



# Crossroads

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom, Oct.-Dec. 2004

## From the Mayor's Desk...

A Word to the Wise:

I know none of us likes to be blamed for doing something that we didn't do. With school back in and all the ongoing road construction, many of us, including young and old drivers, are finding new ways to get to school and work. Many of us are not driving through the City in a courteous and cautious manner.

The City has received calls from homeowners throughout the City expressing concerns about the speed and lack of respect for traffic signs and pedestrians being shown by some drivers. The Police Department will be stepping up enforcement and patrolling the "new routes" to encourage all of us to obey common sense rules of the road and drive every part of the City like it is our neighborhood. Our City has many young children who are not as wise about the rules of the road as the rest of us and consequently it is up to us to protect them when we are driving in their neighborhoods. I would like all of us to think how we would feel if our son, daughter, brother, sister, mother or father were involved in a traffic accident that

could have been avoided if the driver of the car had been a little more concerned with driving to ensure everyone's safety. Many times, we as pedestrians do not always do what is in our best interest. I encourage everyone to be more observant when we are walking or running to ensure we are not the cause of an informal meeting with the Police Department. If we all make safety our concern, whether we are walking, riding a bike, rollerblading, running, skateboarding, driving or just sauntering down the roads, our City will be more user friendly for all. Don't come crying to me when you have to answer for doing something negligent behind the wheel of your car.

Parents remind your kids that traffic tickets are not cheap and kids remind your parents that traffic tickets are no cheaper for adults. The police will also be reminding children and parents to be more aware of traffic rules for pedestrians.

Will Rogers had a solution for traffic problems – no one could drive a car until it was paid for.

—Mayor McDonald

## Be Watershed Friendly

Fall is approaching, which brings rain and falling leaves. Leaves are natural, but they can clog storm drains and our streams. The City of Wixom provides a leaf pick up program. Whenever possible, residents are being asked to assist the Department of Public Works staff to remove leaves from ditches, catch basins and other storm water conveyance systems. Your assistance will help keep our waterways cleaner and lessen the chance of flooding. Waste Management offers yard waste service through Wednesday, November 17, 2004.

If you would like more information on the watershed of Wixom please call the Department of Public Works at 248 624-0141.

## Project Keep Warm

Drop off new hats, gloves and mittens at the Parks & Rec desk for those who are less fortunate by Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be distributed to local & Oakland County Charities.

## From the City Clerk's Office

**Permanent Absentees:** Before the August Primary, a question was raised as to why Wixom doesn't mail absent voter (AV) ballots to everyone 60 years of age or older. We compared current AV numbers with the number of voters 60 and older and were surprised to discover that a little change like that could triple our current election mailing costs. Ever mindful of taxpayers' dollars, a decision was made to continue to mail AV applications on an "as requested" basis and to those individuals whose names have been marked in the Qualified Voter File as a *permanent absentee*. So, to any and all of



you out there who are 60 years of age or older or are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another and would like to receive an AV application for all future elections, please contact the Clerk's Office (248-624-4557) and request to have your name added to our list of permanent absentee voters.

If you're not an absentee, we'll see you at the many fall events the City holds (you never know where clerks might be haunting!). Have a terrific Turkey Day, everyone, and a warm and wonderful holiday season!

—Linda, Anna and Beth

**Don't miss the Holiday Boutique sponsored by the Wixom Historical Society**

**Saturday, November 20  
from 10 am–5 pm  
at Wixom City Hall,  
49045 Pontiac Trail.  
Many great vendors,  
raffles and more!**

# 2004 Leaf Collection

The City of Wixom's leaf collection is a popular program and utilized by most residents. Soon leaf collection will be starting throughout the City. Please take time and note the week your neighborhood is scheduled for leaf collection. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at 248 624-0141.

Whether you are new to the community or have been a long time resident, it is important to read the following information regarding this program. The leaf program, though popular, is also a tricky program. **Trying to determine when leaves will fall, when snow will fly and when the rain will pour are a few items the DPW has to take into consideration when developing and maintaining the leaf schedule program.** We ask a few things of the residents to help this program run smoothly:

- **Be prepared.** Know your scheduled dates and have your leaves at the curb. Leaves left in yards or in ditches will not be picked up. When placing leaves curbside, make sure no grass clippings, brush, limbs or pine needles are included in the leaves. These other products could damage our truck. If we have experienced snow or heavy rains, feel free to call us and see if your area's leaf collection is delayed.

- **Think of your neighbors.** Leaves put out too early will blow into others yards, and you will be responsible for leaves left in the street prior to your scheduled collection date. Leaves left in the street are a traffic safety hazard. Be considerate and rake leaves according to the schedule, or make sure to bag your leaves weekly. Be neighborly!! If you have a neighbor who is elderly or physically disabled, please help them gather their leaves to the curb.

- **Bag your leaves.** Obviously, this program is designed to assist residents with leaf collection, but remember, you can bag your leaves in paper bags or put them in yard waste containers for Wednesday curbside pickup during the weeks your neighborhood is not scheduled for leaf pick-up. Yard waste removal by Waste Management will continue through November 17, 2004.

- **Patience.** The DPW leaf collection crew is made up of four assigned operators. Please consider this while awaiting your leaves to be collected. Leaf collection takes time and delays due to weather and emergencies that are inevitable.

**Please do not park in the street on your assigned collection days.**



## LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### Section One — October 11th

Wexford Mews, Hidden Creek, Norton Creek, Millstream Estates, Hillsborough, Maple Run and Charms Road.

### Section Two — October 14th

Palmer Lake Estates, Cliffs of Loon Lake, Loon Lake Road

### Section Three — October 19th

Sibley Court, Wildwood, Quail Hollow, Indian Wells, W. Maple between Wixom and Beck Roads

### Section Four — October 25th

Theodore, Chambers, Renton, Wainstock, Johanna Ware, Helfer

### Section Five — October 28th

Hickory Hills, Finn Camp

### Section Six — November 4th

Loon Lake Woods

### Section Seven — November 11th

Highgate on the Lake, Highgate on the Green

### Section Eight — November 18th

Trails of Loon Lake, Birch Park, Potter Road

## Snow Removal for Safe Roads

The Public Works Department is aware of the seriousness of keeping roads drivable for all Wixom residents during the winter season. Because of the seriousness of this task, the City utilizes a snow removal policy designed to prioritize roadway clearing efforts, make efficient use of our limited staff, equipment and financial resources, all with the intent of maintaining safe and passable roadways.

Our first priority is major roadways and school routes. These streets are 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.

The Public Works knows its responsibility and as a resident and homeowner you should know yours, too! Clearing sidewalks is a MUST within 24 hours of a snowfall. Clearing your sidewalks keeps you and

your neighbors safer. When clearing your sidewalks and driveways, keep in mind it is a violation of city ordinance to shovel snow into public roadways; this could potentially cause vehicular accidents and or obstruct safe and free movement of automobiles.

Now that we know our responsibilities, let's use some common sense, too. Please do not park in the street during snowfalls. Cars parked in roadways hinder the ability of the DPW to plow roads. Please realize when the DPW plows, some snow is going to be left at the end of your driveway, or up against your mailbox. It is important that you clear your driveways and mailboxes. There is no need to call the DPW, we will not be able to clear your driveway or shovel out your mailbox. Living in Michigan comes with the reality that during the winter we will all be shoveling! Please be aware



of your neighbors! Help those that cannot help themselves during heavy snowfalls.

### WINTER DANGER

— Remember snow banks along roads can be dangerous places for children to play, especially when snowplows come by. Drivers are instructed to plow as close to the edge of the road as possible, especially in residential areas, so that there is room for disabled vehicles, postal trucks can deliver mail and so forth. Please be sure 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.

Together we can enjoy a safe winter season!!

As always, if you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (248) 624-0141.

# Library News

## From the Library Director

We appreciate all of our volunteers. The Library Board (Scott Larsen, Jenny Schnaible, Pat Beagle, Rita Dillon and Julia Long-Ackland) are your representatives in action.

They work very hard preparing for the monthly (or more) meetings and learning how a library board functions. They are responsible for financial decisions for the library and they approve library policy. Currently they are working to plan for the financial future of the library, so we can offer the services and materials you'd like.

The Friends of the Library are another great group of people who work hard to make this Library a better place for all of us. Serving on the Executive Board are Florence LaCasse, Sue McNutt, Martha Tuorin, Cindi Maddick and Gerry Hallett.

The Executive Board has help on Tuesday mornings when they come in to sort the weekly donations including Bev Rentschler, Gloria Schutzler, Doris Thompson, and Donna Trupiano. They keep their Sale Rack in the lobby full of good books at a GREAT price –



paperbacks for 25 cents and hardcovers for \$1.00.

When it comes time for the book sale in October or in the Spring, we have many more folks who volunteer their time and energy to set it up and work the sale. Plus the generous people who donate the items for sale.

Libraries are legally restricted in ways they can recognize their volunteers. No gifts out of library funds, I'm afraid. So I thought it was important for you to know how much these volunteers do to enrich this Library and make it a better place for you to visit. The Library staff appreciates what they do for us as well.

If you know any of the folks mentioned, why not thank them for their volunteer efforts.



Check out our new website: [wixomlibrary.org](http://wixomlibrary.org)

Watch for the new Library newsletter, *The Source*, either in your mailbox or in the Library.

## Wixom Historical Society

Summer came and went – cool and rather wet, but wasn't the "greenery" wonderful?

The Historical Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at City Hall with interesting programs, refreshments and conversation.

The focus of any fund raising is the maintenance of the Wixom-Wire Museum and the Munshaw House (whose primary use will be storage and office space).

### Fall Schedule

**Oct 18-** Harvest Time! Roger Miller raises antique apples on his farm in the Lansing area. He will have samples and discuss their history.

**Nov 15-** The salt that keeps our streets safe during icy winter weather comes from deep under the City of Detroit. George Davis will discuss the history of the mines and show a video of the operation.

**Nov. 20-** Holiday Boutique from 10 am- 5 pm at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail. (NEW Location) Many great vendors, raffles & more!



## Road Construction Update

### I-96/ BECK ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT UPDATES

On August 31, the Michigan Department of Transportation closed Beck Road from the old bridge over I-96 to approximately 1/2 mile north of Twelve Mile Road. A temporary exit ramp was scheduled to open on September 23 to eastbound-only Twelve Mile Road traffic.

Completion of the new single-point urban interchange is scheduled for November 2005. Please watch for further updates or check the city web site at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com).

## Friends of the Library

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Friends of the Wixom Public Library will hold their fall used book sale:

- Thursday, October 21st – 10 am- 8 pm
- Friday, October 22nd – 10 am- 5 pm
- Saturday, October 23rd – 10 am- 5 pm  
(Saturday – \$5 a bag ALL DAY)



All donations (except text books & magazines) gratefully accepted.

A sign-up sheet for those wishing to participate in the sale will be at the front desk of the library. The set-up date is October 19th at the library.

The next meeting of the Friends will be in the meeting room of the Library, October 27, 2004, at 7 pm. Guests are always welcome.

## Wixom Beautification Committee

Congratulations Summer Award Winners! This years cooler temperatures made for some gorgeous yards. Thank you Beautification Members for all your time spent judging and having to make those tough decisions. Congratulations also to those nominated, your homes are beautiful and a valuable contribution to everyone in our city. If you would like to see our winners, please visit the City of Wixom website at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com).

- The Scarecrows are such a delight hanging out in our downtown. Thank you, Wixom Elementary Fifth Graders on a great job by all of you!
- Join us at the Holiday Boutique November 20 for your chance to win a lovely poinsettia at our free raffle!
- Why don't you become a beautification member? It's easy to join. Just call the Community Center at (248)624-2850 to get on our mailing list.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 3 - 9

The Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday, October 9th. A pancake breakfast will be served free of charge from 8-11 am. Displays and demonstrations will be conducted throughout the morning. This event will be held at Fire Station #1, 1345 North Wixom Road, and is open to the public.

### FIRE PREVENTION FACTS

In 2002, 79% of fires in the United States occurred in the home, resulting in 2,670 fire deaths. In the U.S., someone dies from a house fire roughly every 197 minutes. Since the 1970's, when smoke alarms first became widely available to households in the United States, the home fire death rate has been reduced by 50%. In one-quarter of the reported fires in homes equipped with smoke alarms, the devices did not work, most often because of missing, dead or disconnected batteries. It is suggested to check and replace smoke detector batteries during daylight savings time changes.

**FIRE HYDRANTS** - Snow removal will be an issue before we know it! Please help keep the City safe by keeping snow cleared away from any fire hydrants on your residential and/or business properties.

### WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: *BREAKFAST WITH SANTA*

The Wixom Firefighters Association presents their 24th annual *Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 11, 2004. This event is held at the Wixom Community Center from 8-11 am. Activities include breakfast and a visit with Santa for all children 10 and under. To help the less fortunate this holiday season, Wixom Firefighters will be collecting non-perishable food items at *Breakfast with Santa*. Space limited to 500 children. Registration deadline: November 29th. *FEE: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS*. This event is open to **WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY**.

WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA — REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER AGE 10: \_\_\_\_\_

TO HELP THOSE IN NEED, WE ASK THAT YOU BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.

WRITE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

AGE:                      INFANT                      1-2                      3-4                      5-7                      8-10

BOYS                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline:                      November 29, 2004

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

**WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY, PLEASE**



## 2004 Fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events

Residents of the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom, and Lyon Township can now mark their calendars for the Fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop Off Days scheduled.

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) sponsors these regional HHW events. Residents of RRRASOC communities may attend any of the events. Items such as used computer equipment, oil based paints (NO latex paints accepted), stains, household and automotive batteries, motor oil, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, and other common household chemicals from residents' homes and garages may be taken to the following HHW Drop-Off Days remaining this year:

October 9, 2004: Southfield

Behind RRRASOC Recycling Center,  
20000 W. 8 Mile Road

Enter collection off Mapleridge Rd.

9 am to 2 pm

For more information on the HHW Drop Off Days or items that will be accepted at the events, call RRRASOC at (248) 208-2270.

## NOTICE FROM THE ASSESSING OFFICE:

**Board of Review will be held on Dec. 14, 2004 from 4:30-5:00 PM.**

**This is strictly for clerical corrections and hardships.**

**Please call 248-624-3280 with any questions or to make an appointment.**

## From the Police Department – Peddler & Solicitor Facts

One of the most frequent inquiries received by police personnel are questions concerning peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers. All peddling, canvassing, and soliciting in the City of Wixom is regulated by Chapter 5.10 of its Code of Ordinances. This ordinance defines a *peddler* as a person who sells goods and/or services while traveling by foot or any conveyance, and includes most of the door-to-door sales persons and street vendors (such as ice cream trucks) that residents see each year. The ordinance defines a *solicitor* as a person who attempts to obtain donations for a particular religious, charitable, or philanthropic purpose through door-to-door or street solicitations and the sale of some related good or service. The ordinance defines a *canvasser* as a person who attempts to elicit support for a religion, philosophy, ideology, or political party/candidate through the distribution of handbills, the asking of questions, or solicitation of donations of money. A *canvasser's* method of eliciting support can include door-to-door or street contact with persons.

Canvassing includes all solicitation by students who seek support for an educational, recreational, or religious purpose that benefits the student or their school.

All solicitors and peddlers must complete an application process successfully and be issued a picture identification card before they can solicit or peddle in the City of Wixom. Canvassers are not required to submit to this process. The absence of this requirement is consistent with the nation's principles of freedom of expression and religion and law established by the United States Supreme Court's decisions. Consequently, bona fide religious organizations can *canvass* and collect donations at street locations without complying with the City's peddler's and solicitor's ordinance.

The application process for prospective peddlers and solicitors includes a criminal background check to which the applicant must agree and a fee must be paid. Merchants, representatives, and charities engaging in a business or enterprise at a permanent location in the City & honorably discharged veterans are required to complete the application process, but no fee is charged to these individuals. Each peddler

or solicitor is issued a *City of Wixom, Peddler & Solicitor Identification Card* with her/his picture upon it.

Peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers are prohibited from door-to-door sales or canvassing at residences with signs that state, "No Peddlers, Solicitors, or Canvassers". They cannot peddle, solicit, or canvass before 9:00 AM or after 9:00 PM. These persons must leave a person's residence immediately when requested to do so and must only contact persons during door-to-door sales by means of a front or main entrance. Peddlers and solicitors must wear the *City of Wixom, Peddler & Solicitor Identification Card* prominently on their outerwear and at eye level.

It is important that residents become aware of these regulations and report violations of this city ordinance to police promptly. It is not uncommon for criminals to masquerade as peddlers and solicitors when they look for opportunities to commit crimes. Police are always happy to check on anyone peddling or soliciting goods and/or services door-to-door or at street locations, and residents should never be reluctant to contact our offices with this information.



## Calendar of Events — October 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.CityofWixom.com">www.CityofWixom.com</a></b></p>						<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cedar Point Halloweekend Bus Trip</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Beautification Committee Mtg., 7 pm</li> <li>■ Planning Commission 7:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Basement Remodeling 6-10</li> </ul>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Basement Remodeling Contd.</li> </ul>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Panther Hunt 6 pm</li> <li>■ Haunted Woods 7:30-10 pm</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ZBA Meeting 7:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Monster Mash Dance 6:30-8 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>16</b></p>	
<p><b>17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pumpkin Patch 1-3 pm</li> </ul> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Historical Society Meeting, 7:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hunter Safety 6-10 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hunter Safety Contd. 6-10 pm</li> <li>■ Used Book Sale 10-8 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Used Book Sale 10-5 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Babysitter Training 9-3:30 pm</li> <li>■ Used Book Sale 10-5 pm</li> </ul>	
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Planning Commission Workshop 7:30 pm</li> <li>■ Library Board Meeting 7 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Friends of the Library Meeting, 7 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	
<p><b>31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Halloween Daylight Saving Time Ends</li> </ul>							

# Calendar of Events — November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ▪ Election Day 	3	4 ▪ Planning Commission 7:30 pm	5	6
7 ▪ Lions Bus Trip ▪ Dinner 101	8 ▪ ZBA Meeting 7:30 pm	9 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11 ▪ City offices closed VETERANS DAY	12	13
14	15 ▪ Historical Society Meeting, 7:30 pm	16	17 ▪ Sandy Candy & Cookies	18	19	20 ▪ Parade Company Bus Trip ▪ Holiday Boutique 10-5 pm
21	22 ▪ Planning Commission Workshop, 7:30 pm ▪ Library Board Meeting, 7 pm	23 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	24	25  ▪ Thanksgiving ▪ City offices closed	26 ▪ City offices closed	27
28	29 ▪ Babysitter Training 9-3:30 pm ▪ Kids Cook-Day to Play 9-12 pm	30 ▪ Plaster Painting			<b>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.CityofWixom.com">www.CityofWixom.com</a></b>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.CityofWixom.com">www.CityofWixom.com</a></b>			1 ▪ Tree Lighting	2	3	4 ▪ Rockettes Bus Trip
5	6 ▪ Santa Hotline Calls Made ▪ Planning Commission 7:30 pm	7  ▪ Hanukkah	8	9	10	11 ▪ Breakfast with Santa
12	13 ▪ ZBA Meeting 7:30 pm	14 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 ▪ Red Cross Blood Drive 10-4 pm	21 ▪ First Day of Winter	22	23 ▪ City offices closed	24 ▪ City offices closed	25 
26	27 ▪ Planning Commission Workshop 7:30 pm ▪ Library Board Meeting 7 pm	28 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30 ▪ City offices closed	31 ▪ New Year's Eve ▪ City offices closed	

# Parks & Recreation Upcoming Events

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

## BUS TRIPS

### HALLOWEENKEND AT CEDAR POINT

Who: Everyone  
\*Chaperones available for 13-17  
When: Sat Oct 2  
Time: Bus leaves at 9:30am- Returns at 11 pm  
Fee: \$60 Adults/ \$50 kids 48" and under  
Coaster thrills combine with spiningtingling chills at Halloweekend! Haunted houses and fun houses included with admission. Price includes bus, admission & snack. No refunds.

### PARADE COMPANY BUS TRIP

Who: Everyone  
When: Sat, Nov 20  
Time: Bus Leaves 10:30 am/ Returns 2:30 pm  
Where: Meet at Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$20 Adults/\$15 Children age 16 & under

See artists working on floats for the 2004 Thanksgiving Parade! Dress for the weather & wear comfortable walking shoes-tour 150,000 sq. ft facility. Bring your camera! Fee includes admission, bus & snack. Limit 45 max/ 25 min.

### ROCKETTES

Who: Everyone  
When: Sat, Dec 4  
Time: Bus leaves 11:30 am/Returns 4 pm  
Fee: \$63 per person  
Bring your family & friends for this special holiday event featuring the Rockettes at the beautiful Fox Theater. Fee includes bus, admission & snack. 45 max.

### Donate your empty pop cans to Teen Center

Businesses, homes, family events, etc - Donate your pop cans to the Wixom Teen Center. Funds will be used to support our teen activities. Drop off cans in bin at the Community Center @ 49015 Pontiac Trail. Businesses- we can arrange to pick up your cans. Just call 248-624-2850 for more info.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### 3rd ANNUAL MONSTER MASH

Who: Everyone  
When: Fri., Oct. 15; 6:30-8 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$6 per person  
Come dressed to scare the socks off the crowd- prizes by age group! Pizza dinner included. Must pre-register.



### HUNTER SAFETY

Who: Age 12 (BY Dec 31, 2004)  
When: T/Th Oct. 19, 21; 6-10 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$15 per person  
Official course required to obtain a MI Hunting License. Must bring Social Security Number. Oakland Co. Residents only. Must attend both nights. Register early- limited space.



### BASEMENT REMODELING

Who: Age 18 and up  
When: Oct. 5, 7; 6-10 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$95/ \$47.50 Spouse (8 hours)  
Put valuable space in your home to work for you by remodeling your basement. Bring your layout. Teacher will work with your design. \$10 Book fee payable to instructor night of class.



### PANTHER HUNT

Who: Age 2-10  
When: Sat., Oct. 9  
Time: Registration starts 5:30, Hunt starts at 6 p.m.  
Where: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.  
Fee: \$10 per child  
Fun Festive Event for kids to hunt for the panther along the trails! He leaves many clues! Music, clowns, face painting, temporary tattoos, doughnuts & hayrides for all. Register at park beginning at 5:30 pm.



### HAUNTED WOODS

Who: No scary cats- Rated PG  
When: Sat., Oct. 9; 7:30-10 pm  
Where: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.  
Fee: \$5 per person  
It's spooky, creepy and creaks of fun! Don't come alone! NO Pre-registrations.



### PUMPKIN PATCH

Who: Age 2-10  
When: Sun., Oct. 17; 1-3 pm  
Where: Gibson House, 49805 Pontiac Trail  
Fee: \$5 per child, MUST Pre-register  
Pick out your own pumpkin at the Pumpkin Patch! Doughnuts & Pony Rides.

### BABYSITTER TRAINING

Who: Age 11-15  
When: A. Oct. 23 B. Nov. 29  
Time: 9-3:30 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$55 per person  
Red Cross certification course suggested for all new babysitters! Bring lunch & drink. Child receives book, a first aid & safety bag and Babysitter Certificate. 8 min/ 12 max



### DINNER 101

Who: Adults  
When: Sun., Nov. 7; 2-7 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$60 (1 student & that student's guest)  
Create recipes for our fabulous dinner from 2-5 pm & eat 5-7 pm. This menu includes Prosciutto wrapped red snapper with dried tomatoes & basil, over fresh veg risotto. Also have appetizer & dessert. Hands on class! Bring guest from 5-7 to enjoy this wonderful meal with us! Inst: Chef Chad of Let Me Cook (6 min/12 max)

### Sandy Candy & Cookies

Who: Age 5-10  
When: Wed Nov 17; 6:30-7:30 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$10 per child  
Come create your own edible art! Make Sandy Candy & decorate cookies for a fun night of food art! Inst: Plaster Café & Fun with Plaster. 6 min

### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

When: Sat., Nov. 20; 10-5 pm  
Where: Wixom City Hall - NEW Location!  
Start your Holiday Shopping here-holiday crafts & goodies! Sponsored by the City of Wixom Historical Society.

### KIDS COOK — DAY TO PLAY

Who: Age 6-12  
When: Mon., Nov. 29; 9 am-12 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
Fee: \$40 per session  
Keep the kids busy on their day off school! Let's have some fun in the kitchen! We will make kid-friendly recipes to make familiar foods kids love. Wear your apron! Inst: Let Me Cook (6 min.)



### TREE LIGHTING

Who: Everyone  
When: Wed., Dec. 1; 6:30-8 pm  
Where: Wixom Comm Center  
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.



### SANTA HOTLINE

Who: Age 3-8  
When: Calls made Mon., Dec. 6  
Time: Between 5:30-7:30 pm  
Fee: No Charge  
Fill out special form available online at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com) or stop in to the Parks & Recreation desk. Deadline Dec 2 by 5 pm. Wixom kids ONLY. (Call 248-624-2850 if interested in volunteering.)



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Who: Age 17-99/ 110 lbs & more  
When: Mon., Dec. 20; 10-4 pm  
Fee: One Pint of Blood  
Our area is in crisis mode as blood levels are minimal! Please call Jodi at 248-624-2850 to make an appointment or walk ins are also welcome. Even if you are on medications, are in remission from cancer (after 5 years) or have diabetes — you are still eligible! Your help is needed!

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



## Christmas Tree Recycling

The Oakland County Parks will accept Christmas trees at 10 locations from December 26, 2004–January 9, 2005. 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/parks/rec](http://www.oakland.mi.us/parks/rec) for park maps and more information.

## Card Recycling

In the past, the City has collected and delivered greeting cards to organizations who would refurbish them and resell them. Currently it appears that these organizations are inundated with cards and are accepting no further donations. Therefore, please check the website at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com) under “Recycling”. Cards are considered Mixed Office Paper and can be recycled in your bin. If you do not have access to the internet please pick up a copy of “Curbside Guidelines” at the DPW or City Hall.

