



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Coffee



How about some statistics regarding the United States' favorite beverage and the energy needed to keep our cups full?

Behind water and tea, coffee is the most-consumed beverage around the world and with 66% of all Americans drinking coffee daily, we enjoy 3.3 billion pounds per year. The National Coffee Association reports 517 million cups are consumed daily with the average U.S. coffee drinker having 3.1 cups. That earns us second place behind only Finland, whose coffee drinkers average four cups daily.

In May of 2021, PR Newswire reported a study that found U.S. coffee drinkers obtained 81% of their coffee servings at home. That averages to nearly 420 million cups per year with the average cup size being nine ounces. Forty-five percent of this coffee is made using drip coffee makers, 27% with single-serve machines, 9% with cold brew makers and 8% with espresso machines. Considering the average coffee machine uses 150 to 300 watts of electricity to create a cup, that equates to nearly 95 million kilowatt-hours or enough electricity to power

about 8,800 American households for a year.

According to ENERGY STAR® over half of households use the warming plate for more than 30 minutes, with nearly a quarter of households using it for more than hour to maintain heated carafes of brewed coffee. In addition, some drip coffee maker owners have selected a unit that continuously maintains an internal reservoir tank of hot water to speed the brewing process when coffee is desired. Both issues provide an opportunity for saving energy. How much?

In reality, not a lot. At Nebraska's average residential electricity cost of \$0.1111 per kilowatt-hour, this only equates to one-quarter to one-third of a penny per hour. But for those who leave their machine on continuously, annual savings of 189 to 257 kilowatt-hours can range from \$21 to \$29.

Need to add some sweetener to these energy savings before cutting the power to the coffee maker after brewing?

Burnt coffee – as it sits on the plate warmer, evaporation occurs. With time, the flavor becomes bitter.

Burnt pot – after most of the water content evaporates, coffee eventually burns to the bottom. Scrubbing with salt, baking soda and lemon juice usually removes this mess, but the extended exposure to excessive heat may warp the bottom of the pot.

Microwave reheating – rewarming a cup in the microwave uses less energy than an hour of warmer plate or hot water reservoir use.

Potential fire hazard – The Consumer Product Safety Commission says about 50 consumers report fires caused by coffee makers per year.

Your local electric utility wants to help you make your best cup possible. In addition to information on other ways to efficiently use the energy you consume, they offer a variety of EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> incentives to help with the cost of energy-saving improvements. To find out more, contact your local electric utility.

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### **CITY COUNCIL** **MEETINGS**

August 2nd  
August 16th

### **CITY HALL** **OFFICE HOURS**

City Hall office  
Hours are:  
7:30 a.m.  
until 4:30 p.m.

### **CITY SIREN** **SIGNALS**

**Fire Alarm Siren:** This is a high/low tone and will operate in daytime hours

**Tornado Siren:** This will be a single high tone siren for 3 minutes.

**Tornado Shelter**  
City Auditorium at 3rd & Pearl Street & East Park  
Restrooms



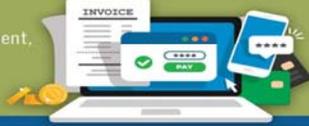
## Department News ~



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### WISE WORDS

*“It’s so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and then DON’T SAY IT.”*

—Sam Levenson

## Library ~

**Grab one of our take & make back-to-school crafts on Monday, August 1st. Available while supplies last on a first come-first serve basis.**

**Join us for Patchwork of the Prairie with Yvonne Hollenbeck on Thursday, August 4th at 10:30 a.m. in the back of the Library.** Yvonne will show her collections of family quilts, spanning 140 years, including her own prize-winning creations. Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations.

**Our Thrifts & Gifts sale will take place on August 5th! Thrift and Gifts is a thrift, craft, art, and wares sale open to the public. Now taking place in the Senior Center/Library hallway. We are still open to vendor sign-up!** DATES: Fridays: August 5th and September 16th. Time of the sale: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) to reserve your spot to vend. Sign-up is free! Space

is limited. There is no admission fee for shoppers. Call the Library for more info.

**August 8th is the last day to turn in books read for both the youth and adult summer reading challenges!** Youth readers: make sure to stop by the Library by this date to record all of your reading and turn your tickets in for our prize drawing.

**Help us beautify our sidewalks on Tuesday, August 16th for “Chalk the Walks Day.”** Chalk the Walks (a project of [The Joy Team](#)) is all about spreading joy, optimism and inspiration through the magical power of sidewalk chalk.

**Celebrate the new school year with a movie and root beer floats in the Children’s room of WPL, Wednesday, August 17th at 1:00 p.m.**

**Join us for our “Create with Canva Workshop,” Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Both**

**teens and adults are encouraged to join (13+). Canva is the most accessible and widespread tool for graphic design from beginner to pro-level. Only 6 spaces are available. Give us a call at [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) to reserve your computer at this free workshop!**

**Learn how to work with spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel during our Excel Basics Course, Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.** Basic computer skills are required to take this class. **Only 6 spaces are available, so give us a call at [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) to reserve your computer at this free workshop!**

Find a full list of August events by stopping in and grabbing a calendar, or by visiting our website: [www.cityofwayne.org/82/Library](http://www.cityofwayne.org/82/Library).

### WAYNE RECYCLING & TRASH CENTER (RTC) HOURS

Monday & Friday  
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday  
8:00 a.m.—Noon

Or by appointment  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday

## Green Notes ~ Passion for our Parks!

 Did you know the City of Wayne has more than 10 beautiful parks for our community to use? That’s a lot of wonderful green spaces to enjoy for picnics, playing, relaxing and more. Bressler and Sunnyview are two of our biggest parks, but we also have Victor, Viken, and Ashley parks, to name a few others. The city has a big job of keeping these parks maintained, from managing playground equipment and picnic tables to collecting trash and recyclables. Big thanks to the city employees who help care for our parks! We are looking for people interested in helping

to promote and preserve our beautiful city parks. If you are passionate about these fun green spaces, then become a Park Pal by contacting Jason Barelman at [jasonbarelman@gmail.com](mailto:jasonbarelman@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more info about from the Park Pals.

**Electronics recycling Saturday, September 24, 8:00 – 10:00 am, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Lincoln and Pearl.** Details coming in next month’s newsletter. Be sure to save up your old electronics until then.

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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