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## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

March 2009

### 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](http://www.wyan.org)  
or e-mail us at  
[talk2wms@wyan.org](mailto:talk2wms@wyan.org)

### Additional

#### Payment Locations

Downriver School Em-  
ployees Credit Union  
14170 Pennsylvania  
Southgate  
Wyandotte Community  
Federal Credit Union  
4500 Biddle Ave  
Wyandotte

#### After Hours Service

734-324-7198

#### Holiday Office

##### Closings

April 10-Good Friday  
May 25-Memorial Day

#### 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.

### Sun Outages – Spring 2009 / Solar Interference

We are approaching a Solar Interference period during which degradation or loss of satellite signal will occur. Solar Interference or “Sun Outages” are an inherent part of satellite operations and occur in the spring and fall of each year. This takes place when the orbital positions of the satellite and the sun are in one line. During these mini-eclipses, energy from the sun is captured by our satellite dish causing degradation in the satellite signal and/or complete picture loss.

Since Wyandotte receives signals from several different satellites the exact number of days, times and duration will vary with each satellite received channel, as the sun passes directly behind the satellite. The approximate dates and times that our subscribers will experience any Sun Outages are as follows.

Approximate Dates: February 27, 2009 – March 8, 2009

Approximate Times: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Approximate Duration: Eight to Fifteen minutes

Digital Service...When the Digital converter loses its input signal, the DCT converter displays “One Moment Please” on the affected channel(s). This condition could be present for several minutes each day during the sun outage period.

### Digital Transition (DTV) Update for Wyandotte Cable Subscribers

If you are a Wyandotte Municipal Services Cable subscriber no action is necessary for the (DTV) Digital Transition. WMS has taken care of this transition for you. There has been a lot of information broadcast about the digital transition that was set to take place on February 17, 2009. The government has extended that date to June 12, 2009. It is important for Wyandotte Municipal Service Subscribers to know, any TV that you have hooked up to Wyandotte Cable will require NO ACTION on your part.

WMS has installed the necessary equipment that will allow your televisions that are hooked up to our cable service to continue to operate and receive the programming and services you have always received with no action required by our subscribers. If you have any questions about the digital transition you may contact a customer service representative at 734-324-7190 during normal business hours.

### New LED Street Lights on Biddle at nearly 50% savings on energy

You may have noticed the 32 new decorative street lights on the East side of Biddle Ave. from Ford Ave. (Northline) to Perry Place. The new LED lights were installed to spruce up the area and give more pedestrian lighting at the side walk level. This was done with Holophane fixtures that were converted to LED lights that save on electricity. The typical light would have been a 100 watt and the new style are rated at 60 watt with the same amount of light output.

In addition, the life of the LED should be in the 20 year plus range. Because of the savings on man hours to do repairs that would have to be done every 4 years the savings in fuel and energy generation is the goal in the Electric Department. You will know which lights are LED because they are the nice bright white lights.

*Check us out on the web!*

[www.wyan.org](http://www.wyan.org) for commission agendas, minutes, rates & much more!

### Wyandotte CFLs

Wyandotte Municipal Services recently received a grant from the Michigan Public Service Commission for a pilot project to *Offset Electrical Demand Gains with Expedited CFL Delivery to Wyandotte Residential and Commercial Sectors*. The goal of the project is to help WMS meet our goals to offset increases in electrical demand growth with energy efficiency gains. A significant opportunity to promote energy efficiency is through the aggressive deployment and use of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in residential dwellings and commercial establishments. The grant funding will provide Wyandotte the opportunity to give away over 100,000 CFLs to its residents, and help WMS commercial customers make lighting upgrades that will reduce electric demand.

If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

- Energy Star Web Site

The project is in the final planning stage and will be officially launched on Earth Day – April 22, 2009. Some of the many exciting efforts you can look forward to through this program include:

- Opportunity to reduce your energy bill now and upgrade your house with 10 **FREE** CFLs for your home, available through select local retailers
- Free CFL light bulbs and educational opportunities at various community events, including Earth Day celebration, Wyandotte Street Fair, and Wyandotte Middle School events.
- Opportunity to participate in other special events, such as WMS' "Home Lighting Makeover" contest.
- Opportunity for some Wyandotte businesses to receive financial and technical assistance for energy efficient lighting upgrades.

In a residential setting, CFLs that replace regular incandescent light bulbs typically use 75% less electricity. This program offers a significant opportunity to lower your electricity bills and help WMS to meet our energy efficiency goals. We are very excited to work with our customers on this project and we look forward to your participating with our CFL give-away!

### Save Money Drinking Tap Water



It takes 1.5 million barrels of oil every year to manufacture disposable plastic water bottles for the US market- that's enough to fuel 100,000 cars for a year. Also if you drink only bottled water, you'll spend \$1,400 annually versus 49 cents for one years supply of just-as-healthy tap water. Use the calculator at [www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org) to calculate your savings based on your actual consumption.

**Don't FORGET Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th!**

### Check Your Sprinkler System

Spring is the time of year to have your sprinkler system backflow device tested by a licensed plumber and have those results mailed to the Water Department's office at 2555 Van Alstyne, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192