

# Crossroads



April-June 2009

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom

## FROM THE MAYOR...

Spring is here and hopefully the snow is done falling. Along with the troublesome economy, it seems like we have just experienced one of the coldest, snowiest winters in some time. However, as I declared in my State of the City Address our City of Wixom has fared pretty well. We are holding the line on taxes and while water may have a slight increase, our water rates are still one of the lowest in Southeast Michigan. Our city continues to lead the area in new businesses and has one of the lowest foreclosure rates in Michigan, if not the country.

We are in the process of launching a new city wide initiative called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). We'll be soliciting citizens to participate in this all important volunteer project. This project will give our community additional volunteered staffing to assist our Police and Fire departments in the event of an emergency from tornadoes or other natural disasters. Volunteers will be called upon to assist with traffic direction, supplying water to residents who may not be able to get out and obtain an emergency water supply along with other services yet to be determined. Please join us when we call for volunteers by offering your services for training and emergency preparedness.



We continue to receive exceptional services from our City staff. We know that Wixom residents have to do more with less so our goal is to lead by example and make the cuts required without sacrificing services. This continues to be the benchmark of our staff. So please, when you see or interact with City employees extend to them our thanks for a job well done.

While we continue to wait for the economy to turn around remember a few things! Many are sitting back and hoping the government will do its part to intervene. However, this is the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, which clearly states *unite!* It's always more rewarding to give than to receive. Try reaching out to a friend, relative, neighbor, as well as others you wouldn't normally reach out to. Offer them assistance, how about greeting someone, saying thank you or just simply opening the door for someone. Or my personal favorite: volunteering for our community. Give it try; it won't raise the National Debt one penny. Have a good Spring!

Your Mayor,  
*Kevin W. Hinkley*

### CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

In November 2009 qualified Wixom voters will again cast votes for their candidate(s) of choice for the office of Mayor, three City Council members and two members of the Library Board of Trustees. Nominating petitions for the November general election will be available the first week in June from the Clerk's Office for circulation by individuals who wish to seek election in Wixom to one of these positions. Per charter, the deadline for submittal of nominating petitions is **4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16th**. The number of valid petitions filed will determine whether an August Primary will be held in 2009.

Dog owners are reminded that dogs residing within Oakland County must be licensed. Dog licenses for the current calendar year are available at the City Clerk's Office and must be purchased prior to June 1st in order not to be delinquent. Proof of a valid rabies vaccination is required for each animal you are licensing.

## STORM WATER

As winter comes to an end and we enter the spring rainy season our storm water system will again be put to the test. In advance of such, the Department of Public Works (DPW) reviews and monitors the system for blockages and flow restrictions. You can assist the DPW and help reduce the probability of flooding by reporting blockages to the Department of Public Works at 248.624.0141 between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Thursday. You can further assist in reducing



flooding potential by keeping yard and street drains, including ditches, free of leaves, sticks and other debris.

Additionally, spills and dumpster leakage is a real threat to our water resources and the environment in general. There are a few simple ways to help protect our environment and quality of life here in Wixom. First, if you are a business, make sure your dumpsters are elevated from the pavement and that any storage containers be leak-free. Second, never put anything down the storm drain, not even wash water. Inadvertent discharges into the storm sewer can result in costly clean-ups and possible violations. And finally, if you have a spill or observe one contact the Department of Public Works immediately between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Thursday at 248.624.0141. If a spill occurs after hours, please contact the Police Department at 248.624.6114.

Remember, a clean storm drain system benefits everyone!



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Wixom, Novi, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake, and South Lyon Police Departments will again sponsor the **Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy** beginning in September. The purpose of this academy is to explain the operations of our community's police agency and to describe the complexity of the criminal justice system. Its goal is to enhance each student's understanding of police practices and procedures.

The communities of Wixom, Walled Lake, and Novi collaborated and formed this academy (Michigan's first citizens' police academy) in the spring of 1994. The Wolverine Lake Police Department became a partner in 1998, and the South Lyon Police Department joined our consortium in 2000. The Lakes Area Citizens' Police Academy is held semi-annually and is a thirty-hour block of instruction that culminates in a graduation and banquet ceremony for participants and their spouses. Each academy consists of ten three-hour units of instruction that cover such diverse topics as police training, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, juvenile law, and the manner by which police typically interact with courts and prosecutors' offices. Instruction in these and other topics consists of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands-on experiences. It provides opportunities for academy students to ride with patrol officers and participate in police training. Police personnel from each police agency and representatives of other criminal justice agencies (e.g. County Prosecutor's and Medical Examiner's Office, District Court, MSP Scientific Analysis Unit, and etc.) furnish academy instruction. There is no cost to participate as a student. The academy is held one evening each week for ten weeks and instruction is conducted at each police agency as well as other locations such as our District Court, scientific laboratories, and medical examiners' offices.

Academy students are selected from applications filed by residents or business-owners of each community. Applicants are required to be +21 years-of-age and to pass a criminal background check.

Applications are available from police offices between 9 am & 5 pm weekdays, or by mail. We encourage residents to consider attending this academy and getting-to-know their police department better. Persons with questions can call 248.624.6114 and speak with Administrative Secretary Melody Ziegler.

## CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

When: Thur June 18- Sat June 20  
Time: 9 am-6 pm  
Where: Identified Wixom Homes

The City of Wixom invites all subdivisions and residents who have items for sale to sell them from their homes free of permits or licenses during our City Wide Garage Sale. Please only one sign per household. Sign up through your Home Owners Assn's. Individual homes not part of a sub-call Parks & Recreation at (248)624-2850.



## FIRE NEWS

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness will activate the County's Outdoor Warning sirens for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms with damaging winds at/near 70 mph or greater in Oakland County and when the storm is within a ten mile buffer around the County (this will give citizens living close to the border more time to take cover).

### PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS

The City of Wixom Fire Department is seeking paid-on-call firefighters. No experience necessary. Must have high school diploma or equivalent, ability to pass a background investigation, physical agility test, physical, drug screen and psychological exam prior to hiring. Applications are available at Fire Station #1, 1345 North Wixom Road. For additional information call the administrative office at 248/624-1055. Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with the City of Wixom's Village Center Area Memorial Gift Program.

Please visit [www.CityofWixom.com](http://www.CityofWixom.com) to print out your order form for the Memorial Brick & Bench program or visit the Parks & Recreation Department! Bricks and Benches will be placed throughout the new Village Center Area. A contribution of \$150 will buy a standard 6"x8" brick or \$1950 for a 72" bench engraved with your personal message. Call 248-624-2850 for more information.



### FIRE HYDRANTS

Again this year, Firefighters will be retrofitting fire hydrants throughout the City during the spring and summer months. The project will start after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CAMP 9-1-1

The Fire Department is sponsoring "CAMP 911", a five day safety camp for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students participate in fire activities including "Search and Rescue", fire drills, basic first aid and fire extinguisher training. Registration forms available at Fire Station #1.

**AGE:** 9 - 11

**DATES:** August 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9:11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Fire Station #1  
1345 North Wixom Road

**MAXIMUM:** 24 Students

Bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided. For more information call 248.624.1055.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 17<sup>th</sup>

## ADOPT-A-BOX PROGRAM

Formerly known as the Adopt-A-Truck Program, the City of Wixom Department of Public Works offers the use of a 9-cubic yard box container to assist Wixom residents in disposing large quantities of compostable yard waste. Through action of the Wixom City Council the DPW has purchased a truck equipped with a hook-lift system that can drop off and deliver a box container similar to that of a roll-off container. Compared to the City dump truck, the box container is larger, easier to utilize and cost effective with respect to City resources.

Under the Adopt-A-Box Program, City staff will locate one of three container boxes on the requesting resident's property. Yard waste is then placed in the container by the resident for eventual pick-up and disposal by the DPW.

The DPW has started scheduling the Adopt-A-Box weekends, which is on a first-come-first-serve basis and runs from April through October. This is a popular program so we ask that each resident or neighborhood association understand it can only be used once per season per address or association.

While using the City of Wixom Adopt-A-Box Program, it is important that only yard waste materials are placed inside the box container and it not be overloaded. The City reserves the right to unload the container onto your property should you place non-compost items in the box container or overload it. Also, to prevent any road obstructions and/or hazards, the box container must be placed off the road, preferably in a driveway.

It is a great program and certainly assists all residents that utilize it. Feel free to gather a group of your neighbors and schedule the box for a neighborhood clean-up. Scheduling the Adopt-A-Box can be done by calling the DPW at 248-624-0141 between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Thursday.



## RRRASOC



This year, Wixom residents will have five opportunities to dispose of household hazardous waste. The 2009 HHW event schedule is:

April 11	10-1	Wixom DPW: 2041 Charms Road
April 18	9-2	Southfield, RRRASOC MRF: 20000 West Eight Mile (enter via Mapleridge, one block east of Evergreen)
May 2	9-2	Farmington Hills, Costick Center: 28600 Eleven Mile Rd
September 26	9-2	Novi Civic Center: 45175 W Ten Mile Road
October 3	9-2	Southfield, RRRASOC MRF: 20000 West Eight Mile (enter via Mapleridge, one block east of Evergreen)

Paper shredding will be available at all of the HHW events. There is a 100-pound or three-box limit per household. More information and a complete list of acceptable items and can be found at [www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org).

As always, feel free to contact RRRASOC with questions regarding recycling, trash disposal, yard waste, or household hazardous waste at (248) 208-2270. You can also email RRRASOC at [rrrasoc@aol.com](mailto:rrrasoc@aol.com).

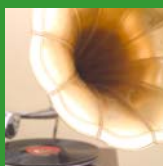
## WIXOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Different and entertaining events are planned by the Wixom Historical Society to conclude its current program year...including a collaborative program with the Friends of the Library.

We welcome spring with an **April 20** field trip to the historic Witches Hat Depot Museum in South Lyon. This unique structure was once a rail depot now filled with railroad memorabilia, photos and artifacts. A designated "afterglow" at a local establishment will follow the tour for those wishing refreshments. Meet at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. to car pool or join up at the Depot on Pontiac Trail, south of the City of South Lyon at 7 p.m.



Wixom's very own version of an Antique Road Show will occur in early **May** in a collaborative event planned by the Historical Society and the Friends of the Wixom Library. This fun, entertaining program is designed for all who have ever wondered about those family treasures including the history or their value. Watch for more detailed event information.



Long a part of the community calendar, the annual **Ice Cream Social** will be held on the grounds of the Wixom Wire House Museum on **Sunday, June 14**. Along with ice cream sundaes and baked goodies, there will be displays, kids games, tours of the museum as well as the "old" part of the Wixom Cemetery. It's a great beginning to a glorious Wixom summer.



To conclude the current program year, the annual **Picnic** at Gilbert Willis Park will be held on **Monday, June 15**. Bring your appetites, place settings, and be ready to enjoy a socially relaxing evening. Everyone is welcome to any of the events hosted by the Wixom Historical Society.

## LITE THE NITE

When: Thursday, June 25  
 Time: 6 pm  
 Where: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.  
 FREE Entertainment & Fun!! Grab your blanket or chair to listen to some live tunes & grab the kids' socks to jump in the inflatables! Fun for every age group- night will end with Fireworks in celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Concessions available.



## PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

You can now register for classes at [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com), by phone (248-624-2850), fax (248-960-8873) or mail! Also, visit our web site [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com) for a full listing of classes, summer camps, trips & events! All classes take place and trips leave from Wixom Community Center unless otherwise noted.

Join the Wixom Senior sponsored Salvation Army Donation Drive, Monday, June 22, 2009 from 11 am to 1 pm.

There will be a truck at the Community Center during those times and all are welcome to bring gently used, unwanted items for donation.

### RELAY FOR LIFE

Join us to find out how you can be involved in the fight against cancer in your community on June 13 & 14. For more information please contact Kelly Weir at [kelly.weir@cancer.org](mailto:kelly.weir@cancer.org) or 248-663-3458. Also visit [www.relayforlife.org/wixommi](http://www.relayforlife.org/wixommi).

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Who: Age 2-10  
When: Sun Apr 5  
Where: Gilbert Willis Park  
Time: On-site Reg. begins at 12:30 pm  
Hunt starts promptly at 1 pm  
Fee: \$3 per child  
Bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Fee includes: basket, candy filled eggs, stuffed animal. Registration at park the day of the event. NO pre-registrations accepted at office. Limited to the first 400 kids. 1 pm- Field #1- Ages 2-5 will hunt for eggs 1:15 pm- Field #2- Ages 6-10 will hunt for eggs.

### NEW! FORECLOSURE FORTUNES

When: Thur Apr 23, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Fee: Free  
Learn how to buy foreclosed homes. Foreclosed homes are all over our area. Learn the legal side of your purchase, patience to getting the best deal and dealing with the banks. Learn what every buyer must know in order to maximize savings and buying power. Learn typical pitfalls to watch out for, the necessity of 'special' home inspections, typical timeframes for closing, financing options, hidden 'bank' costs you should not pay and much more. Inst: Jay Harrison of Keller Williams. Must pre-register.

### CLEAN UP DAY

When: Sat Apr 25  
Time: 9-11:30 am  
Bring your gloves, rakes, shovels & brooms! Rain or shine. Scout troops, classrooms, youth groups, individuals all welcome! Call (248)624-2850 to register.

### ORV/ATV SAFETY

Who: Age 10 & up  
When: T/Th Apr 28 & 30  
Time: 6-9 pm  
Fee: \$15 per person (Adults must register & attend with children under 16 years of age)  
Learn to be a safe & responsible operator covering basic fundamentals, such as; safe operating skills, maintenance, operating on different types of terrain, environmental considerations, the mandated requirements of ATV's and ORV's, clothing, personal preparedness and survival skills need in emergency situations. DOES NOT contain hands on training. Will take test at the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> night and awarded ORV Safety Certification Card from the DNR.

### COMMUNITY GARDENS

When: May 23- Nov 7  
Where: Gibson House  
Fee: \$25 per lot  
Don't have the space or a sunny location to enjoy a favorite past time of growing flowers and vegetables? Garden space can be rented in lots of 10' x 20'- Water provided! Must pre-register with Parks & Rec to garden.



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Who: Age 17+ / 110 lbs & more  
When: Wed June 17  
Time: 7 am-7 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 desperately needed!  
[www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org)

### BOATER SAFETY

Who: Age 12 and up (By Dec 31, 09)  
When: A. Tue Jun 16 -12-6:30 pm  
B. T/Th Jun 23, 25 - 6-9 pm  
Fee: \$15 per person (Adults must register & attend with children under 16 years of age)

Do you know that to legally operate a boat you have to be 12 years old or once you turn 14 you can operate a Jet Ski? You must hold a Boaters Certificate to do both of these, but you must attend both nights of class first! Learn to be a safe & responsible boater, maintenance, personal watercraft & boat operation, legal requirements of boating, personal preparedness & survival skills needed in an emergency. Inst: Oakland Co. Sheriffs Dept. Limited space- sign up early.



### THOMAS @ GREENFIELD VILLAGE

When: Sun Apr 26  
Time: Bus leaves at 8:30 am  
Returns at 4:30 pm  
Fee: A. Age 2-4 All \$18  
B. Age 5-12 Member \$18  
C. Age 5-12 Non-Member \$35  
D. Age 13+ Member \$18  
E. Age 13+ Non-Member \$40

Ride a bus to Greenfield Village to spend the day with Thomas & Friends! Bring a picnic or eat at one of the Greenfield Village Restaurants on your own. Many Thomas activities & train ride (10:30 am) included. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Must pre-register fast -Thomas is only in town 2 weekends! Children 1 and under are free. Limited to first 45 passengers. Trip runs rain or shine.

### DETROIT TIGERS

When: A. Sat May 2, 1 pm- 7:30 pm vs. Cleveland \$32 per person  
B. Sat Jun 20, 2:15 pm-8 pm vs. Milwaukee \$36 per person

Let's hear the ROAR! Fun family trip to see the Tigers. Concessions at the game on your own. Register early- 20 minimum/ 45 max. Limit 6 tickets per household. Fee includes bus, snack & admission. Seats located: A. Section 328 B. Section 333.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### **National Library Week 2009: Worlds Connect @ Your Library!**

If you haven't explored the Library lately, pay us a visit and see what our free resources can do for you! Register for these special National Library Week events for extra fun and excitement:

### **Puppet Show: Sat, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

Pippin Puppets proudly present "Spring Cleaning Time!" Live puppet show, surprises, and audience participation for ages 2-10.

### **Desserts Around the World:**

**Mon, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to this food fest!

Come satisfy your sweet tooth and taste desserts from around the world. There will be games, trivia and prizes!

### **Game Night: Wed, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

Now that we've filed our taxes, let's have some fun! Bring your favorite board, card, or other game, or use one of ours. Meet new friends and let the games begin!

### **Your Best Face Yet! Thur, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm**

A licensed esthetician and make-up artist will explore the world of beauty. She will offer make-up tips and techniques for all who attend.

National Library Week programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Wixom Public Library.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE:**

**Mon, April 6, 6 pm** Teens and their families are invited to attend this one-hour lecture. Maureen Gault of College-SOS will be providing valuable information on how and when to search for college scholarships. She will discuss the cost of college and the importance of scholarships. Don't miss this!

### **KITE DECORATING WORK-**

**SHOP: Tue, April 7, 2 pm** Let's go fly a kite! Children in grades K-5 are invited to decorate a kite and learn about kite safety during school vacation week. Just in time for spring! Please register in advance at the Children's Desk.

### **LIBRARIES AND LITTLE ONES:**

**Tue, April 7, 10:30 am**

Pre-schoolers and their parents are invited to sign up for a special Story-Time with Sherry Scruggs from the Child Care Council of Oakland County. All participants will hear a story, do some fun activities, have a snack and receive a free book! Parent education is also included in this program, which is sponsored by the United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Please register in advance at the Children's Desk.

### **INTERNET AND COMPUTER CLASSES**

Take a computer class from an information expert – your librarian! Space is limited. Please register and get details at the Information Desk.

Computer Basics: Tue, May 5, 5:30-7:30 pm or Wed, May 6, 2-4 pm

Computer Basics Practice Hour: Fri, May 8, 3-4 pm

E-Mail Basics: Fri, May 8, 10:30-11:30 or Th, May 14, 10:30-11:30

Internet 101: Mon, May 11, 2-4 pm or Tue, May 12, 5:30-7:30 pm

Start Your Job Search: Wed, May 13, 2-4 pm

Microsoft Word 101: Thur, May 7, 5:30-7:30 or Tue, May 12, 10:30-12:30

**Before you know it, Summer Reading will be here! Registration begins June 8th:**

Be Creative @ Your Library! for ages 2-10

The theme for this club focuses on art, including drama, music and dance! We'll have performers, story-times, special craft sessions, book discussion groups... Something for everyone, good times for all!

Express Yourself @ Your Library: for teens going into grades 6-12

Be yourself, read, watch, play, and let your voice be heard! We'll have exciting activities on Monday nights from June 15 until our final party on August 3!

### Imagine Michigan: Adult Summer Reading

There will be books to read, prizes to win and cake to eat! Special focus on Michigan authors will earn you extra "points," and a guest author will be visiting. Fun with a local flavor!

## **SPRING USED BOOK SALE SET FOR APRIL 22-25, 2009**

Book lovers looking for great bargains can take heart that it's time once again for the Friends of the Wixom Public Library's Spring Used Book Sale.

The event features thousands of books for all-age readers in a wide variety of categories. There is truly something for everyone, including DVD's, CD's, VHS tapes, games and other specially priced items. Hardcovers cost \$1.00 each; paperbacks are 50 cents each. Children's hardcovers are 50 cents each and softcovers 25 cents each. A lot of family entertainment value is to be had for those on a budget

The event kicks off on Wednesday, April 22 from 5:30-7:30 pm with a special advance sale for members of the Friends (memberships are available at the door). The sale continues for the general public on Thursday, April 23 from 10-8 pm; Friday, April 24 from 10-5 pm and ends on Saturday, April 25 from 10-4 pm. Shoppers can fill a bag for \$5.00 all day on Saturday.

All profits will benefit the Wixom Public Library. Many of your families are already enjoying the new children's puppet theatre made possible from previous book sales.

The next quarterly meeting of the Friends will be on Thursday, April 30 from 6:30-8 pm in the Library meeting room.






## APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Easter Egg Hunt- 12:30 pm 	6 Planning Commission Mtg 7:30 pm	7	8	9  Passover	10	11
12 New Session of Parks & Rec Classes Begin Easter	13 Parks & Rec Mtg 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	14 City Council 7:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 DDA Mtg 7:30 am	22	23	24	25 Clean Up Day 9 am
26 Thomas @ Greenfield Village Bus Trip 8:30 am	27 Planning Wkshp Mtg 7:30 pm/ Library Board Mtg 7 pm	28 ORV Safety Class 6-9 pm City Council 7:30 pm	29	30 ORV Safety Class 6-9 pm Friends of the Library 6:30 pm	<i>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.Cityofwixom.com">www.Cityofwixom.com</a></i>	

## MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.Cityofwixom.com">www.Cityofwixom.com</a></i>					1	2 Mom & Me Paint 10 am Tigers Bus Trip 1 pm
3	4 Planning Commission Mtg 7:30 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10  Mother's Day	11 Parks & Rec Mtg 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	12 City Council 7:30 pm	13	14	15	16
17 Founder's Day 1 pm	18 Library Board Mtg 7 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Community Gardens Open
24	25 City Offices Closed Memorial Day	26 City Council 7:30 pm	27 No Trash Collection Planning Wkshp Mtg 7:30 pm	28 Put out trash- delayed one day	29	30
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## JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Planning Commission Mtg 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5	6 Father's Day Paint 10 am
7	8 Parks & Rec Mtg 6 pm ZBA 7:30 pm	9 City Council 7:30 pm	10	11 3rd Annual Summer Concert Series Begins 7 pm	12	13
14  Flag Day	15	16 Boater Safety Class 6-9 pm	17 Blood Drive 7am-7pm 	18 City Wide Garage Sale 9 am- 6 pm	19 City Wide Garage Sale 9 am- 6 pm	20 City Wide Garage Sale 9 am- 6 pm * Tigers Bus Trip 2:15 pm
21  Father's Day	22 Planning Wkshp Mtg 7:30 pm/ Library Board Mtg 7 pm	23 Boater Safety 6-9 pm City Council 7:30 pm	24	25 Boater Safety 6-9 pm Light the Night 6 pm	26	27 Kids Concert Series – The Music Lady 10 am
28	29	30			<i>Check website for full listing of classes &amp; activities at <a href="http://www.CityofWixom.com">www.CityofWixom.com</a></i>	

### 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL

Who: Everyone  
 When: Sunday May 17, Time 1-4 pm  
 Where: Gibson Park, 49805 Pontiac Trail, Parking off Old Wixom Road  
 Fee: No charge to attend  
 Join us in a good old fashioned Wixom. Enjoy entertainment & activities for all ages related to the 1800-1950's era. Lots to see & do! Dress appropriately- outside event.



Old Tractors Display  
 Pie Eating Contest  
 Classic & Antique Cars & Truck Display  
 Chili Cook-off & Beer Tent  
 Kids Games, Penny Dig, Train Rides Kids  
 Inflatable by TNT Inflatables  
 Mechanical Bull Rides by TNT  
 Inflatables, Petting Farm, Weaver, Wood Carver, Blacksmith, Candle Stick Maker  
 Play Horseshoes, Checkers, Croquet,  
 Sheepshank Sam- Old Lumberjack  
 Puppet Show  
 Camp Set-Up Troop 272  
 Local Entertainment:  
 Local School Art Displays

Wixom Elementary  
 Presidential Doll & Quilt Display  
 Wixom Christian School  
 Kids Craft Tent  
 First Baptist Church  
 Concessions by Backyard Coney Island

#### New This Year:

Barnyard Express Show & Michigan Lego Train Display  
 North & South Skirmish- Camp & Demonstrating the loading & firing of muskets  
*Do you have a old car or tractor that you would like to display? Call 248-624-2850.*

### FOUNDERS DAY CHILI COOK-OFF- SIGN UP!!!

Businesses, Homeowner Associations, and individuals show off your secret recipe!! Strictly all in good fun. Get your team together to slice & dice and cook on site. The Public will judge your samplings. Trophies for top 3 winners. Call 248-624-2850 for a Cook-off Registration & Rules Form. Entry Fee for cooks: \$20. Founders Day Guests- Come hungry to sample and judge all chilis - pay \$3 onsite.

### 3RD ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays beginning June 11.  
 Where: Sibley Square Park  
 Time: 7-9 pm

June 11 - Randy Brock Group  
 June 18 - Steve King & Dittilies

And the beat goes on... Stay tuned...



### KIDS CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendars for children and families alike to enjoy live entertainment at Sibley Square Park. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to enjoy child friendly entertainment from 10-11 am on the following Saturdays:

June 27- The Music Lady  
 July 25- The Gemini Twins  
 August 29- Gabe Bolkosky

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This publication is dedicated to providing news to our community, educating our readers, and offering critical comment.

## City of Wixom Phone Directory

<b>EMERGENCY.....</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Fire, Police, Ambulance</b>	
<b>NON-EMERGENCY</b>	
<b>Fire Admin.....</b>	<b>624-1055</b>
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<b>City Manager.....</b>	<b>624-0894</b>
<b>Clerk/Voting.....</b>	<b>624-4557</b>
<b>Community Center/ Parks &amp; Recreation.....</b>	<b>624-2850</b>
<b>Senior Center.....</b>	<b>624-0870</b>
<b>Finance/ Taxes.....</b>	<b>624-0885</b>
<b>Library.....</b>	<b>624-2512</b>
<b>Public Services.....</b>	<b>624-4664</b>
<b>Public Works.....</b>	<b>624-0141</b>
<b>Roads, Recycling, Solid Waste, Sewer, Water/Sewer Operations.....</b>	<b>624-6421</b>
<b>Building.....</b>	<b>624-0880</b>
<b>Assessing.....</b>	<b>624-3223</b>

## SEMCOG Information

Everyone is looking for ways to save money. SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has a great idea that can save commuters nearly \$3,000 a year. Carpool to work...and find a carpool partner through MiRideshare!

MiRideshare has served Southeast Michigan commuters since 1980 with a free, safe carpool matching program. In these challenging economic times, sharing a ride to work has many advantages – it saves money, decreases commuter stress, and is good for the environment. Find a carpool partner through MiRideshare’s easy-to-use online matching software. Those in the database are also eligible for incentives and prizes in addition to saving money.

Students, volunteers, employees – any commuter over age 18 with a regular schedule whose work/school location falls within Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties – can use this service. You can carpool all the time, or just a few days a week. Carpooling is as flexible as you need it to be since

you work out the details of your commute with potential partners.

And in the event of an emergency, MiRideshare offers “commuter insurance” through the Guaranteed Ride-Home program. We’ll get you home safely if you need to leave early or work late with free taxi rides up to six times per year.

Commuters may also be able to save more once out of the ride alone commute by letting their auto insurance know about their new commute status. Many offer discounts for lower mileage usage on vehicles.

It’s easy to get started. Go to [www.semco.org](http://www.semco.org) and click on MiRideshare under “Hot Topics.” There, you’ll also find our get started video. Please call us with questions at 866-510-POOL.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of local governmental units serving 4.9 million people in the seven-county region of Southeast Michigan striving to enhance the region’s quality of life. Our community is a proud member of SEMCOG.

Genisys Credit Union, formerly T&C, recently provided \$6,500 towards the Corporate Sponsorship Program. Please support Genisys and look for their logo at many family-oriented events. Thank you Genisys for being a great corporate citizen! If your business would like to become a sponsor—please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 248-624-2850.



### NEW FARMERS MARKET STARTS MAY 7

Day: Thursdays  
Time: 3-7 pm  
When: May 7-Oct 29  
Where: Old Wixom Road & Pontiac Tr.



Visit the New City of Wixom Farmers Market. Stay local and support our local farmers right here in the State of Michigan. Seasonal fresh foods and products for all. Master Gardeners from MSU will be onsite to answer your gardening questions. Market will also host a juried craft and artisan section to enhance your shopping experience. Market is at our main City crossroads of Old Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail. Also visit the many shops in our Village Center Area – Make your day a Wixom Day!

Market will be growing and changing each week with seasonal items!  
\*Sansonetti Gourmet Food  
\*Maple Syrup & Honey  
\*Springbrook Gardens  
\*Flower Baskets/Mothers Day Annuals  
\*Fruits and Vegetables \*Bakery Items  
\*Meats \*Perennials  
\*Fall Pumpkins \*Jams & Jellies  
\*Herbs & Berries\*Artisans & Crafts  
\*Concrete Critters & more

Room is available for one non-profit table and two musicians each week. Are you interested in becoming a vendor? Call 248-624-2850 or visit website [www.cityofwixom.com](http://www.cityofwixom.com).