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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Energy Efficiency for the Office



Business owners and managers are always looking for ways to reduce costs and improve productivity in their office facilities. There is no exception when it comes to energy costs and usage. Some compare current utility bills to the prior month's or during the same month last year to identify increases in usage. Then, they review operations over those periods with the hope of recognizing the reason or reasons so future increases can be managed. Below are some of the most common opportunities found when investigating:

1. Lights left on in empty rooms

Even the most efficient lights waste energy lighting empty rooms. Upgrade or replace light fixtures with high-efficiency LEDs, then install effective controls. Occupancy or vacancy sensors ensure unoccupied areas are not needlessly illuminated.

2. After-hours comfort settings

Empty buildings do not need to be conditioned for occupant comfort. Adjusting building thermostat setpoints after hours is a sim-

ple and cost-effective way to reduce energy bills. Smart thermostats optimize savings and convenience because they automatically adjust temperatures based on occupancy or time schedules. Many also provide advanced features, such as remote control.

3. Standby power

Computers, office equipment and other electronics draw power continuously, even when unused. Enable power management "sleep" settings on all computers and office equipment. Plug electronics into advanced power strips or "smart plugs". These devices automatically turn off electricity to devices when they are not in use.

4. Personal appliances

Personal appliances, such as fans, coffee makers and compact refrigerators seem innocuous, but can collectively use a lot of energy. Space heaters are the worst offenders as they are usually under desks and are left operating after hours. Discourage the use of personal appliances by maintaining comfortable temperature and humidity levels. Encourage employees to dress for the season. Keep

a refrigerator, microwave and other appliances available for staff in a central breakroom area.

5. Air leaks

Buildings with uneven temperatures in different areas often suffer from air leaks around windows, exterior doors and exterior wall penetrations. Inspect the building for such leaks and seal them with caulk, weather-stripping and expanding foam sealant.

Often, there are additional sources of energy waste that are easy to overlook and cost you money. Your local electric utility can help identify other ways for facility owners and managers to meet their energy efficiency goals. They may also provide Energywise energy efficiency incentives to reduce the cost of improvements and do business more efficiently. Contact them, or visit www.energywisenebraska.com for more information.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 1st
August 15th

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

“The truth hurts, and so would you if you were stretched as much!”

~Author Unknown

Library ~

WE WILL BE CLOSED on August 4th and 5th for Cleaning!!

The “Kindness In the Post” will occur on August 1, 2023! Local postcard collector Mollie Young will share her collection of mixed media cards. Then, participants will create simple watercolor postcards to take home for mailing to someone they care about.

Spice Club Continues with Five Spice 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 spice available for checkout in our collection. There is always leftover spice. Please get in touch with the Library if you want to pick up a packet or join our list!

The Friends of the Library will open The Recycled Read store on August 5th. Find them at 102 S Logan Street, Wayne, NE 68787 (in the former Final Touch location downtown). They will accept donations at The Recycled Read during store hours. The Library also accepts donations during business hours!

Summer Reading Program Challenge ends on August 8th. Everything must be turned in, from reading bingo to kindness challenges to reading challenges!

Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, August 8th, 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 for a Root Beer Float Party on August 10th! Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with root beer floats and a drawing of prizes.

Movie on the first day of school, August 16th! The movie will be at 1:00 p.m.! Come along on a family adventure as they attempt to navigate a treacherous land in this recent release from Disney.

There will be a beginner's Excel class on the 15th of August at 6:00 p.m.! If you want to learn how to run Excel, contact the Library to get signed up, as only five spots are available! It's a great skill to learn as technology becomes increasingly a part of our everyday lives!

Come out for Retro Music Trivia night at Johnnie Byrd's "The Coop" on Friday, August 25th, at 7:00 p.m., Who knows the most about 60 through 80's music Trivia? Join in the fun to find out. Prizes for the best-dressed team and team names will be

awarded along with team ranking tips. Call the Library to register a group of 4-6 people, as we only have twelve slots available.

Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Enjoy conversation and good company while working on your needlework projects. All kinds of decorative sewing and textile arts handicrafts are welcome.

Book Club will be returning for discussion on Tuesday, August 29th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library conference room. This month's discussion book will be The Last Bookshop in London: A Classic Novel called East of Eden by John Steinbeck or Love In the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. East of Eden is about two families that roughly reenact the tale of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Able. Love in the Time of Cholera is a romance about how lovers find each other many years later despite what life has put each of them through.

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 ~ New Recycling Drop Off for Aluminum Cans at Pac N Save



Thanks to our local Wayne Boy Scouts Troop #174, you can bring your aluminum cans to Pac N Save for recycling. The Boy Scouts have converted a horse trailer into a recycling drop off container. Only aluminum cans are accepted (no tin food cans), and you must place them in a bag inside the trailer. Please don't dump cans in the trailer. That will make for quite a mess when the Boy Scouts and their parents (all volunteers!) empty it. Thank you again to our local Wayne Boy Scouts and Pac N Save for supporting a new recycling location in Wayne.

Electronics recycling next month. Join us for our annual electronics recycling event Saturday, September 23, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. on 3rd Street between Lincoln and Pearl. Be sure to save your TVs, computers, cell phones, gaming consoles, and more for this annual event so you can recycle right.

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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