

Department News ~

Playground Safety ~



It's that time of year again. Summer is in full swing, and the city parks and playgrounds are busy with kids of all ages swinging, sliding and playing in the sand.

In May, City employees conducted inspections of parks and equipment and are removing, replacing and repairing equipment to keep the parks fun and safe.

The most effective way to keep your child safe while playing in the parks is adult supervision. Parents can help prevent playground accidents

by taking some precautions, ensuring that there is adult supervision at the playground, and making sure that any equipment that their child plays on is appropriate to his or her age and maturity level.

Adult supervision can help prevent injuries by making sure kids properly use any playground equipment and don't engage in unsafe behavior around it. If an injury does occur, an adult can assist the child and administer any needed first aid right away.

Kids should always have adult supervision when they're at the playground. Young chil-

dren (and sometimes older children) can't always gauge distances properly and aren't capable of foreseeing dangerous situations by themselves. Older children often love to test their limits on the playground, so it's important for an adult to be there to keep them in check.

Have a fun and safe Summer!!

~Garry Poutre

Supt. of Public Works & Utilities



WISE WORDS

"Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't."

~Pete Seeger
Singer and Composer

DID YOU KNOW...

That by placing a half gallon juice jug filled with a couple of inches of sand or pebbles and water in your toilet tank, you can flush less water and save more than 240 gallons of water per month!!



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.

Grass Clippings ~



The Wayne Public Works Department wants to remind all residents that blowing lawn mower clippings into the street is prohibited and is a violation of City Code, Section 58-94. These grass clippings and other such debris left on the street will travel to the storm sewer inlet and can block them. The blocking of the inlets can cause

local flooding from storm water accumulation.

Because the water from the storm sewers runs into Logan Creek, the grass clippings can negatively affect the creek with the chemical content in the grass from lawns that have been fertilized and treated with weed killer.

When mowing, please mow the first few rounds so that the grass blows in towards the lawn and when finished, sweep up the grass that has been thrown into the street.

We thank you for your cooperation during this mowing season.

~Garry Poutre

Supt. of Public Works & Utilities

WAYNE CITY POOL HOURS

(May 28th—Aug 12th)

Monday—Sunday

1:00 pm—8:30 pm

Lap swim will be from 5 pm-6 pm Mon-Fri



NEW SUMMER HOURS AT CAC

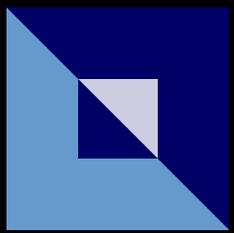
(June 1st—Aug 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am—9 pm

Fri—5:30 am—7 pm

Sat—8 am-6 pm

Sun—Closed



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LOOKING AHEAD ~

Cooling System Tune-ups~



When was the last time you had your home's cooling system tuned up? If it has been a few years, now is the time to have your heating and cooling contractor inspect, service, and clean it. Typically tune-ups on cooling systems that have been neglected for a few years can provide 5-15% energy savings, or more. Not to mention the unit can better perform from a comfort and equipment longevity standpoint.

Fortunately, there is a \$30 EnergyWise incentive available to homeowners that have their cooling system tuned-up, regardless of what type or age of cooling sys-

tem it is (air conditioner, air or water source heat pump).

The application includes a checklist of key components your contractor should inspect as well as items for discussion, such as filter replacement schedule, proper temperature set-back practices and an understanding of the general condition of the system.

The \$30 incentive qualifications are:

- Incentives are available to customers who have their cooling system inspected and tuned-up by an HVAC contractor.

- Qualifying systems include residential central air conditioners, air source and water source heat pumps that are served by Nebraska Public Power District or its Wholesale Utility Partners.

- Even though the cooling system may be serviced or tuned-up frequently, the customer is only eligible for the EnergyWise \$30 incentive a minimum of every three years.

For more information, please contact Gene Hansen, Superintendent of Electric Production, at (402) 375-2866.

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Put a Lid on it!!! ~



During the weeks of June 4th and 11th, 2012, the City of Wayne Sewer Department will be having sewer mains cleaned in various parts of the City. Included in this will be the area between Nebraska Street and Providence Road on the east side of Wayne and the areas of Oak Drive, the Knolls and Grainland Road on the west side of Wayne. Other areas may be

done as well.

In this process, high pressure water is forced through the City's sewer pipe to clean it. On rare occasions, this process causes air to enter private sewer service lines. If this happens, the air can push through the toilet bowl resulting in the water being splashed onto the floor. Should this occur, keeping the lid closed on the toilet during this time will keep most of the water in

the bowl rather than on the floor. If this happens at your home or business, it generally means there is improper venting and a plumber should be called to investigate. If you have questions about this, call Garry Poutre, Utilities Superintendent, at (402) 375-2896.

~Garry Poutre
Supt. Public Works & Utilities