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Energy Wise Tip ~ Energy Efficiency for Earth Day



Though the official date recognized for Earth Day this year is Saturday, April 22, public power utilities in Nebraska celebrate Earth Day every day of the year.

Nebraska is the only state in the nation where every electric utility is a public power partner; therefore, you can be 100 percent certain your local utility has your (the customer's) best interests in mind. Public power means all Nebraska homes and businesses run on electricity provided by a not-for-profit business serving local customers. In doing so, people served by communities, cooperatives and power districts have more control over their local utility, so all benefits produced by public power — including affordable, reliable and sustainable energy, better service and a focus on local goals — stay locally.

This commitment extends past the electric meter and into homes and businesses by providing assistance in making the most efficient use of the primary product public power provides — electricity!

To throw your own Earth Day celebration, consider implementing a few of the 10 ideas below, and you will be rewarded with savings!

1. Install and use ceiling fans. During air-conditioning season, you should be able to adjust your thermostat up four degrees and experience the same comfort as you

would have with only running the air conditioner.

2. Keep the thermostat away from heat sources, including the sun, candles, lamps and appliances. Temperature misreading by the thermostat can cause your air conditioner to work longer than necessary.

3. Set the thermostat as high as possible to where you are still comfortable. By turning your thermostat back 10° to 15° for 8 hours, you can save 5 percent to 15 percent a year on your heating bill.

4. Keep drapes and blinds closed during the day in the summer to reduce the amount of solar heat gain. Consider installing solar screens, insulating drapes, and planting trees outside of sun-facing windows for more protection against the sun's rays.

5. Open drapes and blinds during sunny winter days to take advantage of solar heat gain. Once the sun no longer shines in, close drapes and blinds to help retain heat in your home.

6. Check the air conditioner filter and change it, if necessary. Filters should be changed every 30-90 days. We recommend using HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filters, setting calendar reminders and writing the date on the filter when you replace it.

7. Schedule annual air conditioning maintenance tune-up to help reduce repairs and keep your system operating

at peak efficiency. What you spend on the tune-up you'll make back on your energy bill. If your unit is older than 15 years and often breaks down, consider replacement.

8. Do not run your heating or air conditioning while you are away from home. Either schedule the times you are gone with a programmable thermostat or remember to turn it off before you leave the house. With a programmable thermostat, you can set the desired temperature 30 minutes before you arrive so the desired temperature is reached by the time you get back.

9. Insulate everywhere heat is lost. This includes hot water pipes, air ducts, attic, basement, windows and doors.

10. Block drafts from doors and windows by using caulk, door sweeps and thresholds.

Your local utility and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the best choices to shine a light on the subject! This includes helping you make the most of the energy you use throughout the year. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, as well as financial incentives to help with the cost of your energy-saving upgrades, contact your local utility.

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CITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

April 4th

April 18th

VACANCIES

The City of Wayne is looking for people interested in serving on the following Boards and/or Commissions:

Board of Adjustment Board of Appeal

If you are interested in serving your community by being on one of these boards/commission, please contact Betty McGuire, City Clerk, at (402) 375-1733.



Department News ~

Wayne Public Library ~

April is BUSY at the Library!



The Friends of the Library book sale runs the April 6-8, with the Members-Only Preview Thursday evening, April 9, at 4:00 p.m. (contact the Library for information on how to become a Friend). The sale continues Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for the popular \$5 bag sale.

Brush off your basket and load batteries in that camera — here comes the funniest fifteen minutes of furry bunny flurry! Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 8th at 10:30 a.m. Hunters of elementary school age welcome.

The Wayne Public Library will join libraries around the country in observing National Library Week April 9-15. This would be a great time to take advantage of "Book a Librarian," and set up a time to visit with a Library staff member about using Microsoft Office products, setting up email, or using the Internet, how to use the Library's downloadable book service for your Kindle or Nook, our downloadable and streaming music service, or our new BrainHQ service. Activities for the week include Adult Coloring on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This popular free program is sponsored by Pac n Save, with all supplies and treats provided. Please call ahead so we have enough for everyone.



The week continues with an evening story time for kids and their favorite stuffed animal, followed by a stuffed animal sleepover at the Library on Thursday, April 13, and finishes up with an all day open house Friday, April 14, starting with Chamber Coffee at 10:00 a.m.

The Library will have a table at the "NEW" Boomerfest (formerly Elderfest) Celebration on April 20 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the city auditorium. Stop at an all day open house to see some new and fun services that the Library has to offer the community.

Winter story hours have come to a close, and now we begin designing the blueprints for this year's summer reading program, "Build A Better World!" Activities include: READING, of course, science and engineering experiments, group games, challenges and art projects. Sign up for summer activities begins at the Wayne Community Activity Center April 19 & 20, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 10:00-12:00 noon.

The Library will once again take part in the Community Garage Sale Events. The first sale date will be Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m. to Noon in the Library parking lot. Call the Library to save a spot. Just drive in, set out your treasures and drive away at the end. We are looking

forward to a fun year. This year we would like to invite 4-H, church groups, school clubs and any organization who would like to hold a fund raiser to consider setting up for "Junque in the Trunk" at the Library. Call us for more information.



National Volunteer Week is April 23-29. The Library will honor all of our many volunteers on Tuesday, April 25. Stop by anytime throughout the day to enjoy some refreshments and learn about the many ways to volunteer at the Library. You can also stop in anytime during the week for an impromptu tour of the Library or to enter our drawings.

WPL Book Club is April 25 at 6:30 p.m. April's selection is a book of poetry, *Garden of Stars*, written by Wayne's own Dwaine Spieker. The author will be our guest discussion leader. He will read selections from his book and discuss his writing career. *Garden of Stars* won the 2010 Nebraska Book Award for Poetry.

To learn more about any of our April events (or for plans down the road) call the Library at 402-375-3135.

WISE WORDS

"Compromise: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece."

~Sherry Rothfield

SEASONAL HELP NEEDED!

The Wayne Public Works, Park and Street Departments, and Water/Wastewater Departments are looking for individuals who can work 40 hours during the week and once a month for 2-3 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings, May-September. Starting wage—\$11/hr.

Please contact Todd at the Public Works Department—402-375-1300.



Green Notes ~ Just Eat It!



In celebration of Earth Day, the Wayne State College Green Team, the City of Wayne Green Team, and the A. Jewell Schock Museum of Natural History are hosting a free screening of the powerful documentary **Just Eat It**, a food waste story by Peg Leg Films in association with Knowledge Network, at the Majestic Theatre in Wayne on **Sunday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for exhibits, raffles, and discussion.

We all love food. As a society, we devour countless cooking shows, culinary magazines and foodie blogs. So how could we possibly be throwing nearly 50% of it in the trash? Filmmakers and food

lovers Jen and Grant dive into the issue of food waste from farm, through retail, all the way to the back of their own fridge. After catching a glimpse of the billions of dollars of good food that is tossed each year in North America, they pledge to quit grocery shopping and survive only on foods that have been discarded. What they find is truly shocking.

Just Eat It brings farmers, retailers, inspiring organizations, and consumers to the table in a cinematic story that is equal parts education and delicious entertainment. For more info about the movie, visit www.foodwastemovie.com.

Tickets for the raffle are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and serve as a fundraiser for the WSC

Green Team. Be sure to bring your own popcorn container and water bottle to the movie so we can make this a Zero Waste event. Come celebrate Earth Day at this free screening of **Just Eat It**.

Don't miss our Chamber Coffee April 21st. The Wayne Green Team will host its first ever Chamber Coffee at The Coffee Shoppe on Friday, April 21st, at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own mug and help make this a zero waste event.

For more information, like the WSC Green Team and Wayne Green Team on Facebook, visit the Wayne Green Team at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam, or email greenteam@cityofwayne.org.

