

Crossroads



Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom, Oct.-Dec. 2005

From the City Clerk's Office:

CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8TH

Register to Vote before October 11th!

Very much worth noting is the fact that in an effort to keep pace with inflation and our ever-changing economy, in addition to the offices of Mayor and City Council on the November 8 ballot, voters will find the following two charter amendment proposals:

A: Shall the second paragraph of Section 12.1 of Chapter 12 of the Charter of the City of Wixom be amended to require that comparative prices be obtained for all city purchases, rather than those under \$3,000, except in emergencies, for professional services, which sealed bids are required, or when the City Manager determines that there will be no benefit to the City in obtaining comparative prices?
 YES NO

B: Shall the fourth paragraph of Section 12.1 of Chapter 12 of the Charter of the City of Wixom be amended to delete the requirement for Council approval of City purchases in excess of \$3,000 and to delete the requirement for sealed bids for certain City purchases in excess of \$3,000, and to provide that Council shall determine by ordinance which sales and purchases require Council approval and which sales and purchases require sealed bids?
 YES NO

Simply put, if these two proposals pass, the \$3,000 amount in the second and fourth paragraphs of the subject section of the Charter would be removed and a new amount set by City Council by ordinance.

With respect to the elected representatives, the names of the candidates that will appear on the November ballot for Mayor (two-year term) are:

James D. Cutright
Michael McDonald

For three City Council seats (four-year term), include:

Nancy Dingeldey
Kevin W. Hinkley
John Lee
Ron Nordstrom Jr.

Voters who live within the South Lyon Community School District (residents of Helfer Leisure Co-Op, Meadowood Park Apartments, Wixom Meadows Condominiums and a handful of homes on Grand River in Precinct 3) will choose two School Board Members (six-year term) from the candidates listed below on their ballot:

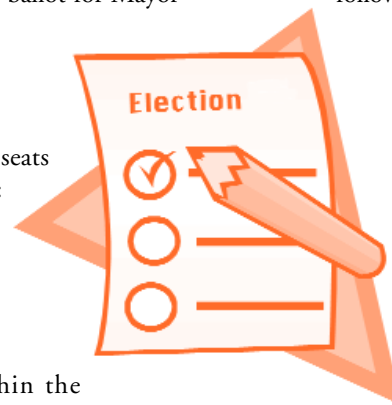
James Buchbinder
Cindy Orendach

If you live in the City of Wixom and are not currently registered to vote please give the Clerk's Office a call at (248) 624-4557. For more information on registering stop by during regular business hours before October 11th to be registered in time to participate in the November General Election.

Absentee ballot applications will be issued during the month of September. They are automatically mailed to all persons 60 years of age or older and to handicapped persons who have requested

an application. You are eligible for an absentee ballot if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Are 60 years of age or older
- Are physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another
 - Are appointed as a precinct worker in a precinct other than your own
- Expect to be absentee from the community in which you are registered on Election Day
- Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.



Students away at college: If you register to vote by mail, you are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in your first election and must vote in person. This does not apply to anyone 60 years of age or older. If you have any questions concerning your eligibility for an absentee ballot, please contact the Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

The Clerk's Office staff and our election officials look forward to seeing all of you at the polls.

City Manager Dornan Wins Planning Award

City Manager Michael Dornan won the 2005 “Outstanding Community Administrator” Award from the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) for his leadership and understanding of planning principles and his support for planning. For 60 years MAP, representing 4,800+ members, has provided education, training and assistance to professional planners and communities.



This juried award, established in 1982, is given annually as justified to Village, Township, City and County Administrators who have made major contributions to further comprehensive planning in Michigan. City Manager Dornan has the honor of being the only Administrator in Michigan to have received this award twice during his 30+ year career in Public Service.

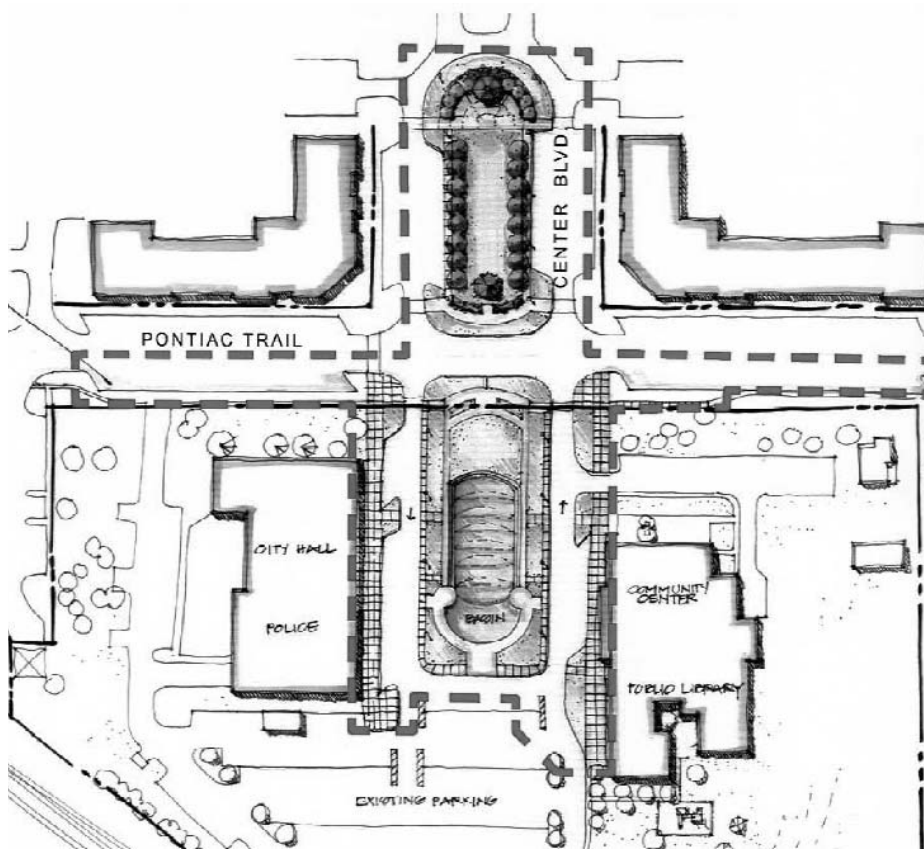
Dornan notes that this award would not be possible without the generous support for creative ideas by Board and Commissions, particularly the Planning Commission and certainly the Wixom City Council and the Community at large “The City has always welcomed new ideas that benefit the community”, Dornan says, “there’s no fear of being ridiculed when we come up with an idiotic one. And some of them are!”

Through this award Wixom is recognized as a community that others throughout the state and country can aspire”.

Wixom Goodfellows

With our paper drive in December 2004, we were able to solicit enough contributions through our street sales of papers and donations from the business community to provide Christmas packages to 40 needy families. In addition to this, we were able to provide four children the opportunity to attend summer camp. This was done by working with the Lakes Area Youth Assistance in providing camp scholarships.

The Wixom Goodfellows is not a big organization, but we are proud of what we are able to do in providing help to those less fortunate in our community. If you are interested in joining the Wixom Goodfellows, please call Russ Miner at (248) 669-4365.



VILLAGE CENTER AREA UPDATE – PARDON OUR DUST!

The Village Center Area (VCA) is taking shape and coming alive, literally right in front of our eyes! From Tribute to the VCA Public Spaces and from Auto One and Country Corners to the Wixom Road By-Pass Project, the new historic downtown Wixom is here. It’s growing and will continue to grow with the interest it is receiving from potential shop owners.

Significant progress has been made with the commercial and townhouse components. In fact, there already exist permanent residents in the Village. Should you happen to be touring the townhouse development or looking at models you may see some of your new neighbors near their homes. We have also been told that some of our residents have bought in the Village and are pricing their homes for sale in the subdivisions to become part of the excitement of the Village.

Another integral component of the

overall Village will be the Public Spaces. They are emerging on the north and south sides of Pontiac Trail adjacent to and in between the Civic Complex and Library. The Public Spaces will include on the south side, a reflecting pool with fountains; angle parking on both sides of Pontiac Trail; street lighting and sidewalks; new traffic signals on Pontiac Trail at Center Boulevard; and the construction of Sibley Square on the north side of Pontiac Trail. Sibley Square will be a gathering place containing a gazebo, performance plaza, street trees and other amenities. Substantial completion of the Village Public Spaces is scheduled for November 15th with traffic signals installed by mid-January 2006; final restoration/landscaping will be next spring, all weather permitting. If you happen by City Hall, the Community Center or Library, please use care — there is a lot of activity and changes are rapidly taking place. Pardon our dust!

News Briefs, Tips and Reminders

Police News

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.

LET IT SNOW!

Please remember and remind your 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 removed. The old November 1st – April 1st 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.

When we plow snow our first priority is major roadways and school routes. 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.

City ordinance requires clearing your sidewalks and driveways, keep in mind it is a violation of city ordinance to shovel snow into public roadways. Let's help our elderly and physically disabled neighbors!

Please realize when the DPW plows, some snow is going to be left at the end of your driveway, or up against your mailbox. The DPW will not be able to clear your driveway or shovel out your mailbox.

Remember to keep hydrants on your property clear of snow. Hydrants must be visible and readily accessible to the Fire Department.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

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. 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 so please be patient. Keep in mind our crew consists of 4 operators and weather delays and emergencies are inevitable. We ask a few things

of the residents to help this program run smoothly:

Be prepared. Know your scheduled date and have your leaves to the curb. Leaves left in yard 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 as they could damage the City's collection truck. If the area has experienced snow or heavy rains, please call us to see if leaf collection is being delayed. DO NOT place leaves on the street before your scheduled pickup. This could create a traffic hazard.

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 for Wednesday yard waste pick up. 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 the end of November 2005. Be neighborly!! If you have an elderly or physically disabled neighbor, please help them rake their leaves.

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

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Section One

Oct. 10th -14

Birch Park
Highgate on the Green
Highgate on the Lake
Courts of Highgate
Potter Road

Section Two

Oct. 17-21

Sibly Court
Wildwood
Quail Hollow
Indian Springs
Indian Wells
Maple Road
Millstream
Maple Run
Hillsborough

Section Three

Oct. 24-28

Wexford Mews
Wexford Woods
Hidden Creek
Norton Creek
Charms Road
Palmer Lake
Trails of Loon Lake

Section Four

Oct. 31 –Nov. 4

Hickory Hills
Finn Camp
Cliffs of Loon Lake
Loon Lake Woods

Section Five

Nov. 7-11

Wixom Road
Theodore
Wainstock
Helfer
Pontiac Trail

Section Six

Nov. 14-18

Birch Park
Highgate on the Green
Highgate on the Lake
Courts of Highgate
Potter Road

From the Mayor's Desk...

I hope by now all the road construction in our downtown is done. As with most projects, we discovered a buried tank that was within the scope of our work. This long abandoned fuel oil tank had to be removed and an Environmental cleanup followed, causing much of the delay. When completed, the traffic lights and highway markings will make getting through our downtown easier.

The new condos are up and are selling like the developer had hoped. I know that the drastic change that has taken place at Pontiac Trail and Wixom Road has caused many questions as well as comments. I have tried to answer as many of your questions as I can. Some of your comments are not as easy to address, good or bad. The changes that are occurring in our City are called progress. We may not all appreciate them but they create jobs and incomes for many families just as the changes that occurred years before created opportunities for us and our fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles and grandparents. I may not like all of them but we must continue to provide an environment that encourages people to take the risk in capital that make new jobs.

This year is our general City elections. Our form of government requires participation by you, the share holders of the City. The election on November 8th will decide the future course of the City and what changes will take place. There is a good selection of people willing to serve and an active role in selecting the people who will represent us. So when the signs go up, and the information gets to our doors, be kind and join in the process that has helped create the GREATEST NATION on the face of the Earth.

—Mayor McDonald

P.S. When we can, let's try and support the new business Women and Men who are joining our new downtown. And many thanks to Mr. Jack Wiitala; with over a hundred years between us we figured how to make this program run.

I like the dreams for the future better than the history of the past.

—Thomas Jefferson
August 1, 1816

Fire Department News

THANKS, LOWE'S!

Lowe's of Commerce Township recently donated over \$1300 of materials, including wood and power tools, to assist the Wixom Fire Department in establishing a Trench Rescue Team. Thank You Lowe's!



Materials donated by Lowe's of Commerce Township

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 9-15

The Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday, October 15th. 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.

FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO WIXOM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Homeland Security awarded the Wixom Fire Department an "Assistance to Firefighters Grant" in the amount of \$108,794. Funds will be used to purchase firefighter gear and breathing air bottles.

WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Wixom Firefighters Association presents their 25th annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10, 2005. 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 30th.

- 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 30, 2005

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

WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY, PLEASE

Library News

NEW MAGAZINES AT THE WIXOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library is excited to announce the addition of 33 new magazine and newspaper titles to our collection.

THANKS, D.A.R.E.!

Thanks to a generous contribution from the D.A.R.E. program, the Library now has two new computers in the Children's Department. These machines offer an array of fun and educational games for all ages of children.

FALL PROGRAMS

Check out October-December Children's Programs in the Fall 2005 edition of The Source. Call (248)624-2512 for more information or visit www.wixomlibrary.org

Friends of the Library

Fall Used Book Sale will be held October 20-22 during library hours.

Beautification News

Congratulations Summer Award Winners! 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.

Thank you, Wixom Elementary Fifth Graders and Teacher, Mrs. Stiles! The scarecrows looked great livening up the downtown district!

Join us at the Holiday Boutique November 19th 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.

Wixom Historical Society

The City has notified us that at some point the Munshaw House on Pontiac Trail will be demolished (although no date has been set) to make way for a multi-level parking structure to accommodate the Village Center Area. We regret to see it go as it provided needed office and storage space. Over the course of years, the Wixom Historical Society volunteered work hours and money to convert the house for those reasons; however, we are again looking for new space.

The City's little historic jewel – "The Wixom Wire House" at Maple and Wixom Roads – restored, maintained and loved by the

Society is too small to allow for the space we need. We have a new challenge before us, but we are an industrious, visionary and history loving group and we will find a solution. "The best laid plans of mice and men..." If anyone can offer us space for our needs, please call Jackie Coulter at (248)624-0246.

WHS MONTHLY MEETINGS:

- Mon Oct 17 @ 7:30 PM – Charlie Martinez discussing Historical Cemeteries "Dead Reckoning" All the facts and Stories
- November -No Meeting
- Sat Nov 19 10-4 PM – Holiday Boutique-City Hall: Creative Vendors, Hourly Drawings, Candy Cane Café, Santa
- Mon Dec 5 @ 7 PM (Note Date Change) Noel Night – Wixom Wire House. Caroling and Christmas delights.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The Oakland County Parks will accept Christmas trees at 10 locations from December 26, 2005 – January 8, 2006. Trees will be accepted 9 am- 4 pm, seven days. There is no charge to participate. For more information call 248-858-4627. Visit the Oakland County Parks web site at www.oakland.mi.usparks/rec for park maps and more information.


Calendar of Events — October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.CityofWixom.com					1 ■ Cedar Point Bus Trip
2	3 ■ Planning Commission 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8 ■ Panther Hunt 5:30 PM PreReg ■ Trail Trekker Run- Lyon Oaks 
9	10 ■ ZBA Meeting 7:30 pm	11 ■ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	12 ■ Child Passenger Safety 6:30 pm	13	14 ■ Monster Mash 6:30 pm 	15
16 ■ Pumpkin Patch 1 pm 	17	18	19	20 ■ Used Book Sale	21 ■ Used Book Sale	22 ■ Used Book Sale ■ Oktoberfest 2-8 pm
23	24 ■ Planning Comm. Workshop 7:30pm ■ Library Board Meeting 7 pm	25 ■ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27	28	29
30	31 HALLOWEEN					

Calendar of Events — November 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 ▪ VOTE! 	9 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	10 ▪ Planning Commission 7:30 pm	11 ▪ City Offices Closed VETERANS DAY 	12
13	14 ▪ ZBA Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18	19 ▪ Holiday Boutique
20	21	22 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	23 ▪ Library Close at 6 pm	24  ▪ City Offices Closed THANKSGIVING	25 ▪ City Offices Closed	26
27	28 ▪ Planning Comm Workshop Mtg 7:30pm ▪ Library Board Meeting 7 pm	29	30 ▪ Tree Lighting	<div style="background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.CityofWixom.com</div>		

Calendar of Events — December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.CityofWixom.com</div>			1	2	3 ▪ Build a Gingerbread House
4	5 ▪ Planning Commission 7:30 pm ▪ Santa Hotline	6	7	8	9	10 ▪ Rockettes Bus Trip ▪ Breakfast with Santa
11	12 ▪ ZBA Meeting 7:30 pm ▪ Library Board Meeting 7 pm	13 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm ▪ Snowmobile Safety	14	15 ▪ Snowmobile Safety Contd.	16	17
18	19	20 ▪ City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	21 ▪ Red Cross Blood Drive 10-4 pm	22	23 ▪ City Offices Closed	24 ▪ Christmas Eve
25 	26 ▪ City Offices Closed HANUKKAH	27	28 ▪ Planning Commission Workshop Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30 ▪ City Offices Closed	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parks & Recreation Events & Activities

You can now register for classes on-line at www.cityofwixom.com, by phone (248-624-2850), fax (248-960-8873) or mail! Also, visit our web site for full listing of classes, camps, trips & events!

BUS TRIP

ROCKETTES

Who: Everyone
When: Sat Dec 10
Time: Depart 11:30 am/ Return 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

PANTHER HUNT

Who: Age 2-10
When: Sat Oct 8
Time: Registration starts 5:30 – Hunt starts at 6 pm
Where: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.
Fee: \$10 per child
Fun Festive Event for kids to hunt for the panther along the trails! Music, clowns, face painting, temporary tattoos, doughnuts & hayrides for all.

TRAIL TREKKERS 5K RUN/WALK

Who: Everyone
When: Sat Oct 8
Time: 10 am
Where: Lyon Oaks Park
Fee: \$15/ person- \$20 after 9/27
Run or walk on the fall colored trails of Lyon Oaks! Rain or shine. Hot Dog lunch included. Please, no pets. Park at Golf Course lot for free or purchase park pass before event at Wixom Comm. Ctr. Pre-register at Wixom Parks&Rec.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Who: Parents
When: Wed Oct 12
Time: 6:30-7:30 pm
Oakland Co. Health Div. will teach proper seat installation for Infants & toddlers to proper seat belt wear up to 12 y/o. Pre-register by 10/11 8 min. No Charge.

4th ANNUAL MONSTER MASH

Who: Everyone
When: Fri Oct 14
Time: 6:30-8 pm
Fee: \$5 per person
Come dressed to scare the socks off the crowd- prizes by age group! DJ will play the latest knock dead hits! Pizza dinner included. Must pre-register. 250 max

PUMPKIN PATCH

Who: Age 2-10
When: Sun Oct 16; 1-3 pm
Where: Gibson House, 49805 Pontiac Tr
Fee: \$6 per child, MUST Pre-register
Pick out your own pumpkin at the Pumpkin Patch! Doughnuts & Pony Rides. Register by 3 pm 10/14.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

When: Sat Nov 19; 10-4 pm
Where: Wixom City Hall
Start your Holiday Shopping here – holiday crafts & goodies! Sponsored by the City of Wixom Historical Society.

TREE LIGHTING

Who: Everyone
When: Wed Nov 30; 6:30-8 pm
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.

NEW! BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Who: Everyone
When: Sat Dec 3; 1-3 pm
Fee: \$28/ house
Fun for everyone! Build an approx. 4 lb house of sweet, fragrant Gingerbread with icing & candy! You assemble and decorate. Bring cardboard box (10" x 12" or larger) to carry it home! Inst: Gingerworks

SANTA HOTLINE

Who: Age 3-8
When: Calls made Mon Dec 5
Time: Between 5:30-7:30 pm
Fee: No Charge
Fill out special form after 11/1 online at 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.)

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

Who: Age 12 (By Dec 31, 2005)
When: T/Th Dec 13, 15; 6-9 pm
Fee: \$15 per person
Course is required for 12-17 y/o.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Who: Age 17+/ 110 lbs & more
When: Wed Dec 21
Time: 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 welcome. Your help is desperately needed!

ADULT CLASSES

KARATE OPEN/ FAMILY

Who: Age 16 & up
When: Nov 16- Dec 14 *Omit 11/30
Time: 7-9 pm (4 wk)
Fee: Individ. \$20, Family \$37
No contact, non-competitive setting. Topics: prevention of attack, mental & physical movements & strategies, self-defense awareness and more! Inst: Sanchin Systems

NEW! AFTERBURN EXERCISE TRAINING

Who: Age 18 & up
When: Thur Oct 27- Nov 17; 7 pm
Where: Powerhouse Gym, Wixom
Fee: \$120 per class
Group exercise program that promotes body fat loss. Improve your lean mass to fat mass ratio, increase aerobic & anaerobic capacity while stimulating your muscles. Inst: Chris Lewandowski, Powerhouse Gym

NEW! RESULTS DRIVEN EXERCISE TRAINING

Who: Age 18 & up
When: Thur Oct 27- Nov 17; 7 pm
Where: Powerhouse Gym, Wixom
Fee: \$120 per class
Group exercise using the most innovative equip. Come have fun, burn calories, feel good and get results! Inst: Lisa Whiteman, Powerhouse Gym

PRELICENSE BUILDERS SEMINAR

Who: Age 18 & up
When: Oct 4,6,11,13; 6-10 pm
Fee: \$190 (16 hours)
Learn what you need to know to pass the state builder's license exam. \$20 Book fee paid to instructor night of class. Bring non-programmable calculator to class.

BASEMENT REMODELING

Who: Age 18 & up
When: Oct 18, 20; 6-10 pm
Fee: \$95/ \$48 Spouse (8 hours)
Remodeling your basement! Bring your layout. Teacher will work with your design. \$10 Book fee payable to instructor night of class.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Beginner Excel – Tue Oct 11 \$45
Intermediate Excel – Tue Oct 18 \$90
Basic Power Point – Tue Nov 1 \$45
See www.cityofwixom.com or Parks & Recreation Brochure for details.

KIDS CLASSES

All classes are held at Wixom Comm Center unless otherwise stated.

JR KARATE

Who: Grades K-8
Fee: \$18
When: Nov 16- Dec 14 *Omit 11/30
Time: 6-7 pm (4 wk)
Strengthen child's self confidence, coordination, communication & leadership skills. Inst: Sanchin Systems

BALLET

Who: Age 3-6
Fee: \$41 (6 wk)
When: Thur Oct 6- Nov 10; 6-6:30 pm
Children will increase their flexibility & strength in this fun learning beginner course. Inst: Sheryl's School of Dance 6 min/ 16 max

CHEER & POM

Who: Age 4-8
When: Thur Oct 6- Nov 10
Time: 6:30- 7:15 pm;
Fee: \$47 (6 wk)
Learn Cheers, Pom & Dance routines designed to improve coordination, physical fitness & flexibility. Inst: Sheryl's School of Dance. Bring poms or purchase from inst. 1st night of class for \$5/ set. 6 min/ 16 max

NEW! FINGERPRINT CARTOON

Who: Age 4-9
Fee: \$12
When: Tue Oct 25; 6:30-7:30 pm
Learn how to draw silly, funny & scary cartoons! Do a mini-comic strip using your own fingerprints. Includes mini-stamp pad & cartoon-arama booklet to take home! Inst: Gingerworks 14 min

T-BALL

Who: Age 4-7
Fee: \$75
When: A. Tue Nov 22-Dec 20; 11-11:50 am
B. Thur Nov 17-Dec 22; 1-1:50 pm *Omit 11/24
Kids will learn the proper rules of baseball in this fun and exciting class. 20 max

OKTOBERFEST

Sponsored by: City of Wixom & Detroit Public TV
When: Sat. Oct. 22
Time: 2-8 pm
Where: Detroit Public TV
Corner of Grand River & Napier Rd.

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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

I-96/BECK INTERCHANGE UPDATE:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) continues construction of a new single point urban interchange at I-96/Beck. September 15, 2005 MDOT will open the ramp from northbound Beck Road to eastbound I-96 and permanently close the Twelve Mile Road ramp to eastbound I-96. The full interchange is scheduled to open in early November, 2005.

Help Fight Hunger

The City of Wixom City Offices will serve as a drop off site for the Food Bank of Oakland County's Third Annual Oakland Press Food Drive. Barrels will be in the lobbies from Monday, October 17 through Friday October 28. Drop off your non-perishable foods to help those in Oakland County! Your help in the fight against hunger is appreciated.

Be Watershed Friendly

Fall is approaching, which brings rain and falling leaves. Leaves are natural, but they can clog storm drains and our streams. Residents and property owners are being asked to assist the Department of Public Works staff and whenever possible 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. Our refuse collection contractor, Waste Management, provides yard waste services through November.

If you are going to fertilize your lawn before the winter season, make sure to use a low phosphorus product! When fertilizing your lawn avoid sidewalks, lakes or streams along your property. Always sweep up any excess fertilizer.

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