



City of Lawton

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Water meter readings are generally 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 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

READINGS ARE ACTUAL THIS MONTH

City Hall Will be CLOSED the following dates in October:
October 11 & October 20-22

WALKING/JOGGING AFTER DARK?



I recently had a lady stop at City Hall and share a frightening experience that had happened to her one morning while on her way to work. She lives outside of town and drives through Lawton to reach Hwy. 20. Although it's not unusual for her to see walkers or joggers on the road north of town either early in the morning or at night, she was still caught off-guard when she crested the hill by the cemetery and there was a person on the road. It startled both the driver and the jogger.

Many of you prefer walking or jogging in the early-morning hours or evening. Please remember to be extra cautious if you happen to be out and about during those times.

Wear white or light-colored clothing, or wear reflective tape on your clothing. Be sure your children are outfitted the same way. Also remember the rules when walking and biking. Bikers ride WITH the traffic...on the right side of the street. Walkers walk AGAINST the traffic...on the left side of the street. Share these safety rules with your children.

Tree Trimming



Many of you have already been working to trim branches and remove trees. We thank you for this.

Residents are reminded to keep trees trimmed that overhang sidewalks and streets.

Trees must be trimmed at least 8' above sidewalks and at least 15' above roadways and streets.

Trimmed branches and trees can be taken to the tree pile west of the city shed on West Main Street. If you hire the service done, your tree trimmer may also take branches to this pile. However, he does need to stop at City Hall for a permit. There is no charge for the permit, but we do need to know tree services are working for a local resident.

BUILDING PERMITS: The City of Lawton requires a building permit for ALL outside projects with the exception of some landscaping. You MUST get an application, and it MUST be approved by the Building Permit Committee prior to any construction...including the moving of dirt prior to building. Pouring a cement slab or putting up a fence also require building permits from the City. Blank applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the city website.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: Before doing any digging or disturbing of the ground, remember to call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 or **811**. This is necessary with all projects, even the planting of trees or bushes. Iowa One Call will notify all necessary utility companies of the impending dig. Within 48 hours each company will come to your property and "locate" their underground lines. *If you dig before calling Iowa One Call, you are responsible for any damage that may occur.*

The word "LISTEN" contains the same letters as the word "SILENT"

--Alfred Brendel

E-Bill, E-Newsletter

If you have access to the internet and would prefer to have your monthly invoices and newsletters sent to your email account rather than a hard copy coming through the mail, please send or drop off your email address at City Hall.

Your invoice and the newsletter would arrive separately, and both would be in a .pdf format. You would need to have the FREE Adobe Reader installed on your computer in order to view the attachments.

If you choose to receive your invoices via email, remember to notify me of any changes in your email account. ***Those of you that have updated from "netins" to "wiatel" have already been updated in my address book.***

Receiving Email Notifications

Several months ago the City started a List Serve to get messages to residents in a simple and timely manner. Although not used very often, I have received feedback saying this service is considered useful and very much appreciated.

Since we have begun offering notifications by email, you have been told of changes in garbage and recycle schedules, water service interruptions due to replacement of a fire hydrant, City Hall closings...even "shady" peddlers that were in town.

If you actively use your internet and receive emails, please consider sharing your address with me at City Hall. You can send it to lawtonia@wiatel.net or drop it off when you pay your water bill.

AMERICAN FLAGS



Do you have an American flag that is torn, tattered or faded...and in need of replacement? Don't forget about the flag depository located in front of City Hall. This box is a recycled US Postal box that has been very carefully repainted red, white and blue. On the front is the American Legion logo.

Our American Legion can also replace your worn flags. Two sizes are available for purchase: 3'x5' and 4'x6'. The flags are very high quality with metal grommets for proper hanging. New flags may be purchased at City Hall during regular office hours.

Currently flag prices are \$14 for 3'x5' and \$18.50 for 4'x6'. Make checks payable to the American Legion Post #718.

FOUND NEAR CORNER OF CEDAR AND MAPLE STREETS AFTER L-B SPIRIT CLUB BASKET AUCTION:

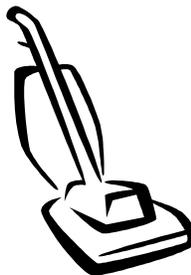
Black beret with "freedom" pin. If you know who this might belong to, please have them stop at City Hall. It's very nice and we'd like to get it back to its rightful owner.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

The next scheduled blood drive for Lawton will be Tuesday, October 5th at the Lawton-Bronson High School from 9 am-3 p.m. Blood may be donated every 56 days. You must be healthy and be feeling well the day of donation. If you have questions about donating blood, you can contact the LifeServe Blood Bank at 800-798-4208 or visit their website at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org.

Peddlers / Solicitors

It's "that time of year" again. That time of year when your doorbell rings, or somebody knocks, and you have a person standing there wanting to "shampoo your carpet for free"...or wanting to "give you a free gift, no strings attached". We all know better than that!



Peddlers and solicitors in Lawton are required to have a Peddler's Permit. They must be obtained at City Hall. If somebody comes to your door, **ASK TO SEE** their Peddler's Permit. One is issued to **EACH** person, so know they are not being honest with you if they say their "manager" has it.

If you do not want them in your home, shut your door! You wouldn't want your children to let a stranger in...why would YOU let one in?