

City of Lawton

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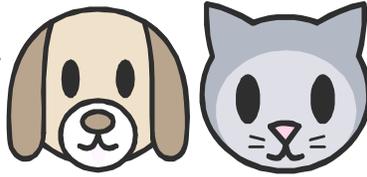
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Water meter readings are taken around the 20th day of each month.
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.
A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

Pet Tags are Now Due

All dogs and cats must be licensed if they are at least 3 months of age.



City Wide Clean-Up June 15

The Annual City-wide clean up day will be Wednesday, June 15. This is the Wednesday following the rummage sales and just prior to Father's Day. Appliance tags will be available at City Hall Monday & Tuesday, June 13 & 14.

Appliance tags will be \$10 each and must be affixed to all appliances set out for pick up. Appliances without tags will not be picked up. Also, no hazardous waste, tires, batteries, lumber, paint, etc. will be picked up.

Please remember to "Box, Bag or Bundle" your items for easy pick-up by the garbage hauler before you set them curbside.

Rummage Sale - June 11, 2011

Don't forget to register for the 2011 Lawton City-wide Rummage Sale. All the information was included in your last water bill and is also available online.

Deadline to register is very quickly coming up...June 5. Please don't participate if you do not want to pay the registration fee. It is a minimal amount and is used to pay the expenses of those coordinating the event. We have volunteers that put the rummage sale together and they are the ones that determine costs, advertising, etc. Please be fair to them and THANK THEM for their hard work!

*~Take pride in your property & our community~
Keep dandelions and other weeds under control.
PLEASE do not blow grass clippings
onto the streets or clean lawnmowers over gutter
grates! This can block the storm sewer system.*

Police Protection

Lawton does not currently have contracted police protection. This is a service the city is required to offer by State law. The City Council has been discussing the matter with both the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and the Merville City Council. Two options being discussed are to provide coverage either through the Sheriff's office or to have the Merville police patrol Lawton as needed.

There is going to be considerable cost involved regardless of which way Council chooses to go, and this added expense may mean a cut to other services currently offered by the City of Lawton. The Sheriff's office has offered to contract with the city for around \$55,000 per year. Council has made an offer to the Merville City Council and is currently waiting to hear back from them. At this time it is unknown what the annual cost would be to contract with Merville.

The Mayor has asked that you let your voice be heard on the matter. You may contact the Mayor, any of your Councilmen or City Hall with your thoughts.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them

Let your voice be heard

Please take this opportunity to share your thoughts with the Council regarding police protection: _____

Remember to call 811 before digging in your yard

Also, be sure to get your building permit approved before working on an outside project

Early Warning Sirens

At the May City Council meeting, it was discussed that perhaps some of our residents are unaware that the City of Lawton does NOT currently have early warning sirens. Ours was taken down many years ago when the old water tower was demolished and the siren was never replaced.

After many lengthy discussions over the years since that time, it is the general consensus of the Council that we would all be better informed if we had personal, in-house weather alert radios with a battery back-up, rather than being dependent on an outside siren.

In-house weather alert radios can be purchased many places such as grocery stores, discount stores and drug stores. Midland seems to be a good brand and it is suggested you get a weather radio that allows you to pinpoint certain counties rather than covering such a broad spectrum as the older models used to cover. Look for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) logo when shopping for a weather radio. Also, be sure to get extra batteries in case of a power outage during severe weather.

Those that have cell phones with texting and messaging capabilities can also get alerts sent to your cell phones. One of our residents sent the following link to City Hall and said he has been very happy with their service. This particular link is from KTIV's website: http://www.ktiv.com/link/410648/ktiv-mobile-alerts-and-cancellations-sign-up-form?nav=menu1474_3_6&redirected=true.

Keep extra batteries on hand for your flashlights, too. We hope we never have to depend on any of these things, but severe weather seems to be all around us. Stay safe!! Stay alert!!