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Energy-Wise Tip ~ Earth Day!!

Based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy, the average U.S. household will spend over \$2,100 on home energy this year. As we approach Earth Day (April 22), it is a good time to remember that energy efficiency can help “green” the planet while keeping more “green” in our wallet.

“Consumers who experienced high winter heating bills and are already contending with spiraling gasoline prices are eager to spend less on home energy this spring and summer,” said Kateri Callahan, President of the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE). “Energy efficiency not only significantly cuts home energy costs, it also increases indoor comfort.”

Here are 10 simple, yet effective, ways the ASE suggests to celebrate Earth Day by saving energy in your home:

- Seal air leaks and properly insulate – These are always the first steps for reducing energy waste, saving up to 20 percent on heat-

ing and cooling bills and increasing home comfort.

- Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics not in use. (Sometimes the simplest things are really effective!)
- Use your window shades – Close blinds on the sunny side in summer and open them in winter. During the winter, close them all at night.
- A programmable thermostat, properly programmed, can save up to 10 percent on cooling and heating costs.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label, the symbol of quality and energy efficiency, on a wide range of consumer products to save up to 30 percent on related electricity bills.
- New & improved light bulbs – Reduce energy use from about a third to as much as 80 percent with today’s increasing number of energy-efficient halogen incandescents, compact fluorescents and LEDs.
- Clean or change furnace filters regularly. A dirty filter will slow

down air flow and make the system run longer to keep you warm or cool.

- Reduce water heater temperature to 125° F to save energy and money on heating water.
- Wash clothes in cold water to save \$63 a year.
- Use low-flow faucets and shower heads to save on water bills, too.

For more great ideas on how to make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, contact your local utility at (402) 375-2866.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 5th
April 19th

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

24-hour fitness (weight room)

now open!

Contact Bryce at the CAC for more information



Department News ~

Library News ~

The Wayne Public Library will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29th, for staff in-service.



This is our third year to host “Treasures in the Trunk” formerly known as “Junk in the Trunk.” Our first event of the sale season will be Saturday, April 16th, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Participants just drive in, display & sell their treasures and drive home. What could be easier? Call the Library at 375-3135 for more information and to reserve a spot for your sale. Our schedule will follow the Wayne Communitywide garage sale dates: May 21, June 25, and August 27th and possibly Oct. 1st. All participating cars need to be in our parking lot, saving street-side parking for Library patrons.



The Friends of the Library book sale runs the April 14-16, with the Members-Only Preview Thursday evening, April 14, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

(contact the Library for information on how to become a Friend). The sale continues Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the popular \$5 bag sale.

April sees two big celebrations at the Library. National Library Week and National Volunteer Week are both the week of April 10-16th. Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:30 p.m., a staff member will be available to demonstrate Freegal, the Library’s downloading and streaming music service. The Library will honor all of our many volunteers on Wednesday, April 13th. Stop by anytime throughout the day to enjoy some refreshments and learn about the many ways to volunteer at the Library. You can also stop in anytime during the week for an impromptu tour of the Library or to enter our drawings. 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,

WISE WORDS

“I can give you a six-word formula for success: Think things through—then follow through.”

—Edward Rickenbacker

how to use the Library’s downloadable book service for your Kindle or Nook and our downloadable and streaming music service, and take a look at the new digitized Wayne newspaper files now available on our website.

Look for the Library table at the summer activities sign-up at the Community Activity Center on April 21, 22, and 23rd. This year’s theme is “On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!”

Book Club will be reading Elizabeth Gilbert’s, *Eat, pray, love: one woman’s search for everything across Italy, India and Indonesia*. This is our “book to movie” selection for the year. Join us to discuss the book and view the DVD on April 26th.

To learn more about any of our April events (or for plans down the road) call the Library at (402) 375-3135.

Green Notes ~ Earth Day!!

Come see Planet Ocean in celebration of Earth Day!

In honor of Earth Day this year, the Wayne State College Green Team, the City of Wayne Green Team, and the A. Jewell Schock Museum of Natural History are hosting a free screening of the stunning documentary “*Planet Ocean*,” by French director Yann Arthus-Bertrand and Michael Pitiot, on **Sunday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Majestic Theatre in Wayne. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for exhibits and discussion on marine life, connections between local waterways and our oceans, and more. Information will be available about new waste reduction efforts locally, including updates on what can be recycled at the Wayne Transfer Station.

This Earth Day event will also include a raffle containing a handmade quilt, the book “Man and Sea: Planet Ocean” by Yann Arthus-Bertrand and Brian Skerry, children’s books on nature, and more. Tickets for the raffle are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Be sure to bring your own popcorn container and water bottle to the movie, so we can limit waste at the event.

Dive into our planet’s greatest mysteries with a team of international underwater cinematographers as they explore the breathtaking bond between humanity and the ocean. For more information about the movie and oceans, visit Good Planet Foundation (<http://www.goodplanet.org/en/ocean/>). Celebrate Earth Day at this free screening of “*Planet Ocean*” and join

us on our journey toward Zero Waste!

For more information, find us on Facebook as the WSC Green Team, the Wayne Green Team or the A. Jewell Schock Museum of Natural History.

For the Wayne Green Team, visit us at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam or email greenteam@cityofwayne.org. For the A. Jewell Shock Museum of Natural History, visit <https://www.wsc.edu/museum/> or email kedill1@wsc.edu.

