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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.

CITY OF WAYNE LEAD SERVICE LINE SURVEY

The Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy is requiring Water Utilities in the State to conduct an inventory of all service lines in their systems to identify lead lines and components that may be in use. Please visit the City of Wayne website (cityofwayne.org) – Water Service Line Survey to fill out the form online or to request a paper copy for your residence. Please call the City of Wayne Water Department at (402) 375-5250 with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation!



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 2nd

May 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



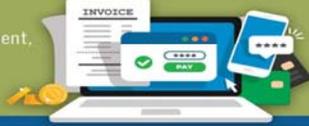
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WISE WORDS

“Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.”

~Henry Van Dyke

Library ~



WE WILL BE CLOSED Saturday, May 25th, for building cleaning.

WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED Saturday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer hours will begin Sunday, May 28th. We will be closed on Sunday for the duration of the Summer. Other hours will stay the same.

Our last round of Toddler Time for the season will be happening this month! Wednesday dates: the 3rd and 10th at 10:00 a.m. Thursdays dates: the 4th and 11th at 10:00 a.m. Join us for stories, music, dancing, busy bags, and more.

Join us for last after-school story times for the season on Wednesday the 3rd and the 10th of May at 2:15 p.m.

Our last After School coloring will take place on Friday, May 12th, at 3:30 p.m. Relax and get creative after a busy school week.

We will be Screening the film, *Weathering the Future* by Nova, Saturday, May 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The documentary examines the dramatic ways in which our weather is changing.

Bae, come out with the rest of the fam on Friday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. for our 2010's decade-themed trivia night! This event will be held at Johnnie Byrd's in The Coop — it's gonna slap. Themed costume groups are highly encouraged (yaaaasss SLAY)! Please stop in

or call the Library to register your team of four.

Registration to sign up for summer reading program is now open! Stop by the Library or give us a call to get added to our list of participants. Or sign yourself and your family up via Google form: <https://forms.gle/UhEWyKnFjyaP4z5U8>.

Join our Summer Carnival Summer Reading Program kick-off event on Wednesday, May 31st, from 2-4 p.m. on the Our Savior Church lawn. Expect a bounce house, cotton candy, games, prizes and more! Get signed up for SRP if you haven't done so already.

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 ~ Congrats to Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company, our Zero Hero of the Year!



Last month, the Wayne Green Team presented Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company with our Zero Hero award recognizing outstanding work in reducing, reusing, and recycling within the community of Wayne.

Since owner Greg Ptacek opened Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company in 2017, he has made sustainability part of its core values. Johnnie Byrd brews all beers with 100% renewable energy, purchased from the City of Wayne via Renewable Energy Credits. All the grain used to make beer and spirits is fed to local cattle and kept out of the landfill. It invests in reusable to go containers, such as glass growlers and aluminum cans, both of which are infinitely recyclable. It is repurposing nearly 2,500 wine bottles served in the taproom for a special project. Johnnie Byrd does not use paper towels in

its main bathrooms. Instead, it uses washable, reusable cloth towels, keeping an estimated 2,900 cubic feet of trash out of landfills, or enough to fill 3 large school buses. Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company is a business committed to sustainability. Thank you for being a Zero Hero in our community!

Save the date for electronics recycling. Our annual electronics recycling event returns on Saturday, September 23rd, 8:00-10:00 a.m., on 3rd Street between Lincoln and Pearl.

Join us at our next Green Team meeting Tuesday, May 9th, at noon, in the SNBuilding's 2nd floor conference room at 1010 Main Street. For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit 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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