

City of Lawton

September 2013

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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.

Holiday Schedule for

Recycling Pickup Week of Labor Day

With Labor Day being the first week of September, we have been notified that the recycle truck will come around on Wednesday rather than Tuesday.

Recycles will be picked up Wednesday, September 4.

CITY ELECTION

November 5, 2013

Two Council seats and the Mayoral seat are up for election this year. Those positions are currently held by Reed Burson, Terry Masching and Jeff Nitzschke respectively.

Nomination papers may be picked up at City Hall, the County Courthouse, or online at the Secretary of State website. They must be returned to Lawton City Hall prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19.

Council members are elected on a staggering four-year term. That is, two seats are elected this year, three seats will be elected in 2015. Council members serve for four years. The Mayor is elected to a two-year term.

September 2013 This star indicates "Recycle Day" (Use Gray/Pink carts or small green tubs only)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY	3 City Council meet 5:00	4 	5 Garbage/Yard Waste	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Garbage/Yard Waste	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19 Garbage/Yard Waste	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Garbage/Yard Waste	27	28
29	30					

Remember to call

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before digging

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It's the law!

Streets / Intersection Update

Council is going to consider overlaying several sections of street at the September council meeting. If approved, some of you will likely be inconvenienced for a couple of days, but we expect it to be very minimal in length of time.

Watch the electronic sign downtown for updated information. I will also send an email out to the people on my ListServe as soon as I know dates. If you are not on my ListServe and would like to be, stop in or send me an email: lawtonia@wiatel.net.

Work on the intersection by Western Iowa Telephone Association has not yet begun, and we still do not have a definite start date. The city is asking that this project be completed by October 31, 2013.

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

BILL-PAY Options

The City of Lawton does not accept Debit or Credit cards, but please consider using your banks' bill pay option. Most banks offer this service at no charge to the customer. You will need to check with your personal bank to get their policy.

One word of caution if you use this option - you will want payment to come out of your account **no later than the 10th of the month**. Even though most of us bank "locally", the payments generally come from out of state such as California, North Carolina, Texas, etc. You will need to allow extra time for the payment to arrive through the mail.

Unfortunately, if it comes in late, there will be a "late fee" already assessed. By having it sent BY the 10th, you should avoid it arriving after the due date.

Bookmobile Schedule 2013-2014

For the 2013-2014 school year, the Woodbury County Bookmobile will be stopping at the Tara Way Park near the high school, the Veterans' Memorial Park downtown at 222 Cedar St., and at the Old Grocery Store Antiques at 221 Cedar St.

Most stops will be on Fridays, however a Monday stop will be held on November 25:

September 6	January 17
October 4	February 14
November 1	March 14
November 25	April 11
	May 9



The City of Lawton pays a fee each year to make the library service available to our residents. Please take advantage of the Bookmobile or the Woodbury County Library in Merville. Call 712-873-3322 for more information, or visit the library website at: www.merville.lib.ia.us.

Tree Trimming



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.

With school in session once again, the buses sometimes struggle to get underneath low-hanging branches. The garbage

truck has also run into problems with branches.

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 which tree services are working with our residents.

ATV State Laws & Regulations

As most of you know, the City of Lawton passed an ordinance several months ago allowing the use of ATVs within the city limits. Please understand that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has several rules and regulations that must be followed. If you are interested in obtaining the DNR Reference Guide, several copies are available at City Hall. Below is a very brief recap of ATV requirements:

- All ATVs must be registered through the Iowa DNR. (Registration decals are to be displayed on the rear of the machines in a clearly visible location)
- As of July, 2011, Iowa DNR requires Proof of Insurance be provided.
- ATVs are allowed on city streets only, and drivers must hold a valid operators license.

All City Offices will be CLOSED Labor Day, September 2nd