

Payment Locations

3131 Biddle Avenue
Our office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We have a payment mailbox in the front of City Hall.

Automatic Bill Payment Program Information

Call 734-324-7190 or log on to our web site www.wyan.org or e-mail us at talk2wms@wyan.org

Additional Payment Locations

Downriver School Employees Credit Union
14170 Pennsylvania Southgate
Wyandotte Community Federal Credit Union
4500 Biddle Ave
Wyandotte

After Hours Service

734-324-7198

Holiday Office Closings

December 24, 25, 31
January 1, February 16

Wyandotte Municipal Service Commission

Gerald P. Cole
Fredrick C. Delisle
Thomas M. Kaul
Leslie G. Lupo
Stanley A Rutkowski

Municipal Service Commission meetings are held on alternative Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at 3005 Biddle Ave. Call 734-324-7190 to confirm dates & times.

Are You Getting 1 HBO Channel or 12 HBO Channels?

Do you subscribe to basic cable and HBO, Cinemax, Showtime and/or The Movie Channel and only get 1 one each of those channels? Did you know that if you subscribe to Digital Cable and any premium movie channel you will get our multiplexed line up? That means that for the same price you're paying for each movie channel with basic if you subscribe to digital cable you'll get many more for the same price. **With Digital Cable there are 12 HBO channels, 11 Cinemax channels, 10 Showtime channels, 9 Movie Channels and 26 channels in the Starz/Encore Super Pack.** To find out more about these services view our channel line-up card @ www.wyan.org in the Telecommunications section under 'channel line-up' or call 734-324-7190 for details.

Fox Sports Plus is Expanding Coverage of Red Wings/Pistons Games

Have you ever turned on Fox Sports Network to watch a Red Wing game and found the Pistons were broadcast instead, or vice-versa? If the Red Wings, Pistons or Tigers happen to be playing at the same time, for most games Fox Sports will broadcast both games with the secondary game being broadcast on **Fox Sports Plus** currently seen on Channel 17. Watch channel 17 for details of which games will be shown here. Sometime in January/February 2009 Fox Sports Plus will go full time with 24 hour programming and will be moved to a permanent spot on Channel 134. WMS will be providing more information regarding this move once the details and dates for this move have been secured.

Energy Efficient LED Lighting

As you stroll out for a walk down Biddle Avenue, take a moment to gaze at City Hall. Have you noticed our new LED (light emitting diode) lighting pilot project in our pedestrian lighting? These lights are utilizing a proprietary LED technology aimed at saving roughly 50% of our energy costs, and last for 7 years. We are also investigating the use of this LED technology along with Induction lighting on our street lighting fixtures. Our test location for both of these is on 19th Street just north of Vinewood. Please take a moment to view our projects. It is our goal at WMS is to investigate new technologies in an effort to "Go Green", *save energy and save costs.*



Celebrate the Holidays Safely With These Holiday Decorating Tips

If you plan on using decorative lighting for the holidays, Wyandotte Municipal Services recommends the following precautions and standard safety tips:

- Follow manufacturers' guidelines when connecting multiple strings of lights. Don't overload electrical outlets.
- The Underwriters Laboratories (UL) safety labeling should be on all your decorative lights.
- Light sets with frayed wires, damaged sockets, or cracked and/or missing insulation should be thrown away.
- Lighted indoor lights should not be in contact with carpeting or furniture.
- Do not string outdoor lights or cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.
- All outdoor lighting electrical connections need to be kept off the ground. Electrical tape and plastic wrap can be used to waterproof your electrical connections.
- Maintain at least a 10-foot clearance from overhead power lines when hanging lights around your roofline. Turn off all decorative lighting before going to bed or when leaving your home unattended.

Check us out on the web!

www.wyan.org for commission agendas, minutes, rates & much more!

Substation #9 Construction Continues

As part of the continuing electrical distribution system upgrade program, our newest substation construction began in August. Substation #9 is bounded by Clark, Alkali, McKinley and the Railroad tracks, and will supply the additional power needed for the BASF expansion. The substation will also allow Wyandotte Municipal to continue with system improvements converting to the higher 13,200 volt system. This conversion will improve efficiency and transfer additional customers to a newer and more reliable system.



Seasonal Tips For Your Plumbing

Winter Water Tips. There are several measures that can be taken to prevent winter water disasters. Locate and mark the main water cutoff valve for your home. This cutoff is usually found near where the water line comes into your house. Damage from running water can be minimized if you can turn off this valve quickly.

- Make sure the water line to outside faucets is turned off and the line is drained.
- Eliminate drafts. Check around the home for areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas and take measures to prevent the flow of cold air in these areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated. A hot water supply line can freeze just as a cold water supply line can freeze if water is not running through the pipe and the water temperature becomes cold.
- If your water pipes do freeze, never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. You can use a hair dryer or portable heater, but always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water. Consider wrapping or insulating your water pipes, especially those pipes near outside walls, under the house or in the attic.

Tips to Save Energy Today

Find these tips and more at the DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy website <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/>

Lower Your Water Heating Costs. Water heating can account for 14%-25% of the energy consumed in your home. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.

Adjust the Temperature When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10°–15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A [programmable thermostat](#) can make it easy to set back your temperature.

Find out how to [operate your thermostat](#) for maximum energy savings.

Find and Seal Leaks. Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

- Find out [how to detect air leaks](#).
 - Learn more about [air sealing new and existing homes](#).
- Add caulk or weather stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

Find how to [select and apply the appropriate caulk](#).

Learn how to [select and apply weatherstripping](#)

Take Advantage of Heat from the Sun Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.



Congratulations to WMS Community Programming

Steve Colwell, Studio Program Director, accepted a Civic Award from the Downriver Corps of the Salvation Army on behalf of Wyandotte Municipal Services Community Programming. The Media Award, for support in promoting the Salvation Army's many programs, was presented by Advisory Board.