



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## BACKFLOW PREVENTION ~

### What is Backflow?

Backflow is the unwanted flow of used or non-potable water or other substance from any domestic, industrial or institutional piping system into the pure, potable water distributions system.

### Why is Backflow Bad?

Backflow is bad because of the potential for hazardous chemicals to contaminate good drinking water which can result in serious illness.

### Your garden water hose may be hazardous to your health.

### Do you know the dangers of backflow?

A man sprays commercial weed killer containing an arsenic compound on the lawn using a garden hose attachment. After finishing, he disconnects the applicator. Since it is a hot day, he takes a drink of water from the hose. A short time later, he dies from arsenic poisoning.

### How could this happen?

While the man was spraying weed killer, the

water pressure dropped, which resulted in the chemical being sucked back into the hose. Later, when he drank from the hose, the poison was in the water. He unknowingly poisoned himself.

When water flows backward through the water supply system, it is called "back siphonage" or "backflow." The danger comes when any hose, including a garden hose, is connected to a harmful substance. If the pressure in a water main drops while the hose is submerged in polluted or contaminated water, then the water (and whatever is in it) could be sucked back into the water pipes inside your home and into the drinking water supply. Water pressure drops are not uncommon. It can happen when firefighters battle a nearby blaze or before an authority crew repairs a broken water main on a nearby street.

Some harmful substances to be wary of are chemicals used to kill weeds, insects or lawn

fertilizers. The cleanser used around the kitchen sink could be hazardous if ingested, as could the bacteria in the water from a wading pool or waterbed.

### Keeping your water safe from contaminants is easy.

The following steps will help protect your drinking water:

- Never submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs or sinks. Keep the end of the hose clear of possible contaminants.
  - Don't use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- Purchase and install inexpensive backflow prevention devices for all threaded faucets around your home. They are available at hardware stores and home-improvement centers.



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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 1st  
October 15th

### **REMINDER TO PET OWNERS**

**Remember to pick up your dog's waste — don't leave it in parks where kids play or other private and public areas!!**  
**It's not only the right thing to do—it's the law!!**

There is no such thing as the dog POOP fairy



Please Pick it UP

## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~

Immerse yourself in Nebraskan history by attending **Up the Nebraska Cattle Trail and Songs of the West Tuesday, October 1st at 3:00 p.m. at the Country View Senior Living Center.** Join Joan Wells and Kris Simon as they tell about the cattle drives and the origin of western music while singing the songs of the early day cowboys. Sponsored by Humanities Nebraska.



**Toddler Time** continues on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** or **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.!** Little ones enjoy stories, music, and busy bags to promote early literacy, writing and math skills.

Visit the Library for **Adult Coloring Night on Tuesday, October 8th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** All color pages, crayons, markers and pens, plus a light snack will be available at this **FREE** event sponsored by Pac-N-Save. Coloring Nights are open to men and women 18 and older.

**The Needle Night group** continues to meet. This is a very informal group and isn't limited to knitting. **Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. (excluding the last Thursday of each month)**

**Small business owners: hone your skills with FREE workshops from Diann Ballard of DB Consulting**— Diann Ballard of DB Consulting will be facilitating 4 workshops throughout the month of October: **Quickbooks Basics October 9th and 16th, Quickbooks Advanced October 23rd, and Advanced Microsoft Excel October 30th. All workshops will be held from 5-8 p.m.** Registration is limited and required. To register, contact the Library at **402-375-3135**. Sponsored by: DB Consulting LLC, Wayne Public Library, REAP, SBA, and the Center for Rural Affairs.

Let the kiddos relax after class with **After School Coloring on Friday, October 11th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Color pages, crayons, markers and pens, plus a light snack will be provided.

**Escape Room: Halloween in the English Room!**— Can your team of 6-8 players solve our spooky puzzles and escape with your lives? Be sure to register your escape team at the circulation desk or by phone: **402-375-3135**. **Escape Room dates are: Thursday, October 17th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, October 18th, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Each session is one hour in length. Appropriate for middle schoolers-adults.**

**Tin Can and Luminary Jar Pumpkins Craft Night**— Join Adult Services Librarian Sharon on Tuesday, **October 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** in decorating light-up Halloween pumpkins made with tin cans or glass jars. All decorating supplies will be provided. **Please call the Library at 402-375-3135 to register for craft night.**

Not up to date on the abilities of your smart phone? **Join Chele Meisenbach for Smart Phone 101— Just the Basics on Thursday, October 21st from 5-8 p.m.** Learn about your phone, from simple tasks to apps, emails and social media! Please bring phone and/or email passwords for downloading items if needed. Note taking is welcome and there is no such thing as a dumb question! All smart phone users welcome! **Registration is required. Stop by the Library or call at 402-375-3135 to do so.**

**Adult Trivia Night: the 2000's**— Step back in time to the turn of the millennium for a fun night 2000's-themed trivia **Friday, October 25th at 7 p.m.** Please call the Library or stop in to register your team of four or five. Costumes are definitely encouraged!

**Join the Adult Book Club in reading "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah this month.** Author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France. "The Nightingale" will be available for pickup at the Library or through OneDrive or Libby in the beginning of October. Join the discussion **Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Senior Center.

**Pumpkin Painting Contest**— Bring in your already painted pumpkins on **Wednesday, October 23rd through the 27th.** Pumpkins will be displayed around the Library and will be evaluated by guest judges on **Tuesday, October 29th from noon to 1 p.m.** **Age ranges for pumpkin judging and ribbon awards: 0-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-18, and 19 years of age and older.** Grand prizes will be awarded to each age group. We urge pumpkin painting contestants to pick up their work after awards are issued.

### WISE WORDS

*"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles."*

—Walter Cronkite

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

**Monday & Friday**  
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Saturday**  
8:00 am.—Noon

Or by appointment  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday

### Green Notes ~



#### 17,000 Pounds of Electronics Recycled

Congratulations to our community for recycling over 17,000 pounds of electronics and raising \$2,900 to support our Zero Waste programs. In seven years, we have now recycled over 120,000 pounds of electronics. Your efforts help keep harmful materials out of our landfill.

Special thanks to the many people who helped make this event a success, including volunteers from the Wayne Green Team, Wayne State College Men's Basketball team and WSC Women's Soccer team; City employees Todd Hoeman and Officer Cory Moeller; our vendor First Choice Recycling; and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for grant funding.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 12th, 8-10 a.m.** at the Wayne Transfer Station, 110 Windom Street. Your \$10 drop-off fee includes household hazardous waste items such as latex & oil-based paint, pesticides, herbicides, oil, yard & garden chemicals, cleaning chemicals, anti-freeze, car batteries, household batteries, mercury & mercury containing devices including lightbulbs. Household quantities only. **Not accepted:** tires, electronics, appliances, PCBs, picric acid, science lab materials, radioactive materials, or biological hazards. Sponsored by Northeast Nebraska RC&D, Nebraska Environmental Trust, Wayne Green Team and Gill Hauling.

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit [www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam](http://www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam).

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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**YOUR CHOICE. YOUR RIGHT. YOUR HOME.**

