

City of Lawton

September 2007

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Water meter readings are generally 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.

**READINGS ARE ESTIMATED
THIS MONTH. CONTACT CITY
HALL IF YOU FEEL YOUR ESTI-
MATE IS TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW**

IOWA ONE CALL

Before doing any digging or disturbing of the ground, remember to call **Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989**. Iowa One Call will then contact the utility providers in your area (including, but not limited to, the phone company, MidAmerican Energy and the City). These people will then come out and locate, or flag, their utility lines on your property.

If you dig before calling Iowa One Call and you happen to hit an underground line, it will be your responsibility to pay for the repairs. This can be extremely costly to you.

THANK YOU

Don Grigg recently purchased a new "twing" that will be installed at Tara Way Park. It will have one belt swing and one tot swing.

The Dancing Grannies and Grandpas have donated two ceiling fans for the Friendship Center.

Several residents have come in or called City Hall asking that I put a THANK YOU in the newsletter to **Lowell and Jack** for the great job they did cleaning up storm debris several days ago. THANKS GUYS!!!

September 2007 Calendar of Events

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

September 1
September 10
September 17
September 24

RECYCLE SCHEDULE

September 10
September 24

MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULE

September 4, 5:00 pm
Council Meet. @ City Hall
Sept. 11, School Bd. Election
@ Friendship Center

CITY ELECTION SET NOVEMBER 6, 2007

Three Council seats and the Mayoral seat are up for election this year. Those positions are currently held by Don Grigg, Perry Ludwig, Rick Schorg and Jeff Nitzschke respectively.

Nomination papers may be picked up at City Hall. A minimum of ten signatures are required on nomination papers from city residents eligible to vote.

Completed papers must be turned into City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2007.

TRAILER PARKING NOTICE

CITY CODE Section 3-3-35A(b) is modified to restrict all types of trailers as follows:

3-3-35A (b) No person shall park a motorized or un-motorized camper, accessory trailer, including but not limited to: tool trailers, boat trailers, jet ski trailers, bike trailers, snowmobile trailers or such other device designed or intended to be pulled behind a vehicle, at any time upon any portion of any street except for such reasonable time as may be necessary prior to or immediately subsequent to its use. Such parking shall not exceed 18 continuous hours, nor shall such parking be permitted for more than 36 hours in any five day period at any location within the corporate limits of the City of Lawton.

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As complaints continue to come into City Hall, as well as to the Mayor and Council, regarding trailers of all types setting on the city streets, Council has determined that it is in the best interest of all people traveling our streets to prohibit extended parking of these trailers. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but ask that you find alternate parking for your trailers.

**You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.**

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## TARA WAY PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION: SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

Volunteers are needed for the installation of the new playground equipment at Tara Way Park on Friday and Saturday, September 14 & 15.

We will need about 15-20 strong volunteers at all times to help set up the equipment. If you could work for a few hours or for the entire day, please contact Lowell or City Hall. Work will begin at 8:00 a.m. and we need to have volunteers in place at that time. The equipment supervisors will work as late in the day as we have volunteers on hand.

We will also need volunteers to help with food and drinks on both days. Big thermoses for ice water and ice tea would be appreciated. Donations of cookies or bars would also be appreciated. Please call if you can help in any way.

## MAPLE STREET / TARA WAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT



### ***And then there was rain...***

The Maple Street Replacement Project was scheduled to begin the morning of Monday, August 20th. However, since that time, we have received over 5" of rain!

Plans now are to have equipment move in Monday, August 27th, and to have work start on Tuesday, August 28th.

Everyone is asked to cooperate during this time. If you live on Birch or Main, you will undoubtedly have extra vehicles parked in front of your property. You will also likely have neighbors that live behind you suddenly having to walk through your lawn to get to their vehicles. We realize this is an inconvenience to you...however it is also an inconvenience to them.

Please try to help out. Unfortunately, you will probably be in need of the same consideration in the not-too-distant future.

## Weeds / Grasses Over 12"

With the dry weather, many of us didn't have to mow very often since our grass wasn't growing. However, the weeds continued to grow.

The City of Lawton does have an ordinance in force that requires property owners to keep their weeds and grass mowed before it reaches 12" in height...or before it blooms or seeds. In any event, weeds and grasses are to be mowed by the 15th of each month from May through October.

Please look over your property. If you have tall weeds or grass, we ask that you get them mowed, sprayed or pulled. PLEASE do not wait until the City contacts you about the growth.

When mowing, the City would also appreciate you not blowing your grass clippings into the street. Clippings and other debris get washed into the storm sewers and cause problems with drainage.

We realize it is inconvenient to get rid of grass clippings right now since CHN will not allow them in the garbage cans. You can, however, take them over to the landfill yourself, or you can stop at City Hall and purchase the orange bags for \$1.25 each. These bags will be picked up by CHN on Tuesdays if they are setting near the curb.