



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 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

Use of ATVs and Golf Carts Permitted See Complete Ordinance Included in This Mailing

After much discussion and consideration over the past several months, the Lawton City Council voted to allow the use of ATVs and golf carts within the city limits of Lawton. There are rules and regulations to follow, and each driver/owner is expected to know about, and follow, those rules and regulations as spelled out in the enclosed Ordinance that has been added to the Lawton Code of Ordinances.



- Basically, all ATVs and off-road utility vehicles **must be registered**. These are registered in the same building where you register your cars, boats, trailers, snowmobiles, etc. It is located on Douglas Street in Sioux City. Although this ordinance does not require insurance to be carried, please give that some serious consideration, too. It's my understanding carrying insurance on these vehicles is minimal in cost.
- Although golf carts need not be registered, they must carry a Slow Moving Vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag. They must also be equipped with adequate brakes and only used from sunrise to sunset.
- In order to drive any of these vehicles on the streets, **you must be a licensed driver** and obey the speed limits of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

2012 Pet Tags are IN

All dogs and cats at least 3 months of age must be licensed in Lawton. If your pet was licensed this past year, your 2011 tags are good until the end of June. However, if you want to get a jump on renewing your tag, let us know. The new tags are good through June 2013.

Cost of licensing is \$5 for spayed or neutered pets and \$10 if they have not been spayed or neutered. Most times the rabies certificate will tell us if the pet has been unsexed.

Call City Hall or stop in if you have any questions on licensing. We will need to see your pets' CURRENT rabies certificate if it has been renewed since you last licensed. If we have a current certificate on file, you will not be required to bring it in again at this time.

Recycle Carts



As you have probably noticed, the new recycle carts are in and have been delivered to those who have requested one.

Enclosed in this month's billing is an additional copy of the recycle information you all should have received at the time the carts were delivered to your home. They were inside the envelope that was taped to your recycle cart lid.

Please be sure your entire family is aware that this cart is for recyclables only. We no longer have to separate items (cans, plastics, paper, etc.), however it will still be a good idea to contain papers if it is windy.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

SUMMER LEAGUE T-BALL, BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



Hopefully you were able to register your child/children during the March registrations at the L-B Media Center. If you missed those registrations, you will need to pay a "late sign up fee" of \$25 in addition to the normal registration fees...but you can still get them registered. If you have questions, please contact Loyanne Jensen at 944-5947 or Collin Meister at 712-574-9925. Teams will be divided up or assigned sometime after May 1st.

Also needed are coaches and assistant coaches for each grade level, field maintenance help, team parents for each team, and concession help for each game. Each parent will be responsible to help out each season in the concession stand in order for it to remain open and functioning properly.

City-Wide Rummage June 16

Renee Eyres has contacted City Hall with the dates of the 2012 City-Wide Rummage Sale. Due to the conflict of our neighbor Merville celebrating their Quasquicentennial on June 9, the Lawton city-wide rummage sales will be held on Father's Day weekend.

It will be up to the discretion of each registrant to decide if they will be open Friday, June 15, in addition to Saturday, June 16. Please contact Renee for further information at 944-5653, 712-251-4190 or by email at kreyres@yahoo.com.

Give Renee your full support if you plan to participate. If you don't plan to pay the fee, please don't try to reap the benefits. The minimal \$5 fee that is charged to participate is used to pay for advertising and other expenses that are incurred.

The City-wide rummage sale is run entirely by volunteers, and we really want to say a big THANK YOU to Renee for coordinating it again this year!! Watch the newsletter and city informational sign for further details.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP

The city-wide cleanup date has been tentatively set for Wednesday, June 20th. Appliance stickers will be available for \$10 at City Hall. The May and June newsletters will give you further information on the clean up.

Remember to "BAG, BOX or BUNDLE" items set at the curb for easy pickup by our haulers.

Remember to call
811
before digging
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***It's the law!***

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

This time of year always brings to mind all those fun building projects we've been thinking of all winter. The City of Lawton requires a building permit for all outside projects with the exception of certain landscaping projects. 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. Fences that will be placed on your property line will also require the signature of the abutting property owner. You are responsible to locate your own property lines. The City is not able to help locate these.