

## Department News ~

### Clearing Walks ~



When it's the 1st of July and we have temps in the 80's and 90's, the last thing we think about is clearing sidewalks because that usually means scooping snow. This time of year, keeping the sidewalk clear means keeping it clear of overhanging growth of brush and vegetation. It's not unusual for low hanging

branches, shrubs or even flowers to block sidewalks, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. Our sidewalks are the safe route for walking through our community and having them blocked, forces people onto the yard or street. This can be especially difficult for someone who may be pushing a stroller or be in a wheelchair. City ordinance requires

that sidewalks be kept clear to a height of 7' and for the full width of the walk.

Please keep the sidewalk on your property clear for the safety and enjoyment of our residents and visitors!

~Garry Poutre  
Supt. Public Works & Utilities

### WISE WORDS

*"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing."*

~Albert Schweitzer

### DROPS ADD UP!!

60 drops per minute is 190-260 gallons per month.

### EVERY DROP COUNTS!!!



### Discharging of Fireworks ~



Remember — You can discharge fireworks only on the following dates and times and during the following hours:

- ◆ June 25th through July 3rd— 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ July 4th—8:00 a.m. to midnight

Please use caution and be safe during this 4th of July holiday

~Garry Poutre  
Supt. of Public Works & Utilities

### 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.

### Green Notes ~



**Wayne Grow an Extra Row!** This summer, join gardeners across the nation in donating fresh produce from your garden to our local food pantries. While picking your produce, set aside a bag of beans, a few tomatoes, a bag of lettuce or spinach, cucumbers, squash,

anything fresh from the garden. Bring your garden produce to the Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m., or to the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning of each month. It doesn't have to be a lot, but if everyone does it,

it will add up fast. Thanks for growing that extra garden row!

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 Green Team

### WAYNE CITY POOL HOURS

(May 27th—Aug 11th)

Monday—Sunday  
1:00 pm—8:30 pm

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



### NEW SUMMER HOURS AT CAC

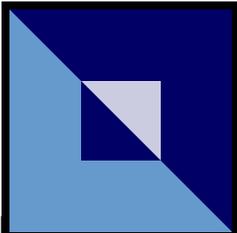
(June 1st—Aug 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am—9 pm

Fri—5:30 am—7 pm

Sat—8 am-6 pm

Sun—Closed



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## Energy-Wise Tip ~

**“Take steps to conserve energy and save money.”**

Homeowners generally take a cool attitude toward higher summer energy bills. While air conditioning is critical to the comfort of you and your family, the added costs can sometimes strain the family budget. This is compounded when you consider that most electric utilities have higher rates in the summer to offset their higher costs for generating and delivering electricity.

Before you get hot under the collar, there are actions you can take to conserve energy and improve the efficiency of your home. By following these steps, your home will be in better shape to handle those hot, humid days while helping to trim those summer energy costs.



Raise your thermostat to 78°F. This is the number one way to conserve energy in the summer. Do not set your thermostat colder than normal when you turn on your air conditioning system. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling.

Consider installing a programmable thermostat. This is an excellent way to match the cooling needs of your home to your personal schedule. They typically offer savings of 10 percent to 15 percent without compromising personal comfort.

Have a professional, reputable contractor clean and inspect your air conditioning system before every cooling season begins. Check with your electric utility to see if you qualify for an

EnergyWiseSM incentive to help pay for this service.

Replace your furnace air filter. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer increasing energy use. Check your filter every time you receive your utility bill and replace it, if necessary.

Keep the outside portion of your central air conditioning system clear of dried mud, debris, and grass clippings. Especially after an intense rain, mud can splatter onto the unit and block the air after the mud dries.

Make sure ceiling fans are blowing down. Most fans have a switch to change the fan direction.

Use the dishwasher and clothes washer later in the evening. When used during the day, these appliances produce additional heat causing your home's air conditioning system to run longer. Also, consider taking advantage of the season's warmer air and dry your laundry outside. Did you know that your dishwasher uses less water than washing dishes by hand? Turn off your dishwasher's heat-dry setting to allow your dishes to air-dry and save even more!

Whenever possible, use your microwave or countertop appliances for cooking. They too produce less heat than your oven or stove. Better yet, fire up the outdoor grill for cooking. What says summer better than burgers and hot dogs?

Fill up the refrigerator. Having lots of food and drinks in your

refrigerator can help slow its interior from warming up when the door is open. Use energy-efficient landscaping. Leafy trees and shrubs properly placed on the south and west side of your home can provide shade during the peak daytime heat. Plant trees or shrubs to shade the outdoor portion of your air-conditioning system but do not block the airflow around the unit. A unit operating in the shade uses as much as 10 percent less electricity than the same one operating in the sun.

Reduce heat buildup by keeping blinds and curtains closed on windows facing the sun. Unshaded windows can account for up to 40 percent of unwanted heat in your home.

Unplug or recycle that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don't really need it. This will save you up to \$150 per year! Check with your electric utility to see if you qualify for the EnergyWiseSM Refrigerator Recycling Program that pays you \$35 for your old unit and provides free removal.

If you have a pool, turn off your filter overnight when the pool is not in use. Better yet, use a timer to cycle the pump and reduce its energy usage by 50 percent. Summer should be a time for fun-in-the-sun and not a time spent worrying about high utility bills. Taking action now helps ensure that your enjoyment lasts right into autumn!

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
July 2nd  
July 16th

**Planning Commission Vacancy**

If you are interested in filling a vacancy on the Planning Commission, please contact Mayor Ken Chamberlain to be considered for the appointment at (402) 375-1733.

