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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Indoor Air Quality



During Nebraska winters, most of the energy used in homes and businesses keeps the interior warm. As we improve the energy efficiency of existing homes and businesses by adding insulation, sealing up air leakage or implementing ways to reduce heating to where and when needed, we often create indoor air quality (IAQ) concerns. At the same time, more new homes are constructed with nearly-airtight building envelopes that create their own air issues if not managed.

If you find yourself unfamiliar with Nebraska's major IAQ concerns, review information at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service's Indoor Air Quality Program (link:

http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/enh_indoor.aspx).

Major IAQ issues in our state include:

- **Radon**
- **Carbon Monoxide**
- **Biologicals & Airborne illnesses**
- **Volatile Organic Compounds**
- **Particulates**

Often, IAQ solutions can be costly when considering the purchase, installation and ongoing energy use. While some solutions require increased energy use, others provide savings after small to medium-cost improvements. Some are as simple and inexpensive as changing your heating system's air filter or caulking around areas where outside air is infiltrating. Others may require optimizing or replacing your cur-

rent heating system. Chances are, all IAQ solutions will impact ongoing heating and/or air-conditioning costs.

Usually, long-term solutions are better than quick remedies for IAQ problems. Before weighing costly improvements and intensive efforts to improve indoor air quality, reduce heating costs or to achieve "incredible" energy savings, contact your local electric utility or visit www.nppd.com. They can provide unbiased perspectives on many efficiency opportunities. In addition, you may find you are eligible for EnergyWiseSM incentives to help with the cost of energy-saving improvements.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 5th
February 19th

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall office
Hours are:
7:30 a.m.
until 4:30 p.m.



HELP WANTED!

The Wayne Aquatic Center is now accepting applications for an Asst. Pool Manager and Lifeguards.

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Please contact the Community Activity Center for more information at 402-375-4803

**WE'RE HIRING!**

## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~

Escape the cold weather blues and join us for the variety of things we having going on this month!

**Winter Story Time**, continues Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Join us every Saturday morning through March to hear stories and play.

**Board Game Night** is Thursday, February 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come and join in to play games as a community together! Great selection for all ages, so come play a favorite game or learn a new one! We also have a great selection of puzzles available!

**The Needle Night group** continues to meet. This is a very informal group and isn't limited to knitting. "We welcome anyone who crochets, weaves, etc., and set aside every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for needlework with anyone who shows up." The group also joins up with a college group on the last Thursday of the month at the campus library while WSC classes are in session.

It is here! "Nebraska Library Innovation Studios," which is being brought to us by the Nebraska Library Commission, partnered with the University of Nebraska—Lincoln Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension & Regional Library Systems. They have brought a variety of equipment to our library for community members to try out. This project was

funded through a National Leadership Grant awarded by the Institute of Museum & Library Services. Join us for an **Open House on Friday February 8th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** and see what all is available. Classes will begin for training on the equipment the following week and will be offered at a variety of times, but are limited to 3 registered people per class. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, as well as other media sources, for more information about this project.

Enjoy a relaxing evening! **Adult Coloring Night** on Tuesday, February 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the library. All supplies are provided, plus a light snack will be available at this FREE event sponsored by Pac-N-Save. Coloring Nights are open to men and women ages 18 and older. Coloring benefits people by lowering stress & anxiety levels, helping a person focus on the present to achieve mindfulness, and giving the brain relief by entering a meditative state.

**Toddler Time** Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Parents and caregivers of young ones are welcome to join for stories and time with busy bags.

**Wear red** and stop in for sweet treats on February 14th, all day.

February 15th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we will have a **Library Innovations Studio event** for all ages. Stop in to make a button and/or bookmark!



Join us for an **Adult Craft Night** on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Stop in for more details later in the month as "Library Innovation Studio" may be available to utilize this evening.

**Book Club** resumes February 26th at 6:30 p.m. The Book Club selection for the month is "Where'd You Go Bernadette?" It's a whip-smart, hysterical dramedy about a family in crisis after the disappearance of its brilliant, misanthropic matriarch.

Patrons can access many of our great **online resources** 24-hours a day. Ask at the desk for more information on Libby & Overdrive for eBooks and audiobooks that may be downloaded to your personal device! Or, learn a new language with Pronunciator.

### WISE WORDS

*"The best way to teach your kids about taxes is to eat 30% of their ice cream."*

—Bill Murray

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday & Friday

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 am.—Noon

Or by appointment  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday

### Green Notes ~ Love Food, Hate Waste



We may love food, but no one loves to waste it. Wasting food means wasting resources, time and money. So how can we stop?

Try these five easy ways to reduce your food waste and increase your bottom line.

- (1) **Buy only what you need.** Plan ahead and make a list before grocery shopping. Be smart about sales. It's not a bargain if you won't eat it.
- (2) **Eat what you buy.** Sounds simple, yet few people manage to do this effectively. Make a conscious effort to keep track of the food you have – and then remember to eat it, especially those yummy leftovers.
- (3) **Keep food fresh.** Learn to store foods properly to keep them fresh as long as possible.

- (4) **Don't toss food before it spoils.** Expiration dates don't always mean the food has gone bad. It often means the food just can't be sold at a store.
- (5) **Avoid the trash.** If you have extra food, share it with others by giving to family, friends, coworkers, or our local Wayne Food Pantry. For the food scraps you can't eat, consider backyard composting.

**Green Team Meeting February 12:** Join us at noon in the back room of Tacos n More, and help Wayne continue its journey to zero waste.

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).

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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