

Crossroads



January-March 2010

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom

FROM THE MAYOR...

Hopefully, by the time we all begin reading this newsletter we've started our post holiday diets. After the Holidays, we seem to get into the doldrums of the cold winter. So get out, take a walk, shovel some snow (perhaps shovel some snow for an elderly neighbor) and relish in the progress of our community and the New Year. Yes the New Year -2010! We can only get better, stronger, and more vibrant as a community.

Our City elections have come and gone and the electorate has voted in two new council members, Pat Beagle and Tom Rzeknik. The voters also re-elected Councilman Jim Cutright and me as your Mayor. I would like to say thanks to all those who ran for positions. Because win or lose the candidates are to be congratulated for stepping up and having the desire to represent us in the community. I, along with all the candidates, would like to thank all those who voted. We have approximately 8,000 + registered voters and around 1,200 or so voted. Our new council members are eager to get to work and continue to deliver a balanced budget, monitor our costs, and keep taxes in line while focusing on maintaining our existing businesses and attracting new ones.

I'm sure many of you are concerned with the repurposing of the Ford Wixom Property. Who, What, and When, are still many questions presented to me daily as I meet some of you throughout the City.

The Who: Clairvoyant Energy, Extreme Power, and Orelikon Solar will occupy half of the property.

The What: solar panels, large (safe, clean) battery storage units, and the equipment manufacturing are currently slated.

Also, we are working hard in bringing education in to the fold with a University extension and research & development campus; the balance of the property is

intended to be leased to other Green Technology firms and suppliers. Ok the When: hopefully in the next several months we will see construction begin on the facelift of the property.

Since September's announcement and throughout the balance of 2009 we have been meeting with first level cabinet members both here in Michigan and in Washington DC showing our support for bringing the project to Michigan and providing the companies with low interest loans, and clean up assistance from the DOE (Department of Energy), DOJ (Department of Justice), and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). These funds are needed to close the gap between the money's available for clean up and investment. So stay tuned, things are developing daily. Your City Manager, and his staff along with this Council will be working tirelessly to bring this project to fruition while at the same time, planning the repurposing of the property to its fullest potential.

I wish all of the citizens of our community a prosperous New Year! We have many things to be thankful for and we do have a brighter future. Together, with your support and input we all can accomplish more. Be safe and stay warm!

Your Mayor,
Kevin W. Hinkley

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Wixom March Board of Review is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday March 9th and Monday March 15th. Tuesday the Board will meet from 10 am to 12 noon, and 1 pm to 5 pm. On Monday the Board will meet from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and again from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Check the date and times printed on the back of your Assessment Change notice, which are mailed out the end of February, for any changes to the tentative schedule.

CHRISTMAS TREES

For the second year, the City of Wixom Department of Public Works is partnering with Spurt Industries and will be accepting Christmas Trees for recycling. Make sure your tree is not wrapped in plastic and free of ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc. You may drop it off at the DPW Yard located at 2041 Charms Road. Please check in the front office between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday thru Thursday.



Tree recycling will also be available at Lyon Oaks, 52251 Pontiac Trail Dec 26-Jan 10 between the hours of 9-4 pm, seven days a week. Again, recyclers are asked to remove all decorations, 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 website at www.oakgov.com/parksrec/ for park maps and more information.

Waste Management will also collect trees curbside until Wednesday, January 6, 2010 on your scheduled garbage collection day (same rules apply as above).



CHILI COOK-OFF

When: Founders Day, Sun. May 23
Where: Gibson Park, 49805 Pontiac Tr.
Fee: \$15 per team (6 per team)
Its not to early to start perfecting that chili recipe! Businesses, Homeowners Associations, Groups and Individuals, show off your secret recipe. Get your team together, slice & dice and cook on-site. Strictly all in good fun. The Public will judge the samplings. Prizes for top 3 winners along with prizes for best dressed and best decorated table. Cooks Must Pre-Register!!! For questions and or a registration form please call 248-624-2850 or check website www.wixomgov.org and click activities tab on top.



Why Are The Pine Trees Looking So Unhealthy?

Driving around town, or maybe just looking in your yard, you may have noticed that the Scots Pine and Austrian Pine trees are dying or showing a lot of dead branches. The most likely causes for this are Diplodia Tip Blight and Pine Wilt Diseases.

Diplodia Tip Blight is a fungal disease, recognized by oozing sap from infected needles as well as the yellowing of the lower branches of the tree. If caught early enough Diplodia Tip Blight may be treated with the assistance of a landscape professional.

Pine Wilt generally infects pine trees over twenty years old and is identified when the needles on one branch yellow before it spreads to the rest of the tree. This is a fast spreading disease and can be fatal in as little as three months. Key to keeping this disease from spreading to adjacent trees, especially when they are used as screening, is to remove the infected trees as there is no cure for Pine Wilt.

For healthy trees it is important to water trees during dry conditions, use tree fertilization in the fall and prune dead or infected branches. For more information visit the MSU Extension Services at www.pestid.msu.edu

If you have any questions about street trees, park trees or trees in general, please call the Department of Public Works at (248) 624-0141.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DATE HAS BEEN SET!

The City of Wixom’s annual Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) is part of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) Hazardous Waste Collection Events. This is a yearly, free event available to homeowners residing in Wixom, Farmington Hills, Novi, Southfield, South Lyon and Walled Lake. The City of Wixom’s sponsored HHWD is scheduled on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Department of Public Works facility located at 2041

Charms Road.

You may drop off the following items at the HHWD event:

Auto: Antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, used motor oil, car batteries

Batteries: NiCad batteries, rechargeable batteries (non-Ni-Cad), single-use batteries

Consumer e-scrap: Televisions, VCRs, DVD players, telephone equipment, cell phones, projectors, video games/Gameboys, camcorders, radios, stereos, speakers, consumer electronic games, boom boxes, copiers, toaster ovens, hairdryers, blenders, cameras, microwaves, scanners, plotters, typewriters, fax machines, vacuum cleaners, carpet cleaners and other handheld electronic devices.

Household Hazardous Waste: Adhesives, asbestos, degreasers, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, gasoline and unwanted fuels, herbicides, household cleaners, insecticides, mercury-containing items, paint disposal (oil based paint only), paint thinners, pesticides, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, solvents and unwanted or outdated medications.

In addition to this years’ household hazardous waste drop-off, the City of Wixom is also providing the following services at the April 10th HHWD:

Paper and document shredder service. This is an excellent way to prevent critical personal information from falling into the wrong hands. RRRASOC will accept up to 100 pounds of documents for shredding.

Wixom residents (only) can drop off scrap metal and old tires. There is a limit of (4) tires per resident.

Please check out the City of Wixom website at www.wixomgov.org and future Crossroad Newsletters for additional information on our HHWD and other locations!

SNOW PLOWING POLICY

The Public Works Department strives to provide unmatched snow and ice control services keeping roads drivable



for all Wixom residents, businesses and visitors during the winter season. Because of the critical nature of this task, the City has developed a snow removal policy designed to prioritize roadway clearing efforts and make efficient use of staff and financial resources.

The first priority is clearing the main roadways such as, Charms Road, Loon Lake Road, Potter Road, Beck Road, West Maple Road, Pontiac Trail, West Road and Alpha Tech Drive, as well as, Police and Fire Department facilities’ parking lots. Once the main roads are completed, the neighborhood and industrial subdivisions are cleared next. Lastly, the main sidewalks and safety paths are cleared.

As a resident and homeowner, you can aid our community during the winter months by keeping sidewalks clear of accumulated snow and ice, as required per City Ordinance. When clearing your sidewalks and driveways, keep in mind it is a violation of City ordinance to shovel snow into public roadways; this could obstruct safe and free movement of automobiles and potentially cause vehicular accidents. If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor who is unable to clear their walk, please try to assist them.

Additionally, please do not park in the street during snowfalls.

Cars parked in roadways hinder the ability of the DPW to plow roads. Once a snow fall reaches 2”, it becomes an automatic snow emergency and **NO PARKING** is allowed on City streets until the roads have been cleared. Please realize when the DPW plows, some snow will be deposited at the end of your driveway, or up against your mailbox. It is your responsibility to clear your own driveways and mailboxes.

As you may be aware, the cost of salt is continuing to rise every year. One of the innovative ways the DPW has saved tax payers’ money is by implementing anti-icing measures before a snowstorm. Under certain weather conditions, the plow trucks will apply salt brine with beet juice to the roads, which appears brownish in color when applied. It is harmless to the environment and washes off of your vehicle

with water. This mixture makes deicing measures more effective, which also allows the City to reduce salt usage; thus reducing costs and impact on the environment.

The DPW will provide advanced notices to the residents via Constant Contact and via message boards in front of the Fire Department and City Hall when 2" or more snow is expected. You can sign-up for Constant Contact e-mail notification by visiting our website at www.wixomgov.org and select the "Signup Email List" option. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at (248) 624-0141.



SNOW DAMAGE REPORTING PROCEDURE

During the snow season there may be instances where snow removal efforts result in the inadvertent damage to lawns and mail boxes. Should this be the case, please contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 624-0141. Staff will subsequently inspect the damage and personally contact you to discuss repairs and/or replacement. Landscape repairs are typically scheduled for the spring whereas mail boxes will be repaired/replaced as needed as soon as possible. In cases where a new post is required, permanent repairs will need to wait until the frost leaves the ground and a new post set.

We regret any inconvenience you may experience and wish you a safe and healthy winter season.

ADOPT-A-BOX PROGRAM 2010

Formerly known as the Adopt-A-Truck Program, the City of Wixom Department of Public Works (DPW) offers the use of a 9-cubic yard box container to assist Wixom residents in disposing large quantities of compostable yard waste. Through the action of 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 four 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 starts scheduling the Adopt-A-Box weekends as early as February. This is on a first-come-first-serve basis and runs from April thru November. 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.

There are a few rules that accompany this **FREE** program:

- Only discard yard waste (grass clippings, brush, limbs, tree trunks, etc.)
- DO NOT overfill the box container. All waste must be contained within the parameters of the box container.
- Stack waste neatly inside the container. This will prevent debris from falling out of container.
- We will only leave the container parked in your driveway or road shoulder. The container cannot be dropped off in your yard.

Please note that 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.



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 truck 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 thru Thursday.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE/ RECYCLING/ YARD WASTE PICK-UPS

New Year's Day (Saturday 01/01/10). Collection takes place on the regularly scheduled collection day. City offices will be closed on New Year's Eve.

Martin Luther King Day (Monday, 01/18/10) and **Presidents' Day** (Monday, 02/15/10) - Collection takes place on the regularly scheduled days. City offices will be closed on Presidents' Day.

Memorial Day (Monday, 05/31/10), **Fourth of July** (Monday, 07/04/10) and **Labor Day** (Monday, 09/06/10) - Collections one day behind. City offices will be closed on these holidays.

Please note: *The last yard waste pickup was during Thanksgiving week, November 25th. Starting the week of November 30, yard waste will not be picked up until the program resumes in the first full week of April 2010.*

Holiday Recycling

Recycle your holiday cards and wrapping paper with your newspapers and junk mail in a brown paper bag in your green recycling bin. Please note: Cards and wrapping paper with glitter or metallics should go in with your regular trash.

Recycling Reminders

City of Wixom residents can now recycle all narrow neck plastic bottles with any number on the bottom. Caps and labels can be left on. Also, plastic grocery bags and retail bags are accepted (bundled together), drink boxes are accepted, pizza boxes can be tossed loose in the bin, and scrap metal such as pots and pans, bake ware, and more can be placed in your recycling bin.

Please be sure to rinse dirty jars/cans/container of all food products before recycling them. For a copy of the Curbside Guidelines, go to www.rrrasoc.org or call (248) 208-2270.



POLICE NEWS

Citizens Police Academy Begins Again in March 2010

The Wixom, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, & Wolverine Lake Police Departments will again sponsor the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy beginning in March 2009. 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, and the communities of South Lyon & Wolverine Lake became part of this academy in 1998. The Lakes Area Citizens' Police Academy is held semiannually 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, etc.) furnish academy instruction. There is no cost to participate as a student.

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 at police offices or by mail. We encourage

residents to consider attending this academy and getting-to-know their police department better. If you have any questions concerning the Academy, please contact Police Executive Secretary Melody Ziegler at 248.624.6114. You can also find our application on the City's website or e-mail MZiegler@wixomgov.org

DARE Golf-Outing 2010

Once again, the Police Department will hold the "Al Blashfield Memorial DARE Golf-Outing". As in prior years, the Police Department will again be accepting donations that will enable us to host this fundraiser. This golf-outing is the major source of revenue that enables the Police Department to sponsor DARE at our elementary schools each year and that enable us to sponsor other charitable projects for the children and young people of our community. "Event Sponsorships" are available for a donation of \$500 or more and "Hole-sponsorships" are available for a donation of \$100; other donations are also accepted. For details concerning any donation, please call the Police Department and speak with Sgt. Charlie Yon or Melody Ziegler.

ATV Regulations

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 operating their ATV or snowmobile.

FIRE NEWS

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector on each floor. *CO detectors save lives.* Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and it *kills*. Warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, nausea and/or vomiting and fatigue. Severity of symptoms varies with age, existing medical conditions and physical size. If your detector activates, **leave the house immediately, then call 911. Do not open doors or windows to air out the house.** Fire Department personnel will evaluate your family for symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and test your home for

the presence of carbon monoxide.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants on your property must be clear of snow. Hydrants must be visible and readily accessible to the Fire Department. Residents in need of assistance in removing snow from hydrants should call the Fire Department administrative office at (248) 624-1055.



SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Test your smoke detector monthly.

WIXOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **Wixom Historical Society** begins its 2010 program season with a potluck supper and lively musical entertainment barbershop quartet style. Join us for supper at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share and place setting. Mark your calendars for **January 18, 2010** and look forward to a relaxed fun evening of good food, music and companions.

February is the month of the Presidents and as is the tradition, we celebrate a President on **Monday, February 15**. George Washington will be highlighted in "Memories" presented by Society member Alan Rothenberg. Youngsters are invited to attend with a parent. Did George really chop down the cherry tree? Join us at City Hall at 7 pm.



Fellows, the **March 15** WHS presentation is for you! Bruce Annett from the Oakland County Historical Society will share his "sport" of model car collecting. Enjoy the stories he has to share and learn more about the "sport". A short business meeting is scheduled at 7 pm followed by the program.

All programs and functions of the **Wixom Historical Society** are held at Wixom City Hall, open to the public and free of charge unless otherwise noted. Occasionally the meeting location will change but that change will be duly noted.

CENSUS COUNT

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses across the nation will receive a census questionnaire. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census questionnaire asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Completing your census questionnaire is easy, important and safe, and your participation is essential to ensuring a brighter tomorrow for our community.

Required once every 10 years by the U.S. Constitution, the census will count every person living in the United States, both citizens and noncitizens. Census data are used to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, re-district each state and determine the distribution of the Electoral College. Census data also directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments. Most importantly, census data is critical in determining locations for new hospitals, improving schools, building new roads, expanding public transportation options and creating new maps for emergency responders.

By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you. Complete and return your form when it arrives. To learn more, visit 2010census.gov. It's in our hands.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Two Exciting Author Visits -- get your free tickets now!

Travelin' Man: On the Road and Behind the Scenes With Bob Seger
Wednesday, January 13th
6:30-7:30 pm

Meet and greet photographer Tom Weschler and journalist Gary Graff. *Travelin' Man* is a photographic essay of Weschler's more than 10 years on the road with Bob Seger. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Alone Across the Arctic
Thursday, March 18th 6:30-8 pm

Pam Flowers and her Alaskan huskies endured darkness, isolation, cold, one of the stormiest winters on record, a polar bear



encounter, and melting, flooding sea ice. They traveled 2,500 miles across Arctic America, completing the longest solo dog sled expedition by a woman in recorded history. This remarkable adventure story is sure to fascinate all ages. Pam will recount her experience firsthand, share slides, and sign copies of her books *Alone across the Arctic*, *Big Enough Anna*, and *Douggie*.

TEEN TECH WEEK March 7-13:
Big thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring these exciting TTW activities:

THE REMIX PROJECT by Mr. Seley
Monday, March 8 at 6 pm. Teens in Grades 6-12 will use a computer program called Audacity to remix a song! You will also learn about recording and audio engineering. Don't miss this... There are only 16 spots available!

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!
Tuesday, March 9 at 2 pm. Teens in Grades 6-12 can celebrate the day off from school AND the theme of TTW by making a book trailer. Teens will be filmed promoting a book they love. Creations will be shared on the teen blog!

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK SPECIAL – Movie Matinee

Spend part of your school vacation with... Remy the Rat!
We will show the Walt Disney feature length film RATATOUILLE (111 minutes) on Thursday, February 18 at 2 pm for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Bring your blankets and pillow, and we'll provide the popcorn. Registration required.

SPECTACULAR SATURDAY SPECIALS
Registration begins January 4.
These programs are geared towards families with children ages 2-10.

PUPPET ADVENTURES PRESENTS...
King Arthur: A Sword in Stone
Professional puppeteer Greg Lester will perform on Saturday, January 23 at 10:30 am.

VALENTINE MAKING WORKSHOP
Join Miss Jane on Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 am for an incredibly sweet morning of Valentine crafting. You will be able to make as many valentines for



your family and friends as you would like. The crafting materials you will find at this program will be open-ended, and very unique. You only need to bring your heart, your imagination and a smile!

THE BUBBLEMAN!
Join Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, on Saturday, March 6 at 10:30 am for an amazing and delightful morning filled with... BUBBLES! The Bubbleman will create cube bubbles, double merry-go-round bubbles, smoke filled bubbles, bubbles inside of bubbles and much more!

THE SCIENCE OF SPINNING... with ZEEMO
Special guest Paul Kyprie, also known as Yo-Master Zeemo will bring all sorts of spinning objects with him, including but not limited to yo-yos! He will entertain, educate and astound us on Saturday, March 27 at 10:30 am.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Thanks Wixom for making the Fall Used Book Sale a resounding success. And a special thank you to the Walled Lake Western Cross Country Team for set up help. More than \$4,000 was raised to be used toward the purchase of a laptop computer and summer reading club materials. To date, the Friends have raised more than \$80,000 on behalf of the Library. Watch upcoming newsletters to see how you can join the fun.

Meanwhile, the Friends would like to entertain suggestions for disposing of unsold books at the end of each sale. If you know of any non-profit youth organizations, group or retirement homes, women's shelters, missionaries or military organizations who could benefit from reading materials, we would be happy to consider them. Just leave your contact information at the Check Out desk, and we'll get back to you.

Mark your calendar for these activities:
First Quarterly Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 11 am
One-Day Mini Fiction, Mystery and Romance Sale – Thursday, February 4
Spring Used Book Sale – April 21-24

New members are always welcome. Pick up an application form at the Library. And as always, books for donation can be dropped off in the bin in the Library lobby.

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.Wixomgov.org</i>				1 New Year's	2
3 Lions vs. Bears Bus Trip 11 am	4 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 ZBA 7:30 pm Parks & Rec Commission 6 pm	12 Sr. Comm. 10 am Friends of the Library 11 am City Council 7:30 pm	13	14 Community Foundation 7:30 am	15	16
17 Red Wings Bus Trip 11:15 am	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19 DDA 7:30 am	20	21	22	23
24	25 Planning Wkshp 7:30 pm Library Board 7 pm	26 Skate Night 6 pm City Council 7:30 pm	27	28	29	30 Wizard of Oz Bus Trip 6 pm
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FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	2	3	4 One-Day Mini Book Sale 10am Wine Tasting 7-9 pm	5	6
7 Cirque de Soleil Bus Trip 11:30 am	8 ZBA 7:30 pm Parks & Rec Commission 6 pm	9 Senior Commission 10 am City Council 7:30 pm	10	11 Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8 pm	12	13 Elmo Bus Trip 9 am
14 Valentine's Day 	15 City Offices Closed Presidents' Day 	16	17	18 Babysitter Training 9 am	19	20
21	22 Planning Wkshp 7:30 pm Library Board 7 pm	23 City Council 7:30 pm	24	25	26	27
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MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Planning Commission 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 ZBA 7:30 pm Parks & Rec Commission 6pm	9 Sr. Comm. 10 am City Council 7:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Blood Drive 2-8 pm St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22 Planning Wkshp 7:30 pm Library Board 7 pm	23 City Council 7:30 pm	24	25	26	27
28 Easter Egg Hunt	29	30 Passover	31	Check website for full listing of classes & activities at www.Wixomgov.org		

Do you or know of someone who needs home repair assistance? Our local chapter of Rebuild Together, "Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom, and Wolverine Lake" is accepting applications for 2010. The non-profit organization provides free home repairs to low-income, especially elderly, disabled, military veterans, and families with children who often have no place to turn when they need help. Repair items include handicap ramps, insulation, windows, plumbing, electrical, etc. Call 248-889-5450 for more information or check website: www.cityofwixom or www.rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org. Applications due 1/8.

WIXOM GOODFELLOWS THANKS YOU

Another year has passed and we would like to report on our December 2009 paper drive. The drive was most successful and we were able to raise money to provide a Christmas for many Wixom families. This was done with our contribution from the street sales and the Wixom Businesses. It's an effort of love and carrying out our motto of "No Child Without a Christmas". We want to Thank You for all your participation in the drive.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

After the recent election, things seem pretty quiet now in the Clerk's Office.



The New Year brings along with it a couple new members on Wixom's City Council. As a result of the November 3rd General Election, incumbent Jim Cutright was elected as well as newcomers Pat Beagle and Tom Rzeznik. Pat was previously a member of the Library Board and has been very actively involved in the PTA, while Tom has served as a member of our Parks & Recreation Commission since June of 2000.

We hope that all residents will join us in welcoming these gentlemen to their new positions on City Council and in expressing your appreciation for their continued service to our community.

Enjoy the rest of your winter.
We'll see you in the spring.



WIXOM YOUTH SOCCER SPRING REGISTRATION



Ages: 4-12
 Season Begins: Sat Apr 17
 Season Ends: Sat Jun 12
 Fee: U6 & U8 New Player \$85
 U6 & U8 Returning Player \$70
 U9 & Up New Player \$90
 U8 & Up Returning Player \$75

Register now for Spring 2010 soccer. Kids will have fun, learn & improve their soccer skills in a recreational atmosphere. Registration forms available at www.wixomgov.org, Community Services Brochure and City offices. Register by Feb 22.

PARENT & TOT LITTLE KICKERS

Who: Age 3 with parent
 When: Mon April 19-Jun 14
 Day: Mondays
 Time: 6-6:45 pm
 Fee: \$70 (8 wks)
 Where: Gibson Park on Pontiac Trail
 Kids will be introduced to the game of soccer in a fun recreational atmosphere. Three year-olds will get their first exposure to the most popular sport in the world.

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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

EMERGENCY.....911

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**

Senior Center.....624-0870

Finance/ Taxes.....624-0865

Library.....624-2512

Public Services.....624-4664

Public Works.....624-0141

Roads, Recycling, Solid Waste, Sewer,

Water/Sewer Operations.....624-6421

Building.....624-0880

Assessing.....624-3223

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

RETURNING! SKATE NIGHT

Who: Everyone
When: Tue Jan 26
Time: 6-7:30 pm
Fee: Free



Bring your own skates & dress for the weather for the return of skate night! (weather permitting) Light refreshments provided.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Who: Age 3-10
When: Thur Feb 11
Time: 6-8 pm
Fee: \$25/couple or \$5 ea addtl girl



Enjoy a night of dancing-making a lifetime of memories! Includes pizza dinner. Must pre-register by 3 pm Feb 8.

8TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Who: Age 21 and up
When: Thur Feb 4
Time: 7-9 pm
Fee: \$15 per person

We will be working with locally owned Barrels of Wine, who will bring delicious (red & white) selection of wines from Michigan, complimented by an array of cheeses, crackers & fruits. Will also have beer & non-alcoholic tables. Pre-register by 3 pm Jan 28.



WANTED- SHOW OFF YOUR OLD TRACTOR OR CAR!

When: Founders Day Festival
When: Sun May 23
Time: 1-4 pm
Where: Gibson Park, 49805 Pontiac Tr.

Take pride in showing off your old tractor & old or classic car or truck! To sign up call Parks and Recreation at 248-624-2850 or check website www.wixomgov.org and click activities tab.



BABYSITTER TRAINING

Who: Ages 11-15
When: A. Thur Feb 18, 9 am-3:30 pm
B. Sat Mar 13, 9 am-3:30 pm
Fee: \$60
Red Cross certification course. Child receives book, a first aid & safety bag and Babysitter Certificate. 8 min/ 12 max. MUST Pre-register by 10 days prior to class. Inst: Red Cross



BUNNY HOP

Who: Everyone
When: Fri Mar 26
Time: 6-8 pm
Fee: \$6 per person
Fun family night out! Dance to your favorite tunes, eat pizza and ice cream & dance with the Bunny who will make a guest appearance! Bring your camera! Must pre-register by 3pm Mar 24.
*Offices closed during the day Mar 26.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Who: Age 17+/ 110 lbs & more
When: Wed Mar 17
Time: 2 pm- 8 pm
Fee: One pint of blood
You are the lucky one—you're able to donate! Our area continues to remain 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!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Who: Age 2-10
When: Sun Mar 28
Where: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.
Time: Registration begins at 12:30 pm
Hunt starts promptly at 1pm
Fee: \$3 per child- NO Pre-registration accepted
Bring your kids out to find their eggs in the park & for the chance to take your picture with the Bunny! Please register at park day of event. No personal baskets allowed. Don't forget your camera!

