

City of Lawton



June 2013

712-944-5960

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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.

2013 Pet Tags are DUE



All dogs and cats at least 3 months of age must be licensed in Lawton.

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.

The 2013 Water Quality Report is available on our City website or by entering one of the following URL's directly into your browser:
<http://www.lawtoniowa.com/water%20quality%20report%202013.pdf>
 or <http://iowaccr.org/Lawton>

City-Wide Garage Sales June 14 & 15

The LBHS Cross Country Team will be in charge of our annual garage sales this year. Vonna Kingsbury is heading the project, along with former coordinator, Renee Eyres.

Deadline to register is **June 10** if you want to be included on the map. Cost of registration is \$5.00 prior to the sale or \$7.00 on the day of the sale.

Also, be sure to mark on your registration if you are planning to be open for business on Friday night. It's entirely up to you, but they will make note of it if you want them to. If you have any questions, please call Vonna at 712-944-5395.

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

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 City Council meet 5:00	5	6 Garbage Yard Waste	7	8
9	10	11 ★	12	13 Garbage Yard Waste	14 Flag Day	15 City Wide Garage Sales
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20 Garbage Yard Waste	21	22
23	24	25 ★	26	27 Garbage Yard Waste	28	29
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City-Wide Clean-up

Our city-wide clean up is going to run a little differently this year. The owner of "Almost Full Hauling" is willing to pick up most appliances AT NO COST TO YOU OR TO THE CITY. Appliance stickers will not be needed for anything he can pick up.

It is my understanding he will not take computer monitors, televisions or fiberglass water softeners. However, if you set these items at the curb, our regular garbage hauler will pick them up on Thursday, June 20, on his normal route.

Bruce with "Almost Full Hauling" plans to be in town late afternoon on June 15 to pick up metal/appliances setting at the curb. He will also be back in town on Monday, June 17.

If you need to contact him directly with other questions, call Bruce @ 712-301-5981.

It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons ... Johann Schiller

Remember to call

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before digging

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## **It's the law!**

Everyone knows the importance of calling for a "locate" if they are digging a trench or a basement. Well, recently I had a utility worker stop in saying people should also call in if they lose a pet and plan to bury it in the back yard. I honestly had never thought of that! He said they have come across many bones and carcasses lately as they are working with underground utilities.

Burying your beloved pet may seem like a natural thing to do, but it could be unearthed if the utility companies need to dig. Please call for a "locate" prior to burying your pet.

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

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.

## **Trucks, Trailers, Dumpsters, Building Materials**

Residents are reminded that trucks, trailers, dumpsters and building materials are not allowed to be left on the city streets except to load or unload. Dirt, rock, gravel, lumber, siding, etc., are also not allowed on the streets at any time. These must be stored on your driveway or lawn.

**Please do not leave your garbage, yard waste, or recycle carts at the curb after they have been emptied. During the winter months you run the risk of having them get hit if they are by the street. During the summer months...it just looks trashy...**

## **Pet Reminders**

**Dogs Barking!** - If dogs are barking, there is a reason. Please check on them and tend to their needs. Your neighbors DO NOT appreciate a dog that is constantly barking.

**Pets running loose** - All pets are to be leashed or in a fence/kennel if they are outside. If they are leashed, someone capable of controlling them must be handling their leash. If you let them outside to "do their business", keep track of them! Keep them on YOUR property!

Walkers should not have to fear your dog being outside. Do not tether your dog on a leash by the sidewalk if he/she is able to reach the sidewalk. Please don't let this be an issue!

**Pick up what your dog/cat leaves behind!!** - This is pretty self-explanatory. If you take your pet out for a walk and he/she decides it's time to defecate, clean it up. This not only applies to private property, but also to public property. Parents do not appreciate taking their children to the park and having their little ones step in dog or cat feces.

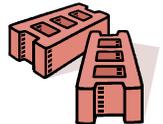
Please make sure your children are equipped to pick up pet feces also. If they take your pet for a walk, send a bag with them and make sure they understand that they need to pick up feces immediately.

## **Police Protection**

*The City Council approved entering into a 28E Agreement with the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of providing law enforcement within the city.*

*The Sheriff's Office will be enforcing the Lawton City Code of Ordinances in addition to performing their routine duties.*

***The city has a concrete pile, but it is not for public use. Please dispose of your concrete properly.***



## **MOPEDS / GO CARTS**

Several reports have come into City Hall regarding young people (sometimes VERY young) on mopeds and go-carts.

According to State Law, a moped driver must be at least 14 years of age, with the moped being licensed, displaying a flag and kept at speeds less than 25 mph. A person operating a moped illegally could be cited for doing so. A parent could also be cited for allowing an unauthorized person to operate a moped.

As for go-carts, they cannot be on the streets and they cannot be licensed. This is STATE Law.