



City of Wayne Newsletter

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LOOKING AHEAD ~

Where did that new Hotel by the Fire Hall come from?

Who owns it?

Focus x Intensity x Time = Momentum

Focus:

- Every year, community business leaders here take the time to debate and prepare a long-term Strategic Plan.
 - The Mayor and City Council prioritize the time each year to prepare a long-term Strategic Plan.
 - The players here agree to work towards the Plan goals.
 - There is willingness to assume risk towards meeting the goals of the Plan.
 - The players in our business development effort here don't dance before they get into the end zone. They "look" the ball all the way in before letting up on the task.
- An expanded or new hotel has been a WAED Strategic Plan goal since 2001!

Intensity:

- WAED has proven to be a strong Business Development Organization.
- Members of local business development groups and WAED Board members are energized and passionate about moving forward.
- We support a fulltime professional business development staff.
- There is regular communication and cooperation between city, county, school and WSC.

- There is willingness to allocate the time and financial resources to get the job done.

- **Activity:** Community volunteers and staff travel to see "what's out there", and we meet regularly to keep projects moving forward.

The new hotel is primarily owned by local investors. \$10,000 of local funds was invested in a local hotel market study and literally thousands of hours of local volunteer time were consumed to organize the business, develop the local equity, and acquire the financing to build.

Time:

- The business development players here have a long-term attention span.

- The annual Strategic Planning over time maintains the community dialog needed to have a community plan and maintains the activity and focus to accomplish the goals of the plan.

The hotel project was a 10-year effort and will open May 1st. We paid attention to build this project for ten years.

Momentum:

- Momentum means that opportunities here are recognized that would otherwise be missed.
 - Successes are not random or coincidence.
 - People have the confidence to invest for future wealth generation here.
- Other private business start-ups and expansions are also going on here.

~Lowell Johnson
City Administrator

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 3rd
April 17th

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

Please remember to pick up your dog's waste.

Don't leave it in parks (where kids play) or other private and public areas!!



City Siren Signals—What they mean ~



Wayne sirens are operated by the Police Dispatchers. They have three different signals you should know:

- ◆ **Tornado/Storm Warning:** Long steady siren in one tone for three minutes;

- ◆ **Fire:** Alternating high/low tone for approximately three minutes; and
- ◆ **Attack//Defense Alert:** Waving tone of short blasts for three minutes.

If you subscribe to Cable TV, turn your television on when sirens sound to hear the message from our Police Dispatchers.

Department News ~

Wayne Public Library ~

There is something for everyone at the library this month. The spring "Expand Your Horizons" program centers around the theme "Local and Area Writers." Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays, speakers include a panel of local authors discussing how they got their ideas and their writing process on April 3rd, and Dick Haskin of Royal, NE, on his book series "The Hills of Mars," on April 10th, and Pam Everett of Wayne State College with tips and tricks on writing and getting published.



The library will have a table at two city-wide events in April. The Library will be at the annual Elder Fest on Thursday, April 19th. You can also stop by to see us at the Green Expo on Saturday, April 21st. We will be accepting books for the annual Friends of the Library book sale, and

will have lots of fun ideas about recycling/reusing/reducing.



April sees two big celebrations at the library. Stop in during National Library Week (April 8-14) for an impromptu tour of the library, enter our drawings, or, in observance of the centennial of its sinking, test your knowledge about the Titanic. This would also be a great time to take advantage of "Book a Librarian," and set up a time to visit with a library staff member about using Microsoft Office products, setting up email or using the Internet, or how to use the library's downloadable book service for your Kindle or Nook.

National Volunteer Week is April 15th-21st. The Library will honor all of our many volunteers on Tuesday, April 17th. Stop by anytime throughout the day to enjoy some refresh-

ments and learn about the many ways to volunteer at the Library.

The Friends of the Library book sale runs the weekend of April 27-29, with the Members-Only Preview Friday evening, April 27th (contact the Library for information on how to become a Friend). The sale continues Saturday, April 28th and Sunday afternoon, April 29th. That same weekend, we encourage you to start thinking about summer by signing up for the 2012 Summer Reading Program "Dream Big, Read" at the Community Activity Center.



We are closed Easter Sunday (April 8th). To learn more about any of our April events (or for plans down the road) call the Library at 402-375-3135.

WISE WORDS

"We can throw stones, complain about them, stumble on them, climb over them, or build with them."

~William Arthur Ward

DID YOU KNOW~

That 10% to 30% of your home's conditioned air escapes from air ducts. Properly sealing air ducts results in cleaner air and can save up to \$140 in energy costs annually.



Backflow Prevention ~

Caution! Your garden water hose may be hazardous to your health.

Do you know the dangers of backflow?

A man sprays commercial weed killer containing an arsenic compound on the lawn using a garden hose attachment. After finishing, he disconnects the applicator. Since it is a hot day, he takes a drink of water from the hose. A short time later, he dies from arsenic poisoning.

How could this happen?

While the man was spraying weed killer, the water pressure dropped, which resulted in the chemical being sucked back into the hose. Later, when he drank from the hose, the poison was in the water. He unknowingly poisoned himself.

When water flows backward

through the water supply system, it is called "back siphonage" or "backflow." The danger comes when any hose, including a garden hose, is connected to a harmful substance. If the pressure in a water main drops while the hose is submerged in polluted or contaminated water, then the water (and whatever is in it) could be sucked back into the water pipes inside your home and into the drinking water supply. Water pressure drops are not uncommon. It can happen when firefighters battle a nearby blaze or before an authority crew repairs a broken water main on a nearby street.

Some harmful substances to be wary of are chemicals used to kill weeds, insects or lawn fertilizers. The cleanser used around the kitchen sink could be hazardous if ingested, as could the bacteria in the water from a wading pool or

waterbed.

Keeping your water safe from contaminants is easy. The following steps will help protect your drinking water:

- Never submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs or sinks. Keep the end of the hose clear of possible contaminants.
- Don't use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.

Purchase and install inexpensive backflow prevention devices for all threaded faucets around your home. They are available at hardware stores and home-improvement centers.



Summer Rec Program Sign-Up

April 27th

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

April 28th

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Baseball/Softball

Park Rec

Tennis/Golf

Choir Camp

Summer Reading

Swimming Lessons

Swim Team

NEXT MONTH

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON KIDS SUMMER CLUB