

# Crossroads

September-December 2020

Official Newsletter of the City of Wixom

## FROM THE MAYOR

I hope that this communication finds you and your family healthy during these unprecedented times.

The City has been closely monitoring the pandemic and is slowly moving to a new normal. The City Offices are now open for all City services, with the exception of the Senior Center and passport services which have been suspended by the Federal Government until further notice. Please be reminded that you must wear a mask and practice social distancing in all City Offices.

The Michigan Air Line Trail is now open for your recreational pleasure. It is a great way to bike, walk, jog or just enjoy the outdoors.

Lastly, please remember to support our local businesses. Shop local, buy local and eat local. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Stay Safe.  
Your Mayor,

*Pat Beagle*



# 2020 Census

## Have you filled out your 2020 Census?

The Census Bureau will **NEVER** ask you for:

Your social security numbers

Money or donations

Anything on behalf of a political party

Your bank or credit card account numbers

There is **NO Citizenship** question on the 2020 Census

**Listed below are the questions you will be asked for the persons in your household:**

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?
2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?
3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home...?
4. What is Person 1's name? (Same questions for each person in household)
5. What is Person 1's sex?
6. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?
7. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
8. What is Person 1's race?
9. Print name of Person 2.
10. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else? (College, another parent or relative)
11. How is this person related to Person 1?

## IMPACT YOUR:

◆ REPRESENTATION

◆ FEDERAL DOLLARS

◆ SERVICES

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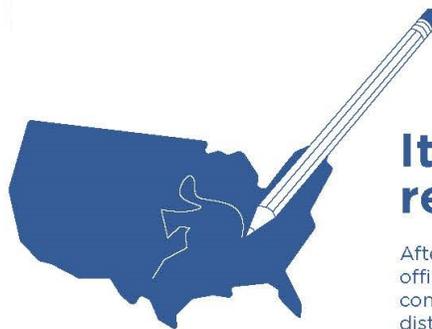
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[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.



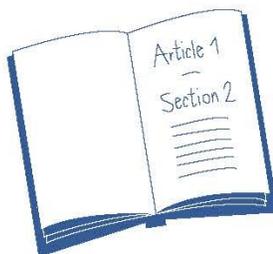
## It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

## Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



## It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

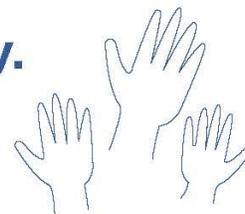
## You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

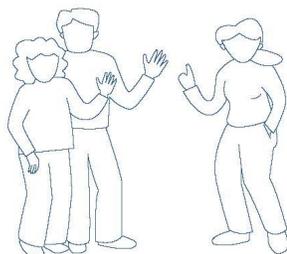


## Taking part is your civic duty.

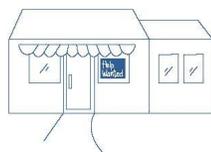
Completing the census is mandatory; it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



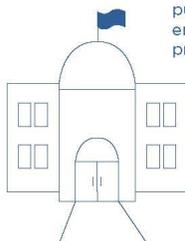
## Census data are being used all around you.



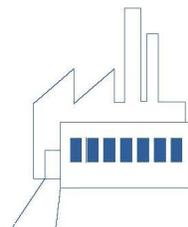
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.



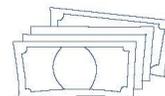
Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

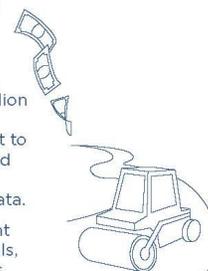


## It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.



## DPW NEWS - 2020 LEAF COLLECTION

As one of the few remaining communities to offer the service, the Department of Public Works (DPW) of the City of Wixom is proud to bring you Curbside Leaf Pick-up again for 2020! This service involves bringing a truck with a vacuum trailer along every residential public street curb within the City limits and vacuuming leaves that have been left curbside by residents. This is a six-week long process that is challenged by many factors:

- Weather (can cause leaves to drop much earlier or much later than average)
- Traffic and parking (sometimes residents or visitors unknowingly park on a street being serviced)
- Age and species of trees (some trees drop their leaves much earlier or much later than average)
- Time required to provide the service
- Equipment impacts when leaves are wet or filled with debris

Here's how you can help:

- Know the schedule and follow it (sign up for e-mail notifications or look for signage in your neighborhood and refer to the table on the next page)
- Rake leaves to the curb prior to the week of pickup (where curb meets street)
- Keep debris out of leaves (pet waste, branches, rocks, metal, lawn clippings)
- Be patient – DPW will make every effort to pick up leaves before the snow falls



**Incorrect placement**



**Correct placement**

If you still have leaves after your pickup has occurred, here are your options:

- Put leaves in yard waste bags or bins for pickup by Waste Management up until the morning of November 25, 2020
- Bring bagged leaves to SPURT located at 2041 Charms Road, Wixom, MI 48393 (they will compost your leaves)
- Hire a contractor to remove leaves
- Compost your leaves for soil enrichment
- Shred leaves with mulching mower and spread as mulch around plants, bushes & trees
- Mow leaves into lawn for soil improvement (visit [http://www.socwa.org/lawns\\_gardens.shtml](http://www.socwa.org/lawns_gardens.shtml) for more information on mulching and composting)

If you have questions or comments:

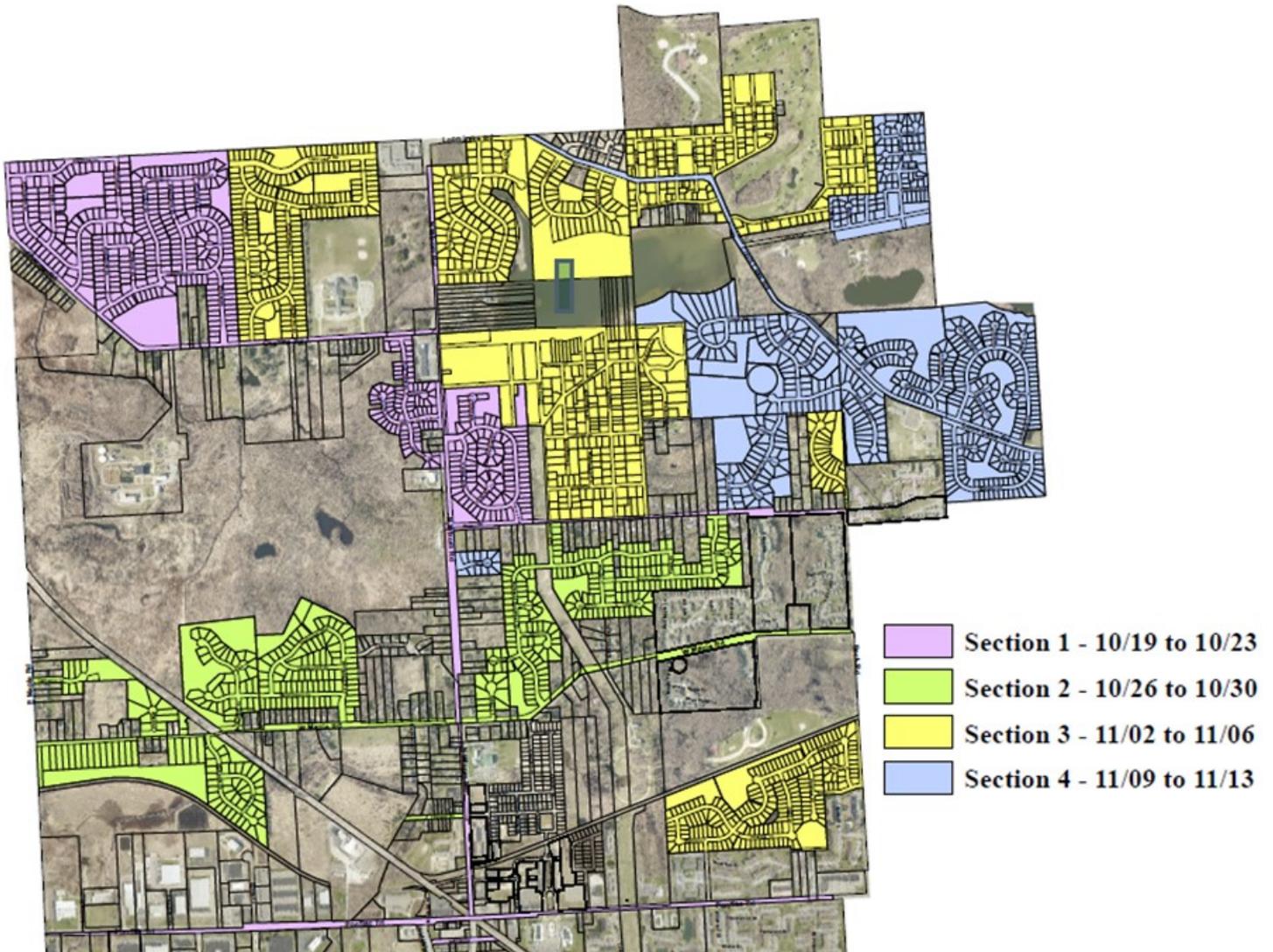
- Refer to schedule
- Follow Facebook for updates
- Visit our website at <https://www.wixomgov.org/government/public-works> - including our excellent curbside Leaf Pick-up video
- Make sure you're signed up for e-notifications: <https://www.wixomgov.org/government/advanced-components/enotification>
- Check signs in your neighborhood
- Call DPW at (248) 624-0141

# 2020 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

<b>10/19—10/23</b>	<b>10/26—10/30</b>	<b>11/2—11/6</b>	<b>11/9—11/13</b>
Trails of Loon Lake	W. Maple Road	Cliffs of Loon Lake	Loon Lake Road
Charms Road	Hillsborough	Northridge/Palmer Estates	Loon Lake Woods
Potter Road	Millstream Estates	Hickory Hills	Finn Camp
Wainstock	Maple Run	Hidden Creek	Courts of Highgate
Pontiac Trail	Nissen Court	Birch Park	Highgate on the Lake
Wixom Road	Cameron Court	Quail Hollow	Highgate on the Green
Wexford Mews	Sibley Court	Indian Springs	Terra Court
Wexford Woods	Theodore Road	Indian Wells	
Norton Creek	Wildwood		



## 2020 LEAF COLLECTION MAP



# PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## WIXOM SOCCER BUDDIES

**Who:** Girls and boys ages 3-4  
**When:** Mondays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 26  
**Time:** 6:00-6:45pm  
**Where:** Gunnar Mettala Park  
**Fee:** \$85

Fun way to learn a lifetime sport. Parents will be responsible for helping to ensure social distancing. Bring your masks. No jewelry for safety. Must have shin guards. Soccer shoes are not required. Fee includes t-shirt. Inst: Coach Don

## PANTHER HUNT - REVISED FOR 2020!

**Who:** Age 2-10  
**When:** Saturday, October 10  
**Time:** 1pm - 5pm  
Vehicle Registration begins @ 12:30  
**Where:** Gilbert Willis Park  
**Fee:** \$5 per child

Admission includes Halloween tote, trick-or-treat trail and a pumpkin for each child. Cider and donuts and other concessions available for purchase. Please bring your mask. **Event Limited to 100 people at a time.** Cars will be admitted throughout the event as others exit.

## FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

**Who:** Wixom Residents  
**When:** Tuesday, September 15  
Tuesday, December 15  
**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Where:** Community Center Parking Lot  
Bring your documents for on-site shredding. Limit of 100 lbs. per household please. Don't forget your mask.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Who:** Age 17+ / 110 lbs & more  
**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 15; 1pm-7pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 15; 1pm-7pm  
For an appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: wixom) or call Kathy at (248) 624-2850. Don't forget your mask.

**A full listing of activities is available at [www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org) Parks and Recreation (248) 624-2850**

## Adult Fitness Classes

### ZOOM HATHA YOGA

**When:** TUESDAYS, Sept. 15 - Oct. 6  
**Time:** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
**Fee:** \$30



Practice from home with a live instructor. Hatha Yoga provides a mix of poses for both stretching and strengthening while learning to use the breath to both calm and energize body and mind. This is a great class for those new to yoga, experienced yogis and everyone in between. You will need a mat and water. Inst: Ms. Ashley

### ZOOM SLOW FLOW YOGA

**When:** THURSDAYS, Sept. 17 - Oct. 8  
**Time:** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
**Fee:** \$30



Practice from home with a live instructor. Looking for more of a challenge in your yoga practice? Slow Flow is a slightly quicker paced class than Hatha. We will focus on connecting breath with movement as we flow through a series of poses. Class will provide a balance of strengthening and stretching. You will need a mat and water. Inst: Ms. Ashley

### PiYo IN THE PARK

**When:** TUESDAYS 7-8pm  
**Where:** Sibley Square Park  
**Fee:** \$10 per class

Come try our new PiYo in the Park! Enjoy a muscle sculpting, core firming workout while social distancing outside. Inst: Ms. Renee & Ms. Kristen. Please bring your mask and a mat. For more information contact Renee at 248-421-7646.

## Virtual Enrichment for Kids

**KidzToPros**



### Live Online Programs

The City of Wixom is partnering with KidzToPros to offer after school enrichment programming. All classes are virtual and taught by live instructors. A variety of classes will be offered including Active Kids, Arts and STEM programs. Examples include basketball skills, art skills, LEGO Masters, digital modeling, and E-Sports (Fortnite), and others. For a full listing of programs, or to register, [CLICK HERE.](#)

## Halloween Safety

**Trick or Treat will be subject to the most recent guidelines from the CDC, the State of Michigan and Oakland County.**

**Trick or Treat Hours: 6-8:30 pm October 31, 2020**

Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes. Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

### Motorists

- The Wixom Police Department urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.
- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars, walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and side streets carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

### Parents

**Before** children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses that are well-lit and **never to enter a stranger's home.**
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treats until they return home.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone inside their costume.

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

# FIRE NEWS

## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5th-11th

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the **Great Chicago Fire** in 1871. The two-day blaze on October 8-9, killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. That tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** sponsors a fire prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire safety. This year's theme is: **SERVE UP FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN.**

### SAVE THE DATE

The Wixom Fire Department's annual **Fire Prevention Week Open House** is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th. Details to follow; subject to current public gathering guidelines.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK - CHANGE YOUR BATTERY



This year we "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time on Sunday, November 1st. Mark your calendar now to *change your clock and change your smoke detector battery*. Smoke detectors do **SAVE LIVES**. **Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.**

## CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

As fall settles in and the home heating season is upon us, residents need to test carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't own a detector, consider purchasing one. *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 ventilate the house.** Fire Department personnel will test your home for the presence of carbon monoxide and evaluate your family for symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

# WIXOM FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

Due to the uncertainty and difficulties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the specifics of BWS are unknown at this time. The following registration is for scheduling purposes only. More information will be made available as soon as current guidelines are known.

The Wixom Firefighters Foundation will present to Wixom residents, their 41st annual **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, December 12, 2020**. Children **10 and under please!** To help the less fortunate this holiday season, **Wixom Firefighters will be collecting non-perishable food items at this event.** Registration deadline: December 4th.



### FEE: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD REGISTRATION FORM



### WIXOM RESIDENTS ONLY, PLEASE

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

# ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER AGE 10: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

AGE	INFANT	1-2	3-4	5-7	8-10
GIRLS					
BOYS					

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 4, 2020**

Mail to: Wixom Fire Department, 1345 N. Wixom Road, Wixom, MI 48393

## SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Gleaner's Free Food Distribution 2:30pm	4	5
6	7 <b>Labor Day</b>  City Offices & Library Closed	8 City Council—Virtual 7pm	9 No Trash Pickup  Planning Commission—Virtual 7:30pm	10 Put your trash out!	11	12
13	14  ZBA 7:30pm	15 Document Shred 10am-12pm  Blood Drive	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Autumn Begins</b> DDA 7:30am 	23	24	25	26
27	28  Planning Commission 7:30pm	29	30			

## OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gleaner's Free Food Distribution 2:30pm	2	3
4	5	6  City Council 7pm	7	8	9	10 <b>Fire Station Open House</b> 10am-2pm  <b>Panther Hunt</b> 1-5 pm
11	12  P&R Commission 6pm ZBA 7:30pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Leaf Collection Begins  Joint Council Mtg. 7pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26  Planning Commission 7:30pm	27 DDA 7:30am  City Council 7pm	28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>  

# NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Election Day 	4 Planning Commission 7:30pm	5 Gleaner's Free Food Distribution 2:30pm	6	7
8	9 ZBA 7:30pm	10 Sr. Commission 10am City Council 7pm	11 Veterans Day City Offices & Library Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Planning Commission 7:30pm	24 DDA 7:30am City Council 7pm	25	26 Thanksgiving City Offices & Library Closed 	27	28
29	30					

# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Planning Commission 7:30pm	8 City Council 7pm	9	10 Hanukkah Begins 	11	12 Breakfast w/ Santa 8-11am
13	14 ZBA 7:30pm	15 Document Shred 10am-12pm Blood Drive 1pm-7 pm Board of Review 4pm City Council 7pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter Begins  Planning Commission 7:30pm	22	23 City Offices & Library Closed	24 Christmas Eve City Offices & Library Closed	25 Christmas Day 	26
27	28	29	30 City Offices & Library Closed	31 New Year's Eve City Offices & Library Closed	1 New Year's Day 	

# CITY CLERK NEWS

## Election News

The Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

For those wishing to vote at the polls, the hours on Election Day are from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. As with all elections, Precincts 1 and 3 vote at the Wixom Community Center (49015 Pontiac Trail) while Precincts 2 and 4 vote at Wixom City Hall (49045 Pontiac Trail). Absentee ballots are available to all who would like one. If you haven't already done so, you can submit an application to the City Clerk's Office.

We are in need of a few more people to work in the precincts for this Election. If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk at (248) 624-0865.

Did you know that you can register to vote, apply for an absentee ballot, view a sample ballot, track your absentee ballot and apply to work at the polls by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center at [mivc.sos.state.mi.us](http://mivc.sos.state.mi.us)? All you need to enter is your name, date of birth and zip code....it is that easy!

A safe and secure way to return your Absentee Ballot and Application is to utilize the City of Wixom Drive-up Drop Box. The box is located directly in front of the Wixom Police Station (49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393) and available 24 hours a day.

Thank you  
for voting!



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## City of Wixom

### Phone Directory

**EMERGENCY.....911**  
**Fire, Police, Ambulance**

### NON-EMERGENCY

- City of Wixom.....(248) 624-4557
- Fire Admin.....(248) 624-1055
- Police Admin.....(248) 624-6114
- City Manager.....(248) 624-0894
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