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A Clear Path ~



I've written articles in the past about the importance of keeping sidewalks clear of overgrowth from trees and bushes for the safety of those that walk throughout our community. Also important is making sure that the alleys are kept clear so that there is adequate width for travel. Many of our neighborhoods have a 16 foot alley through the middle of the block. This alley provides access to the rear of properties for their owners, as well as access for garbage trucks and utility vehicles. Often the alleys be-

come narrowed by overgrown bushes and trees. When this happens, we receive calls from residents concerned with not being able to travel the alley for fear of the bushes scratching their car. In some cases, the growth won't allow the garbage trucks to access the alleys either. When the City has been notified of this, we contact the property owner and inform them of the need and their responsibility to trim their bushes back to the property line so the full 16 foot alley can be

traveled. There are a number of properties needing this trimming now, so we will be sending notices in the next few weeks. If your property abuts an alley, please take a look and see if you need to trim some of the trees, bushes, etc., that are there that may be impeding access in the alley.

If you have questions, please call me at 375-2896.

~Garry Poutre

Supt. Public Works & Utilities



Energy Tax Credits Nearing an End ~

The Federal Energy Tax Credit for home efficiency improvements runs out December 31st. If you act before then, you are eligible for as much as \$1,500 or 30% off your federal income tax bill. Such items as heat pumps with a SEER rating of 15 qualify, as well as many other Energy Star qualified improvements, too. Windows, insulation, energy audits, and attic ventilation are some of the energy efficiency items that also qualify for the City of Wayne Energy Efficiency Program. You can receive up to

\$500 from the Wayne Utilities for making these improvements and saving energy dollars in the years to come.

For our commercial customers, there are lighting incentives available to convert your old inefficient lighting to the modern technology of today and save a bundle on your electric bill.

Please call 375-2866 and ask for Gene—we will get you're the details!

~Gene Hansen

Electric Production Supt.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 5th

October 19th

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

Remember to pick up your dog's waste — don't leave it in parks where kids play or other private and public areas!!



Department News ~

The Air You Breathe ~



For some, the furnaces will soon release their first warm blast of air. For others, the air-conditioning continues to run. Whatever the case may be, the quality of the air you are breathing is worth considering. There are some ways to improve the quality of the air in your home:

- Cultivate your green thumb. Indoor plants are capable of removing pollutants such as for-

maldehyde and benzene from indoor air. Some plants that are particularly adept include peace lilies, Boston ferns, and English ivy.

- Use gentle cleaning products. Simply switching to cleaners that are free of toxic chemicals and allergens can make a difference in your indoor air quality.
- Get rid of mold. Damp, poorly ventilated spaces are a breeding ground

for mold. Use dehumidifiers to reduce the moisture level in areas of your home that are prone to mold.

- Remove dust. HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) filters can remove a tremendous amount of airborne particles. A vacuum cleaner or air purifier with a HEPA filter will help.

WISE WORDS

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has..”

~Margaret Mead

WAYS TO GREEN YOUR HOME



Plastic Gallon Milk Jug

Cut off the top with a utility knife just above the handle and use as a scoop for kitty litter, birdseed, etc.

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

Community Activity Center (CAC) ~



The CAC will be starting a co-ed volleyball league. Signup will begin on October 1st and will run through October 29th. A maximum of 10 players per roster. The fee will be \$125 per team. If all members of the team are CAC members, there is a \$25 discount. League will run Sunday afternoons/evenings on November 4,

14, 21, 28 and December 5 and 12, with a League Tournament on December 19th. Champions and runner-up will receive league t-shirts!



The Recreation Department will have youth basketball sign-up on October 18, 19, and 20 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for grades 2-6.

Fees for 2nd grade are \$10 (member) and \$15 (non-member); grades 3-6 are \$20 (member) and \$25 (non-member). We are still looking for coaches for some age groups, so if you are able to volunteer, please call Jeff Zeiss at 375-4803.

~Karla Jensen

Recreation-Leisure Services Asst.

Senior Center ~



Thursday, October 14th, the Wayne Senior Center wants to invite Wayne area seniors to enjoy our Oktoberfest Evening Meal at 5:30 p.m. The Oktoberfest menu features sweet and sour ham balls, sweet potato casserole, German sauerkraut salad,

festive cranberry salad, creamed peas, homemade caraway rye bread, and black forest cake. All of this for \$3.35 if you are over 60 and \$6.10 if you are under 60 years old.

Our evening entertainment will feature the “Burt Heithold Band” for your listening and dancing pleas-

ure. Please make advance dinner reservations by calling the Wayne Senior Center at (402) 375-1460. Our limit is 100 persons, so call Rick Barelman or Penny Vollbracht as soon as possible.

~Penny Vollbracht

Senior Center Coordinator