



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## SKEETERS ~



Remember when mosquitoes were simply an annoyance in Nebraska? Now, certain breeds carry the West Nile Virus from feeding on infected birds. Our Public Works Department has some helpful information:

The majority of mosquitoes in Wayne County after rainfall are Aedes Vexans that lay their eggs in dry areas and wait for rain water. They are seldom carriers of the West Nile Virus.

The Culex Tarsalis are the primary carriers of the West Nile Virus. These mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water (in tires, stale water in animal waterers, bird baths, and standing irrigation water) and their population grows steadily through the summer causing most disease breakout in late summer. These mosquitoes are prevalent in the Platte Valley where many of the cases have been diagnosed.

About 20% of people who become infected with the West Nile Virus will show symptoms of illness. The

rest probably won't know they have it.

What can be done about this? The two areas we have to deal with are public property and private property, remembering that the rains and heavy dew we've had are allowing them to multiply.

### Public Property:

- \* We keep low areas graded and drained as much as possible to prevent standing water; and
- \* We apply larvacide wafers into any standing water we can find in and around town. City crews do this to kill mosquito larvae when they hatch.

The City of Wayne is not equipped for fogging. Fogging is the most visible, but the least effective because of the difficulty of getting the fog to the foliage on private property where most of the adult mosquitoes are.

### Private Property:

- \* Residents and business owners should drain any standing water on roofs, gutters etc. Any stale water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- \* Also, foliage can also be sprayed on private property.

What can individuals do to protect themselves? Infants and elderly people are most susceptible to contracting the virus. The two most effective personal actions are to wear protective clothing outside at dawn and dusk and apply repellents containing Deet as an active ingredient. These protections will all help keep these pests at bay, but none are 100% effective.

~Garry Poutre

Supt. Public Works & Utilities



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**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

July 6th  
July 20th

**DISCHARGING  
OF  
FIREWORKS**

Remember — You can discharge fireworks only on the following dates and times and during the following hours:

- ◆ June 25th through July 3rd—8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ July 4th—8:00 a.m. to midnight

## Department News ~

### Clearing Walks ~



When it's the 1st of July and we have temps in the 80s and 90s the last thing we think about is clearing sidewalks because that usually means scooping snow. This time of year, keeping the sidewalk clear means keeping it clear of overhanging growth of brush and vegetation. It's not unusual for low hanging branches, shrubs or even

flowers to block sidewalks making it difficult for pedestrians the pass. Our sidewalks are the safe route for walking through our community and having them blocked forces people onto the yard or street. This can be especially difficult for someone who may be pushing a stroller or in a wheel chair. City ordinance requires that sidewalks be kept clear to a

height of 7 feet, and for the full width of the walk.

Please keep the sidewalk on your property clear for the safety and enjoyment of our residents and visitors.

~Garry Poutre

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### WISE WORDS

*"It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision."*

~Helen Keller

### Have a High Bill But Don't See a Leak ~



Sometimes you may have a leak and not even know it. The best indication will be a high bill compared to past use or compared to how much water your neighbors may be using. There are often two reasons for mysterious water leaks: a leaking toilet or a leak between the meter and the house. A leaking toilet is more likely to be the cause. Outdoor leaks are rare. The first step is to determine whether you actually have a leak, or are just using more water than you expected. Many customers are surprised how much water can be used for activities such as watering the lawn. Below are directions for checking for mysterious water leaks:

**Locate the water meter.** The water meter is your indicator of water use.

**Turn off every water-using item** inside and outside the home or building

**Check the meter.** Watch the meter for a minute or more. If the leak detector dial or arrow is moving, you have a leak.

**If you still can't locate the leak, find the shut-off valve** for your home or building. It can be indoors or outdoors, but should be near the location where the water line enters the building. If you don't know where the shut-off valve is, follow a straight line from the water meter to your building, and look for it. If you have a very large building, it is possible you have more than one main shut-

off valve.

**Confirm the location of the leak.** If the main shutoff is closed and the meter has stopped, the leak is not between the meter and the building. If the meter still runs with the main water shut off, your leak is between the meter and the building. Since outdoor leaks are relatively rare, be sure to double-check that all indoor fixtures and outdoor hose and irrigation lines are off. Call a plumber to fix underground outdoor leaks

### GOING GREEN FACT!!



A rain barrel is an easy and cost effective way to collect mineral and chlorine-free water which can be used on your lawns, yards and gardens. A rain barrel can save up to 1,300 gallons of water in the summer months!

#### NEW SUMMER HOURS AT CAC

(June 1st—Aug 31st)

Mon-Thu—6 am-9 pm

Fri—6 am-7 pm

Sat—8 am-6 pm

Sun—Closed

#### WAYNE CITY POOL HOURS

(May 31st—Aug 15th)

Monday—Sunday

1:00 pm—8:30 pm

*The pool is closed from 5 pm-6 pm Mon-Fri*