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City of Wyoming ANNUAL REPORT



Come for the charm, stay for the friendships

Wyoming
Seadragons
Swim Team
members pose
at the pool.



Unique handcrafted items
are a feature of the Holiday
One Stop Shop.



Cyclists enjoy a cup of coffee at Wyoming
Community Coffee's outdoor seating area.



Seasonal events create family fun
throughout the year.



Residents of all ages can
feed their passions with City
recreation activities.

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July 25, 2022

The Family Entertainment Series is back on Thursday, July 26, with the talented duo of Bobby and Serenity Fisher starting at 7 p.m. at the Village Green Gazebo. If those names sound familiar, it's because they're both teachers at the Wyoming Fine Arts Center.

Bobby Fisher is a world-renowned guitarist, composer, and recording artist. Bobby has recorded and produced a number of his own songs and has assisted on countless others. He is joined by his daughter, Serenity, whose voice is often compared to Regina Spektor, Tori Amos, and Fiona Apple.

In 2022, more than 60,250 users turned to WhatsUpWyoming.com, the City's online magazine, to learn about the people and events that make Wyoming special. Go to WyomingOhio.gov and click on the dedicated button on the home page to subscribe.

Coming Together to Achieve Great Things

The year of 2022 has included many important moments for Wyoming. We came together to build a new playground that is welcoming to children and adults, regardless of their mobility. We also reignited fundraising for a significant renovation of the Village Green that will transform it into a state-of-the-art entertainment space for the City, and serve as a gathering spot for generations to come. These projects are a reflection of the strength of our community and show the level of commitment residents feel toward making our City the best it can be.

These successes also showed how effective private/public partnerships can be in bringing about needed improvements to the City without raising taxes or incurring debt. Each of these important ventures were made possible with thousands of dollars in donated funds and critical volunteer manpower. I am truly grateful for the level of support the community has shown when it was needed, and I look forward to accomplishing more significant progress through such efforts.

In addition, 2022 marked the return of a full schedule of activities and events in our Recreation Department, a milestone I've looked forward to since the start of the pandemic over two years ago. Big crowds once again came out for the Independence Day parade and the fireworks show in the evening. Events like the Fall Festival and the Live on the Green Concert Series were well attended and showed our readiness to be together again.

In more serious business, the City staff continues to take action to ensure we are improving in our efforts to incorporate more



City Manager Rusty Herzog at Oak Park.

diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into our routines. In this Annual Report, you'll see news from each of our department managers about their work to incorporate more DEI initiatives into their daily practice procedures. I have reported to City Council about these efforts, and I will continue to monitor

our daily business practices to help achieve the recommendations of our DEI Task Force, as adopted in 2021.

Lastly, I want to welcome the new members of our City staff, including several Recreation Department employees and four police officers. This year is the first year since 2019 the City has been at full staffing levels and marks a milestone in the post-pandemic period. As City Manager, I've placed a priority on solid communication with residents, and our new Communications and Events Coordinator Emily Dengler is helping to achieve this goal. I am proud of the dedication of our Wyoming administrative staff. No matter the challenges, they continue to provide the highest level of service to our residents. I am lucky to have such a dedicated team at my side.

My door is always open to anyone who has questions or concerns about City services or procedures. Feel free to contact me at rherzog@WyomingOhio.gov.

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Nicolas and Sarah Jarrell

Jerry and Lissette Gonzalez and their daughter, Gabriela

Unique Homes Draw Buyers from All Walks of Life to Wyoming

Wyoming is frequently named as one of the top places to live in Ohio. Lists such as Niche.com and *US News & World Report* rank Wyoming highly for its schools, safety, and services. Wyoming is also a destination for its unique neighborhoods, history, and wide variety of housing choices — from historic mansions to charming starter homes.

Several new home buyers in the community agreed to talk about their decision to purchase in Wyoming and what drew them to settle here. They represent the spectrum of Wyoming's real estate market and provide a snapshot of the socioeconomic diversity of the community. Not surprisingly, however, many of their reasons for choosing a home in Wyoming are very similar.

COMING HOME TO BUY A HOME

Sarah and Nicolas Jarrell bought their house on Oak Avenue in May 2022 after looking for several months. For Sarah, who graduated from Wyoming High School in 2013, a house in Wyoming meant more than just a first home purchase — it was also a homecoming.

"I had such a good experience growing up here

that I knew it would be a great place to live," said Sarah. "It has always felt like such a safe and loving community."

Nicolas, who grew up in Toledo, said he was drawn to the walkability, the beauty of the neighborhoods, and the green spaces. As an avid runner, he regularly takes to Wyoming's Hike/Bike Trail and its tree-lined streets for long runs. In college, he competed for The Ohio State University's cross-country team. Sarah and Nicolas met at OSU and married in 2020.

The couple also said they were looking for an older home, even if it meant taking on a few extra improvement projects. As prospective future parents, the schools were also a big draw. In addition, the chance to be near family (Sarah's parents, Jon and Amy Smith, still live here) and the proximity to big city attractions in downtown Cincinnati, while enjoying the casual pace of life in a leafy suburb, meant that Wyoming checked all the boxes.

"We love it here. We walk to the village and we have been to many of the neighborhood events," said Sarah. "It really is a great place to live."

A CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

For more than 100 years, the Stearns House, also known as the Stearns Mansion, has looked out over a hillside on Oliver Road, and has been one of the most widely recognizable landmarks in Wyoming. At over 14,000 square feet with an exterior of solid limestone, it is an imposing presence nestled into the suburban landscape of single-family homes on Oliver. It's a reminder of Wyoming's history as a growing hamlet with regional importance at the turn of the 20th century.

When Jerry Gonzalez saw the Stearns House, however, he knew he had found the family home he was searching for. Coming from Miami Beach, Florida, in the fall of 2021 to see the house, Gonzalez said he couldn't believe that something this large and historically significant could be for sale for just over \$1 million. In Florida, such a home would cost much more.

"I fell in love with the house," said Gonzalez. "I always wanted to own a great home," he said, referring to the house's historic status. "This one happened to be for sale for a price I could afford."

He said he also looked in other areas of Cincinnati, such as Indian Hill, Madeira, and Blue



Rob and Linda Shimp

Ash, having decided to relocate his wife, Lissette, and 6-year-old daughter, Gabriela, to Cincinnati to escape the "zoo" atmosphere in Miami Beach. As a retired pharmaceutical executive, Gonzalez had traveled to Cincinnati for business during his career, and grew to appreciate its traditional character.

Wyoming's welcoming charm also won him over. "Everyone was so friendly, so inviting," he said. "The people here are so kind and generous. They brought over cookies and pies. It's a nice change from the crazy life in the city," he added. "I wanted to live in a place with traditional values and a sense of community. Wyoming seems like that kind of place."

He especially likes the little daily routines that make his family feel connected to the community, like taking his daughter to school each day and walking into town for coffee or a bite to eat.

"Wyoming really offers all the things we're looking for," he said. "I think we will enjoy living here."

STAYING AFTER THE KIDS ARE GONE

Rob and Linda Shimp first moved to Wyoming in 1985 after Rob completed graduate school in North Carolina and took a job with Procter & Gamble. They chose Wyoming for many of the reasons young families do: great schools and park-like neighborhoods. Their two sons are now grown and live elsewhere, but the Shimps said Wyoming's appeal did not change for them.

"We love to walk, and Wyoming is such a great place for that," said Linda. "We also still wanted to have a yard, and our new house has a nice yard."

Rob added, "We have some friends that have moved into over-55 communities, and those are nice. But we like the diversity here, especially the diversity of the housing and the people, and the quality schools."

In fact, the Shimps bought the house right next to Hilltop School, their third home purchase on Oliver Road since they first moved to Wyoming. The ranch house became available when they were looking to move for retirement and wanted a single-level floor plan. The house they sold is less than a quarter mile down the street on Oliver. They have extensively renovated their new home and feel it will meet their needs as they age in place. They said Wyoming's housing diversity made it possible to remain in the community they love into their later years.

"Basically, we like where we are," said Rob. "We couldn't think of anywhere better we wanted to go. Wyoming is so comfortable. It's home."

Hidden Treasures Around Town

Discover 10 interesting things about Wyoming, from fun facts to spots you might want to explore.



1 **Pineapple Fountain:** Centennial Park features a unique three-tiered pineapple fountain, added in 1999 thanks to fundraising by the Trowel & Error Garden Club. It was built by the same company that restored the Statue of Liberty.

2 **Wyoming History Museum and Walking Tours:** Opened by the Wyoming Historical Society in the lower level of the City Building, the museum showcases several artifacts. The Historical Society also offers self-guided walking tours through the historic village district.

3 **Community Garden:** Residents can rent raised beds in this half-acre area with 60 plots, three of which are handicapped accessible. This space, brimming with diverse plants, fosters a sense of community spirit.

4 **Stearns Woods:** At this outdoor respite right in the middle of Wyoming, people can explore the nature trail (0.6 miles) and Cilley Creek, restored by the Environmental Stewardship Commission in 2018. Walkers can take a break on benches recently built as an Eagle Scout project.



5 **Candlepin Bowling Alley:** You've likely attended an event at the Candlepin Bowling Alley, on the lower level of the Civic Center, but you might not know that candlepin bowling is rare in the Midwest. This refurbished little gem is a one-of-a-kind in Greater Cincinnati.

6 **Murals:** The unveiling of the bright, colorful "Come Play in Wyoming" mural behind Gabby's brought Wyoming's number of street art displays to four, three of which were sponsored by the Wyoming Art Show.

7 **The Boulevards:** The City calls them "boulevards," the cut-through walkways tucked between homes that run from Wentworth to Worthington Avenues. Some of their history is unknown, but the Historical Society shares that the first stretch (between Worthington and Wyoming Avenues), originally called School Way, was built in 1880.

8 **Contra Dancing:** Cincinnati Contra Dance hosts dancing at the Wyoming Fine Arts Center on Monday nights. Contra is a communal-style folk dance, fun and easy to learn, where a caller leads dancers through a series of moves.

9 **City Parks:** According to the National Recreation and Parks Association, the national average for park land per 1,000 residents is 7.9 acres. Wyoming has 8.6 acres, or nine percent higher than the national average. Need a new way to enjoy the green space? Check out Yoga in the Park at Hilltop Park.

10 **Wyoming Hike/Bike Trail:** Dedicated in 2009, the Wyoming Hike/Bike Trail has continued to grow, thanks to public grants. Part of the West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail, it now provides access to the Wyoming and Woodlawn Recreation Centers and Glenwood Gardens.

The Perfect Preschool is Close to Home in Wyoming

Preschool is often an adored experience, with benefits that go well beyond kindergarten readiness. But finding the right program can be tricky. Luckily, options abound in and around Wyoming.

■ **A&HT Wyoming Preschool** emphasizes respect, kindness, and teamwork. "Since children's brains are not developed yet, they are looking for teachers and parents to guide them and help them make sound decisions," said Director Sandy Rempe. Held at A&HT Church, classes are divided by age beginning at 2 years old, and meet various weekday mornings.

ahtpreschool.com

■ **Friendship Preschool** started in 1983 as an outreach of Friendship United Methodist Church. "We believe children are naturally curious, capable, creative individuals who learn through playful interactions with their environment, (and) our goal is to foster a learning community," Director Lowellette Lauderdale said. Classes are available starting at 2 years old, with morning and afternoon sessions based on age.

friendship-preschool.com



Several quality preschools dot Wyoming, providing solid choices for families.

■ **Lads and Lassies Community Preschool** has been a Wyoming staple for more than 60 years, now calling the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming home. Classes are held three days a week in morning or afternoon sessions. Lads largely mirrors Wyoming's curriculum. "Every year, each class chooses a topic to study based on (their) interests, rather than pre-chosen 'themes,' and we learn about it together," said Director Stacy Akers.

ladsandlassiespreschool.org

■ **Terry's Montessori School** promises a homelike environment — indeed, classes are held in a handful of turn-of-the-century homes throughout Wyoming — and academics are a major focus. "Our philosophy has always been about helping build the well-rounded child," co-director Courtney Delgado said. Most parents opt for the year-round, full-day program, but a half-day option is also available. Terry's accepts students ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

terrysmonessori.com

SEVERAL POPULAR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS ARE LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE WYOMING'S BORDERS

■ **Northminster Preschool**, play-based, half-day preschool for children ages 27 months through 5 years, with various age-based classes at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Finneytown.

northminsterchurch.org/preschool/

■ **Tender Care Child Development Center**, a day-care and Early Head Start partner, located on Springfield Pike in Woodlawn, across from the Wyoming Recreation Center.

facebook.com/tendercarechilddevelopmentcenterinc/

■ **Maple Knoll Montessori Child Center**, a child-care center for children ages 3 to 6, offering full-day, morning-only, and partial full-day programs, within the Maple Knoll Village retirement community in Springdale.

maplekno.org/montessori-child-center/



With numerous parks and abundant sports options, youth have plenty of ways to stay active.



New Recreation Professionals and Playground Mark Busy Year

The Recreation Department returned to normal operations in 2022 after two years of adjustments for special COVID-19 procedures. Sports and fitness activities resumed full schedules and participation returned to near pre-pandemic levels. In addition, the Recreation Department added three new staff members to guide programming, communications, and classes in 2022, and added a new inclusive playground on Crescent Avenue that is one of the only such play spaces in the region.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Emily Dengler joined the Recreation Department in May as the Communications and Events Coordinator. She manages communications and social media, as well as plans and organizes special event programming. She graduated recently with a bachelor's degree in communications from Ohio University.



Reece Dow was hired in June as a Recreation Supervisor overseeing sports and programs. He is a graduate of Wyoming High School and has worked as a summer camp counselor at the Recreation Center. He graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in recreation, parks, and leisure facilities management and previously worked as a regional sports director for the YMCA.

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Alisha Wood came on board in July as the Fitness Manager. She oversees the fitness center, classes, personal training, and fitness-related programming. Alisha holds a master's degree in nutrition from the University of Minnesota, and is also a personal trainer and board-certified registered dietitian.



FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Pickleball Courts Added – Wyoming added four new pickleball courts in the tennis court facility behind Spring Valley Bank on Springfield Pike. Pickleball play has grown tremendously over the last five years, and the local Meet-Up group for pickleball includes more than 150 participants. The City has six pickleball courts now to meet this growing demand.

Baseball Fields Upgraded – In cooperation with the Public Works Department, the fields at Hilltop and Vermont Schools/Parks were upgraded, and new dumpster and porta-potty enclosures were added. (See page 18 for details)

Gymnasium Floors Re-Finished – Floors at both the Recreation Center gymnasium and Oak gymnasium were refinished.

COMMUNITY WORKS TOGETHER TO FUND AND BUILD NEW CRESCENT PARK ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

More than 125 community members worked side-by-side in August to build the area's first universally accessible playground, designed to meet the needs of children of all physical abilities. After more than a year of planning and grassroots fundraising that included \$265,000 in donations by residents, the playground became a reality.

The park goes beyond requirements set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure that any child and their caregiver can access the park. It features design elements that make it accessible to children with differences in sensory integration and mobility. Crescent Park is one of only a handful of accessible parks in the Cincinnati area.

In addition to the playground space, the City made upgrades to the site, including an expanded parking lot, new landscaping, and re-seeded soccer fields. The \$454,000 project was funded with a state budget grant and Community Development Block Grant, in addition to the private donations.

ONGOING ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS

- Co-ed softball
- Adult basketball, age 40 and over
- Open gym basketball, age 18 and over
- Co-ed soccer

ONGOING YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Sports programs for youth include options for most ages between 3 and 18 in these activities:

- Baseball and softball
- Basketball
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Volleyball

WEEKLY FITNESS CLASSES

- **Cycle and Core** – Spinning combined with strength conditioning
- **Strong HIIT** – High-intensity interval training that uses weights and body resistance
- **Total Body Barre** – Muscle conditioning using ballet and yoga elements
- **Bootcamp** – Strength training and cardiovascular exercise
- **Zumba** – Dance fitness for cardiovascular and muscle conditioning
- **Body Pump** – Dynamic strength and cardiovascular exercise using hand weights
- **Pilates** – Mat, Reformer, and Osteoporosis

classes available – strength and muscle conditioning using the Pilates method

- **MysFit Dance** – High-intensity dance class set to hip hop music
- **Walking and More** – Walking combined with small weight exercises for overall conditioning
- **SilverSneakers® Circuit and SilverSneakers® Classic** – Strength and cardiovascular exercises customized for individuals with balance and mobility compromises
- **Yoga Leela** – Hatha yoga practice that incorporates fun and traditional yoga poses
- **Shitokai** – Karate to build strength and renew energy
- **Aikido** – Self-defense training that uses holds and throws
- **HYDRO-FIT®** – Deep water exercise using water as resistance (summer only)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives

The Recreation Department has made a special effort to reach out to women and minority-owned businesses as vendors for events such as the Fall Festival and others. When planning or upgrading facilities, accessibility and inclusiveness are considered in the design phase. All hiring and personnel policies have been reviewed to ensure they are mindful of DEI recommendations.

Did You Know?

- The Recreation Department has six personal trainers and eight fitness instructors who are ready to help you meet your personal fitness goals. Call the Recreation Center at 513-821-5200 for more information.
- Wyoming's recreation facilities are comparable to a city much larger in size due to high participation rates in sports and fitness programs.



Wyoming's summer camps returned to full activity schedules in 2022.



Participation in Camps and Events Surges in 2022

As activities resumed their pre-pandemic schedules, participation in Wyoming's popular summer camp for kids and events for families returned to near-normal rates. The Recreation Department was able to move back into full operations with higher levels of staffing and normal scheduling at the Family Aquatic Center.

SUMMER CAMP

Attendance at summer camp was roughly 90 children per day with a total of 219 kids participating in the program. Activity levels returned to pre-pandemic norms with a full slate of daily events, including swimming, arts and crafts, field games, and outings. Field trips during the camp included the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Coney Island, B&B Riverboats, and Urban Air Adventure Park.

FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The pool opened for normal operations in summer 2022, although the baby pool was shut down for repairs during the season. It was fully repaired in fall and will re-open in 2023. The Seadragons Swim Team had more than 100 participating youth. Also, several pool events took place, including the Luau, the Senior Picnic, and the Dawg Days of Summer.



COMMUNITY EVENTS RETURN, GREETED BY ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS

Daddy Daughter Dance – This enormously popular event sold out for two nights with 176 fathers and daughters attending each night.

SonSational Dance – Roughly 158 mothers and sons attended each night of this two-evening event.

Wyoming Art Show – After a two-year hiatus, the highly anticipated Art Show returned to Worthington Avenue and the Wyoming Civic Center, with more than 100 artists and big crowds of eager shoppers.

Taste of Wyoming – This new event was held in cooperation with the Wyoming Independent Restaurant Association (WIRA) and drew more than 300 attendees to sample local cuisine, enjoy a beverage in Wyoming's DORA district, and listen to live music from the No Guarantees band.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

Madcap Puppets – Classic fairy tales, music, and comedic puppet theater are the specialties of this touring ensemble founded in Cincinnati.

Touch-A-Truck Event – Held at a new location at the Village Green and Wyoming Avenue in 2022, this event is always popular because of the up-close-and-personal interaction with big trucks and their operators.

Circus Mojo – Featuring performers in juggling, stilt walking, and unicycling, this family event held on the Village Green invites children of all ages to experience

the thrills of watching a traditional circus act combined with improvisation and sketch comedy.

Zak Morgan – This Grammy-nominated children's performer sings inspirational tunes while accompanying himself on the guitar. He performed for a crowd of roughly 200 at the Village Green gazebo.

Bobby and Serenity Fisher – Roughly 100 people attended the performance of this father and daughter singing duo at the Village Green gazebo while they performed original music for children and families.

LIVE ON THE GREEN CONCERT SERIES

With unique musical performances every other Wednesday during the summer at the Village Green gazebo, these events draw large crowds who enjoy outdoor live music combined with food and drink from Wyoming's nearby restaurants.

POP-UP DOG PARK

Due to popularity, extra months were added in April and November to the usual May-October schedule so that pups could enjoy cooler temperatures for play with their human companions at the Village Green.

AUTUMN AND HOLIDAY EVENTS

Wyoming Car Show – This event returned in September 2022 after a two-year pandemic break, featuring more than 50 exotic and super cars. Guests enjoyed perusing exceptional vehicles, local food and beverages, plus live music at the Village Green gazebo.

Fall Festival – More than 80 vendors and community organizations rented booths in 2022 and drew large crowds on a sunny, warm Saturday in October.

Halloween Hoopla – The event features pumpkin decorating, games, and the popular Howling Pooch Parade.

Holiday One Stop Shop – Held at the Wyoming Civic Center the first weekend in December, this holiday shopping event featured gift items from more than 35 vendors.

Holiday Celebration and Light Up Wyoming – In partnership with the Joint Women's Collaborative (JWC), the City held the annual Holiday Celebration in conjunction with Light Up Wyoming. As Wyoming's streets glowed with candlelight from hundreds of luminaries, families enjoyed train rides, visits with Santa, carriage rides, music, crafts, and live reindeer. JWC also hosted the Deck the Homes holiday house decorating contest in December.



Outdoor concerts are among many popular events for families in summer.

Did You Know?

The Wyoming Recreation Complex Has Been Transformed Over the Past Two Decades

In 1999, when the City of Wyoming purchased the aging former YMCA building that is now the Recreation Center, the 10.4-acre property held little more than the facility itself and surrounding empty fields. Since then, planning and development of the property have transformed it into a multi-use recreational complex with year-round activities for residents.

Since 2000, the facility has been developed to include a renovated, full-service Recreation Center, a modern family aquatic facility, three multi-purpose synthetic turf fields (an amenity offered by fewer than 10 percent of all public recreation departments nationwide), an electric vehicle charging station, a bicycle repair station, and a playground.



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Youngsters get a behind-the-scenes look at a police vehicle during the police camp.



Upgraded Vehicles and New Personnel Added in 2022

New team members and two new squad cars were big additions to the Wyoming Police Department (WPD) in 2022. Throughout the year, the department continued its tradition of community outreach, training, and development to maintain the highest standards of safety. Wyoming remains one of the safest towns in Southwest Ohio, thanks in large part to the high-quality policing of the WPD.



NEW OFFICERS

Jordan Batts earned a degree in wildlife management from Hocking College and worked as a park ranger for nearly 10 years before joining the WPD in January.



Ryon Warmack attended the University of Cincinnati and joined the WPD in January.



Kyle Conner earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northern Kentucky University and worked for the St. Bernard Police Department for roughly seven years before joining the WPD in July.

Alex Berlin spent roughly five years in the U.S. Army as a military police officer before attending the Great Oaks Police Academy in 2013 and starting with WPD in June.



POLICE VEHICLES UPGRADED

The department added two new squad cars in 2022. The cars replaced aging vehicles that were expensive to maintain. They include the latest technology, such as upgraded cameras with high-resolution video capability, plus better fuel efficiency. The department routinely budgets for vehicle replacement and has a plan to keep all equipment, including vehicles, up-to-date with current professional standards.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives

Officers and personnel train regularly on DEI policing initiatives through tools from Lexipol, a private consulting firm that works with thousands of public safety agencies nationwide to increase education and help raise standards. The department also published its policy manual on the City's website and continues to strive for open communication with residents regarding all policing activity.

Did You Know?

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES

Wyoming's officers train annually on a variety of subjects to meet the requirements of the Ohio Collaborative Police Advisory Board. Each year, police personnel complete more than 450 total hours of training in areas including diversity, equity, and inclusion, mental health responses and critical incidents, sexual assault investigations, firearms and taser use, plus de-escalation through active listening, and more.

In addition, officers receive daily updates on high-risk procedures involving use of force, DEI, mental health responses, and other incidents, and then take a quiz after the update to ensure a thorough understanding of policy.

Springfield Pike Accidents Reduced

Traffic incidents on Springfield Pike, including crashes and injuries, are down sharply since 2018, the last year Springfield Pike was a four-lane roadway. In 2022, overall crashes were down by 17 percent compared to 2018. Injuries due to accidents were down 21.4 percent, and damage to property (vehicles) was down 15.7 percent. The road re-configuration has helped reduce speed and driver maneuvering, contributing to these reductions in vehicle crashes.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH THESE TOOLS

- Follow the Police Department on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor for crime and safety alerts, traffic concerns, and community updates. Go to the website, WyomingOhio.gov, and click on Police Department in the menu bar of the homepage for more information.
- Subscribe to NIXLE, the City's emergency communication channel, by texting the message "Wyoming" to the number 888777, or by subscribing through the City's website, WyomingOhio.gov. You'll get up-to-the-minute bulletins about changing safety information.

EVERYDAY PROGRAMS TO SERVE RESIDENTS

- Away from Home Check Program** – Request periodic police checks of your home while you're out of town.
- Key File** – Homeowners can place a house key at the police station. If the resident is out of town and an emergency occurs at home (for example, a water pipe bursts), the police can use it to gain access to address the problem.
- Lockout Assistance** – Accidentally lock yourself out of your car? The police can help. Call the non-emergency number, 513-821-0141, to request officer assistance.
- Prescription Drug Box** – Dispose of old medication safely through this dedicated receptacle. Located inside police headquarters at 600 Grove Ave., this box is available during business hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Community outreach and citizen engagement are priorities for the WPD.

- The Police Department gives away free bicycle helmets to both children and adults in Wyoming. Residents can come in for a free fitting. The WPD also holds bike safety talks in Wyoming's elementary schools. For more information about bike safety, contact the department at 513-821-0141.

- Each year the department collects more than 100 pounds of outdated prescription medication at its Prescription Drug Box inside the Safety Building. In October, a special collection day resulted in more than eight pounds of medication safely disposed in coordination with National Take Back Day.

- The biggest source of petty theft reports come from break-ins to unlocked cars. Remember to lock your car doors!
- BCI and FBI background checks are available through the department.

Call 513-821-0141 or check the Police Department page at WyomingOhio.gov for instructions and fees.



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The Wyoming Fire & EMS Department sponsored the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt in 2022, as well as participating in many additional family events throughout the year.



Fire & EMS Upgraded Communication Equipment to Enhance Service

Wyoming's Fire & EMS Department protects the community during life-threatening emergencies using an all-volunteer crew of roughly 36 individuals who dedicate more than 130 hours each week to guarding residents' health and safety. Due to its status as a volunteer organization, the department saves residents millions of dollars each year versus the cost of an all-career department, yet still maintains the highest standards in fire protection and emergency medical response. In 2022, the department made several equipment and training upgrades to enhance service.

NEW EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

- The department replaced radios in all Fire & EMS vehicles to comply with state requirements. In addition, it added mobile data consoles, which link to the Hamilton County Emergency Communications Center. This link gives first responders a live feed to communication updates and the ability to track the personnel and equipment assigned to each emergency event. The \$20,000 purchase was funded through an anonymous gift to the Wyoming Fire & EMS Association.
- Through a \$10,000 grant from the State Fire Marshall, the department updated rescue air

bags used to lift heavy weight in rescue situations, such as auto accidents. The bags replaced aging air bag equipment and feature improved stability.

- A multi-gas meter and calibration kit was purchased using a \$3,000 grant from the Joint Women's Collaborative (JWC), and an Ohio EMS Grant for \$710.30 allowed the department to purchase three manually operated intraosseous access systems, which are used for emergency administration of life-saving medication.
- Paramedic training was enhanced using Google Classroom, which enabled timely access to training without realigning schedules or offering multiple dates to meet in person.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives

The department took several steps to increase efforts in support of the City's DEI goals. First, job descriptions and applications were updated. Second, volunteers and staff took part in training provided by the Cultural Intelligence Center. Third, the department researched possible new vendor contacts for goods and services from minority-owned businesses.

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2022, Fire & EMS sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and volunteers helped with manpower, vehicles, and gear for Touch-a-Truck, the Independence Day Celebration, the Car Show, and Fall Festival.

Did You Know?

- The average response time for a fire call in Wyoming is seven minutes, 30 seconds, which is more than two minutes faster than national recommendations for a volunteer fire department.

- Wyoming paramedics are on station 24 hours a day for medical emergencies. In non-emergencies, paramedics are happy to answer hospital discharge instruction questions or check an individual's blood pressure at the station by appointment. Call 513-821-6836 for information.

- The Senior Smoke Detector Program has resulted in the installation of 289 smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in 118 Wyoming homes at no cost to the recipients. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of \$19,388 make the program possible, and the City matched the grant with five percent funding of \$996.90.

- Fire & EMS team members can help residents with flooding in a home or business. The department has specialized equipment that can remove up to 160 gallons of water per minute, plus submersible pumps capable of removing 25 gallons per minute. This is a unique service not normally provided by a community fire department. For information about water removal, call 513-821-6836.

- You don't need special skills to volunteer with the Fire & EMS Department. The only requirement is that volunteers either live or work near Wyoming. They volunteer during the hours they are available to serve. New volunteers are always welcome! For more information, call 513-821-6836.



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OUTREACH AND ONGOING SERVICES

Note: For information or to schedule an appointment for the following services, call 513-821-6836 or email wfdrequests@WyomingOhio.gov.

Child Car Seat Fitting – Wyoming Fire & EMS will professionally install your child car seat by appointment.

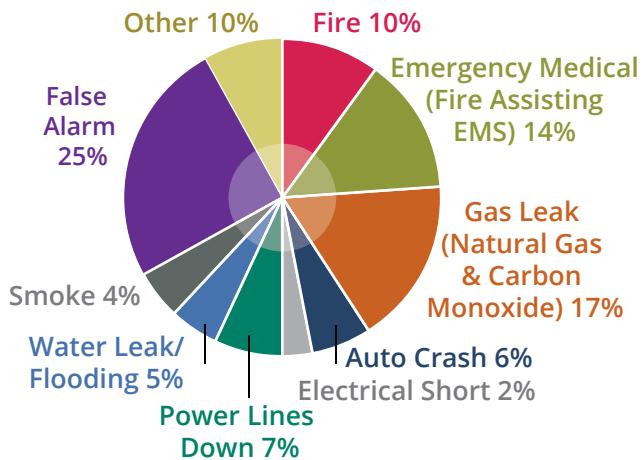
CPR/AED Classes – Monthly CPR/AED classes are available for a \$40 fee. Participants learn lifesaving CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators.

Welcome Home –
Paramedics provide in-home support to residents returning from a hospital stay by helping them with hospital discharge instructions.

Welcome Home Wyoming Baby – New mothers and fathers are eligible for a visit from a paramedic, who will answer questions about home safety and offer childcare tips that help prepare a home for a new baby.



2022 Fire Responses



The chart represents the most frequent emergencies in 2022 for 345 fire responses. The chart does not include EMS responses, which totaled 697 in 2022. The most common EMS calls were for reports of fainting, feeling sick, breathing problems, diabetic emergencies, and chest pain.

Redevelopment in 2022 Shows Confidence in Wyoming

Development projects in Wyoming remained strong in 2022 as the Community Development team worked with local entrepreneurs to redevelop available commercial space for restaurants, as well as new retail and service businesses. Residential redevelopment also remained strong during the year as surging home values promoted robust homebuilding projects. The Community Development Department planned carefully to ensure each new project met the goals set forth in the 2018 Master Plan and accommodated the needs of a diverse community.

NEW BUSINESSES IN 2022

The W Lounge, 518 Wyoming Avenue – Owned by Wyoming resident Mary Sweet, this cocktail lounge opened for business in February.

The Work+Shop, 432 Springfield Pike – The former home next to Wyoming Community Coffee has been converted by local business owner and architect Sara Aschliman to a co-working/event space on the first floor with individual office spaces for artists, writers, and designers on the second floor. A front patio, wheelchair ramp, and expanded front porch were added.

Springdale Cleaners, 11 Wyoming Avenue – The former Robinson's Cleaners has been re-opened under new management providing dry cleaning services.

Cladwell, 514 Wyoming Avenue – This quaint storefront now houses the headquarters for an app-based personal styling service. Retail items from Cladwell are available at Patina at Home, 504 Wyoming Avenue.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2022

North Pike Corridor Study – The Economic Development Commission concluded a study in 2022 to determine where opportunities exist to improve streetscape design and enhance commercial property. One of the first actions included the purchase of the



Wyoming Community Coffee owner Sara Aschliman created The Work+Shop at this former home on Springfield Pike.

vacant lot at the corner of Springfield Pike and East Charlotte Avenue by the Community Improvement Corporation for future redevelopment.

Promenade and North Pike Streetscape Planning – The City will collaborate with the Village of Woodlawn to develop a streetscape plan for several prominent areas of Wyoming, utilizing a \$40,000 grant from Hamilton County. These include North Pike, the Wyoming-Woodlawn gateway, and the Promenade (the area from the Civic Center to the Library).

Crescent Avenue Residential Redevelopment – Seven single-family homes in development by Traditions Building and Development Group have been sold and are under construction at this former site of UC Health Wyoming Family Practice. At the end of 2022, two houses were occupied, and five more were in various stages of construction.

Housing Infill Project – Homewood Development is building four new homes — two on the corner of Oak and Wentworth Avenues, one on Crescent Avenue, and one on Van Roberts Place. These properties were purchased by the City over the past 15 years and cleared of blighted structures. The City approved construction of new homes after review from the Economic Development Commission and the Wyoming Community Improvement Corporation. Two of the new homes have been sold, two are under construction, and the final home is likely to be built in 2023.

Historic Review – The City's Design Guidelines for Historic Properties were updated to further address home and business exteriors,

specifically garages, driveways, storefronts, signs, accessibility modifications, and site improvements to commercial areas.

In regular business, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Architectural Review Board reviewed 11 renovation or demolition projects for historic properties for compatibility with the Design Guidelines for Historic Properties.

Presbyterian Church of Wyoming Refugee Housing – The Planning Commission approved a request from the Presbyterian Church to house Ukrainian refugees in the church building for a period of up to two years.

PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS

- City code was amended to regulate exterior lighting to prevent spot-lights or exterior lighting from shining into a neighboring property.
- Code was updated to allow the City to publish notice of public hearings on the City's website (see: WyomingOhio.gov/public-hearings/).

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS

- **Village Green Performance Pavilion and Lawn Improvements** – to be constructed at 412 Wyoming Avenue.
- **The Work+Shop at 432 Springfield Pike** – conversion from residence to commercial space including front dining patio.
- **Subway Restaurant Landscape Buffer** – installed at the new 1510 Springfield Pike location.
- **Proposed Laundromat Site Improvements** – a new use in the vacant space adjacent to the Wyoming Food Mart at 1532 Springfield Pike enabled the City to have one of the curb cuts removed, along with the installation of a landscape buffer to separate the parking lot from the public sidewalk.
- **Public Works Storage Building** – to be constructed at 700 Van Roberts Place for equipment overflow.



This graph shows the main types of residential permits and the value of the work for residential properties (not including four-family properties or above). These permits include new residences, additions, alterations, accessory structures, repairs, replacements, demolitions, swimming pools, fences, decks, patios, and site work.



Patrons at The W Lounge on Wyoming Avenue enjoy a drink together.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives

The Planning Commission revised the mission statement in the 2018 Master Plan to reflect new City DEI guidelines. In addition, staff reached out to local minority and women business enterprises identified through the Cincinnati Certified Vendor Directory, inviting bids for the 2022 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Program.

Did You Know?

- To ensure a thriving, safe community, the City addresses deficiencies in maintenance for both homes and businesses in Wyoming. In 2022, the City handled 83 such cases.
- In 2022 the City continued its revolving sidewalk repair program. A total of 137 sections of sidewalk were repaired or replaced throughout the community.



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Playground and Ballfield Upgrades Among Top Projects

Wyoming Public Works completed a number of important projects in 2022, including site preparation for the new Crescent Park Universally Accessible Playground, signal adjustments on Springfield Pike, and improvements to the City's baseball fields. With a staff of 14, the department manages more than 35 miles of roads, 37 acres of parks and public spaces, and more than 45 miles of water lines, keeping the community running smoothly every day.



Site preparation for the Crescent Park Universally Accessible Playground, summer 2022.

TOP PROJECTS

- Crescent Park parking lot expansion and playground site preparation: added parking area, expanded playground equipment area, and completed landscape improvements. Public Works also assisted with assembling the remaining equipment after the community build portion of the work.

- Made improvements to the City's baseball fields by re-grading the infields for positive drainage, adding soil amendments to avoid water ponding, and adding sod around each infield to reset the proper field dimensions at Grove Park, Hilltop, North Park, and Vermont fields.

- Constructed dumpster and porta-potty enclosures near baseball/softball facilities at Vermont and Hilltop schools.
- Installed rectangular rapid flashing beacons at four pedestrian crossings: on Burns Avenue at Elm Avenue, as well as on Wyoming Avenue at Burns, Grove, and Oak.
- Facilitated a traffic signal timing study on Springfield Pike that improved traffic flow due to adjustments in signals. Drivers should notice shorter wait times at intersecting streets as well as smoother traffic flow.
- Coordinated engineering for roadway and Hike/Bike Trail projects to be constructed on Compton Road and Vermont Avenue, as well as the Hike/Bike Trail extension from Oak Park to Wyoming Avenue. These projects will begin in 2023.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives

Public Works made adjustments to its hiring procedures in 2022, including more diverse outlets in its recruitment efforts, to attract the greatest number of diverse candidates. In addition, the interview process was updated to include questions to assess the applicant's DEI attitudes and awareness.

Did You Know?

Residents may place one large trash item at the curb at no charge for pickup with the weekly trash collection as part of the City's trash collection contract. Rumpke also collects yard waste every Monday, provided it is bundled (4 by 2-foot diameter, not more than 40 pounds) and includes a yard waste sticker. Stickers are available at the City Building for \$2.50 each. Check WyomingOhio.gov under Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste for

specifications for both large trash items and yard waste disposal.

- Wyoming was named as a Tree City USA for the 29th consecutive year.
- Wyoming earned a Best City Waste Diversion Rate in Hamilton County once again for keeping more than 1,500 tons of waste out of the landfill in 2021 (award is given for prior year).

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The fully restored water tank on Oliver Road

Wyoming Water Works completed important infrastructure improvements and testing requirements in 2022, while maintaining quality service and distribution for Wyoming households and businesses. Noted for its great taste and consistent quality, the City's water is naturally filtered from its source in the Mill Creek Aquifer. Well-maintained distribution equipment enhances quality.

Water Tank Restored

With partial funding from a \$420,000 American Rescue Grant, the department restored and upgraded the concrete water tank on Oliver Road near Hilltop School, extending the life of the 70-year-old storage structure by at least 25 years.

The \$1 million project included concrete restoration for the roof and walls, painting, and safety improvements such as a new hatch, vent, and mixer, plus temporary water supply from Greater Cincinnati Water Works. The improvements will help maintain water quality, especially with the installation of a new mixer, which prevents stagnation.

The water tank also has an improved appearance due to its new coat of bright gray paint. The project saves the City significantly over the cost of building a new water tank, which could carry a price tag of more than \$2.5 million.

Constructed in 1949, the tank replaced an open water reservoir that had served the City for more than 50 years before the tank's installation. Ducks and other wildlife were often spotted swimming in the City's open reservoir, located in what is now Hilltop Park.



LEAD TESTING

Triennial lead testing in 2022 showed the City's water met or exceeded all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements for lead contami-

Tank Restoration, Lead Testing Were Priorities in 2022

nants. Twenty homes were tested and results showed the water met strict guidelines for quality. Nineteen of 20 samples tested non-detect for lead, with the final sample only showing a trace. Full results will be available in the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report to be posted on the Water Works page at WyomingOhio.gov in spring 2023.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Report

Director Mike Lippert assessed cultural awareness among water team members. He also attended a professional conference in June that included a session on diversity and engineering, and updated job descriptions to ensure they comply with the City's DEI goals.

Did You Know?

The Water Works Department celebrated

its 130th anniversary in 2022. Water service began on December 2, 1892, when three wells equipped with steam-driven pumps were activated. They pumped water from the Mill Creek Aquifer up to the City's three-million-gallon open reservoir where Hilltop Park is today. This reservoir supplied not only Wyoming, but Lockland and Arlington Heights as well. The system had eight miles of distribution lines when it opened versus 45 miles today. The first Water Works superintendent was W.A. Clark, who worked alongside one pump engineer, W.W. Ellis. At the time, Wyoming's population was 1,454 versus 8,900 today.



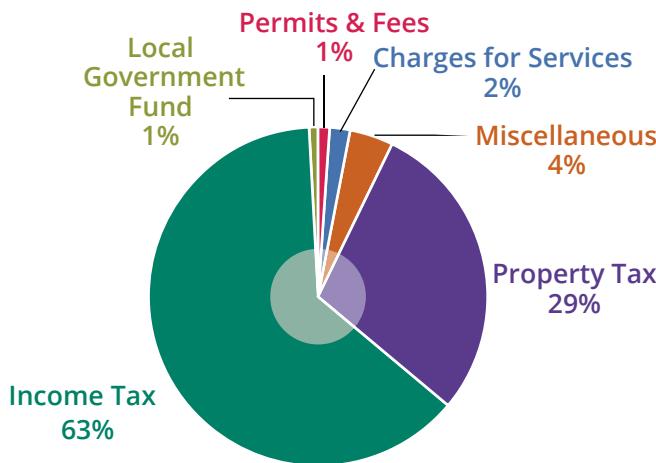
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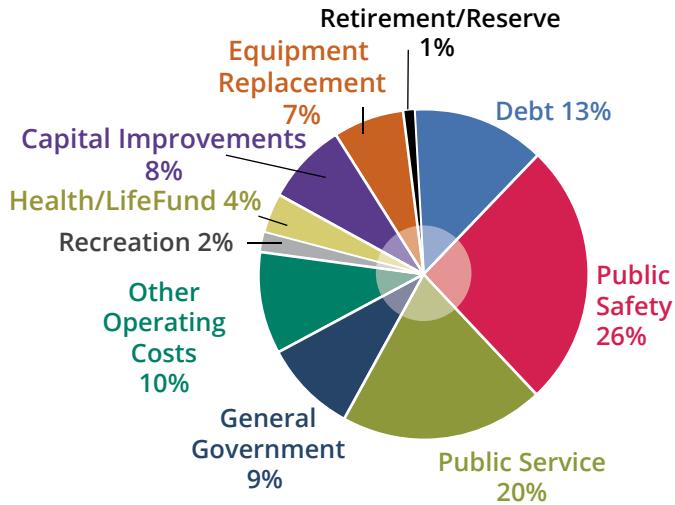
City Tax Receipts Up and Recreation Revenue Back to Near Normal

Careful budgeting throughout the pandemic and American Rescue Plan Funding helped the City maintain services and remain on a sound footing over the past two years. In 2022, the City got a boost from a strong 2021 economy with a return to more normal activity levels after the pandemic, which created more stable financial conditions. The Recreation Department finances have rebounded to 95 percent of pre-pandemic levels and all City departments were fully staffed in 2022.

2022 Revenues



2022 Expenditures



TAX REVENUE AND BUDGET

Property tax receipts for the City increased .69 percent in 2022 over 2021. Income tax receipts have steadily increased over the last several years and totaled \$7,816,520 in 2022, compared to \$6,855,813 in 2021. Tax revenue has been trending up over several years and the City's income increased 14 percent in 2022.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

The City of Wyoming received \$900,459 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund. The funding was split into two payments — \$448,439 in 2021 and \$452,020 in 2022. The City elected to designate the funds from both payments as lost revenue using the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency. Therefore, the City authorized the full amount of ARPA funds to be used for public safety expenditures in the police and fire departments. This freed up General Fund dollars to provide cash for the City's portion of the Vermont Avenue and Compton Road reconstruction projects in 2023, which is estimated to be \$1,556,890. Federal and state grant funding will cover the remaining cost, estimated at \$2,838,310.

COMPLETE CITY FINANCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

To see full financial documents for the City, including the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as well as quarterly reports presented to City Council, go to the City's website, WyomingOhio.gov, and click Forms & Documents on the home page, then choose the Finance and Tax folder.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report

The Customer Service & Finance Department supports the City's DEI goals and has updated applicable policies to reflect this effort. In 2022, funding for the new Crescent Park Universally Accessible Playground met DEI initiatives by supporting a project that provided inclusive recreation opportunities for the community.

GRANT FUNDING IMPORTANT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS

The City seeks federal and state grants each year to help fund the many capital improvement projects that enhance daily life in Wyoming. In 2022, the City received a total of \$545,013.36 in grant funding toward six projects and private donations totaling \$56,993.40 toward three projects:

- State of Ohio EMS Grant (for three manually operated intraosseous access systems).....\$710.30
- FEMA Grant (for CO detectors for seniors)\$4,003.06
- Municipal Road Fund Grant (for Compton Road design).....\$109,500.00
- State of Ohio Fire Equipment Grant (for rescue air bags).....\$10,800.00
- ARPA Grant (for water reservoir roof project).....\$420,000.00
- Private donations (for emergency equipment purchases).....\$56,993.40

Did You Know?

- You can pay many City bills online, including traffic tickets and water bills. Go to WyomingOhio.gov for more information. City income taxes must be paid via check or cash by mail or in person.
- The Customer Service & Finance Department received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for 2021, which was handed out in June 2022. The award is given to those entities that file a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and receive a "clean" auditor report.
- Wyoming maintains a AAA bond rating, the highest grade attainable and achieved by only a fraction of municipalities statewide. This is due to the City's careful budgeting and sustainable financial management.

Communication with the City is Easy

The City offers many ways to stay in-the-know about news, events, and emergency updates. Go to the City website, WyomingOhio.gov, to subscribe to these important electronic communications:

Want to read about the people and news that make Wyoming a great place to live? Subscribe to **WhatsUpWyoming.com** and get timely feature stories and news you won't get anywhere else, complete with professional photography. To subscribe, click the dedicated tab on the lower left side of the WyomingOhio.gov home page.



Feel like you're missing some important announcements from the City? **You could be if you're not getting the City's Email Notifications.** The City's e-newsletter provides information categorized to suit your needs. You can choose from topics including urgent communications, community events and business updates, recreation programs, and more. To have e-newsletters delivered to your inbox, click the Subscribe button at the top of the City's home page.



Emergencies can happen at any time. **But you can avoid the traffic snarls and headaches that come with them with NIXLE.** This communication tool sends vital emergency messages to your phone or computer through texts, emails, and social media alerts. To sign up for NIXLE, go to WyomingOhio.gov.

Facebook – The City has more than 3,800 followers from 13 countries.

Twitter – The City has more than 900 followers. Find us at twitter.com/CityofWyomingOH.

YouTube – Watch informational videos and live-streamed meetings to stay in-the-know about news and events in Wyoming. To access the City's YouTube channel, go to WyomingOhio.gov and click on the YouTube icon on the home page.

Instagram – The City has more than 1,000 followers. Find us at www.instagram.com/CityofWyoming.



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New Village Green Performance Pavilion Set to Open in 2023

Wyoming's Village Green renovation and performance pavilion project is planned for 2023. The project was relaunched in 2022 with a new architectural design featuring Wyoming's railroad heritage, and the fundraising plan was updated to generate \$850,000 to pay for the project.

Construction is set to begin in summer and is expected to be complete by early fall. The pavilion will feature a multi-gabled roof design based on historical photos of the City's train depot, which served the community from 1851 until it was ultimately torn down in the late 1940s. The design is intended to pay tribute to Wyoming's historic links to the railroad and its roots as one of the area's most established residential communities.

The 24- by 27-foot pavilion will be the centerpiece of a park redesign that will include the entire Village Green. The site will undergo a full transformation including new hardscaping, lighting, and landscaping.

As outdoor entertainment surged during the 2020 pandemic, Wyoming's Village Green became even more important as a central gathering spot for the community. It has helped local restaurants and businesses retain traffic in spite of mandates against indoor gatherings. Its significance as a space for public events and impromptu small group gatherings spurred the efforts to enhance the site's appeal and make it as flexible as possible to meet changing lifestyle trends.

The project was initially launched in 2019, and fundraising began through the Wyoming Community Foundation. The plans stalled when COVID-19 hit and forced the postponement of any major development projects while Wyoming faced the pandemic.

"This Village Green project was never far from mind," said City Manager Rusty Herzog. "And in 2022,



This artist's rendering shows the proposed changes to the Village Green, including the addition of a new performance pavilion.

the City was finally able to focus attention again onto something as ambitious as an entire redesign of the park. The pandemic slowed this down, but it didn't stop us. With this new design, we feel we will have a pavilion that will serve our entertainment needs for decades and create a showpiece that will draw regional attention to our business district."

Combined with the new Crescent Park Universally Accessible Playground, the redesigned Village Green fulfills goals set forth in the City's 2018 Master Plan that called for a "zone of potential change" within the business district. The addition of the new performance pavilion means Wyoming can better accommodate regional performing events with state-of-the-art facilities.

When completed, the new Village Green is expected to draw more foot traffic to the City's business district and act as a catalyst for business activity and redevelopment. Combined with previous efforts to upgrade Wyoming's entertainment appeal, such as the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), Wyoming will have the infrastructure to remain regionally competitive with its recreation offerings and public space.

2022 Master Plan Accomplishments

Governance and Fiscal Health

Grants and Fundraising:

- Clean Ohio – Trail Fund Grant of \$412,500 to extend the Hike/Bike Trail from Oak Park to Wyoming Avenue.
- Hamilton County Planning Grant of \$40,000 for the Springfield Pike Streetscape Improvement Plan.
- Raised over \$250,000 in private donations through the Wyoming Community Foundation toward the Crescent Park Universally Accessible Playground.
- USDA Forest Service – Urban Canopy Restoration Grant of \$25,000 for tree planting throughout the community.
- Donation of \$20,000 utilized to upgrade MDCs (Mobile Data Computer) in all fire apparatus.
- State Fire Marshal grant of \$10,000 for replacement of rescue air bags.
- Joint Women's Collaborative (JWC) of Wyoming grant of \$2,993 for gas safety meters.
- Taking Root grants of \$2,000 & \$500 for tree planting at Stearns Woods.
- Ohio EMS grant of \$710 for purchase of training equipment.

Good Governance:

- Hosted University of Cincinnati Community Development intern to improve website user experience including online permitting research.

Events & Communication:

- Hired a full-time Communications and Events Coordinator to handle social media accounts, website, blog, and communication plan.

Safety:

- Six CPR classes taught to the public, with 40 attendees.
- A total of 223 smoke detector installations for senior citizens, sponsored by FEMA and the Wyoming Fire & EMS Association.

- Provided infant/child car seat installations in private vehicles.
- Twelve fire safety talks given at the schools and preschools.

Community Character & Identity

- Construction of the Crescent Park Universally Accessible Playground to serve children of all abilities.

Neighborhood Improvements & Historic Preservation

- Landscaping improvements to North Pike (Subway Restaurant and Wyoming Food Mart) as part of the City Planning Commission's Development Plan process.
- Design Guidelines for Historic Properties updated to include new construction.
- Completed the Village Green Development Plan to include new performance pavilion and plaza.
- Public Art: mural installed adjacent to Crescent Park at Gabby's Café & Wyoming Automotive.
- Fitness: converted tennis courts into four pickleball courts at City courts behind Spring Valley Bank.

Economic Development & Zones of Potential Change

- Opening of The Work+Shop at 432 Springfield Pike.
- City Council adopted the

- Economic Development Commission's North Pike Economic Development Report.
- Supported local businesses with street closures and equipment for events.

Adjacent Jurisdictional Cooperation

- Collaborated with Woodlawn to plan and coordinate the Springfield Pike Streetscape Improvement Project.

Ecological Stewardship & Sustainability

- Performed wildflower survey at Stearns Woods and made preparations for plant survey.

Community Mobility

- Installed rapid-flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety at Wyoming Ave. at Grove Ave., Wyoming Ave. at Oak Ave., and Burns Ave. at Elm Ave.
- Worked with ODOT, Lockland, and Cincinnati to achieve a change in the design of the I-75 Wayne Avenue exit to prohibit traffic from traveling directly into Wyoming.
- Began developing plans to extend current Hike/Bike Trail from Oak Park to Wyoming Avenue.



The renovated Village Green is expected to be a regional entertainment draw when it opens in 2023.



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