

# Crossroads



Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom, October-December 2003

## From the Mayor's Desk...

**W**hat a summer!!! While it wasn't one of the hotter summers we've had it was spectacular by any measure you choose. I hope you and your family were able to participate in the many activities that were offered. Spiderman in the park was again a real treat. Everyone enjoyed the movie and the activities which took place prior to the viewing. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in the park was loaded with activities thanks to all the Wixom businesses who enable our DARE program to fund the activities of our Police Department. The Fire Cracker runs before the 4<sup>th</sup> once again demonstrate how cosmopolitan we have become with participants from many neighboring communities and Western Europe. Thanks to all who braved the morning heat and our young people for volunteering to work the event. Once again the Cake Walk drew the sweet tooth crowd and I want to thank all who helped out with the kid's games. The DPW, The Fire Department, Seniors, Police Department, Youth Commission and Community Services – they know how to throw a party!

Don't forget to check all the activities being offered for the Fall. Oktoberfest, Swing Dancing, Panther Hunt, Pumpkin Patch, Fabulous Fridays, Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Boutique are sure to

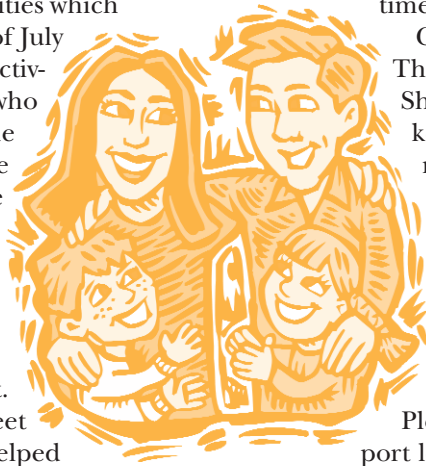
be the hip activities for everyone who attends. If you are a senior, or know a senior who's looking for fun times and outings, be sure to check into our Senior activities in the Community Center. Also, please feel free to introduce yourself. I will be looking for you at these great times in our City.

Get ready to shop and eat in Wixom. The New UPTOWN Market in the Saroki's Shopping Plaza has a complete supermarket and even better prices. The management is dedicated to becoming the place to satisfy all your grocery needs. A new restaurant is taking shape next to City Hall. I've been told that it will be the best Italian food this side of Rome and the proprietors are well known to those of us in Wixom – Dino and Sondro Grossi of Alex's Pizza. Please don't miss the opportunity to support local talent.

Come sing Christmas Carols, light up the holiday lights and welcome Santa on December 3rd. I hope to see you all there to start the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Make allowances for other people's faults as readily as you do for your own.

—Mayor Michael McDonald



## City Clerk's Office

**T**he U.S. Department of State has designated the City of Wixom as a Passport Acceptance Agency. The City Clerk's Office now accepts passport applications Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and transmits those applications to the Department of State for processing. Although we do not offer photo service at City Hall, there are businesses in the local area that do, such as CVS drugstores and Kinko's. When you come in to obtain a passport, please make sure to bring along (with your completed application) a certified copy of your birth certifi-

cate or proof of citizenship, two 2" x 2" photos, and two checks or money orders (one to be issued to the Department of State and the other to the City of Wixom).

During the area-wide power outage that occurred in August, efforts were made to fan out information on emergency operations and the status of our water and wastewater systems. We attempted to do this by contacting Subdivision Homeowner Association board members by phone. To our dismay, we learned that many of the lists we have on file are not current despite our efforts to obtain this information from our subdivisions. Letters will continue to

go out on an annual basis in an attempt to keep our information up-to-date, but it would be greatly appreciated if the Subdivision Homeowner Associations would share names and contact numbers of your board members with this office whenever they change.

The City General Election will be held on November 4, 2003. On that ballot will be candidates for Mayor and City Council. Despite the fact that the ballot is small, you are encouraged to get out and vote. We look forward to seeing all those familiar faces that never miss an election as well as some new ones on November 4th.

## Fire Department News

### National Fire Prevention Week - October 5 – 11

The Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday, October 11th. A pancake breakfast will be served free of charge from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Activities include displays and demonstrations throughout the morning. This event will be held at Fire Station #1, 1345 North Wixom Road, and is open to the public.

### Fire Prevention Week Fact

In 1998, children playing with fire started 67,490 fires that were reported to US fire departments, causing an estimated 232 civilian deaths, 1,805 civilian injuries and \$234.7 million in property damage.

### WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Wixom Firefighters Association presents their 23rd annual *Breakfast with Santa* on **Saturday, December 13, 2003**, from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wixom Community Center. Activities include breakfast, prizes and a visit with Santa for all **children 10 and under**. Space is limited to 500 children. Registration deadline is November 26th. This event is **FREE** and open to **WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY**.



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### WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST WITH SANTA REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults and children over age 10: \_\_\_\_\_

Write the number of children in the appropriate box:

|       | AGE    |     |     |     |      |
|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|
|       | Infant | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |
| Boys  |        |     |     |     |      |
| Girls |        |     |     |     |      |

Registration deadline: **November 26, 2003**

Mail to: **Wixom Fire Department  
49045 Pontiac Trail  
Wixom MI 48393**

**WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY, PLEASE**

## From The Police Department

• The Police Department opened its reception area to 24 hours/7 days a week walk-in requests for police service on August 18, 2003. You can request police service at our station by speaking to a Police Service Aide at our desk 24 hours every day instead of using an outside phone as was previously the case. Also, if you have not visited the police department lately, then you may be unaware that the reception area and our police records department were remodeled earlier this year. If you are at the City Hall, Community Center or Library for any reason, please feel free to stop by and look at our improvements.

### Make Halloween a safe and joyous night for the children by following our Halloween Safety Tips:

- Halloween costumes should be brightly colored for better visibility.
- Avoid masks or face coverings that could impair the wearer's vision.
- Trick-or-Treat in large groups.
- Have an adult accompany children while they are Trick-or-Treating.
- Avoid Trick-or-Treating at homes without porch lights that are illuminated.
- Carry a flashlight or illuminated object while Trick-or-Treating.
- Have children wear Halloween costumes that are reflective.
- Check your child's candy before he/she eats it and discard any items that are open or that look suspicious.
- Report all discoveries of tampered candy to our police offices immediately.
- Avoid allowing children out on Devil's Night.

• Please remember and remind you neighbors of our special winter parking regulation. This ordinance prohibits parking on any street, highway, public parking lot, or alley after a snowfall and/or drifting of snow of two (2) inches or more. It is effective prior to snow removal or plowing by the city. Vehicles found to be in violation of this regulation can be ticketed and the vehicles could be removed at the expense of their owners. The old November 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> parking prohibition has been rescinded and it is hoped that this new parking regulation will make parking easier for many multi-car families in our community.

• Just a reminder that both state law and local ordinance prohibit the use of ATVs or snowmobiles on public property or roadways. Persons are permitted to operate these vehicles on private property only with written permission of the owner in their possession while they are operating these vehicles.

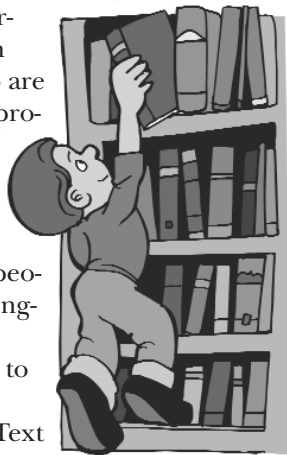
# Library News

## From the Library Director

An assist for literacy...of course, we have lots for people to read and listen to. Our children's story time programs are an excellent way for children to build their skills, in addition to listening to others read to them at home.

In our effort to help our residents who are here from other countries, we have a collection of ESL (English as a Second Language) materials to borrow. Many of these items were purchased with a donation from WalMart. We also are promoting the ELLIS program which was purchased with federal grant money. This is interactive computer software which allows people who are learning English to read, listen and record their own voice to compare.

We also have ZoomText software on one of our Internet machines to assist people who are visually impaired use the Internet. This was also purchased



with grant money.

You may have read in the newspaper awhile back about the Library discontinuing service to Commerce Township and Wolverine Lake residents. Commerce and Wolverine Lake pay Walled Lake, Milford and West Bloomfield libraries for library service. After efforts to reach a financial arrangement failed, the Library Board made the difficult decision to discontinue serving Commerce Town-

ship and Wolverine Lake residents without some form of financial reimbursement. We will be offering a non-resident card for \$125.00. The Library Board based their decision on the fact that your tax dollars support this library. Offering free library service to residents who are paying other libraries for service is not fair to you, since their use of the library was more than 10% of the total use of this library.

## Trash Talking...

During the past 40 years, the amount of waste that we create has more than doubled, growing from 88 to 232 million tons per year in the United States. The most effective way to reduce this growth is by preventing waste from being generated in the first place.

Here are some helpful tips to reduce the amount of trash you produce at home:

1) *Eliminate Junk Mail.* Take action to reduce the amount of unwanted mail you receive. Register with the *Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service* (P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY, 10512-0643) to have your name removed from most advertising mailing lists.

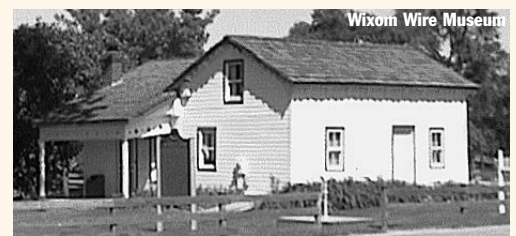
- 2) *Look for Minimal or No Packaging Items.* Avoid single-serving products in favor of larger servings or buying in bulk. Bring your own canvas or reusable bags to the store. Purchase concentrates to reduce the amount of packaging.
- 3) *Find New Life for Old Items.* Instead of discarding unwanted furniture, have it reupholstered and turn old pieces into new again. Try selling or donating furniture, appliances, clothes, etc. instead of pitching them to the curb.
- 4) *Choose Reusable Alternatives.* Be creative. Find innovative uses for coffee and soup cans, glass jars, newspapers, Ziploc bags, and anything else you regularly discard.

## Friends of the Library

The annual fall book sale will be on Thursday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday will be "5 bucks a bag" all day. Stop in to see what's available.

Proceeds from the book sales support projects at the library. The most recent was purchasing a digital camera so we can start putting pictures on our website.

The quarterly meeting of the Friends will be on the fourth Wednesday - Oct 22 at 7 p.m. Normally the quarterly meetings are on the third Wednesday.



## Historical Society News

The Society had a very busy summer with a successful Flea Market held at the Munshaw Barn on Pontiac Trail June 20 & 21. A BIG Thank you for the valuable help from the various departments in City Hall and the Community Center.

We plan some interesting and informative programs for the new season and invite everyone to attend the meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at City Hall.

In September, Eugene Beach from Highland Historical Society and a builder of stonewalls discussed Old Stonewalls.

Oct 20 – Historic Cemeteries with John Moffat (Are our cemeteries haunted?)

Nov 17 – David Bridgens, who conducts enactments and digs will reveal what our houses conceal in "Finding History in the Out House".

Dec 15 – Noel Night at the Wixom Wire Museum – Carols & Christmas Treats

For tours of the Wixom Wire Museum contact Gloria Schutzler (Curator) through City Hall 248-624-4557.

Watch for more to come in 2004!

# Fall Leaf Pick Up!

It's leaf collection time. As part of your trash service, Waste Management will collect yard waste until November 26, 2003. This is the preferred recycling method. If you recycle your leaves, please place in a paper bag or trash container clearly marked yard waste and set out on your assigned garbage collection date.

The City has been divided into 8 sections with each section being assigned a specific collection period when City crews will be in that area. In the event of snowfall during our leaf pick up season, and the plows must clear the streets, you will be responsible for re-raking leaves to the curb after the snowfall. Please understand that if a snowfall occurs your scheduled leaf pick up date will be delayed. We try to work closely with Mother Nature, but she is not always on our side.

Please check the list for your neighborhood's collection day and please use the following guidelines. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 624-0141. It would be a great idea to clip and save this article so you will know your leaf pick-up date.

1. Rake your leaves into the gutter or shoulder of the road on **THE DAY BEFORE** your assigned collection date. (See list below) No brush, limbs or grass clippings please.
2. If you rake your leaves ahead of time, you may store these leaves on the terrace or near the street then simply rake the piles into the street the day before your assigned collection date.
3. You will be responsible for leaves that are raked into the street too soon before or after your collection period.
4. If it snows, leaf collection will continue after the snow has been cleared, although we may be a day or two behind schedule.
5. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET ON YOUR ASSIGNED COLLECTION DAY.**

## Section 1

October 13th  
Wexford Mews, Hidden Creek  
Norton Creek, Millstream Estates,  
Hillsborough, Maple Run, Charms Rd.

## Section 3

October 21st  
Sibley Ct, Wildwood, Quail Hollow,  
Indian Wells, W. Maple  
between Wixom and Beck Roads

## Section 5

October 30th  
Hickory Hills, Finn Camp

## Section 7

November 13th  
Highgate on the lake,  
Highgate on the Green



## Section 2

October 16th  
Palmer Lake Estates, Cliffs of  
Loon Lake, Loon Lake Road

## Section 4

October 27th  
Theodore, Chambers  
Renton, Wainstock,  
Johanna Ware, Helfer

## Section 6

November 6th  
Loon Lake Woods,  
Courts of Highgate

## Section 8

November 20th  
Trails of Loon Lake,  
Birch Park, Potter Road



Holly Bhasin and her daughter accept a \$50 cash prize and certificate from Take Another Look representative.

## Wixom Residents Win \$50 for Recycling Properly

This spring, good recyclers in Wixom were given \$50 in the "Take Another Look" program. They were chosen randomly and rewarded for having two bags or less of garbage and a properly prepared recycling bin at their curb on their garbage day. This spring's Wixom winners were:

- Dave and Nancy Marshall
- The Pelto Family
- Richard Stewart
- Donna Warman
- Holly Bhasin

"Take Another Look" is an incentive program to encourage increased recycling and waste reduction, with a focus on proper preparation of recyclable material. The program was implemented in six of eight member communities of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC).

RRRASOC staff members randomly select winners for the program each month. Touring curbsides prior to the arrival of garbage and recycling trucks, staff look for properly prepared recycling bins. Residents of the first home found meeting the criteria win \$50.

"The Take Another Look program is a way for the Recycling Authority to reward those folks who are doing a good job of recycling, and educate those folks who are putting incorrect items in their recycling bin," says Kathy Cencer, Recycling Coordinator for RRRASOC. "It's a great way to encourage proper recycling – you never know when we'll be by your house on garbage day with a 50 dollar bill!"

For more information, call RRRASOC's Recycling Coordinator, Kathy Cencer, at (248) 208-2270.

## Snow and Ice Control Operations

Soon the snow will be falling!! Now is a good time to review the City of Wixom's snow Policy.

The Department of Public Works takes pride in making the roads drivable for all residents during the winter season. We take this task seriously, so we have developed a system for snow and ice control. Our first priority is clearing major streets and school routes. These streets are considered to be the primary network, which must be kept open to provide an interlocking road system, connecting police and fire stations, rescue squad units, and county roads located within our city limits. The second priority is selected "Hot Spots" such as hills and curves. The third priority is the remaining roads and streets, which include residential streets that carry a lower volume of traffic.

Snow can be beautiful and lots of fun too, but it can also create hazards. As a citizen of Wixom you have the responsibility of clearing your sidewalks. Your walks should be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a storm. Keeping your sidewalks cleared will make it safer for everyone! Please remember that it is illegal in Michigan to plow snow into a public roadway. This applies to homeowners as well as independent contractors.

Other safety tips that will assist our DPW in clearing snow are to make sure you do not park on local roads whenever possible. Having roads blocked by automobiles does not allow the DPW to plow close to the curb especially in cul de sacs. As a homeowner you are responsible for removing snow around your mailbox to facilitate mail delivery. The DPW will replace mailboxes that we directly damage with our plows. If you have not removed snow from your mailbox area, the DPW cannot be responsible for damage done by plowing.

We appreciate you working with us to create a safe snow plowing season!

The Department of Public Works wishes you a safe and happy winter season. If you have any concerns please call us at (248) 624-0141.

## Beautification Notes

■ The Wixom Beautification Committee would like to congratulate all of the 2003 Summer Award Beautification Winners. Your effort to beautify your property and make Wixom a beautiful place to be is greatly appreciated. If you would like to see the winning homes please feel free to stop by the City offices to see the display in the lobby or check the City web site at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com).

■ Thank you 5th graders at Wixom Elementary for the wonderful job done on our Downtown Scarecrow Project! Your creativity directed by new art teacher Ms. Stout brought smiles to many as they traveled downtown Wixom.

■ Beautification members will be out in force on December 16th looking for homes to be winners of the 2003 Holiday Decoration Awards. Have your home lit up for all to see this night!

■ We are always welcoming new members! If you are interested, please contact the Community Services Department at 248-624-2850.

## Calendar of Events — October 2003

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                                   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Check website for full listing of classes & activities at <a href="http://www.CityofWixom.com">www.CityofWixom.com</a>            |  |                                       | 1   | 2   | 3<br>■ Monster Mash, 6:30 pm                      | 4   |
| 5   | 6<br>■ Teen Advisory Comm. Meeting, 3:30 pm<br>■ Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30pm<br>■ Hunter Safety Class, 6pm | 7                                     | 8<br>■ Hunter Safety Contd.                 | 9   | 10  | 11<br>■ Panther Hunt – GW Park, 6 pm<br>■ Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9-2pm Southfield (248-208-2270) |
| 12  | 13<br>■ Karmanos Mobile Unit (800-527-6266)<br>■ ZBA Meeting, 7:30pm   | 14<br>■ City Council Meeting, 7:30pm  | 15  | 16<br>■ Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10-8 pm | 17<br>■ Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10-5 pm | 18<br>■ Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10-5 pm   |
| 19<br><br>■ Pumpkin Patch – Gibson House, 1 pm | 20   | 21                                    | 22<br>■ Friends of the Library Meeting 7 pm | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br>■ Planning Commission Workshop, 7:30pm   | 28<br>■ City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm | 29  | 30  | 31<br>HALLOWEEN                                   |   |

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| 2   | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teen Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm</li> </ul>                                | 4  | 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30pm</li> </ul> | 6   | 7  | 8  |
| 9   | 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ZBA Meeting 7:30pm</li> <li>▪ Congressman McCotter @ Library, 10-12 pm</li> </ul> | 11 <p>City Offices Closed</p>  | 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City Council Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>        | 13  | 14   | 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Holiday Boutique, 10-5 pm</li> <li>▪ Disney on Ice Bus Trip</li> </ul> |
| 16  | 17  | 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Holiday Stamping, 6:30 pm</li> </ul>   | 19  | 20  | 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rhythm Man, 6:30 pm</li> </ul> | 22   |
| 23  | 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Planning Commission Workshop 7:30pm</li> </ul>                                    | 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City Council Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul> | 26  | 27  <p>THANKSGIVING<br/>City Offices Closed</p> | 28 <p>City Offices Closed</p>  | 29   |
| 30  |   |  |   |   |  |  |

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|        | 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teen Advisory Comm. Mtg. 3:30pm</li> <li>▪ Planning Commission Meeting 7:30pm</li> <li>▪ Snowmobile Safety 6pm</li> </ul> | 2   | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Snowmobile Safety Contd.</li> <li>▪ Annual Tree Lighting 6:30 pm</li> </ul> | 4   | 5      | 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rockettes Bus Trip</li> </ul> |
| 7      | 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ZBA Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>   | 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City Council Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>   | 10   | 11  | 12     | 13   |
| 14     | 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One Patch Quilt Class 6 pm</li> </ul>  | 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</li> </ul> | 17   | 18  | 19     | 20   |
| 21     | 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Planning Commission Workshop 7:30pm</li> </ul>   | 23  | 24 <p>City Offices Closed</p>  | 25  <p>CHRISTMAS<br/>City Offices Closed</p> | 26     | 27   |
| 28     | 29   | 30  | 31 <p>City Offices Closed</p>  | <p>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.CityofWixom.com">www.CityofWixom.com</a></p> |        |  |

# Parks & Recreation Events & Activities

You can now register for classes on line at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com)! Also, visit our web site for full listing of classes, camps, trips & events!

## CLASSES

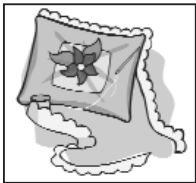
### Home Building – Protecting Your Money

When: M/W Oct 6, 8, 13, 15  
Time: 6-10 pm (16 hrs)  
Fee: \$180/ \$90 Spouse  
Know your rights & responsibilities as you embark on your biggest investment! Whether you work alone or with a contractor, you need to know new home financing, the home building process & builder's terms and contracts. Basics of buying property, building codes and permits, getting bids for materials and labor, insurance requirements and much more. \$30 for building book & manual paid to instructor the night of class.



### New!! Embroidery for Kids

Who: Age 7-11  
When: Mon Oct 27-Nov 17 (4 wk)  
Time: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Fee: \$45 per student  
Embroidery is everywhere- now you can learn to do it yourself! Kids will learn how to use sewing tools, basic hand sewing skills and basic embroidery stitches. Will start with a pillow & move on to other projects. All materials supplied by instructor.  
Inst: Ms. Cheryl 3 min/ 8 max



### Cooking Concoctions

Where: Wixom CC  
Time: 7-9 pm  
Fee: \$17 per class  
Oct 20 Endless Pastabilities  
Nov 17 South of the Border  
Dec 8 Holiday Dishes to go  
Chef Alan Wemyss will help you find your kitchen to be exciting again! Learn new recipes & cooking techniques that will bring your family back to the table. Fee includes samples & recipe. 5 min



### Kids Kraft Korner

Who: Ages 3-10  
Time: 6:30-8 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Fee: \$10 per child/per craft  
When: Oct 22/ Nov 5/ Dec 10  
Kids will make foam crafts to take home to keep or give as gifts! Each month themed for upcoming holiday/season.



### New!!! Beaded Bracelets

Who: Age 13 & up  
Time: 6:30-8 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Fee: \$35 per person/ per class  
When: A Oct 1 B Oct 16 C Nov 12 D Nov 13 E Dec 4 F Dec 11  
Join us for an enjoyable evening and learn to make your own beaded jewelry. All materials included to assemble one bracelet. Choose from 3 diff. styles- all made of sterling silver & Swarovski crystals. Inst: Ms. Anne Marie 4 min/ 16 max

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Creative Memories

Bring your books, pictures & supplies for hours of fun! Call Becky Shaffer for details 248-684-8876. Classes held Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8 at Wixom CC. Call Becky to reserve your seat.

### Karmanos Mobile Unit

Who: Women age 40 and up  
When: Mon Oct 13  
Time: call 800# for appointment  
Where: Wixom CC Parking Lot  
Fee: Most covered by your insurance  
October is Breast Cancer awareness month- get your yearly exam right outside your door! Registrants receive a mammogram, clinical breast exam and instruction from professional staff. Call Barbara Ann Karmanos at 800-527-6266 for appointment.

### Fabulous Friday Features

Who: Everyone  
Time: 6:30-8 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Fee: \$6 per person/ includes dinner  
Oct 3 Monster Mash/ Halloween Hop  
Dance to the latest DJ  
Monster hits! Kids/ Families dress up.  
Spooktacular contests/Games/Pizza  
Nov 21 Rhythm Man/Mastacoli  
Jan 23 Pippin Puppets/ Hot Dogs



### Panther Hunt

Who: Ages 2-10  
When: Sat Oct 11  
Where: Gilbert Willis, off Loon Lake Rd.  
Time: 6 pm  
Fee: \$8  
Fun Festive Event for kids to hunt for the panther along the trails! He leaves many clues! Music, doughnuts & hayrides for all. Register at Park night of event.



### Pumpkin Patch

Who: Ages 2-10  
When: Sun Oct 19  
Time: 1-3 pm  
Fee: \$5, MUST Pre-Register  
Pick out your own pumpkin at the Pumpkin Patch! Doughnuts & Story Book Lane!



### Holiday Boutique

When: Sat Nov 15  
Time: 10-5 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Shop for your holiday crafts and goodies! Sponsored by Wixom Historical Society.

### Holiday Stamping

Who: 13 and up  
When: Tue Nov 18  
Time: 6:30-9 pm  
Fee: \$10 per person  
Give your Christmas a touch of homemade this year! Create your own cards and gifts. Will complete 3 or 4 projects. Ms. Michelle 6 min/ 15 max

### Annual Tree Lighting

Who: Everyone  
When: Wed Dec 3  
Time: 6:30-8 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Fee: No charge  
Come & see our municipal complex light up as we sing carols for the holidays and welcome Santa for the season. Light refreshments will be served.



### Snowmobile Safety

Who: Age 12 & up (by Dec 31)  
When: M/W Dec 1,3  
Time: 6-9 pm  
Where: Wixom CC  
Fee: \$15 per person  
Course is required for ages 12-17. Bring Social Security Number with you to class.

### Santa Hotline

Who: Ages 3-9  
When: Mon Dec 8  
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm  
Please stop by Wixom CC to pick up special registration form available Nov 1. Deadline Dec 4 by 5 pm. Wixom kids only. (Call Parks & Recreation 248-624-2850 if interested in volunteering!)



### New!!! Hand Piecing the One Patch Scrap Quilt

When: Mon Dec 15  
Time: 6-9 pm  
Fee: \$15 per person  
Also known as charm quilts; this quilt uses one basic shape and a variety of fabrics. Since the pieces are not very big and are hand pieced, it is a great project to do while watching TV or to take along when you travel. We will look at several different shapes for the charm quilt, discuss different methods for cutting them out, and learn how to hand piece curved seams. Will make a hot pad in class using this method. All materials provided by instructor. Great class for both beginners and more experienced quilters! Inst: Ms. Cheryl 3 min/ 12 max

## BUS TRIPS

### Red Wings Bus Trip

Who: Everyone  
When: Wed, Oct 22  
Time: Leave CC at 5 pm  
Fee: \$65 per person  
Join us to watch our beloved Red Wings take on the Columbus Blue Jackets at the Joe Louis Arena. Limited seats - register now!

### Disney on Ice

Who: Everyone  
When: Sat Nov 15  
Time: 9:45 am-2:45 pm  
Fee: \$25 per person  
Join us for the 3 Jungle Adventure! Lion King, Tarzan & Jungle Book will keep us swinging in our seats! Register early! Fee includes bus, admission & snack.



### Rockettes Christmas Spectacular

Who: Everyone  
When: Sat Dec 6  
Time: 11:30-4 pm  
Fee: \$53 per person  
Bring your family & friends for this special holiday event featuring the Rockettes at the beautiful Fox Theater. New scenes added for 75th anniversary & Santa will also make an appearance! Must pre-register. Wixom residents first priority until Oct 6.

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- Non-Emergency**
- Fire Admin. ....624-1055
- Police Admin. ....624-6114
- City Manager .....624-0894
- Clerk/Voting.....624-4557
- Community Center/  
Parks & Recreation .....624-2850
- Finance/Taxes .....624-0885
- Library .....624-2512
- Public Services .....624-0880  
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## NOTICE FROM THE ASSESSING OFFICE:

Board of Review will be held on December 9, 2003 from 4:30-5 PM. This is strictly for clerical corrections and hardships. Please call 248-624-3280 with any questions or to make an appointment.

## ATTENTION PARENTS:

It is imperative that you DO NOT allow your children to play in the snow banks/ drifts adjacent to the road. This creates a very hazardous situation, as the snowplow drivers cannot see them in these snow banks/ drifts.

## PROJECT KEEP WARM

Drop off new hats, gloves and mittens at the Parks & Rec desk for those who are less fortunate by Friday, Dec. 12. Items will be distributed to local & Oakland County Charities.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The Oakland County Parks will accept Christmas trees at 10 locations from December 26, 2003- January 10, 2004. Trees will be accepted 9 am- 4 pm, seven days. There is no charge to participate. The nearest sites to Wixom are Lyon Oaks in Lyon Township, Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills and Waterford oaks in Waterford.

Recyclers are asked to remove all decoration, metal, string, plastic, etc. from trees. Commercial lot trees will not be accepted.

For more information call 248-858-4627. Visit the Oakland County Parks web site at www.oakland.mi.us for park maps and more information.

**2004 Card Recycling Program:** Once again the City of Wixom is asking their citizens to participate in the Keith Bovenchen School Card Recycling Program. The generosity of our citizens has been truly amazing in the past.

Working together with The Resource, Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) these cards will be delivered directly to the school in Warren where the children rework the cards and sell them to earn money for special programs, trips, etc. All types of cards are welcome.

Boxes to accept your donations will be available at the Wixom Community Center, Library and City Hall until February 1, 2003.