



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## EnergyWise Tip ~ Pivot Sprinklers



While some erroneously think farmers have the winter

off for vacation, Nebraska crop producers have a million things to do before planting a single seed. One includes having their irrigation systems ready to pump and provide water if rain doesn't come. If you irrigate with one or more of the 55,000 plus center pivot systems in Nebraska, do you know the expected life of sprinkler packages? While some producers may consider this a low-priority question, it only takes a few non-performing sprinkler components to make a significant decrease in yields; especially if left unchecked over several seasons.

Sprinkler packages for center pivots and lateral-move systems are designed to deliver more than 90 percent water delivery uniformity under no-wind conditions after considering system capacity, distance from the pivot point to a specific sprinkler, spacing between sprinklers, field topography and pumping plant performance among other potential considerations. Standardization in nozzle diameters available (diameters increase in

1/128 – inch increments) does create a small amount of nonuniformity during design.

However, once installed and operational, nozzle wear, plugging, pressure regulator effectiveness, water quality, component quality, system leaks, weather damage and incorrect design parameters can dramatically decrease the rated life of outlet components and affect delivery uniformity as soon as the first time you irrigate.

Irrigation experts recommend the following simple, five-part inspection each spring before the crop canopy is present:

- ◆ Verify the system is supplied by the correct flow rate and operating pressure
- ◆ Compare the sprinkler sizes installed to the sprinkler design printout
- ◆ Verify the last sprinkler is supplied with correct operating pressure when the end gun is operating and the last tower is at its highest point
- ◆ Verify the end gun is set to run according to the design sheets
- ◆ Verify sprinklers are not

cracked or broken and deflection pads are not worn excessively

As an EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> partner, your local electric utility wants to help you make the most of the energy needed for irrigating with all-electric center pivot or linear tower systems. Participating utilities will provide a **\$500 incentive** when producers replace all of a system's existing outlet components, such as sprinkler heads, sprayers, rotators, plates, pads and nozzles, and regulators on qualified systems. Other program requirements apply. Start by visiting with your local electric utility for more details.

Your local utility wants to help you make the most of the energy you need. That includes the electricity you need when irrigation season arrives. For additional ways you can become EnergyWise, contact your local utility.

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 3rd  
March 17th

### **NOTICE TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

***Due to the lateness in the mailing of the City of Wayne Utility Bills, the due date has been changed this month to March 16th instead of March 10th.***

***We want to apologize for any inconvenience this may have or has caused to our utility customers.***

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## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~

**The Adult New Year Reading Challenge Continues!** This reading challenge runs from January-April. There are different challenges as well as prizes available at the end of each month. Drop in at any time during the reading challenge. You do not have to have completed a previous month's challenge to participate. Stop by the Library circulation desk and pick up your March challenge booklet today! The prize for march will be: L.E.D. booklight, Read More Books canvas bag, a signed copy of "Someone Knows" by Lisa Scottoline, and \$10 in Chamber Bucks.

Join us for reading, playing, and singing at **Toddler Time, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** Toddler Time is open to new families at any time. Activities such as the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten promote early literacy skills. Call the Library at [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) for more info.

Join our **Needle Night group on Thursday's from 6-8 p.m.** to work on your needlework with a community. This group isn't limited to knitting. The last meeting of the month is held on the WSC campus, rather than the Library.

**Need some help figuring out your smartphone? Join Chele Meisenbach for Smartphone 101 on Monday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Please bring your phone as well as passwords and/or email passwords for downloading items if needed. **Register for Smartphone 101 by calling: 402-375-3135.**

**Get creative at Adult Coloring Night Sponsored by Pac n' Save, Tuesday March 10th from 6-7:30 p.m.** All coloring supplies are provided, as well as a light snack.

Adult Coloring night is for those 18 and older.

Kids color with us at **After School Coloring on Friday, March 13th and Friday, March 27th at 3:30 p.m.** All coloring supplies as well as a light snack will be provided. Adults will be on hand for conversation.

**Join us for Craft Night: Lucky Vial Necklaces on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m.** We will be creating small bottle pendants with lucky contents inside! The craft will cost \$2 per bottle/necklace. Registration is required. Call the Library at [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) to register and for more info.

**Join us for another Art Night on Tuesday, March 24th at 6 p.m. Enjoy an art lesson with WSC NAEA Art Education Club students.** Art lesson TBA; follow us on Facebook for event updates. This art lesson will not have a fee, but donations towards funding for the Club's trip to the NAEA National Convention are welcome. **Registration is required. Stop by or call us at 402-375-3135 to register and for more information.**

**Come hunt for treats at the annual Wayne Public Library Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28th at 10 a.m. in the Library.** Children will be divided into age groups with the youngest going first. Sponsored in part by Hasemann Funeral Home.

**Weekend Book Club will discuss "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hu-**

**go" by Taylor Jenkins Reid, Saturday March 28th at 2 p.m. in the Library.** Weekend Book Club is welcome to anyone, as well as reading suggestions. A light snack will be provided. Book Description: Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one is more astounded than Monique herself. Evelyn unspools a tale of ruthless ambition, unexpected friendship, and a great forbidden love. Monique begins to feel a very real connection to the legendary star, but as Evelyn's story near its conclusion, it becomes clear that her life intersects with Monique's own in tragic and irreversible ways.

**Join our Traditional Book Club in a discussion of Cassandra Montag's "After the Flood" on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.** All are welcome and a light snack will be provided. Book Description: Rising floodwaters have obliterated America's coastal cities and then its heartland. Myra and her daughter Pearl fish from their small boat, visiting dry land only to trade for supplies and information in the few remaining outposts of civilization. For seven years, Myra has grieved the loss of her oldest daughter, Row, who was stolen by her father after a monstrous deluge overtook their home in Nebraska. Myra suddenly discovers that Row may be alive. Throwing aside her usual caution, Myra and Pearl embark on a perilous voyage to find Row.

### WISE WORDS

*"The key to being a good manager is keeping the people who hate you away from those that are still undecided."*

~Casey Stengel

### WAYNE RECYCLING & TRASH CENTER 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 your Batteries Right



Last year, we made a change to our battery recycling program to help manage costs and collection. **Only small, household batteries are accepted for recycling at the Wayne Public Library.** These include alkaline, zinc carbon, NiMH, NiCd, less than 9 volts, non-lithium button cell, and lithium & lithium-ion with exposed terminals that require taping. We do not accept large batteries, such as lead acid, electronic batteries, and over 9 volts.

Unfortunately, some people are still dropping off the larger drill batteries and other types over 9 volts. Please carefully follow the instructions on our website and posted at the Library. Always be sure to tape terminals on required batteries to avoid any spark during shipping. Safety first! This battery recycling program is costly

and limited to only small household types. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**SAVE THE DATE** for our Earth Day celebrations in April. Bring Your Own Mug Chamber Coffee is at the Wayne Public Library on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., and our free movie is at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. More details next month.

Join us for our Green Team meeting **Tuesday, March 10th at noon** in the back room of Tacos & More.

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).

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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