



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## EnergyWise Tip ~ COVID-19

COVID-19. It's all we hear about these days. Less than three months ago, we heard the first news regarding the outbreak. Now, it seems nearly every article relates to the crisis. At a time like this, few people would reflect on the importance of efficiency and public power. It's enough for most just having confidence their lights will stay on.

Everyone over the last few weeks has gone through multiple, rapidly evolving changes in their work and personal lives, which have become intertwined. Daily, we're using scarcely heard terms like social distancing, personal protective equipment and proper handwashing. Personal thoughts focus on the things of greatest importance: employment, finances and especially the safety and security of those we love. Decisions are based on immediate priorities as we don't know what the next day may bring.

For the last few weeks, Nebraska's energy utilities have been preparing as quickly and efficiently as possible to operate under numerous unknowns. Some of our colleagues are now working from home. Others find themselves in facilities filled with empty offices. "Critical" power plant operations and field work are completed

only by "essential" District teammates.

Behind the scenes, no part of public power has gone untouched as protocols and contingency plans are created to ensure customers the same reliability they have come to expect. As Nebraskans always do in times of hardship, we have come together for the greater good of our neighbors, customers, friends and family. Whether deemed "essential" or not, all colleagues and industry peers are part of the efficiency that is public power. All are committed to bringing you assurance during this difficult time.

In upcoming months, we will continue to share insights on how to make the most value from the electricity we supply. Energy use can be especially concerning to residential customers during times of crisis. While we are fortunately coming out of the heating season, air conditioning costs may soon be a concern.

As during previous crises, products and devices will be advertised claiming incredible energy savings or protection against COVID-19 itself. Some claims will have a degree of credibility. Unfortunately, many will fail

to meet our expectations. Your local utility can provide or connect you with an impartial professional opinion on technologies that promises to decrease your energy use or increase your personal safety and well-being.

Contact your local utility early if you anticipate difficulties in meeting your energy needs, as we can advise you on any available support agencies or programs. We can also provide additional information on efficiently managing your energy use.

Your local utility is proud to serve you now and into the future. Visit with us regarding EnergyWiseSM energy efficiency programs to help with the cost of efficiency improvement.



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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 5th  
May 19th

### **NOTICE TO WAYNE UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

***In an effort to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, City Hall is closed to the public until further notice.***

***We are encouraging utility payments be made by using the City's on-line bill pay services or by calling (402) 375-1733 to pay by debit/credit card. Checks and cash (to closest dollar amount) can still be dropped off in the two drop boxes located in the front and back of City Hall.***

***Thank you!!***

## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~

The Library will remain closed to the public until further notice. Staff is in the building Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Curbside pickup service is still being offered during those times. Call the Library or place holds on items from our online catalog—items requested will be available the next day to schedule pickup.

Curbside now includes puzzles and games: visit [cityofwayne.org/library](http://cityofwayne.org/library) for a browse-able list of our puzzles. A list of available games is coming soon!

Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates, resources and virtual programming. Visit [cityof-](http://cityofwayne.org/library)

[wayne.org/library](http://wayne.org/library) for links to our social media pages.

We miss all of our patrons and are incredibly thankful for your continued support!!



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## Pet Registration & Renewals 2020

Due to current events and limited public access to City Hall, the City of Wayne has suspended annual pet registrations renewals usually required in the month of May.

All pet registrations will now be due during the month of July 2020 and will be considered delinquent on or after August 1st, 2020.

This should allow additional time for pet owners to obtain updated rabies vaccinations, if needed this year, required to license your pets.

### CITY SIREN SIGNALS

**Fire Alarm Siren:** This is a high/low tone and will operate in daytime hours

**Tornado Siren:** This will be a single high tone siren for 3 minutes.

**Tornado Shelter**  
City Auditorium at 3rd & Pearl Street



## Green Notes ~ Recycling Right at the RTC



The Wayne Recycling & Trash Center, known now as the RTC and formerly as the transfer station, remains open to the public by Gill Hauling with new rules. To keep everyone safe, please follow social distancing guidelines and stay at least 6 feet apart from others; do not visit with others; and wait in your vehicle until the next dumpster or trash bay is empty.

The trash bay is open and limited to one vehicle at a time. Indoor recycling is closed, but Gill has set recycling bins outside for (1) glass in blue bins, (2) commingled tins/plastics/cardboard, and (3) cans. The Boy Scouts Trailer is open for paper with only one person permitted inside at a time.

Thank you for following these important rules so we can keep recycling during this pandemic. Visit our website for an updated flyer on what items are accepted for recycling. For questions, call Gill Hauling at [402-375-1856](tel:402-375-1856).

**ZERO HERO AWARD.** Congratulations to Pac N Save, recipient of our Zero Hero award for outstanding work in reducing, reusing and recycling within the community of Wayne through its Bag Credit Donation Program. For every bag a customer reuses, Pac N Save gives back 5 cents to either take off the bill or donate to a designated community organization for the quarter.

Since September 2018, over 44,000 bags have been reused, nearly 35,000 bag credits have been donated, and more than \$1,700 has been donated to 6 community organizations and projects, including the Wayne Green Team, Haven House, Wayne Community Theatre, TeamMates, Wayne Elementary Playground, and the Wayne Food Pantry. Thank you Pac N Save and our community for supporting reusable bags and giving back!

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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