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LOOKING AHEAD ~



Tornado Season - When Do We Blow the Sirens?

Sirens: Sirens are outdoor warning devices for public safety. Wayne has six Civil Defense sirens located throughout the city that can be heard outside on all properties, but aren't always heard inside some homes. All Wayne sirens have battery back-up power in case the power goes out before a tornado is spotted, and the sirens are radio controlled from our police dispatch.

Wayne firefighters send out trained storm spotters when weather conditions or the National Weather Service indicates a tornado watch. Our police dispatchers blow one long steady siren signal to notify citizens of a tornado warning if our local fire department spotters visually confirm a tornado or the National Weather Service in Valley, Nebraska, notifies Wayne dispatch they have spotted one on their ra-

dar. We don't blow the sirens in the case of a "tornado watch".

Cable TV Alert: Police dispatchers will also interrupt cable TV programming in Wayne when there is a tornado warning.

Nixle Cell Phone Alerts: You can also sign up for free direct Nixle alerts from Wayne Police dispatch to your cell phone at <http://local.nixle.com/register/>

Weather Radios: Weather radios can be purchased for home use that will be activated automatically by the National Weather Service in Valley, Nebraska, in the event their radar indicates a tornado warning in Wayne County

KTCH Radio: Our local station is on the air and in close contact with police dispatch during severe weather and emergency situations with weather service advisories, current warnings and weather conditions

Internet Weather Sites:

American Broadband has live weather radar coverage of this area with real time maps

Network TV: Sioux City network TV stations carry intermittent area weather radar coverage and weather service advisories during threatening weather conditions.

Personal Responsibility:

The weather is never totally predictable. All of these help, but none of the above systems are perfect. Tornadoes don't always come on the ground from the southwest. They can form on top of us and drop down or back in from an unlikely direction. We have better warning systems than the pioneers, but we still have to look out for ourselves.

~Lowell Johnson

City Administrator

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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

May 3rd
May 17th

Call Before You Dig ~



Spring is here, and outdoor activities are underway. Some of us may be just mowing and raking, while the more ambitious are planting new gardens, landscaping and fencing.

When undertaking such projects, it's important to remember to call Diggers Hotline before digging. For commercial excavators, it's a common practice, but for homeowners, it can

easily be overlooked. Digging into and damaging a utility can be dangerous and repairs can be very expensive.

Tilling of soil for gardening or seeding does not require a Diggers Hotline notice, but it's necessary for any other excavation, such as sidewalk replacement, fence installation, and tree planting, to name a few.

The utility locating service is free and simple and is provided to Diggers Hotline of Nebraska. You can call

811 to reach them or make your locate request on the internet

@ <http://www.nediggers.com/home/>. Their website is

a great source of information.

Hopefully this will help you safely accomplish your spring digging projects.

~Garry Poutre

Supt. Public Works & Utilities

Department News ~

Never Miss your Utility Discount Again ~



Did you know by signing up for our automatic bank debit, you never have to worry about missing your utility discount again! The withdrawal is made on the due date no

matter where you bank in the U.S.

Also, if you are going on vacation, just call the City Clerk's Office at 402-375-1733, and let us

know and you will still receive your discount when you return and pay your bill.

~City Clerk's Office

WISE WORDS

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."

~Abraham Lincoln

May Activities at the Library ~



The library wants to remind everyone about the Ancestry Library Edition, one of the most important genealogical collections available today. It has approximately 6,000 databases including key collections such as U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930; more than 1,000 historical maps, the American Genealogical Biographical Index; Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage; and many, many more. Ancestry Library

edition updates daily. It is only available at the library, and cannot be accessed from home.



On May 19th, the Library and Senior Center will co-host "Dinner and a Movie" with pizza, salad, dessert and drink at 5:30 p.m. followed by a movie at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the public. Please call Penny Vollbracht, Senior Center Director, at 402-375-1460 for prices and dinner reservations. There is no cost if

you just want to come and watch the movie!

The Wayne Public Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 29th and 30th, for the Memorial Holiday weekend. This weekend also marks the beginning of our summer hours. The Library will be CLOSED on Sundays beginning May 29th through September 4th.

~Lauran Lofgren

Director

DID YOU KNOW...

Grass Clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns lakes green with algae. One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain 0.1 lbs of phosphorus—enough to produce 30-50 pounds of algae growth if it finds its way to a lake or river.



City Siren Signals—What they Mean ~



Wayne sirens are operated by the Police Dispatchers. They have three different signals you should know:

◆ Tornado/Storm Warning: Long steady siren

in one tone for three minutes;

◆ Fire: Alternating high/low tone for approximately three minutes; and

◆ Attack//Defense Alert: Waving tone of short

blasts for three minutes.

If you subscribe to Cable TV, turn your television on when sirens sound to hear the message from our Police Dispatchers.

WAYNE CITY POOL OPENS

May 30th
at 1:00 p.m.

