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SPRING CLEANING!



As the last snow melts, days become longer and temperatures rise, many start checking off items from their annual deep-cleaning list. Scrub buckets, mops, brooms, sponges and cleaning supplies are pulled from shelves to tackle jobs that may only be considered once a year. This year, consider a few others to improve your home's energy efficiency and save money. It's all about keeping cool!

Refrigerators – After a year of storing your leftovers and condiments at 40°F or below, it's time to remove unneeded and expired food from refrigerators and freezers. If you haven't noticed, the baking soda you put in there two years ago to help manage odors has long since expired. Going through all of your "fridge's" nooks to pitch and re-position items will help chilled air circulate efficiently. Finish the interior by checking and cleaning the seals to assure a tight fit.

Don't stop there! As their name implies, your unit transfers heat through a refrigeration cycle using coils. When the exterior coils become covered

with whatever is in the air, heat transfer takes longer. Thus, the refrigerator runs longer and adds to your power bill.

Where can you find these coils? Look underneath or at the back of your unit. If it's been a while, use a dryer lint brush and vacuum cleaner to tackle what you find. The Humane Society doesn't offer a reward for freeing "dust bunnies," but your electric bill will.

Ceiling Fans – When you switch from heating to cooling, don't forget to change your ceiling fan's rotation. Counterclockwise will push air directly down and help balance temperature through the room. Most fans have a reversing switch close to where the blades connect. If you need a stepstool to reach it, bring a cleaning rag to eliminate other dust perched on the top sides of fan blades.

Air Conditioning Systems – Was the last time you changed the air filter in your HVAC system before Christmas? If it's been more than 90 days, check to see if replacement is needed. Don't waste

your time and money with cheap fiberglass filters. Instead, spend a little extra on a pleated paper filter that stops smaller particles from passing through.

Does your HVAC system have an outdoor condensing unit setting next to the house? Whether it's a heat pump or an air conditioner, these units are exposed to the environment all year. Leaves, dirt and other debris lodge between the coils and diminish your HVAC system's efficiency. If your local electric utility is a partner in supporting EnergyWiseSM energy efficiency programs, you may be eligible for a \$30 incentive to have a certified HVAC technician provide a full system cooling tune-up. Your local utility can help identify other ways you can save money while providing reliable, low cost and sustainable energy. For more ideas or information about EnergyWiseSM lighting incentives, contact your local public power utility.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 1st
April 15th

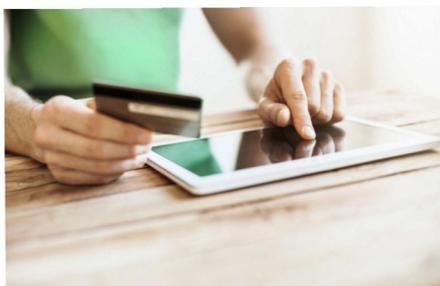


CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

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

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!!



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Department News ~

Library ~

- **WE WILL CLOSE** on April 20th for Easter Sunday.
- **WE WILL CLOSE** at 5:00 pm on April 11th for Staff Meeting.
- This year's Adult Reading Challenge encourages you to journey across the USA with the Read Across America Challenge!
- Join us for Coffee and Conversation on the first Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m.!
- Explore our Seed Library! Borrow, donate, and save seeds, whether you're an experienced gardener or a beginner.
- Mrs. Aleisha invites you to join Stay & Play on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
- Join The Circle of Friends every other Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
- Join Mrs. Aleisha for Toddler Time on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.
- Join Nicole for Adult Craft Night on April 1st at 6:00 p.m., where we will create Easter Sock Bunnies!
- Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th at 10:00 a.m.
- Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. for Adult Coloring Night.
- Join us for Basic Tech Afternoon on April 9th at 1:00 p.m.!
- Join Mrs. Aleisha for Beyond the Bell at 2:15 p.m. on March 9th and 25th!
- After-school coloring will occur on Fridays, March 11th, and March 25th, at 3:30 p.m.
- Join us for an exciting Puzzle Race at Blends & Boards on April 12th at 1:00 p.m.!
- The Walk & Talk Book Club will continue on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the community activity center, featuring *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.
- Wayne Public Library will be hosting a Craft Swap on April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Traditional Book Club will return for discussion on Tuesday, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library conference room. This month's discussion book will be *It's Not The End of the Earth but You can See It from Here* by Roger Welsch.

WISE WORDS

"A good rule to remember for life is that when it comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never be attracted by a bargain."

~Graham Norton

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 ~ Take Action this April for Earth Month!



We're kicking off a month of action to celebrate the Earth. Join our free community events celebrating our planet and efforts to reduce waste.

Remember, every day is Earth Day!

Attend the Zero Waste Chamber Coffee on Friday, April 4th, 10:00 a.m. Bring your own mug to the Wayne Public Library and learn the latest on how to reduce, reuse, and recycle in Wayne. We'll announce this year's Zero Hero award winner, and you'll leave knowing how to make a green impact in Wayne America.

Watch the free Earth Day movie, *Rubber Jellyfish*, at the Majestic Theatre, Sunday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. This film reveals the shocking truth about what happens to helium balloons when released into the air. *Rubber*

Jellyfish explores the effects of helium balloons on the environment, wildlife and human beings. We all know that throwing garbage on the ground is littering, so why is letting a balloon float away seen as something different? Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the 80-minute film begins at 7:00 p.m. Stay for a special Q&A with filmmaker Carly Wilson after the movie. Don't forget to bring your own popcorn container and cup to help make this a zero waste event.

Recycle Denim into Bags, Thursday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. Come to the Wayne Public Library for Craft Night to give old jeans a new life. Experts will be on hand to help you sew old jeans into a sturdy, reusable bag.

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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