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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Energy Efficiency



What is the difference between energy conservation and energy efficiency? Since the early 1970s, the term “energy conservation” has been characterized by a “save it” mentality after sudden energy price and supply issues impacted the world. People found ways to use less energy by adjusting behaviors and habits. In doing so, they saved money.

But by 2010, the term “energy efficiency” was becoming popular as it implied using technology that required less energy to perform the same function without the personal sacrifice common with conservation measures.

Today, there are many reasons why homeowners should consider energy efficiency, from environmental and financial benefits to potential improvements in mental and physical health. In fact, energy efficiency has become one of the biggest opportunities for prospective and current homeowners. Here are some additional reasons why:

Reduce utility bills

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that you can save anywhere from 5% to 30% on your utility bills with energy efficient

options and home upgrades. Energy efficient appliances consume less energy throughout their service lives without sacrificing quality and are an excellent way to lower energy expenditures.

Return on investment

Energy efficient purchases are an investment with savings that add up over the service life of the product. These savings can offset the initial price premium on energy efficient appliances and offer a significant return when compared to conventional, non-efficient alternatives. Furthermore, that savings increases over time as energy prices tend to rise.

Protect the environment

Implementing energy efficiency is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint. Homes were responsible for 19% of national greenhouse gas emissions in 2016. Implementing home energy efficiency measures can significantly reduce a home’s emissions contribution. According to the DOE, the typical household can reduce its energy use (and by extension its greenhouse gas emissions) by 25% to 30% percent by investing in energy efficiency opportunities.

Increase property value

In the housing market, energy efficient homes usually sell for a higher price than standard homes with comparable features. Every project that increases a home’s energy efficiency adds a portion of its cost to the final selling price. Potential home buyers recognize that energy-efficient homes have reduced utility bills and fewer repair bills, too.

Enhance quality of life

Implementing energy efficient measures creates a home that will be warmer, drier and properly ventilated. This lowers the risk of illness and mold growth. Energy efficiency also prevents the buildup of indoor pollutants, a major concern in areas with high radon emissions.

Regardless of the reasons, your local utility can help customers meet their energy efficiency goals. They may also provide EnergyWiseSM energy efficiency incentives to reduce the cost of improvements. Contact them or visit www.energywisenebraska.com for more information.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 6th

July 18th

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall Office Hours are:

7:30 a.m.

until 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE

City Offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.



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



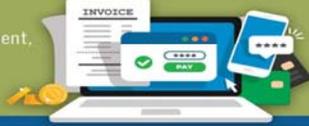
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WISE WORDS

“You can’t always choose the path you walk in life, but you can always choose the manner in which you walk it.”

~John O’Leary

Library ~



- **WE WILL BE CLOSED** on July 4th to observe our nation’s Independence Day.
- **Spice Club Continues with BBQ Seasoning!** Every month a new take-and-make kit will be available, including one spice sample, recipes and tips for using the spice, and suggested cookbooks for using the spices that are available for checkout in our collection. Due to the increased interest, more packets are available, so if you haven’t registered yet, stop in or call to do so!
- **There will be a Henoween event on July 7th.** Join us at 4:30 p.m. with Libby Weston for **The Banjo Chicken Show.**
- **Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, July 11th, at 6:00 p.m. for Adult Coloring.** Stop in for a relaxing night and good company. Colors, coloring sheets, and snacks are provided. Pac N’ Save sponsors Adult Coloring Night.
- **Join us July 12th or 13th at 11:00 a.m. for 4H Extension “All Together Now” programs** focusing on kindness. It is for youth, K through 6th grade, willing to develop their head, heart, hands, and health through 4-H Summer Reading Connections.
- **Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night Group, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.** Enjoy conversation

and good company while working on your personal needlework projects. All kinds of decorative sewing and textile art handi-crafts are welcome.

- **July 18th is the Kindness Cafe.** Come on down and join for some coffee and a good time, tell stories, or have a conversation with someone you haven’t before.
- **Come on out for 90’s Trivia night at Johnnie Byrd’s “The Coop” on Friday, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m.** Who knows the most about 90’s Trivia? Join in the fun to find out. Prizes for the best-dressed team and team names will be awarded along with team ranking prizes. Call the Library to register a team of 4-6 people, as we only have ten slots available.
- **Book Club will be returning for discussion Tuesday, July 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library conference room. This month’s discussion book will be Little Fires Everywhere: A Novel by Celeste Ng or The Color Purple: A Novel by Alice Walker.** *Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, the ferocious pull of motherhood, and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. *The Color Purple* documents the traumas and gradual triumph of Celie, an African American teenager raised in rural isolation in Georgia, as she resists the paralyzing self-concept forced on her by others. Celie narrates her life through painfully honest letters to God.
- **The Friends of the Library will open The Recycled Read store on July 1st and 2nd.** Find them at 102 S. Logan Street, Wayne, NE 68787 (in the former Final Touch location downtown). We will accept donations at The Recycled Read during store hours.
- **Youth Summer Reading Programs** in July is our Reading Challenge starting July 5th. Stop in for the challenge papers anytime after the 4th. For each book read that meets a challenge, participants will enter for one of our grand prizes: Cozy, Art, Building, Night Out, or Summer Fun. Each prize bag is valued at around \$60. Continuing in July is our Kindness Bingo to encourage acts of kindness in Wayne. Final day to turn in a prize is August 8th, and the drawing is August 9th.
- **Adult Summer Reading programs** will continue all summer long until August 8, 2023. Complete reading bingo sheets or the kindness challenges for entries into our grand prizes.

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 ~ Recycle Right in the Park



This summer, the blue recycling bins are back throughout Wayne city parks, making recycling accessible for people enjoying the outdoors. Look for the twinned bins—recycling and trash side by side—to properly dispose of your unwanted items. The park recycling bins only accept **plastic beverage bottles and aluminum cans that are empty of all liquids.** Please do not put any other items in these bins, such as plastic straws, food wrappers, or even plastic drink cups, which all belong in the trash bin. Any amount of trash contaminates the recycling load.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23, 8:00 – 10:00 am, on 3rd Street between Lincoln and Pearl. Stay tuned for details and save up your electronics until then.

Special Green Team Meeting. Join us for a special Green Team meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, noon, at the SNBuilding Conference Room located at 1010 Main Street. City Administrator Wes Blecke will attend to discuss green infrastructure and investments by the city. 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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