



## Workings in Wayne: Month in Review

**Budget:** City Council approved the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in September. View the 2025-2026 Budget on our website! The new fiscal year started on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**City Council Mini Retreat on Sept 29th:**

The agenda was packed with various items, some of which we'd love to hear public comments.

- Should parks be closed overnight?
- How should non-traditional vehicles be regulated on our streets (lawn mowers, e-scooters, golf carts, etc.)?

The Council also heard a proposal from Jeremy Wynia with Flyover Demographics to potentially lease the old City Hall for "computer-related" services and projects. Rates and potential increases were also briefly discussed. Electric rates were raised in 2019 by a ~4%. Since COVID, there has been a tremendous increase in product prices for electrical equipment. The Council asked staff to find out what a hired consultant would charge to get the most accurate rate to be determined.

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**Wayne Herald's Best Of Awards:** Jason Jorgensen, one of our Street Foremen, was voted Best City Employee and Drew Marshall, one of our Police Officers, was voted Best in Local Law Enforcement. Congratulations to each of these valuable City employees!

**Christmas in Wayne Prep:** The holiday season kickoff is scheduled for Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Returning this year will be the Parade of Lights at 6:30pm, Festival of Trees, Holiday Punch Card, Window Decorating and a visit from Santa! Full schedule is available at [wayneamerica.org/christmasinwayne](http://wayneamerica.org/christmasinwayne).

**Downtown Improvement & Safety Committee:** Mayor Brodersen appointed a Downtown Improvement and Safety Committee to address the beautification and safety aspects of downtown. This group includes Mayor Brodersen, Councilmembers Webber and Bolte, City Employees Joel Hansen and Casey Junck, and business owners Katelynn Broders, Tom Hansen, and David Lindner. Please seek out these members to express your ideas for downtown improvements and safety.

### HOLIDAYS

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

### CITY HALL HOURS

7:30am - 4:30pm

### CITY COUNCIL

Meetings are held at 5:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in City Hall at 513 Main Street.

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## Green Team Update

### Nearly 14,000 Pounds of Electronics Recycled in Wayne

Congratulations to our community for recycling 13,675 pounds of electronics at the Wayne Green Team's 12<sup>th</sup> collection event in September. We served 129 cars and raised \$3,000 to help support the Green Team's Zero Waste recycling programs and outreach. Since 2013, the community has recycled over 200,000 pounds of electronics. These incredible efforts by our community help keep harmful materials out of the landfill to protect our soil, water, health, and more.

The Wayne Green Team gives special thanks to the many people who helped make this event a success, including 44 volunteers from Wayne State College Men's Basketball and Women's Soccer teams; City of Wayne staff; the Retrofit Companies; and the Nebraska Department of Water, Environment and Energy.

### Recycle Strings of Holiday Lights

As you decorate for the holidays, remember you can recycle light strings that no longer work. Collection bins are at the Wayne Recycling & Trash Center during business hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri, 9am-2pm; and Sat, 8am-noon. You can also take them to a new drop off bin at Refind & Refresh, located at 210 Main Street. The light strings will be recycled for its copper wire by Retrofit.

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).

### WAYNE RECYCLING & TRASH CENTER HOURS

Monday - Wednesday,  
Friday  
9:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday  
CLOSED

Saturday  
8:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday  
CLOSED

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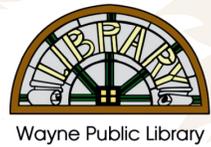
### YOUR CHOICE. YOUR RIGHT. YOUR HOME.

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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# NOVEMBER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 <b>A Sweet Taste of Wayne Fundraiser by The Friends of the Wayne Public Library</b>	3 <b>Coffee &amp; Conversation: 10:30 am</b>	4 <b>Stay &amp; Play: 10:30 am-2:30 pm</b> <b>Adult Craft Night: 6:00 pm</b>	5 <b>Beyond the Bell: 2:15 pm</b>	6 <b>Toddler Time: 10:30 am</b>	7 <b>After School coloring: 3:30 pm</b> 	8
9	10	11 <b>Stay &amp; Play: 10:30 am-2:30 pm</b> <b>Library Board Meeting: 5:00 pm</b> <b>Adult Coloring: 6:00 pm</b>	12 <b>Basic Tech Afternoon: 1:00 pm</b> <b>Beyond the Bell: 2:15 pm</b>	13 <b>Toddler Time: 10:30 am</b>	14 <b>Staff Meeting: 5:00 pm</b> <b>Will close at 5:00 pm</b> 	15 <b>Dinovember 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</b> 
16	17	18 <b>Stay &amp; Play: 10:30 am-2:30 pm</b> <b>Walk &amp; Talk Book Club: 6:00 pm</b>	19 <b>Beyond the Bell: 2:15 pm</b> 	20 <b>Toddler Time: 10:30 am</b> 	21 <b>Lofi Teen Fall Party: 3:30 pm</b> 	22
23	24 <b>Winter Reading Challenge Starts</b> 	25 <b>Stay &amp; Play: 10:30 am-2:30 pm</b> <b>Traditional Book Club: 6:30 pm</b>	26 <b>CLOSED</b>	27 <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	28 <b>CLOSED</b>	29
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## NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

- **WE WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 PM on November 14<sup>th</sup> for a Staff Meeting.**
- **WE WILL BE CLOSED on November 26<sup>th</sup> for Cleaning.**
- **WE WILL BE CLOSED on November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**
- **WE WILL BE CLOSED on November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving**
  
- **Join us for Coffee and Conversation on the first Monday of every month at 10:30 am.** This event offers an excellent opportunity to meet new friends, share stories, and enjoy a warm cup of coffee and a treat in the cozy library atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you!
  
- **Join us for Stay & Play every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.** This event features sensory activities for parents and children to socialize. Special thanks to the Kiwanis organization for their generous donation of sensory items!
  
- **Join us every Wednesday at 2:15 PM for Beyond the Bell.** Join us for popsicle stick catapults on November 5<sup>th</sup>. On November 12<sup>th</sup> Get ready for some fun with pumpkin wood cutout crafts. We'll be making Thanksgiving slime on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you there!
  
- **Join us for Toddler Time every Thursday at 10:30 AM! We will read a book, sing a song, and enjoy busy bags along with a craft after each session.** Here's what Mrs. Aleisha has lined up for November, centered around the theme of Thanksgiving and being thankful: On November 6<sup>th</sup> there will be fall lacing cards. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, toddlers can enjoy painting a tree. On November 20<sup>th</sup> to be determined.
  
- **Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm at the library.** All skill levels are welcome to bring their needlework projects to craft, learn techniques, share tips, and make friends through activities such as embroidery, cross-stitch, knitting, and crocheting. We look forward to seeing you!
  
- **Join Nicole for Adult Craft Night on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** We will be making Recycled Book Hedgehog!
  
- **After-school coloring will be on Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm!** We will have coloring sheets, coloring materials, and snacks!
  
- **Head to the back of the library on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm for Adult Coloring Night.** Stop in for a relaxing night and good company. Colors, coloring sheets, and snacks are provided. The Endicott Family sponsors Adult Coloring Night.
  
- **Adult Services Librarian Nicole will offer Basic Tech Afternoon on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.** This event is an excellent opportunity to get help with your devices. Feel free to drop by if you have questions or need guidance on tech-related issues.
  
- **On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Dinovember.** It will be a great Dinotastic time as we celebrate dinosaurs with games, crafts, a photobooth, a movie, and coloring pages!
  
- **The Walk & Talk Book Club will meet on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Victor Park, featuring Flyaway by Kristen Hannah.** Participants will listen to the book via Playaways or the Libby App. We will gather to walk the trail at Victor Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> and discuss the book at the Roosevelt Park Gazebo, where we will conclude after the walk. The meeting will be held at the Community Activity Center if the weather is poor. In FLY AWAY, Kristin Hannah returns to the world of these unforgettable characters and asks the question... How do you hold yourself together when your world has fallen apart... FLY AWAY is the story of three women who have lost their way and need each other—plus a miracle—to transform their lives.? An emotionally complex, heartwrenching novel about love, family, motherhood, loss, and redemption, FLY AWAY reminds us that where there is life, there is hope. Where there is love, there is forgiveness. Told with her trademark visceral storytelling and illuminating prose, Kristin Hannah reveals why she is one of the most beloved writers of our day.
  
- **On November 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 6:00 pm, we will have a Lo-Fi Teen Fall Party.** Join Mrs. Aleisha for a fun Thanksgiving Party. There will be food, drinks, and a movie. Enjoy the holiday of being thankful with us!
  
- **On November 24<sup>th</sup>, get ready for the Youth Winter Reading Challenge!** To promote reading during the winter months, Mrs. Aleisha has a lineup of challenges sure to stimulate your brain! Stop by the library on the 24<sup>th</sup> to pick up your sheet today and win some prizes!
  
- **Traditional Book Club will return to the library on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30.** This month's book pick is The Coincidence of Coconut Cake by Amy E. Reichert. The Coincidence of Coconut Cake synopsis is in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lou works tirelessly to build her beloved yet struggling French restaurant, Luella's, into a success. She cheerfully balances her demanding business and even more demanding fiancé...until the morning she discovers him in the buff—with an intern. Witty yet gruff British transplant Al is keeping himself employed and entertained by writing scathing reviews of local restaurants in the Milwaukee newspaper under a pseudonym. When an anonymous tip sends him to Luella's, little does he know he's arrived on the worst day of the chef's life. The review practically writes itself: underdone fish, scorched sauce, distracted service—he unleashes his worst. The day that Al's mean-spirited review of Luella's runs, the two cross paths in a pub: Lou drowning her sorrows, and Al celebrating his latest publication. As they chat, Al playfully challenges Lou to show him the best of Milwaukee, and she's game—but only if they never discuss work, which Al readily agrees to. As they explore the city's local delicacies and their mutual attraction, Lou's restaurant faces closure, while Al's column gains popularity. It's only a matter of time before the two fall in love...but when the truth comes out, can Lou overlook the past to chase her future?
  
- **The Recycled Read is open from 9 am to 1 pm on the first Saturday of each month at 306 Pearl St., Wayne, NE.** Donations are welcome during store hours (preferably under six boxes) and at the library during regular hours. However, textbooks and encyclopedias are not accepted, and items in poor condition may be refused. In addition to our standard time, there will be two pop-up sales for the Christmas on Wayne events. One is on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the other is on November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.