



City of Wayne Newsletter

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LOOKING AHEAD ~

FAQ's Regarding the New Sewer Rates which took effect with the June 1st Billing ~

Since the new sewer rates have been in effect a couple of months now, we thought it might be a good time to put another article in this newsletter about them.

The following are answers to just a few of the more common questions we receive concerning the new sewer rates and how they are billed:

The monthly service charge for sewer is now based upon the size of your water meter. The cost per 1,000 gallons of water used is \$5.12.

The monthly sewer service charges, which, again, are based on the size of the water meter you have, are:

- 3/4" meter.....\$6.50
- 1" meter.....\$9.43
- 1 1/4" meter.....\$13.20
- 1 1/2" meter.....\$17.94
- 2" meter.....\$29.84
- 3" meter.....\$63.77
- 4" meter.....\$111.35
- 6" meter.....\$247.33

The **residential** sewer usage is based upon the average

amount of water you use during the months of December, January and February each year.

For those of you who spend the winter months in warmer climates, or for our customers who have not yet established usage during those months, we are using industry standards as recommended by the Nebraska Rural Water Association for determining those usages, which is 2,000 gal. single and 5,000 gal. double or more occupancy. Using the "winter average" more accurately reflects the actual sewer usage a household uses and has no bearing on the amount of water you then use during the spring, summer and fall months (e.g. for watering the lawn, washing cars, etc.).

If you are a residential customer and have a separate meter for irrigating, you may want to consider having that meter taken out. This would eliminate having to pay an unnecessary monthly meter charge, and save you about \$78 per year on a 3/4" meter.

A **commercial** customer's sewer usage is not based on the winter average, but is billed on actual water usage. If you are a commercial customer and do not have an irrigation meter for watering your lawn, if you have one, then you should contact a plumber and inquire about having an irrigation meter installed.

The following are examples of what a monthly sewer bill would be for our residential customers with a 3/4" meter and with an average monthly usage of either 2,000, 5,000 or 8,000 gallons.

- * **2,000 gallons** = \$6.50 service charge and \$10.24 usage, totaling \$16.74.
- * **5,000 gallons** = \$6.50 service charge and \$25.60 usage, totaling \$32.10
- * **8,000 gallons** = \$6.50 service charge and \$40.96 usage, totaling \$47.46.

The new rates were implemented to help pay the needed \$470,000 cost per year for the new wastewater treatment plant, which has now begun construction.

Please call the City Clerk's Office if you have questions regarding any portion of your utility bill.

~Betty McGuire
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 7th
September 21st

REMINDER

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION, SO PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN CROSSING THE STREET AND GETTING ON AND OFF SCHOOL BUSES!!



Department News ~

Clearing Walks ~



When it's the first of September and we have temps in the 80's and 90's, the last thing we think about is clearing sidewalks, because that usually means scooping snow. At 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 hang-

ing branches, shrubs or even flowers to block sidewalks, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass.

Our sidewalks are the safe route for walking through our community, and having them blocked forces people onto someone's yard or street. This can be especially difficult for someone who may be pushing a stroller or in a wheelchair.

City ordinance requires that sidewalks be kept clear to a height of 7 feet 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 of Wayne!

~Garry Poutre

Supt. Public Works & Utilities

WISE WORDS

"The key to change.....is to let go of fear."

~Rosanne Cash

Community Activity Center (CAC) ~

Check out just a few of these activities we have to offer at our Community Activity Center:

YOGA



Yoga classes are held every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The instructor is Jason Barelman. The cost for nine classes is \$35 for members, and \$40 for non-members. Drop-in prices are \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. We urge you to take the time to give this a try — your first class is free!!

ZUMBA



Zumba classes will begin Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. Please call the CAC for more details. We urge you to take the time to give this a try — your first class is free!!

SENIOR SNEAKERS



"Senior Sneakers" walking will begin on Wednesday, September 1st. Please stop in the CAC for more details.

DODGE BALL



Dodge ball is a new activity this fall. Registration is currently

underway, with league set to begin September 15th.

NEW CAC

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Effective October 1st, the CAC membership fees will be increasing. The new rates are available at the CAC, or you may call (402) 375-4803 for more information.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

NEEDED

Volunteer coaches are needed for the 3-6th grade boys/girls recreation basketball program set to begin on October 25th. Please contact Jeff or Karla at the CAC if you are interested.

Jeff Zeiss

Recreation-Leisure Services Director

**CITY OFFICES
WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY,
SEPT. 6th, IN
OBSERVANCE
OF LABOR
DAY**



WAYS TO GREEN YOUR HOME



Place some foam packing peanuts in the bases of potted plants to help with drainage!

Senior Center ~



The Wayne Senior Center invites the public to make their dinner reservations for their evening meal on Tuesday, September 14th, at 5:30 p.m. Please come for a Swedish Smorgasbord which includes Swedish meatballs in cream sauce, twice-baked potatoes,

golden coin carrot casserole, lime and pineapple fluff, pickled beets, Swedish rye bread, apple crisp with whipped topping and milk. Call (402) 375-1460 for your dinner reservation by noon on September 13th. Suggested contribution for the meal is \$3.60 if over 60. If you are under 60, the cost of the meal is \$6.10. Our

featured entertainment for your dining pleasure is "Keep the Faith" singers. They will provide uplifting inspirational songs that are great "Soup for the Souls."

~Penny Vollbracht
Senior Center Coordinator