



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## Energy-Wise Tip ~ Braising Pans & Electric Skillets

The old saying goes, “If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.” Instead of abandoning your cooking space for a cooler corner in the basement, how about reducing the amount of unwanted heat in the first place? Two cooking appliances, one commercial and one residential, will help you to do just that!

For commercial kitchens, the tilting braising pan or tilting skillet, is an extremely versatile piece of cooking equipment that will stew, sauté, simmer, boil, defrost, grill, roast and heat convenience foods. It comes in a variety of sizes from 6 to 40 gallons in capacity. With a heating element under or in the base of the pan, the tilting skillet can be used efficiently for roasting at low temperatures (150° - 200° F) and for holding foods already prepared. When closed, the cover helps retain heat in the unit and enhances its energy efficiency.

New designs in tilting braising pans have increased fuel efficiencies by up to 30 percent while increasing production capabilities as well. New energy-efficient designs may

operate at 75 percent to 90 percent efficiency, which means much less energy is lost as wasted heat in the kitchen.

Tilting braising pans combine the functional characteristics of steam kettles and griddles. In doing so, they can be used to braise, roast, boil, fry, griddle, proof, hold, simmer, and melt foods. For serving, they can also be used as a steam table. When a restaurant or food service is running out of cooking equipment, tilting braising pans can be used as an extra grille for breakfast/lunch, as a kettle to prepare rice or pasta, as holding cabinet for prepared foods, or fitted with baskets for steaming vegetables or deep frying potatoes.

While braising pans are designed for commercial use where food for many people is being prepared, a similar appliance is available for use in your home. An electric skillet is more efficient than cooking on your stovetop due to its confined cooking space and reduced wattage. When it comes to serving time, it can double as a chafing

dish.

Most electric skillets are regulated by a fairly precise thermostat that controls temperatures between 100°F and 425°F. Like its commercially-sized cousins, an electric skillet boasts of its flexibility for food preparation. It can even be used like a crock pot to prepare one-pot meals such as casseroles, soups, stews and stirfries, which will help you minimize energy consumption and heat in your kitchen while maintaining fast-paced summer schedules.

Your local electric utility wants to help customers keep their homes and businesses comfortable this summer. That help includes providing EnergyWiseSM energy efficiency financial incentives to help make the most from the energy you are purchasing in the first place.



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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 5th  
July 19th

### WAYNE CITY POOL HOURS (May 30th—Aug 20th)

Open  
Monday—Sunday  
1:00 pm—9:00 pm  
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Open  
Monday—Friday  
6:00 am—7:00 am  
for Lap Swim  
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Closed  
Monday—Friday  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm  
for Lap Swim  
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Closed  
Saturday & Sunday  
5:00 p.m.—6:00 pm



## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~

The Summer Reading programs at Wayne Public Library are in full swing with plenty of fun activities yet to come. Programs for toddlers through high school will run weekly through July 15. All reading logs should be turned in at the library by 6 pm Friday, July 15, to be included in the grand prize drawings. The 8 week program wraps up Friday night with a swim party at the city pool beginning at 9 pm.

The Adult reading program runs through July 30. Challenge yourself with reading bingo, with each square completed earning an entry into weekly drawings. Extra chances for the weekly drawings can be earned by attending any or all of the events listed below. Everyone who completes 12 of the 16 bingo squares will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire HD.

WED, July 6, 4 - 7 pm Farmers Market Courthouse Lawn

Join in the fun of "OUTDOOR GAMES" sponsored by the library and enjoy the

vendors, food, produce and other special entertainment during the market's GRAND OPENING night.

THR, July 14, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Library

"TRIVIA NIGHT", a fun-filled evening of brain strain! Bring your team or join with other participants to win the TRIVIA crown for the summer of 2016. Light refreshments provided.

TUE, July 19, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

"WALK ABOUT WAYNE" It's a very short walk to see the lovely flower garden of Linda Anderson, 314 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Linda will talk about her flowers & plants and then return with us to tour the library's perennial garden. We will enjoy light refreshments. CANCELED in case of rain or threatening weather.

THR, July 21, 11:30 am at the Wayne Senior Center

In collaboration with the Senior Center,

the library will host Ponca State Park Naturalist, Maria Korver who will talk about the programs and activities of the Nebraska State Parks. She will have a slide presentation and answer questions about the state park system. Call 402-375-1460 to reserve your spot for lunch

MON, July 25, 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Wayne Senior Center

ADULT COLORING NIGHT sponsored by PAC-N-SAVE. Coloring pages & colors provided. De-stress & meet some new friends. Light refreshments will be provided.

TUE, July 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Wayne Senior Center

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION featuring an opportunity for participants to share what they have been reading over the summer or telling the group about their favorite book.

### WISE WORDS

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."*

~Winston Churchill



**WATCH FOR NEWS OF THE NEW AQUATIC CENTER GRAND OPENING THIS MONTH!!**



### 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 tak-

ing 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 children (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!!

**SAFETY MATTERS**

### Green Notes ~ Wayne Grow an Extra Row!

This summer, join gardeners 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 Wayne Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday-Friday, 9am-noon, 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 contributes, it will add up fast. Thanks for growing that extra garden row!

