



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## LOOKING AHEAD ~



### Let your Computer Help Save You Money!

Are rising energy costs increasing your anxiety level? Have you thought about what steps you might take to offset those rising costs and wondered just how effective those steps may be? For example, have you been curious at how much money you could save by changing your thermostat setting or by adding storm windows to your home?



Now you can determine your cost savings with just a few clicks of your computer

mouse.

Give it a try at the HomeEnergy Calculator now on Nebraska Public Power District's website ([www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com)) and available to you 24/7 in the comfort of your home. The calculator's quick, one-screen form asks about a dozen questions about your home. Simply click to indicate your home's approximate square footage, age, number of occupants, heating/cooling system fuel type, and several other varia-

bles. Then hit "Calculate" to get an estimate of the monthly and annual energy use and costs for your "base house."

Now the fun begins. What changes to your home would you like to consider? Learn how some of the more popular energy efficient items/activities can save you money:

- Programmable thermostats
- Heat pumps
- Insulation
- Weather stripping
- Compact Fluorescent lamps
- Storm windows
- Numerous other options

By clicking on various options, you can determine the potential annual energy and cost savings of each measure, based on your current electric rates (or fuel costs) and local weather. Once you have a feel for your home's energy costs, and what various changes might save, it's time to take a big-picture look at the overall home energy usage. Click the "Chart" button, and you'll see a pie chart with the percentage

breakdown of total annual energy use by appliance or system type for your home.

Another popular feature is the Library. Over 30,000 pieces of information are located within the Library to help explain all the energy-related things you have ever wondered about – like technologies, conservation practices, or simply steps to take that will make your home more energy efficient.

So, there you have it. Try this new online tool next time you are surfing the Internet. It's just one more way NPPD and your local electric utility are working together to help you manage your home energy costs. Your public power electric utility wants you to get the most energy value for your money. It costs far less to save energy than it does to build a new power plant to generate additional power.

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**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

June 7th  
June 21st

## New Policy at the Community Activity Center ~



Since the Community Activity Center was opened in 2002, the policy has been to require a person 10 years of age or younger to be accompanied by a parent or someone who is 18 years of age or older. Over time, that requirement was eased up on and we have not had any serious issues other than the size of the crowd after school.

This spring, we were reminded by our insurance carrier that we need strict enforcement of our age admittance policy or the City is at risk for liability, and also the CAC staff is at risk for personal liability in the event an underage person is injured, assaulted or lost.

After doing some research on the matter, staff put together the following policy change which was presented and ap-

proved by the City Council at their meeting on May 17th:

**“To use the Community Activity Center, children of the age 8 and below must be accompanied with supervision of a person age 18 or older or a person 12 or older that holds a current Red Cross Babysitter Certification.”**

This policy change will take effect June 1st.

## Department News ~

### Playground Safety ~



It's that time of year. Summer is in full swing, and the city parks and playgrounds are busy with kids of all ages swinging, sliding and playing in the sand.

In May, City employees conducted inspections of parks and equipment and are removing, replacing and repairing equipment to keep the parks fun and safe.

The most effective way to keep your child safe while playing in the parks is adult supervision. Parents can help prevent playground accidents by

taking some precautions, ensuring that there is adult supervision at the playground, and making sure that any equipment that their child plays on is appropriate to his or her age and maturity level.

Adult supervision can help prevent injuries by making sure kids properly use any playground equipment and don't engage in unsafe behavior around it. If an injury does occur, an adult can assist the child and administer any needed first aid right away.

Kids should always

have adult supervision when they're at the playground. Young children (and sometimes older children) can't always gauge distances properly and aren't capable of foreseeing dangerous situations by themselves. Older children often love to test their limits on the playground, so it's important for an adult to be there to keep them in check.

Have a fun and safe Summer!!

~Garry Poutre

Supt. of Public Works & Utilities



### WISE WORDS

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way; if you don't, you'll find an excuse."

~Jim Rohn

### DID YOU KNOW...

Ceiling fans don't just provide cooling comfort from summer heat—they also reduce your energy bills. Ceiling fans can save as much as 40% on summer cooling costs by making a room feel up to 8° cooler, so you can turn up the thermostat.



### NEW SUMMER HOURS AT CAC

(June 1st—Aug 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am-9 pm

Fri—5:30 am—7 pm

Sat—8 am-6 pm

Sun—Closed

### 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 HOURS

(May 30th—Aug 14th)

Monday—Sunday

1:00 pm—8:30 pm

Lap swim will be from 5 pm-6 pm Mon-Fri