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Energy-Wise Tip

“Let LED’s Brighten Your Christmas!”



This year, strings of light emitting diode (LED) lights will brighten more Christmas displays throughout the U.S. than ever before. LED lights now offer many different styles. Many colors and sizes are available as well.

There are several advantages in the use of LED lights. New LED lights have an extremely long life. Unlike standard Christmas lights, LED lights will dim toward the end of their life rather than burning out all at once. Remember trying to find the single burned out bulb in a set of Christmas lights? That’s no longer a concern with LED’s.

Here are some other advantages of LED lights when compared to their incandescent cousins. Reports have stated the life of LED Christmas lights to be an extraordinary 100,000 hours! Another big advantage is the LED produces more light per

watt than other types of lighting. LED lights are 90 percent more efficient than incandescent lights. For example, one set of conventional 100 - C9 style Christmas lights will use 700 watts of electricity. The same set replaced with the new LED lights (with equivalent luminescence) would use only 65 watts. Over the Christmas season, the new LED lights could save \$7.50 in electric energy costs.

However, note that there are a few disadvantages of LED lighting. LED’s have a light output limitation. This means they can only be so bright. Though the initial cost may be a concern, note that significant price decreases have occurred over the past few seasons. Plus, since the cost of operating of LED lights is so much lower than conventional lights, the purchase price is usually rapidly covered through energy savings.

LED lights have been around for a while and support many special lighting needs, such as

exit lights, flash lights, emergency lighting, and traffic lights. Especially over the last several years, LED Christmas lighting has become popular. As rising energy costs and environmental issues continue to be of greater concern, LED Christmas lighting offers the consumer an opportunity to make a difference while saving money.

LED Christmas lights offer enhanced decorating inside and outside of the home. Christmas LED lighting can put new, brighter sparkle in the Christmas season. Energy dollars, no longer needed to pay the electric bill, can now be spent for the more important joys that this season brings!



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

December 2nd
November 16th

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

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*Closed Christmas  
Eve at noon and all  
day December 25th  
and 26th*

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*From all of us at
the City of Wayne
We wish everyone
a
Merry Christmas!!*



Department News ~

Free Payment Option now Available Online ~



We hear it in social media, on the phones and in email: You don't want to pay a fee to pay your bill. We want to make

sure your customer experience is top notch, so we are now offering online payments with no fee. Just log on to the City of

Wayne website and go to the "Online Bill Pay" option located on the left hand side of the screen.

Library News ~



Holiday activities are happening at the Wayne Public Library this month. Santa Story Time is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Children are invited to hear a story, visit with Santa, and do a craft. Parents and grandparents are invited to come, too.... this is a great opportunity to take some pictures!

The Library invites everyone to help us celebrate the holidays with Holiday Bingo. Small prizes are awarded with each Bingo box you fill, and a Bingo Blackout puts you in the drawing for the grand prize (to be determined). Check at the Library

for more details.

The Library is being decorated for Christmas the weekend after Thanksgiving. We invite you to stop in during the month...you'll never know when you might find a cup of hot cocoa, a chocolate chip cookie, or even some Christmas music being played.

In amongst the Christmas decorations are several photographs of Wayne from years' past. These are a result of the Wayne State College Department of Art & Design and Service-Learning Historical Photograph Restoration project. In addition to college photos, this project saw the restoration of 11 city photos, including one large panoramic shot of the Savidge Amusement Company. These will be on display in the Library for the month of December.

We are also making plans to take advantage of National "Cuddle Up" day with an entire week of Cuddling Up with a Good Book in early January. Comfy blankets will be in our reading chairs, and during the week you'll have a chance to win a comfy reading blanket of your very own.

The Library will close at noon on December 24th, and remain closed December 25-26 for the Christmas holiday. We'll close at 4 p.m. on December 31st and will be closed January 1st for New Year's.



Green Notes ~ Save Your Green While Being Green this Season!

Ready to save money this holiday season? Follow our 3 easy tips to help keep both your pocketbook and the environment green.

1. **Buy something that will last.** Consider the durability of a product before you buy it as a gift. Often, a cheaper item will wear out long before its more durable equivalent, which can be passed down to others. You don't want the holiday toys to end up in the trash before the

start of the new year

2. **Shop local.** We have wonderful stores that offer creative gifts and services, along with opportunities at craft and book fairs to buy something special. Consider shopping in town before spending dollars outside of our community and on extra fuel to drive there and back.

3. **Make it from scratch.** Think about making a card with a hand-written note, a list of 25 reasons

your family member is special, or ornaments from recyclable materials, like toilet paper rolls and egg cartons. Sometimes the best gift is one you can't buy.

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.



WISE WORDS

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now."

~Alan Lakein

REMEMBER RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS!!
The water you use for the next 3 months will be what your sewer average will be on 3/1/15!!
Please monitor your usage wisely!!



HOURS AT CAC (September 1st— May 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am—10 pm
 Fri—5:30 am—9 pm
 Sat—8 am-8 pm
 Sun—1 pm - 8 pm

