



City of Lawton



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Water meter readings are taken around the 20th day of each month.
 Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.
 These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.
 A \$25.00 Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

The star indicates "Recycle Day" (Use Gray/Pink carts, or small green tubs only)



September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 City Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.	2 Community Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. Friendship Center	3 Garbage	4	5
6	7 Labor Day City Hall Closed	8 School Board Election Polls open noon-8pm	9	10 Garbage	11 Patriot Day	12
13	14	15	16 Community Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. Friendship Center	17 Garbage Last Day to file for City Council Election	18	19 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 6-10:30 am
20	21 Water bills due	22	23	24 Garbage	25	26
27	28	29	30 Community Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. Friendship Center			

Criteria for Storm Siren Alert

The storm siren will sound for:

1. Tornado Warnings issued by the National Weather Service
2. Severe Thunderstorm warnings with 70 mile an hour winds issued by the National Weather Service
3. If a trained spotter spots a tornado



CITY ELECTION FOR 4 COUNCIL SEATS AND MAYOR

City Election for four Council seats and Mayor will be November 3rd, 2015. Council positions that are up for election for 4 year terms are currently held by Mike Frolkey, Perry Ludwig, and Matt Otto, and the position up for election to fill the remaining 2 year vacancy is held by Patrick Saunders. The Mayoral seat is a two year term, and is currently held by Rick Schorg.

Our Mayor and council members represent the citizens of Lawton, and provide leadership, vision and goal setting for the future of our town.

Nomination papers may be picked up at City Hall, the County Courthouse, or online at the Secretary of State Website. The LAST DAY to file papers for candidacy with the Woodbury County Auditor is Sept. 17th, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. City Hall no longer can accept nomination papers, they must be taken to the Auditor's office.

Lawton Firefighters Association Receives a \$2,000 Grant to Replace Portable Generator

The Lawton Firefighters Association Inc. has received a \$2,000 *Working Here Fund* grant to purchase a compact portable generator for use during emergencies. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) *Working Here Fund*. Lawton rescuers currently use a large, outdated generator at emergency scenes that may lack electricity. The current generator takes up an entire compartment on the department's fire response engine and is heavy to transport. The Lawton Firefighters Association is raising money to buy a compact Honda portable generator with an emergency scene light.

"This new unit will allow for portable electrical power supply at scenes where electrical tools and equipment are needed but no electrical power supply is available," said Fire Captain Kurt Miene of the Lawton Firefighters Association.

"Through the *Working Here Fund*, we make investments in our rural communities by supporting worthy projects," said Neil Connot, vice president of FCSAmerica's Sioux City office. "It is an honor to contribute to the safety of volunteer firefighters and the communities they serve."

The Lawton Firefighters Association Inc. is one of 82 organizations to receive a *Working Here Fund* grant in the first quarter of 2015. FCSAmerica awarded \$135,000 during the latest grant cycle ending March 31, 2015.

About Lawton Fire Department

The Lawton Fire Department protects 72 square miles that include the city of Lawton, Banner and Concord Townships, Lawton-Bronson Community Middle and High School facilities and the Char-Mac Assisted Living Facility. It also operates under mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities such as Merville, Bronson, Sergeant Bluff, Sioux City, Kingsley and Hinton.

About Farm Credit Services of America

Farm Credit Services of America is a customer-owned financial cooperative proud to finance the growth of rural America, including the special needs of young and beginning producers. With more than \$22.8 billion in assets and \$4.1 billion in members' equity, FCSAmerica is one of the region's leading providers of credit and insurance services to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness and rural residents in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Learn more at www.fcsamerica.com.



MOWING AND WEED TRIMMING

This year has certainly been a challenge with all this rain! It seems almost overnight that grass and tall weeds spring up everywhere, and we're mowing once or twice a week. *Please be aware that at the last council meeting, Ordinance section 52.04 was amended to increase the cost to a property owner for failure to comply with cutting or destroying weeds in a timely manner. The minimum cost is now \$100, plus 10% for administrative costs if the Weed Commissioner proceeds to have the weeds & grass destroyed.*



IN OUR COMMUNITY ITS ALL ABOUT BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

In the past we have covered many issues that cause contention between neighbors. Our City code was developed over the years to protect the rights of our citizens, to promote safety and to establish guidelines for order in our town. Ask yourself, would you want to choose someone like YOU for your neighbor?

******The key is to think more about how what you do is affecting those around you, and less about what is easier for you. ******



**Lawton Fire Association 16th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, September 19th,
Serving from 6-10:30 a.m. at the Fire Station.
Donations to go toward equipment purchases.**