



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Swimming Pools



There is something pretty cool about having your own backyard swimming pool. But your personal “pond” could leave you hot under the collar when it comes to the increase in utility bills. Full-sized residential swimming pools can use as much energy during the summer months as the rest of your home over that same period. Here are a few ways you can reduce the cost of maintaining your pool this season.

**Use a pool cover.** Swimming pools lose energy in a variety of ways, but evaporation is by far the largest source of energy loss, whether you’re trying to naturally heat your pool or you’re using a pool heater. Covering your pool when it is not in use is the single most effective means of reducing pool heating costs that will yield savings of 50 to 70 percent.

It is best to use a cover specifically designed for swimming pools. One of the lowest-cost covers made specifically for swimming pools is the bubble (or solar) cover. Bubble covers are similar to bubble packing material except they use a thicker grade plastic. Vinyl covers are made from heavier material and have a longer life expectancy than bubble covers.

Pool covers should be used throughout the swimming season. Take the cover off just before swimming, and replace

it as soon as you are done using the pool.

**Turn down the temperature.** 78°F is great! In fact, the American Red Cross recommends 78°F for competitive swimming. You will use about 40 percent less energy than if you were to set it at 82°F. Turn the temperature down or turn off the heater whenever the pool will not be used for several days. It is a myth that it takes more energy to heat a pool back to a desired temperature than what is saved by lowering the temperature.

**Right-size the pump.** You can save energy and maintain a safe and sanitary swimming pool temperature by using a smaller, higher efficiency pump and by operating it only as much as necessary. For most residential pools, a ¾-horsepower or smaller pump is usually sufficient unless your pool rivals most others in size.

**Operate the pump wisely.** Pool pumps often run much longer than necessary. Many believe it’s necessary to keep their pool’s water circulating to keep the chemicals mixed and debris removed through the filtration system. However, as long as water circulates while chemicals are added, they should not separate even in still water. Some feel continuous pumping is easier than using a skimmer or vacuum to remove large debris. Along with oversizing, homeowners can unnecessarily add another

\$100 to the monthly summer electric bill by not reducing pump use to when it’s really needed.

Most pool professionals suggest reducing your pumping and filtration to six to eight hours per day. If the water does not appear clean, increase the time in half-hour increments until it does. Install a timer to control the pump’s cycling. If debris is a problem, use a timer that can activate the pump for several short periods throughout the day to keep the pool cleaner.

**Keep the intake grates clear.** Clogged drains require the pump to run longer to sufficiently filter your pool. Remember to backwash your filter appropriately. While backwashing too frequently wastes water, not backwashing often enough wastes energy by requiring the pump to operate longer due to clogging debris.

Your local utility wants to help you make the most of the energy it provides you. That includes making the most efficient use of your swimming pool this summer. For more ideas on how you can make your home EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup>, contact your local utility.

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETINGS**

August 6th  
August 20th

**RECREATION**  
**FOOTBALL AND**  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**SIGN-UP**

August 5th and 6th  
from 4:00 p.m.—6:00  
p.m. at the Community  
Activity Center

**WAYNE AQUATIC**  
**CENTER HOURS**

**ATTENTION**

The Aquatic Center will  
officially close at  
9 p.m. on Sunday,  
August 11th, until next  
summer.

## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~

The Library resumes Sunday hours beginning August 18th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Stop-in to cool off and find a hot read!

Don't stop reading because the **Youth Summer Reading Challenge begins July 8th** and runs through August 9th when prizes will be awarded!

Ask about our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program where children earn buttons for every 100 books read to them!



**Toddler Time** is back and bigger than ever! Not only can your babies and toddlers enjoy a social learning experience on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.**, but, if you can't make that, you can still join in on **Friday's at 11:00 a.m.** Little ones enjoy stories, music, and busy bags to promote early literacy, writing and math skills.

**Friday's - 3:00 p.m.**—Game and Puzzle Day until school starts. Come and join in the fun! Snacks provided!

Enjoy an evening of relaxing at **Adult Coloring Night on Tuesday, July 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Library. All color pages, crayons, markers and pens, plus a light snack, will be available at this FREE event

sponsored by Pac-N-Save. Coloring Nights are open to men and women 18 years of age and older.

**Youth Summer Reading Challenge** build the chain continues! How long will the chain get? Depends on how many books our youth read before August 14th! After school, at 1:00 p.m. on the 14th, we will have a drawing for the awesome prizes pictured in the Library. Be sure your children get a challenge sheet and read along with the rest! Prizes include the following baskets: Summer Fun, Science Fun, Reading Fun, Out on the town, Art Fun, and Building Fun.

**The Adult Summer Reading Program** continues with a whole new set of challenges for August! Pick-up your 'Boarding Pass to The Universe of Stories August Launch!' Each individual challenge completed will be an entry into the monthly drawings. Turn in your pass by the end of the day on August 1st. We will draw at the end of each month for prize baskets worth more than \$80 each. Patrons are only eligible to win one basket per summer. Invite your friends to get a Library card this summer and participate

with us. They, too, could win some great prizes!



**Book Club** - Take a step back in time and discover this fabulous read — "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly. The lives of three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens in 1939. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as two of them strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten, and another tries to escape her desolate life through the Nazi realm. Pick-up your copy today or listen to it on Overdrive or Libby.

**Book Club meets, August 27th at 6:30 p.m.** across the hall at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome!

**The Needle Night group** continues to meet. This is a very informal group and is not 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 all who shows up.

### WISE WORDS

*"People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything."*

~Thomas Sowell

### 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 a.m.—Noon

Or by appointment  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday

### Green Notes ~



#### Recycle Right in the Park

This summer, the blue recycling bins are back throughout Wayne city parks, making recycling accessible for people enjoying the outdoors. Look for twinned bins—recycling and trash side by side. The park recycling bins only accept **plastic bottles and cans that are empty of all liquids**. Please do not put any other items in these bins, such as plastic straws, food wrappers, or even plastic cups, which all belong in the trash bin. Any amount of trash contaminates the recycling load.

#### Grow an Extra Row for the Wayne Food Pantry

Is your garden starting to overflow? Then now is the perfect time help our local food pantry in Wayne by donating fresh produce from your garden. While picking your produce, set aside a bag of beans, a few tomatoes, spinach, cucumbers, squash, or any-

thing fresh from the garden. Bring your garden produce to the Wayne Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, or to the Mobile Food Pantry Truck at Our Savior Lutheran Church on the last 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!

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).

**SAVE THE DATE: Electronics Recycling, Saturday, September 14th, 8:00-10:00 a.m.** More details next month.

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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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**YOUR CHOICE.  
YOUR HOME.**



**YOUR RIGHT.**