

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

# City of Lawton

May 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.



*Thank You*

A very sincere Thank You for all the condolences expressed during this time of sadness in my family. My mother had battled Alzheimer's for several years, and was called Home the night before Easter. Although it's been hard to say "Good-bye" we know it's a blessing she no longer has to deal with such a difficult disease.

Thank you, again, for your thoughts and prayers.

*Pat & Marlyn Washburn*

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

## May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Garbage	3 City Hall Closing at 2:00 p.m.	4
5	6	7 City Council meet 5:00	8	9 Garbage	10 City Hall Opening at 10:00 a.m.	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14★	15	16 Garbage	17	18
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### City-Wide Garage Sales June 15

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

Registration forms are included with your May invoices. 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.

**THANK YOU, Vonna and Renee !!!**

### 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 cannot take computer monitors, televisions or fiberglass water softeners. I have a call into our garbage carrier to see how he wants to handle those items. I will let you know in the June newsletter.

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.

Watch this newsletter for further information. If you want to contact him directly, call Bruce @ 712-301-5981.

Mothers are the necessity of invention

~~ Bill Watterson

## 2013 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 2012 tags are good



until the end of June. However,

I would appreciate you licensing your pets as soon as possible. The new tags are good through June 2014.

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.

## Pet Reminders

**Dogs Barking!** - If your 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...send a bag with them. If they take your pet for a walk, make sure they understand that they need to pick up feces immediately.

## BUILDING PERMITS

We have been getting a LOT of building permits in already this spring. 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.

***Remember to call***

***811***

***before digging***

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

## Dig into READING

Woodbury County Library presents "Dig Into Reading" during their summer library program. This program is free and open to young people, preschool through 4th grade. Families are invited to join the Read-To-Me portion of the program as well, which rewards readers for the amount of minutes they read. Prizes will be given and top readers will be able to choose books for the library from Barnes and Noble.

This program will begin June 6th at 10:00 a.m. and continue every Thursday through July 25th (closed on July 4th). Be sure to check out the fun at the library!

## BICYCLE SAFETY



Parents, you need to sit down with your children and explain to them about bicycle safety. We have had too many close calls where children have pulled through intersections or onto the street without ever looking for vehicles. Please tell them they NEED to obey traffic signs, too. We don't want to lose somebody because they are being careless.