

Department News ~

Library ~



Darlus McWilliams of the Nebraska Department of Labor will present a 1 hour workshop on NE Works for area employers on Thursday, November 8, from 1-2 p.m. The Library will provide a "sloppy joe" meal for participants at 12:30 p.m. Please contact the Library at 402-375-3135 to sign up for the meal and program.

Area author E. J. Obermeyer will be at the Wayne Public Library on Thursday, November 1st, for a program and book signing. Book sales and signing will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief program by the author at 6:30 p.m. discussing her books and writing process. Ms. Obermeyer will also be at the Senior Center at noon on the 1st

There are just a few more weeks for story hours at the Library

before we break for the holidays. Tuesday evening story hour will meet at 6:30 p.m. through November 13th. Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., Mother Goose lapsit runs through November 14th. Saturday morning story hour will meet at 10:30 a.m. through November 17th. All story hours will resume the week of January 7, 2013.



The holidays are right around the corner and with them come traditional Wayne Public Library events. First up is the 4th Wreath Silent Auction for charity. Area businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to donate a decorated artificial wreath (no larger than 24" and no lights) and have it to the Library by November 20th. Wreaths will be placed on silent auction November 24th - December 5th. All

proceeds from this year's auction will go to the Wayne Food Pantry.

Our next event is the Santa Story Time on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. This is a fun time of stories, crafts, and the all important chance to sit on Santa's lap and share your Christmas list. Children of all ages are welcome, and moms, dads, and grandparents are encouraged to tag along and bring cameras.

Library Hours: The library will be open on Veteran's Day, November 12th. We will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will reopen on Saturday, November 24th at 10 a.m.

~Lauran Lofgren
Library Director

WISE WORDS

"The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy."

~Florence Shinn

NEVER MISS YOUR UTILITY DISCOUNT AGAIN!!

Did you know by signing up for our automatic bank debit, you never have to worry about missing your utility discount again! The withdrawal is made on the due date no matter where you bank in the U.S. Also, if you are going on vacation, just call the City Clerk's Office at 375-1733, and let us know and you will still receive your discount when you return and pay your bill.



Don't Get Hosed ~



When you prepared your property for winter, did you take the time to disconnect your water hose from your outside valve? If you own rental property, are you sure your tenant has

removed their water hose? If not, you could be in for an unpleasant surprise in the spring when you try to use that outside faucet. A water hose left connected to a valve in the winter often freezes and breaks the water line, and it

usually won't leak until you turn on the valve in the spring, watering your basement when you think you're watering the lawn. Check it out!!

~Garry Poutre
Supt. Public Works & Utilities

Green Notes ~



What's the best way to melt ice on driveways and sidewalks now that temps are starting to drop below freezing? Salt is not exactly environmentally friendly as it builds up in the soil, can become toxic to

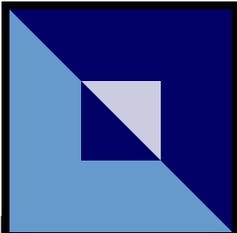
plants and animals (think pets), and pollute water supplies. Consider using everyday products like sand, sawdust, or kitty litter (non-clumping), or a mix between salt and sand to reduce the amount of

salt used.

And don't forget, you can still take your leaves to Garden Perennials this fall!

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ENERGY-WISE TIP ~

The Right Night Light!



You probably never give a second thought to a night light until you find yourself in the dark and wished you knew where you were. At that point, just having a light is your number one concern; more important, probably, than your light's energy efficiency. But to save money and help provide electricity for future generations of night light users, energy efficiency should always be a consideration. Let's take a moment to give some thought to your night lights.

Many traditional incandescent lamps require four to seven watts to operate. One 7-watt night light left on all year will cost a little over \$6 in energy at \$0.10 per kilowatt hour. That may not seem like much, but if you have several night lights, it can add up. As the lamp life ranges from 1,000 to 3,000 hours, those little bulbs may need replacing several times a year.

If you are faithfully turning off your night lights every morning, you can cut costs roughly in half. Photosensors in some models sense "daylight" and turn off automatically. In addition to this neat convenience, you may want to think about energy-efficient light bulbs for even greater savings.

Start by considering what you need the light to do. Does it simply serve as a location mark in a room or hallway? Or does it have to provide enough illumination to complete small tasks without turning on brighter lights? Do you need one night light or several? As the level of illumination and/or the number of lights increase, so does your opportunity to save energy while providing the safety, security, and capability you desire.

If you want to keep your existing night light fixture but wish to make it more efficient, change out your incandescent bulbs with light-emitting diodes (LEDs). LEDs come in both standard and candelabra bases. Some use as little as a third of a watt, which could reduce your energy usage by more than 95 percent. An LED lamp lives 12,000 to 100,000 hours, so at the very least, they last four times longer than incandescents.

Electroluminescent night lights emit a uniform blue, green, or orange glow from a flat panel. Also known as "limelights" or "indiglos," if you leave it plugged in 24-hours-a-day for an entire year, it will use less than 0.3 kWh of electricity and cost only pennies. While not overly bright, electroluminescent night lights provide a soft glow at night that help children feel safe and often

provide enough light to guide someone through a hallway.

Need a little more light? Miniature fluorescent night lights use 1.5 to 6 watts and last much longer than incandescents. More importantly, they produce seven-to-ten times more light, watt-for-watt, than incandescents. Fluorescent night lights can easily cast a glow through an entire medium-sized room enabling you to write a short note, get a drink of water, or deal with a frightened child in the middle of the night.

You might want to also look for a night light that uses a photo and motion sensor. These night lights only switch on when it is dark and movement is detected. Unless both sensors are activated, the light uses virtually no energy! Most people do not consider night lights when it comes to energy saving opportunities. However, now that you see how traditional night lights can add to your electricity costs, you also know how to make some EnergyWise choices!



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 6th
November 20th

COME CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The CAC will be hosting the Chamber Coffee on Friday, November 9th, at 10:00 a.m. in celebration of its 10th Anniversary.

