef David comes to Wyandotte as a classically trained chef, having worked at Rainforest Café in Auburn Hills and some of Detroit's top eateries, including The Whitney and Mosaic.

Located on the Detroit River, at 2910 Van Alstyne Street, Wine Dotte serves affordable fine American fare. It opened in July 2016, and highlights the owners' (Karen and Karl Goreta) commitment to presenting quality entrees with a casual eclectic décor, designed by Karen.

"This is their dream to own a restaurant," Wood said. Karl, Karen and Chef David were all born and raised downriver and now reside in Wyandotte.

"This is more rewarding than anything I've done in my life, because of people's reaction to the restaurant," Wood said. "We're stopping people from going downtown (Detroit), because they know they're getting the same quality here they get there."

Wood lays claim to serving "the finest seafood in the area," from shrimp and salmon "to whatever fresh fish I can get," he said. "We're not a seafood restaurant, but our guests try to make us that."

They also have an extensive wine list as well as craft cocktails, and are known for their Hot Rocks, which allow customers to cook entrées exactly as they like.

For more information about Wine Dotte Bistro's hours and pricing, visit their website at www.winedottebistro.com or call (734) 556-3195.



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Movin' On Up

Longtime city boutique moves to bigger digs, one block away

Mannequins along Biddle Street in Wyandotte recently directed customers from Traffic Jam Boutique's old location to the new. The innovative marketing technique took loyal clientele in June 2018 from Traffic Jam's previous location at 3019 Biddle Street one block north to the new location at 2915 Biddle, Suite 101. The 31-year-old business has moved three times, and each time it was on Biddle.

Like mother, like daughter

The fashion mecca was started by Maria Dominguez and is currently managed by her daughter, Mikelle Vargas.

"I'm trying to get the word out that we moved," Vargas said. "We've added a lot of space with nine spacious fitting rooms, access to the front and back door and a huge parking lot that's wheelchair accessible."

The boutique stocks formal and casual wear from triple zero to plus sizes. Vargas caters to girls looking for anything from eighth grade dances, homecoming, prom and quinceañera to women in search of mother-of-the-bride dresses or something special for auto show parties, formal charity events, commodore balls and other evenings out where cocktail dresses are in order.

The front half of the shop is devoted to casual wear – tops, blouses, sweaters and a motherlode of jewelry to match. Shoes and accessories pack the shelves.

"Traffic Jam is a unique establishment," Vargas said. "Everyone is very friendly. It has a hometown feeling, is customer service oriented and there's no pressure. No one is judged no matter what age or size they are."

Employees have one simple goal: Help girls and women look beautiful.

"We have formal wear from triple zero

to size 32," Vargas said.

"We listen to what they're looking for and oftentimes we will suggest something and they say, 'I would never have thought about that.' They end up the best-dressed person at the events. When you look good, you feel good. We try to make them all feel special and confident."



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Traffic Jam Boutique has served four generations of girls and women, and they ensure the same dress won't show up twice at an event by keeping a detailed catalogue of the items sold for each party.

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Traffic Jam also offers a layaway plan allowing shoppers to put half down and make payments every two weeks.

Community-minded

Customers often see Traffic Jam featured in numerous news segments covering charity events the boutique supported. Every year, Traffic Jam provides fashions for Children with Hair Loss (CWHL) at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"We're very active in the community, with charity events and fashion shows," said Vargas, a member of the Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority.

As a result, customers come from all over Metro Detroit and northern Ohio.

"In the new location we can accommodate people more efficiently and hope they will follow us one block north," Vargas said.

Traffic Jam Boutique is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. (seasonal). Please call (734) 285-9029 to schedule an appointment for a consultation.



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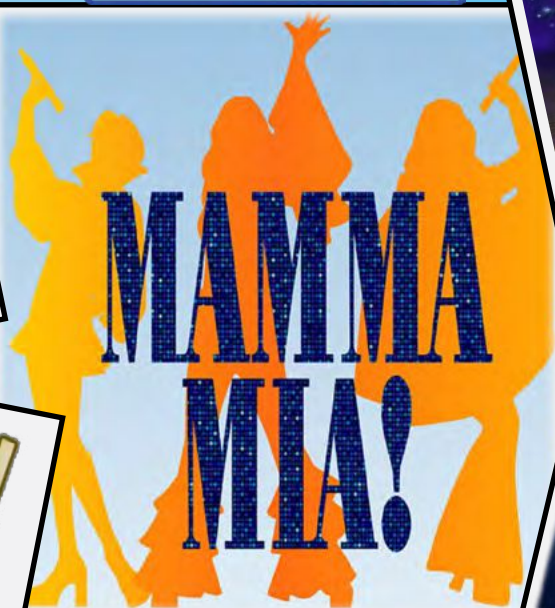
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Going to the Chapel...

How one couple overcame adversity and made their dreams come true

By Angela Calabrese

Nowadays, it may be a little cliché to say that there are still women out there who dream about their wedding day. They envision the perfect venue, the perfect dress – it will be a perfect day.



That's what Tanina Foster was thinking when she started planning her November wedding last January.

And when it came time to book the venue, she knew just what she wanted. A few years earlier she had attended a friend's wedding at the Wyandotte Wedding Chapel, and she fell in love with the place. She knew she wanted to have her own wedding there.

But when she called to make the reservation, she got the shock of her life.

The owner told her no, she couldn't book the date for her wedding because they were no longer taking reservations. They were trying to sell, and didn't want to book a lot of events in advance.

Foster was devastated, to say the least.

"It was heartbreaking to me," Foster said. "I was still dealing with the hormonal changes due to a total hysterectomy after a diagnosis of endometrial cancer, so I was already emotional, and when that news came, I had a breakdown moment."

Since Foster doesn't have a regular church "home", she looked around and contacted a few churches, but found that all of them wanted her to basically do things their way. This

didn't fit into her plan, her dream or her vision of her wedding day.

It seemed it was simply not to be. But in the midst of her devastation, Foster's fiancé, Michael Moore, came to the rescue.

"When I heard I couldn't book the Wyandotte Wedding Chapel because they wanted to sell it," Foster said, "my fiancé said, 'Don't worry honey, everything's going to be OK. Why don't we just buy it!'"

Foster, understandably, was shocked at the suggestion. But it made perfect sense to Moore.

"I saw how unhappy she was, and it's my goal to make her happy every day," he said. "I thought buying the place would be the way to do it."

They discussed their options, made an offer and...nothing. The offer was too low and the owner passed. Foster and Moore went about their lives and continued planning their wedding.

But in June, a call came in from the owner of the chapel saying that he wanted to revisit their offer. Everything happened very fast after that, and by the first week of August, Foster and Moore were the proud owners of the chapel they so wanted to have their wedding in.

"We shadowed a wedding rehearsal on Thursday, signed the papers on Friday, and had a wedding on Saturday that the previous owners worked with us to provide," Foster said. "Then we were on our own."

Since purchasing the chapel in August, Foster and Moore have been busy renovating – the bridal room and bathrooms got the most attention with new flooring and a fresh coat of paint – all while handling the events that had already been booked when they bought the place. And of course, planning their own wedding, which took place on November 23.

Through all this, they both still have their day jobs. Foster – now Mrs. Moore – works at the Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University. Mr. Moore is a tour bus driver for Trinity Motor Coach Division.

The edifice, built in 1894, is now only used as a venue, and no longer offers church services. But for those looking to do

something unique for their wedding ceremony, the Wyandotte Wedding Chapel has a capacity of 150 people, making it an exceptional setting for a small-to-midsized wedding.

There's also a Fellowship Hall in the basement that seats up to 75 and is perfect for bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, family get-togethers and more.

Michael notes that it's been used recently as a place for the bridal party to just relax on rehearsal day and have food catered in.

"It really makes it convenient," he said. "They don't feel like they have to rush off to a restaurant."

The only thing the venue is not zoned for is having alcohol on the premises.

This project has been a labor of love for the couple, and they're determined to provide the best experience they can for the clients who book the Wyandotte Wedding Chapel.

Tanina and Michael do everything themselves, from booking to helping the brides and grooms-to-be plan the service to providing the updated space for rehearsals and preparation. For those who like music with their service – and most do – they have a sound system, but no piano or organ, so if you like that type of music, you will need to bring your own instruments and musicians.

It's been a whirlwind year for the Moores, and Tanina wants to help spread the blessings she's received to others.

"Right now, I'm so thankful for my continued health, family and friends. I'm also excited and honored that couples allow us to be part of their special day," she

said. "We're just ridin' the wave," Michael added.

The Wyandotte Wedding Chapel is located at 450 Sycamore St. in Wyandotte.

They will be having an Open House on Saturday, March 2 from 1 – 4 p.m. Come out and receive a tour of the building and listen as Michael and Tanina share some of the history of the chapel. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on the chapel's pricing and wedding package, and future open house events, call (734) 286-2750 or visit their website at <https://wyandotteweddings.com/>.



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The City of Wyandotte is proud to have a high-quality team of Public Safety experts. We provide police and fire services to residents and businesses in the City of Wyandotte. Our team works in conjunction with city officials and the staff of Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital to ensure quality emergency services. We pride ourselves on our rapid response time when handling emergency situations. (More information can be found on www.wyandotte.net and toward the back of this publication.)



THE 27TH DISTRICT COURT

The 27th District Court has jurisdiction over matters that occur within the City of Wyandotte and the City of Riverview.

WYANDOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is the mission of the Wyandotte Police Department to provide honest, efficient and effective law enforcement services, to promote a safe and secure environment through the delivery of fair and impartial police services, and to protect life and property. It is their goal to consistently promote, preserve and deliver the highest quality of professional police services possible to all individuals who live or work in, or visit the city of Wyandotte.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

This Department is responsible for the maintenance and snow plowing of all City-owned roads, maintenance of City-owned property and City vehicles, repairing potholes and other minor road repair, street sweeping of City roads, trimming trees in the City right-of-way, mowing in the City right-of-way, maintenance of landscaping throughout the city, installation and repair of City signage and assisting in staging for special events in the city.



WYANDOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our mission is to ensure the welfare of the members of the Wyandotte Fire Department. We strive to protect the lives and safety of the citizens and property of Wyandotte from fire, and natural or man-made disasters.



HENRY FORD WYANDOTTE HOSPITAL

Established in 1926, our mission is to improve human health through excellence in the science and art of health care healing. Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital is located in the heart of Wyandotte, along Biddle Avenue. The hospital is a part of the Henry Ford Health System. The facility has over 589 skilled physicians who treat more than 74,600 people in our emergency department per year. They also perform more than 19,600 surgeries and deliver over 1,600 babies. The hospital admits, on average, more than 18,000 patients each year.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Downriver Animal Control is operated as a division of the Wyandotte and Southgate Police Departments and works in conjunction with Pound Pals and volunteers of P.A.W.S. to provide the citizens of



Wyandotte with animal care services. Animal Control adopts domesticated cats and dogs as long as they are not vicious or in a state of poor health. Friendly animals are spayed/neutered and available for adoption during our weekend and evening adoption hours.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE MANY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON OUR WEBSITE: WYANDOTTE.NET. PLEASE REVIEW THE WEBSITE'S FRONT DESK TAB FOR MORE INFO ABOUT EACH DEPARTMENT LISTED.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Q: What do I do if I find or have lost a cat or dog?

A: Downriver Central Animal Control is the intake shelter and picks up all lost domestic animals. They are located at 14300 Reaume Pkwy., Southgate, MI, 48195, two blocks west of the Southgate post office off Dix between Northline and Eureka. Domesticated animals will be picked up by our department or can be dropped off. You may call us at 734-246-1328*9. Requests after 5 p.m. may be directed to the Wyandotte Police Department's non-emergency number at 734-324-4438. The Wyandotte Adoption Center, 1170 Grove, has been turned into the adoption center for the DCAC. They do not accept stray animals. You may also visit our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/dcacashelter and post a picture of your dog. Pictures of incoming animals are posted there also.

Q: What do I do if a squirrel, opossum, raccoon, or other animal gets into my home?

A: Traps are available to capture non-domesticated animals that are causing property damage. Please contact the Downriver Central Animal Control at 734-246-1328 or 734-324-4438 (after 5 p.m.) to obtain a trap. Most traps will need to be picked up at the office. Once the animal is successfully trapped, you must contact Animal Control for pick up. Traps are rented out Mon-Wed. There is a \$20 deposit with a \$5 rental fee in which you will receive your deposit back within 5 days, \$1 a day after 5 days. Animal Control will not pick up cages that are privately owned.

ASSESSORS OFFICE

Q: Property values in my neighborhood have been decreasing, will my property valuation be decreasing as well?

A: Unfortunately, there isn't a yes or no answer to that question. If you've owned your property for a significant amount of time, more than likely your State Equalized Value (SEV) far exceeds your Taxable Value. If this is the case, a decrease in valuation, caused by a slow real estate market, will be reflected in the SEV. The taxable value is required by the Michigan Constitution to increase each year by the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is lower. In the case of a longtime property owner, the SEV could decrease, while the Taxable Value will continue to increase.

Q: If the SEV decreases, will I pay more or less in property taxes?

A: Your property taxes are based on the taxable value rather than the SEV. So, in the previous scenario you would pay more in taxes even though your SEV decreased.

Q: Why isn't my new assessment 50 percent of my purchase price?

The simple answer is that it is against the law. MCL 211.27 states that the purchase price is no longer the presumptive True Cash Value of a property. The assessment may be close to 50 percent of the purchase price but it is determined by investigating the other sales in the area and all of the SEVs are set using that sales study.

Q: Can I appeal my assessment, and when?

After you receive the Change of Assessment notice you may file a petition to make an appointment. Please see Board of Reviews FAQs and Common Assessment Terms on our website for more information.

CITY HALL

Q: When are City Offices open?

A: City offices are open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, General and Presidential Election Days, Thanksgiving Day, The day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve.

Q: Where is City Hall located?

A: Wyandotte City Hall is located at 3200 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

CLERKS OFFICE

Q: How can I obtain a birth, death or marriage certificate?

A: The City of Wyandotte only maintains records of births and deaths that occurred in the city. More information and forms are available at the City Clerk's webpage. The City of Wyandotte does not maintain records of marriages. Marriage certificates must be obtained from the County Clerk's office in which the

marriage was performed. For marriages that took place in Wayne County, you may visit the Wayne County website for more information on how to obtain a marriage license.

Q: When are City Council meetings?

A: City Council meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m., with the exception of holidays, and certain holiday weeks.

Q: Where are City Council meetings?

A: City Council meetings take place in Council Chambers on the second floor of Wyandotte City Hall, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192.

Q: Am I allowed to address the Mayor and Council without being placed on the agenda?

A: All citizens are permitted to address the Mayor and Council during the public comments portion of the meeting. Please be advised that when you approach the podium you will be asked to state your name and address for public record.

Q: How do I get an item placed on the agenda for the City Council meeting?

A: You must submit a request in writing to the clerk's office to be placed on the agenda. Your request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Monday meeting. Requests and all supporting documentation must be submitted along with the request to the Office of the City Clerk. Printed copies of the City Council Meeting Agenda are available on the Clerk's Front Counter by 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting. City Council Agendas may also be found online.

Q: How do I register to vote?

A: Voter registration information may be found by visiting the City Clerk's webpage.

Q: What are the requirements to register to vote?

A: The requirements are as follows: 1. You must be a citizen of the United States. 2. You must be a resident of the State of Michigan and will be at least a 30-day resident of the City by Election Day. 3. You must be at least 18 years of age by Election Day.

Q: How do I obtain an absentee ballot to vote?

A: Absentee ballot information may be found by visiting the City Clerk's webpage.

Q: Where can I vote?

A: The District Map & Polling precinct addresses and directions may be found by visiting the City Clerk's webpage.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Q: How do I sign up for garbage service?

A: The City contracts with Waste Management for all curbside residential service within the city limits. When you sign up for water & sewer service, you are automatically scheduled to receive this service.

Q: What types of items will sanitation workers collect curbside?

A: You may refer to the Department of Public Works webpage for information regarding the types of items that will or will not be collected curbside.

Q: I would like to subscribe to curbside recycling. How can I get a recycle bin?

A: You may subscribe to curbside recycling by contacting Waste Management directly at 866-797-9018.

Q: How do I dispose of unused medication?

A: The Wayne County Land Resource Management Division also has information on disposal of prescription medication. Visit their website for more information.

Q: How do I dispose of electronics and computers?

A: The Wayne County Land Resource Management Division also has information on disposal of electronics and computers. Visit their website for more information.

Q: How do I dispose of used syringes?

A: You may dispose of used syringes in your trash, provided they are sealed in a puncture-proof container. For the safety of our sanitation users, please do not use milk jugs or water bottles. We recommend that you use plastic laundry soap bottles instead.

Q: What do I do in the event of a downed power line?

A: If you see a downed power line: Stay away from the lines, and keep children and pets inside. Assume that all downed power lines are energized and stay away. Report the downed lines at 734-324-7190. If you think the downed lines pose an immediate hazard to the public, call 911.

Q: Due to the recent storm, I have a lot of storm damage from my trees. Will the city pick up this storm damage?

A: The City of Wyandotte Public Services Department does pick up tree branches and tree debris after a storm. It is recommended that residents contact The Department of Public Services at 734-324-4580 to have their address placed on our storm damage listing. City crews will only pick up storm damage that is placed at the curb. Crews will not enter upon private property to collect materials. Typically, storm damage is collected within 2-3 days after a storm or high wind has occurred. However, collection will occur as time permits.

Q: How can I report a pothole or street repair issue?

A: Citizens can report large potholes or street repair issues on city or county roads by calling 1-888-ROAD CREW.

Q: Why hasn't my street been plowed yet?

A: The Department of Public Service's goal is to provide a bare pavement quality recognized by many other Snow Belt cities. The order in which the roads are plowed is: 1. Police and fire facilities, bridges, hills and curves. 2. Major road networks and emergency routes. 3. The balance of the local roads.

Q: My home does not have a driveway. Where can I park during a Snow Emergency?

A: The City of Wyandotte has numerous Snow Emergency parking lots available for use during a snow emergency.

Q: I was parked on the street during a snow emergency and my car was towed. How do I get it back?

A: Police towing is performed by Groat Brothers Towing, 1466 Eureka, Wyandotte. In order to release your car, you must first pay the fine. You may contact Groat Brothers Towing at 734-284-6232

ENGINEERING AND BUILDING

Q: What codes does the City of Wyandotte enforce?

A: Copies of the code books are available for purchase on the State of Michigan website. The City of Wyandotte has also adopted a Property Maintenance Code Ordinance #1094, which may be found by visiting our website.

Q: When do I need to pull a permit?

A: If you are doing any structural changes or building a new building a permit is required. If you are doing any electrical, plumbing or mechanical upgrades; replacing City sidewalks, driveway or driveway apron; installing a pool a permit is required. For more information about the types of permits and fees associated with them, you may visit the Engineering and Building Department website.

Q: Does a Building Permit also include electrical, mechanical or plumbing work?

A: No, separate permits are required for electrical, mechanical and plumbing. For more information about the types of permits and fees associated with them, you may visit the Engineering and Building Department web page.

Q: How long does it take for a permit to be issued?

A: In most cases, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits can be issued right away. Building and Concrete Permits require additional time for processing and are typically issued within 24 to 48 hours.

Q: Is a permit required for a new fence?

A: No, a permit is not required. However, fences must be installed in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance Section 2406 Fences, which may be found online on our website.

Q: Can I start work without a permit?

A: No. A permit must be secured before work can begin. Work started without a permit is subject to a fine in the amount of \$125.

Q: As a homeowner, can I pull my own permit?

A: As the owner and occupant of a single-family dwelling, you can secure homeowners permits as long as you are doing the work. If the property is a multiple family or rental dwelling a licensed contractor is required for electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits. The owner may secure the building permit only.

Q: Is an inspection required if I am selling my home?

A: Yes, an inspection is required for the sale of any dwelling in the city of Wyandotte. Inspections for sale are done on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 – 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Applications and fees associated with this may be found at the Engineering and Building Department web page.

Q: Is an inspection required if I want to rent my home?

A: Yes, an inspection is required. Also, you are required to register the home as a rental with the City Clerk's Office. Inspections for rental properties are done on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 – 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Applications and fees associated with this may be found at the Engineering and Building Department web page.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE**Q: How can I get a street light repaired?**

A: You may call the Department of Municipal Services at 734-324-7190.

Q: My cable, phone or internet isn't working, who can I call to fix it?

A: If your cable, phone or internet is provided through Wyandotte Municipal Services, you may contact Wyandotte Municipal Services at: 734-324-7190 or visit their website at [wyan.org](http://www.wyan.org).

TREASURY**Q: When is my tax bill due?**

A: Summer tax bills are mailed on or about August 1 and are payable through September 26 without penalty. Winter tax bills are mailed on or about December 1 and are payable through February 26 without penalty.

Q: Where can I pay my tax bill?

A: A return-addressed envelope is provided with your property tax bill. Please utilize this return envelope when paying your current property taxes to ensure accurate and expedient delivery. Other payment options include the following:

- City Hall, Treasurer's Office, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Suite 100. For your convenience, a 24-hour dropbox is located outside, near the drive through window at Wyandotte City Hall.
- Monroe Bank & Trust, Downriver, 467 Eureka Road
- WY/South Federal Credit Union (Members only), 269 Oak Street
- Wyandotte Federal Credit Union (Members only), 1280 Biddle Avenue

Q: Can I pay my tax bill with a credit card?

A: Yes, credit and debit card payments are only accepted at City Hall, 3200 Biddle Avenue. There is a convenience fee to customers for payments made by credit or debit card. The fee is collected and paid to the service provider, not to the City of Wyandotte. Other acceptable forms of payment include cash, check or money order.

Q: Can I pay my tax bill online?

A: No. This service is currently not available.

PUBLIC SAFETY**Q: How do I contact the Wyandotte Police Department?**

A: For emergencies, dial 911. Contact information for the Wyandotte Police Department is found by calling 734-324-4405.

Q: How do I contact the Wyandotte Fire Department?

A: For emergencies, dial 911. Contact information for the Wyandotte Fire Department is found by calling 734-324-4406.

Q: How do I contact the 27th District Courthouse?

A: Contact information for the 27th District Court is found by calling 734-324-4475.

Q: What is the Community Alert Telephone System?

A: The City of Wyandotte has an emergency telephone notification system, which notifies residents in the event of a community emergency situation. The Community Alert Telephone System uses local telephone number databases for listed phone numbers. If your home phone number is already listed, no further action is necessary. For unlisted numbers, contact the Mayor's Office.



OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR PARISH

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

WEEKEND MASSES:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30 am
Saturday 8:00 am, 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am (Polish), 12:00 noon
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm
Holy Days as announced

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:00 pm and as announced

2019 Parish Events

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

Lenten Fish Fry 12PM - 6PM
Masses at 6:30AM, 12 Noon, 7PM

Every Friday in Lent including Good Friday

Lenten Dinners 3PM-7PM with
Weekly Specials and Children's
Easter Basket Sale. Sponsor a Child/
Children in need with an Easter
Basket. \$10 per basket. Delivered
on Holy Saturday.
Stations of the Cross at 7PM English

March 29, 30, 31

Forty Hour Devotion
March 31 - Closing of 40 Hours at 4PM.
Polish Banquet at 5pm by Ticket only.

Holy Week Schedule

April 18

Holy Thursday Mass at 7PM

April 19

Good Friday Services from
12PM-3PM

Lenten Dinners 3PM - 7PM

Tenebrae at 6:30PM

April 20

Holy Saturday
Blessing of Baskets 1PM, 2PM, 3PM
Easter Vigil Mass at 7PM

April 21

Easter Sunday
Masses at 7:30AM - 10AM (Polish)
and 12Noon

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Wednesday Nights:

New Weekly Prayer meeting in the main auditorium
6:45-8:15pm

Kids Connection Groups for ages 6 through 5th grade
7:00-8:30pm

Roots Student Ministry for 12-18 year old. 7:00-
8:30pm. Roots also engages in a service project or fun
activity once a month.

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Tuesday: 12 Noon

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Friday: 12 Noon

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Monday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 12 Noon



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Board of Examiners of Plumbers	Shiela Johnson	engineering3@wyandottemi.gov	734-324-4551
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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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Golf Course
Golf Course

Main Number
Clubhouse

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734-324-7271

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PUBLIC SAFETY

(please note, these are non-emergency numbers. In the event of an emergency, please call 911)

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Fire Station #2

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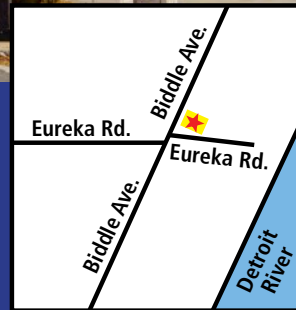
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5 Ways To Start Your New Fitness Journey Right Now

By Peter Haugabook BS, CPT

What's the secret to starting a plan and implementing it consistently? It's easy to feel motivated while sitting on the couch wanting to do better for yourself, but when it's time to execute, we get uncomfortable and make a million excuses why not to do something.

1. Make one change at a time.

You've heard the saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day." For instance, if you only drink 50 ounces of water a day, set a goal for 75 ounces each day for a week. Get consistent with that, then add another change.

2. Find something you can stick with.

It's OK to try different things to see what works for you, such as weight training, HIIT, or CrossFit. Weigh the pros/cons for you in each, then stick with the one you know you will enjoy and keep doing.

3. Form new habits.

Do things differently and get out of your comfort zone. If



you don't like getting up in the morning, set your alarm 30 minutes early. If you know you need to start eating breakfast, start doing it. Think of other healthy habits you can implement while getting rid of the bad habits you have now.

4. Know you will fail.

Nothing in life comes easy. To get anything worth having, you have to work for it. You will want to quit during this journey, but always remember why you started. Also, imagine how good you will feel when you've accomplished your fitness goal.

5. Buy a journal.

Track your progress. Nothing is cooler than seeing where you were on Day 1 compared to where you are on Day 21. This will help your motivation and keep you accountable.

Remember, it takes about 30 days to create a habit. Do this consistently for 30 days and I bet you see some changes. Start investing in your life.





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As a physiatrist, I manage a patient's medical issues as they participate through the rehabilitation process. A physiatrist will assess the patient and ensure that they are medically stable to participate in therapies.

Medical issues specific to rehabilitation include pain management, weakness, gait and movement ataxia, spasticity management and disease education.

Physical therapy is a mainstay of treatment options as the benefits are numerous. Therapy can eliminate or reduce pain, improve mobility and balance, increase strength and endurance and facilitate recovery from injury or illness, i.e. sports or stroke.

Therapy can also address age-related issues such as arthritis and osteoporosis and manage heart and lung disease with cardiac and pulmonary rehab.

Therapy can facilitate preconditioning for surgery and subsequent recovery. Treatments can also be specialized for dealing with bladder and bowel incontinence, lymphedema and pelvic health.

The key to success for those who choose therapy is continuing the home exercise program once formal sessions are complete. The ultimate goals are to maximize function and improve quality of life.

Anne Abrahamson, MD



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Give Yourself A Break:

How to conquer the post-holiday blues

After weeks – or even months – of rush, rush, rush; push, push, push; and go, go, go, you finally made it! New Year's Day arrives, the holidays are finished, and you are ready to conquer the world! You've made your resolutions, set personal and business goals, and promised yourself this year will be different.

But something isn't quite right. You feel a little down. In fact, you may even feel kind of lost. No need to worry – you are probably experiencing what is known as the post-holiday blues. Several studies suggest as many as one in four Americans suffer from mild to severe depression after the holidays.

What causes the holiday blues? Here are a few reasons:

- **Busy schedules**, filled to the brim with holiday preparations, school programs, parties, family time, shopping and more. When the holidays are over, the calendar clears and we are often left feeling isolated or lonely.
- **Holiday pressure**. We put a lot of pressure on ourselves to make the holidays perfect for everyone around us. We want to have the perfect decorations, the perfect gifts, and the perfect family celebrations. Sometimes we succeed, and sometimes we don't, but the expectation is there.
- **Holiday overindulgence**. We don't always make the healthiest choices during the holidays. Many people allow themselves to indulge in sweet treats they normally wouldn't, rich dinners, and a few more of those favorite beverages. This leads to weight gain, sluggishness, and even feelings of guilt.
- **Resolution expectations**. We set the expectation of perfection with New Year's resolutions, many of which we have tried before. We have the best of intentions but know deep down inside we will probably take off running, lose steam, and eventually give up like usual.

You don't have to fall victim to the holiday blues. Here are some simple ways to hold on to your holiday spirit all year round:

- **Remember the good times**. Take time to enjoy the memories. What were your favorite things this year? Did you enjoy time with friends and family? If so, let them know. Send a card or thank-you note, and make time to get together – you don't need to wait for the next set of holidays.



- **Give yourself some grace**. If things didn't go the way you wanted, that's okay. Be thankful for what worked and think about what you can do differently the next time for what didn't. Don't beat yourself up.
- **Start to make healthier choices a little bit at a time**. Add in some healthy foods you enjoy so you don't miss the holiday fare. Don't starve yourself trying to lose weight quickly – slow and steady will help you reach your goals.
- **Make realistic resolutions**. Take baby steps. If you want a clean house, clear out the clutter a bag at a time, not all at once. If you want to get in shape, set fitness goals you can maintain – start small and ease your way into the big stuff. Your body will thank you and you won't be ready to give up after the first few weeks. Whatever your resolutions are, make them realistic and sustainable.

Baby steps, grace, and gratitude are your three biggest weapons against the holiday blues. Make them a priority and holiday blues will be a thing of the past! Here's to a happy, healthy, and successful 2019!

Treat Yourself TO HEALTH

Regular massage can improve your life

Regular body work on your car is sometimes needed to keep it looking nice on the outside.

Regular "body work" as it pertains to your actual body has benefits that you often don't see, but definitely feel.

For example, massage therapy helps:

- alleviate low-back pain and improve range of motion
- assist with shorter, easier labor for expectant mothers
- ease medication dependence
- enhance immunity by stimulating lymph flow – the body's natural defense system
- prepare athletes for, and recover from, strenuous workouts
- improve the condition of the body's largest organ – the skin
- increase joint flexibility
- lessen depression and anxiety
- promote tissue regeneration, reducing scar tissue and stretch marks
- pump oxygen and nutrients into tissues and vital organs, improving circulation

- reduce post-surgery adhesions and swelling
- reduce spasms and cramping
- relax and soften injured, tired and over-used muscles
- release endorphins – a natural painkiller
- relieve migraine pain

There's no denying the power of good body work. Whether you think of it like that, or in more pleasing terms (like pampering, rejuvenating, treating yourself), a regular massage from a licensed professional can be a powerful ally in your health care regimen.

Many health professionals estimate that 90 percent of disease is stress-related. It causes gray hair, knotted muscles and wrinkles to appear overnight, it seems. While eliminating stress altogether seems unlikely in this fast-paced world, massage can help you soothe your worries – even if it's only for a short while.

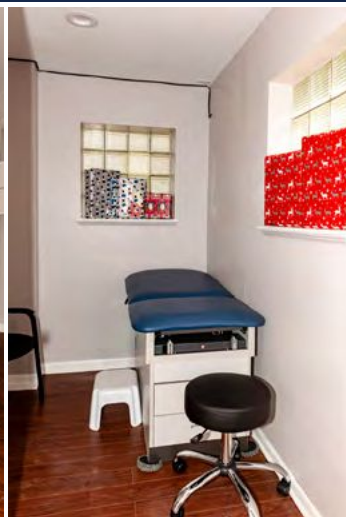
All in all, you should have a balanced health care regimen – a healthy diet, a good exercise routine, regular visits to your doctor for check-ups, and of course, treating yourself to a regular massage.

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HEALTHY TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Create Manageable Goals

Are your goals geared toward a healthy lifestyle change or do they revolve around a magic number on a scale? Create goals that are realistic and don't pressure yourself to meet them too quickly.

Even Small Changes Count

Sometimes people look at fitness goals as "all or nothing." Making time for physical activity a couple days a week and practicing portion control during evening meals are small changes that can make a big difference when working toward a healthier lifestyle.

Have A Plan

The best fitness resolutions include a plan of action. People set themselves up for failure when they commit to a resolution without a plan in place to achieve it.

Don't Go It Alone

Guidance from a personal trainer, as well as lifestyle coaching or a training program will help you on your journey. Building your healthy living foundation with trained professionals is a great way to reach fitness goals. Trainers and coaches also provide accountability and a shared vision for a healthy future.

Make it Fun

Many people quit their fitness program because it is overwhelming or they don't enjoy it. One way to have fun while working out is to join a group exercise class. Group classes provide a great work out, lively music and camaraderie.

TO SHAKE or not to shake

Are protein shakes for you?

Protein shakes are used mainly by athletes who need nourishment following their workouts. The actual protein content varies, but most contain carbohydrates and some fat. They come in a variety of flavors, and can be in powder form or ready-to-drink packages, such as cans or foil packs.

It is imperative to always read the label before purchasing. Because the protein content in shakes does vary from brand to brand, the way your body burns calories will determine what product is right for you.

High protein diets are popular because they combine speedy weight loss with the satisfaction of feeling full. If you're an endurance athlete like a marathoner, you may favor drinks with more carbs. If your goal is to lose body fat, drink shakes that are mainly protein, have fewer carbohydrates, and only a little bit of fat. Make sure the product is more than 50 percent protein if your goal is body fat loss.

Protein shakes use different types of protein, also. They may include milk, whey, casein, egg, soy or rice. The source of the protein and how it's purified during manufacturing may affect how well your body can use it.

Although it's best to get protein through your diet, supplementing it with a combination of whey and casein is a good choice, as long as you tolerate dairy well, because both come from milk.

Soy protein is another option. It's a plant-based protein, which is as effective as most animal sources of protein. Soy is also rich in nutrients.

No matter what you choose, utilizing protein shakes as part of a weight loss program is proven to work. In conjunction with your shakes, healthy choices, exercise and rest will help you reach your weight loss goals.



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Ingredients

- 6 large bell peppers, any color
- 2 cups wild rice, cooked
- 1 lb. 93% Lean ground turkey
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 16 oz. jar crushed tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 tablespoon olive oil



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare your rice and set aside. You will need two cups of cooked rice.
2. Cut off the tops of the peppers remove the seeds, trim the bottoms to help them sit flat in the skillet and rinse thoroughly. In a large pan boil the peppers for 5 minutes, remove from water and turn upside down onto a paper towel to dry.
3. In a large skillet add the olive oil, garlic and onion, saute until tender. Add the turkey and brown until thoroughly cooked.
4. Add the crushed tomatoes, rice, Italian seasoning, salt, pepper and 1/2 cup of the shredded cheese and stir until blended.
5. Fill the peppers evenly with the mixture, place in a lightly greased 10 inch cast iron skillet, or baking dish of your choice. Bake uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove and add the remaining cheese to the top of peppers and bake for an additional 5 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

GRILLED SHRIMP

Ingredients

- 2 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 c. lime juice
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 2 tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. chili garlic sauce or sriracha
- 1/4 c. freshly chopped cilantro, for garnish
- Lime slices, for serving



Directions

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together olive oil, lime juice, garlic, honey, soy sauce, and chili sauce. Reserve 1/4 cup marinade for brushing onto shrimp while grilling.
2. In a large bowl, toss shrimp with remaining marinade. Preheat grill or grill pan and thread shrimp onto skewers. Grill shrimp until pink and opaque, about 3 minutes per side, brushing with reserved 1/4 cup marinade before and after each flip.
3. Serve hot with lime wedges.

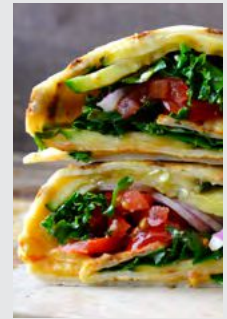
GRILLED ZUCCHINI HUMMUS WRAP

Ingredients

- 1 zucchini, ends removed and sliced
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tomato, sliced or handful of cherry tomatoes
- 1/8 cup sliced red onion
- 1 cup kale, tough stems removed
- 2 slices white cheddar or chipotle gouda cheese
- 2 large Udi's gluten free tortillas
- 4 tablespoons hummus

Directions

1. Heat a skillet or grill to medium heat.
2. Remove the ends from the zucchini and slice length wise into strips. Toss sliced zucchini in olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Place sliced zucchini directly on grill and let cook for 3 minutes, turn and cook for 2 more minutes.
4. Set zucchini aside.
5. Place the tortillas on grill for approximately one minute, or just until grill marks are visible and tortillas are pliable.
6. Remove tortillas from grill and assemble wraps, 2 tablespoons of hummus, one slice of cheese, zucchini slices, 1/2 cup kale, onion and tomato slices.
7. Wrap tightly and enjoy immediately.



PASTA WITH ZUCCHINI AND TOMATOES

Ingredients

- 7 oz short whole wheat pasta like penne, fusilli or farfalle
- 2 lbs zucchini, chopped in bite size pieces
- 1 lb grape or cherry tomatoes, cut in halves
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 cup parsley or 1/2 cup basil, finely chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- Ground black pepper, to taste

Directions

1. Cook pasta as per package instructions undercooking by 2-3 minutes or until pasta is al dente, cooked but firm.
2. While pasta is cooking, preheat large ceramic non-stick skillet on medium-high heat and swirl 1 tbsp of oil to coat. Add zucchini and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.
3. Return skillet to the stove and swirl 1 tbsp of oil to coat, add tomatoes and cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute, stirring a few times.
4. Turn off heat and add cooked pasta and zucchini, remaining 1 tbsp of oil, salt, pepper, cheese and parsley or basil; stir and serve. Adjust any seasonings to taste.





HEALTHY *Dessert* RECIPES

Perfect for Valentine's Day

SWEET POTATO BROWNIES

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup sweet potato puree
- 1 cup peanut or almond butter OR allergy-friendly sub
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup + 2 tbsp flour (Oat, white, or spelt flour all work, and readers have reported success with almond flour)
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips + more for the top, optional
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar of choice
- 1/4 cup + 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 F.
2. Line an 8-inch pan with parchment paper or grease well. Gently heat your nut butter until easily stir-able. Then whisk it together with the sweet potato and vanilla extract in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, stir together all remaining ingredients – make sure that baking soda is evenly incorporated! Pour dry into wet (not the other way around), and smooth into the prepared pan, scooping out all traces of batter and using a second sheet of parchment to really smooth it down evenly. Bake on the center oven rack 20 minutes. It will look a little underdone, but it firms up as it cools. (If, for some reason, yours is still too gooey after cooling, loosely cover and let it sit in the fridge a few hours.)

"CHOCOMOLE" PUDDING

Ingredients

- 16 Medjool dates, pitted and coarsely chopped
- 3 ripe avocados
- 1 cup unsweetened almond milk or coconut milk beverage
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup or agave nectar
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of sea salt, plus more for garnish



Directions

1. Soak dates in 1 cup hot water until soft, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain.
2. Process the dates, avocados, milk beverage, cocoa, maple syrup (or agave), oil, vanilla and a pinch of salt in a food processor until very smooth and creamy. Refrigerate until cold, about 3 hours. Serve garnished with a little extra sea salt, if desired.

HEALTHY CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM

Ingredients

- 3 frozen, overripe bananas
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 2-3 tbsp peanut or almond butter, optional
- Pinch salt
- Broken-up dark chocolate bars or chips, optional
- I added a few broken-up Larabar Bites



Directions

1. Make sure bananas are at least partially brown before peeling, chopping, and then freezing.
2. Combine all ingredients in a high-speed blender or food processor—you can add the optional chocolate and the brownie bites before or after blending. Process until completely smooth, adding a little milk of choice if it's too thick for your blender to process. Either serve immediately as soft serve, or freeze for about an hour and then scoop out with an ice cream scoop. You can freeze for up to a few weeks and thaw before eating.

STRAWBERRY-CHOCOLATE GREEK YOGURT BARK

Ingredients

- 3 cups whole-milk plain Greek yogurt^{1/4} cup pure maple syrup or honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries^{1/4} cup mini chocolate chips



Directions

1. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Stir yogurt, maple syrup (or honey) and vanilla in a medium bowl. Spread on the prepared baking sheet into a 10-by-15-inch rectangle. Scatter the strawberries on top and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Freeze until very firm, at least 3 hours. To serve, cut or break into 32 pieces.
3. To make ahead: Freeze airtight between sheets of parchment for up to 1 month; let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving.



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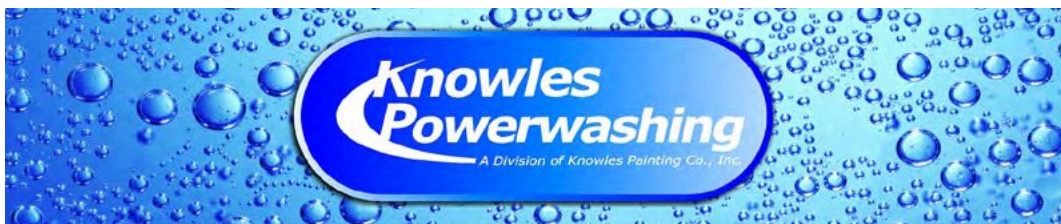
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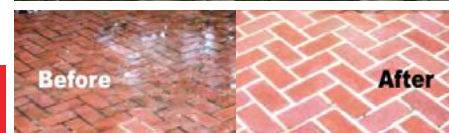
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A STRONG Start

Preschool, Young 5s and Kindergarten help prepare young students

By Angela Calabrese

How a child's school career starts could have a huge impact on his or her ultimate success. In Wyandotte, school officials are making sure those starts are as strong as possible.

That's where the preschool, Young 5s and kindergarten programs come in.

"This age group is so important, and early intervention and support can pay major dividends later on," said Wyandotte Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Catherine Cost.

Wyandotte Schools started its Young 5s program three years ago, in response to staff members and parents who were observing that some students were having trouble adjusting from preschool to kindergarten and from kindergarten to first grade.

For example, some children who have a September birthday, although they were academically ready, were not emotionally ready to advance.

Cost knows that the key to producing successful students later on is to provide a sense of comfort and security in an environment that's tailored to what each student needs when starting out their educational journey.

"Sometimes kids have a hard time with the rigors and routines of kindergarten," Cost said. "We think of these programs as the gift of time – giving the students more opportunities to catch up to where they should be before they advance to the next grade."

With the Young 5s program specifically, that extra year to

learn their alphabet, how to write and master their school routines is huge.

Socially, it's a big deal as well.

"What we've seen with the students that have gone through Young 5s is they are more well-rounded and could meet the demands of whatever program they were going into next," Cost said.

Right now, the district has 246 preschoolers enrolled, along with 327 kindergartners, and 60 students in Young 5s. Each of the four elementary schools offers preschool and kindergarten programs, and all but one – Jefferson – has a Young 5s program.

Since starting the Young 5s program three years ago, Cost said they've made some tweaks to the way the preschool, Young 5s and kindergarten curricula work together.

"One thing we did was we aligned our preschool curriculum with Young 5s and kindergarten," Cost said. "It just flows and it's seamless."

What this means is that these programs work for all students, no matter their level of learning or social maturity.

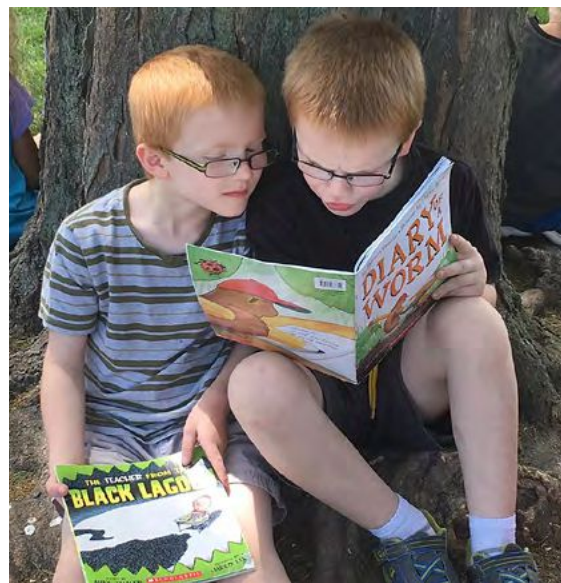
"Sometimes it happens that a child who had been struggling previously will just take off academically," Cost said. "In these situations, the teacher, parent, social worker and psychologist all get together to decide if the best thing to do would be to advance the student on to the next grade."

It can also happen in reverse sometimes for those students who move ahead and then realize it's too much and they're not ready.

"We take all these decisions seriously, as any move we make concerning moving a child ahead or behind absolutely impacts middle and high school later on," Cost said.

Having so many advocates for its students is one way Wyandotte Public Schools aims to help them succeed in the future.

For more information on Wyandotte Public Schools' Kindergarten and Young 5s program, visit their site at <http://www.wyandotte.org/our-district/kindergarten-roundup/>.





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While acknowledging David Letterman as the master of the Top Ten List, the following is my own Top Ten List of insurance planning mistakes and how to fix them:

NAMING YOUR ESTATE AS BENEFICIARY

If you name your estate as the beneficiary, the probate court is involved, guaranteeing a time-consuming, public and expensive process. Consider establishing a Revocable Trust and naming the Trust as the primary beneficiary for probate avoidance, privacy, simplicity and potential tax savings.

NAMING AN EX-SPOUSE AS BENEFICIARY

While an obvious mistake, old insurance policies often designate an ex-spouse or other person that no longer has a relationship with the policy owner. In order to rectify this, a review of your current beneficiary arrangement is important. Consider establishing a Trust and maintaining your Trust beneficiaries in a manner that reflects your current wishes.

NAMING A MINOR CHILD AS BENEFICIARY

If you name a minor child (under age 18) as a beneficiary, the insurance company will require a conservator appointed to process the claim and receive the death benefit. A conservatorship is a probate court process that is public, costly and time consuming. There will be annual work (and expense) until your beneficiary attains age 18. Upon attaining age 18, your now adult beneficiary receives the money and is free to spend it as he sees fit. Consider a Trust to receive the death benefit and design appropriate payout provisions. Your Successor Trustee would supervise distributions of the insurance proceeds to your beneficiary for education and health needs and distribute the balance to your beneficiary at age 30 (for example).

NAMING A "DISABLED" AS BENEFICIARY

This error could jeopardize government benefits available for your beneficiary. Instead, provide the insurance proceeds to your Trust with appropriate provisions to maintain government benefits for your beneficiary.

OWNING A POLICY ON AN ADULT CHILD

If you own a policy, and someone else is the insured, and you die first, the insurance policy must go through probate to have a new owner on the policy. Consider either transferring the ownership to the adult child, or in the alternative, transfer the ownership of the policy to your Trust.

OWNING A LARGE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY IN YOUR OWN NAME

The death benefit on an insurance policy owned by you will be counted in your gross estate for Federal Estate Tax purposes. If you do not own the policy, then the death benefit is not included in your taxable estate. If necessary, establish an Insurance Trust to own the policy and distribute the proceeds to your heirs at death completely tax free.

CASHING IN A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY WHEN YOU ARE UNINSURABLE

The rule is that you do not cash in a life insurance policy if you cannot get insurance. This simply benefits the insurance company and hurts your family.

CASHING IN A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES

If you cash in a life insurance policy, any gain on the cash value of the policy will be taxed as income to you upon receipt. Consider transferring the cash value into a more cost-effective insurance policy or an annuity.

SURRENDERING A LARGE POLICY WITHOUT CHECKING THE LIFE SETTLEMENT MARKET

Traditionally, a policy owner could only surrender the policy if he no longer wanted to maintain it. Now, if the policy is large enough, a private market exists where a third party might purchase the life insurance policy for a far greater amount than the surrender value. This creates substantial opportunity if you no longer wish to maintain your current insurance program.

FAILING TO REVIEW YOUR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY ON A REGULAR BASIS

Life insurance plays a critical part in your financial and estate planning. Your current life insurance program should reflect your current needs and goals. Review your life insurance regularly with your financial planner and estate planning attorney to accomplish your goals in the most cost-effective and tax efficient manner.



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