

**Happy
Father's
Day**

City of Lawton



June 2014

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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.

June 2014

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 General Primary Election, City Council meet 5:00 pm	4	5 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	6	7
8	9 <i>Deadline to register for garage sales</i>	10 ★	11	12 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	13-14 City-Wide Garage Sales	
15 Father's Day	16 <i>Pick-up for Appliances, metals and iron</i>	17	18	19 City-wide Clean-up Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	20	21
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Elm Street Paving Project

Council voted at the May 20th Council meeting to proceed with the Elm Street Reconstruction Project. Low bidder was Sioux City Engineering with a bid of \$320,050. We are unsure when they will be able to start the project, but our contract calls for completion by December 1, 2014. We understand this will be an inconvenience, but we ask for your cooperation. Please stay away from the construction zone unless you live in the area. Thank you to all whom attended our Public Hearing. Your voices and questions are always appreciated.

Call **811** before digging

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**It's the Law**

### BUILDING PERMITS



You are required to get a building permit from the city prior to construction of any outside structure. This includes fences, sheds and concrete.

Building permit applications for a fence will also require the signature of any abutting property owner if you plan to set that fence on the property line. If the neighbor does not sign the application, you will be required to set the fence in far enough so you can maintain both sides of it from your property.

Blank applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the city website.

**A HUG is a great gift - Free, 1 size fits all, and easy to exchange.**

## City-Wide Garage Sales June 13 & 14

**Deadline to Register - June 9**

Vonna Kingsbury is in charge of our Lawton city-wide garage sales again this year. 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 she will make note of it if you want this added.

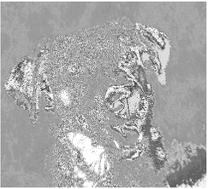
If you have any questions, please call Vonna at 712-944-5395.

### City-Wide Clean-up June 16 (metal, appliances) and June 19 (other miscellaneous)

The city-wide clean up is set for the week following the annual garage sale. The owner of "Almost Full Hauling" is willing to pick up most appliances AT NO COST TO YOU. He plans to be in town **Monday, June 16, to pick up metal/appliances** setting at the curb. Items allowed are washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, computer TOWERS, AC units, copiers, water heaters, humidifiers, batteries, car parts, iron. If you have questions, call Bruce @ 712-301-5981.

Our regular garbage pickup will be on **Thursday, June 19. They will take your other items setting curbside** (chairs, dressers, etc.) As with normal garbage pickup, they will not accept liquid in paint cans, oil, tires, etc.

### 2014 Pet Tags are DUE June 30



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.

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.



### MOTORHOMES / TRAILERS

**STREET PARKING:** Motorhomes and trailers of **any kind** are prohibited from being left on any city street except to load or unload. This includes utility trailers, boat trailers, camper trailers, flat-bed trailers, etc.

You may, however, apply for a special Parking Permit through City Hall. Cost of the special permit is \$50 per week. The application must be presented to Council at a council meeting. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Special meetings can be called, but will be at the expense of the person calling the meeting.

### Ordinance Amendment Consideration

#### *- Delinquent Accounts, Late Fees -*

Due to the amount of time spent dealing with delinquent accounts, Council is considering amending our current city ordinance to reflect changing the late fee from the current "10%" to a flat fee of \$25.00.

This is substantial and will hopefully deter those who generally pay their bill only AFTER receiving their disconnect notice.

If Council approves this amendment (there will be three readings), accounts that are delinquent on the 21st of the month will be assessed this late fee.

If you pay using "bill pay", it is your responsibility to make sure your bank sends payments early enough for the USPS to deliver them to us. I recommend having your bank submit payment no later than the 10th of the month for a bill due on the 20th. These are not electronic payments. They come as a paper check through the mail. Most come from Sioux Falls, North Carolina, Texas and California. You may bank locally, but checks are not sent from your local bank. Please understand that.

Council is also considering giving each customer a "one time waiver" per year. They understand we all get busy and can have a forgetful moment.

### Garbage / Yard Waste Carts

I have been asked to remind everyone what is, and what is not, allowed with our garbage pickup service. Yard waste consisting of grass clippings and leaves must be disposed of in a **green** Yard Waste cart. These can be rented for \$10/month (April-November) by calling City Hall to set up service. Yard waste is picked up every week along with your red garbage cart.

Only garbage INSIDE your red can will be picked up unless you have made prior arrangements with Novak to have additional garbage picked up. There will be a fee involved with this service. The property owner must be the one to make the phone call and accept billing from Novak. If you need to make arrangements to have extra garbage picked up, please call 605-338-7126.