

HAPPY NEW YEAR

City of Lawton

January 2008

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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 ACTUAL THIS MONTH

Lawton Ambulance News

Lawton Ambulance is now licensed as a "Provisional Paramedic Specialist" service. This allows Lawton Ambulance to provide the highest level of patient care possible short of being in one of the Sioux City hospitals. In order to meet this level of patient care, specific equipment had to be purchased along with special training and be inspected by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Lawton Ambulance consists of 20 volunteer members and responds to all of Banner and Concord Townships plus the Town of Lawton. As of 12/26/2007, Lawton Ambulance has responded to 101 calls. Our service is self supporting as we receive no tax money from our communities.

If anyone is interested in joining our service, please contact us.

We have a great group of volunteers who give hours and hours of their time for training and responding to help those in need at any time 24 hours a day. If you see any of them, let them know how much they are appreciated!!

Ken Eyres, Chief
Lawton EMS

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, Mid-American 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.

January 2008 Calendar of Events

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

January 7
January 14
January 21
January 28

RECYCLE SCHEDULE

January 14
January 28

MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULE

January 3, 5:00 pm
Council Meet. @ City Hall

January 3
Republican Caucus
Friendship Center

Christmas Tree Disposal



Once again, the City of Lawton will be picking up your live Christmas trees for disposal after the holidays. Please remove all decorations and place trees near the curb no later than 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 7, 2008. Lowell, Jack, or someone else with the city, will be around to pick up all discarded live trees. Artificial trees will not be taken.

Winners MAKE things happen...Losers LET things happen

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

The F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group has announced the Christmas Lighting Contest Winners. Judging was held on Friday, December 21, 2007.

Winners were:

1st Place—501 E Oak Street

2nd Place—426 E Main Street

3rd Place—401 E Maple Street

CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners, and THANK YOU to everyone that participated. It's always so nice to drive around town and view the beautiful lighting displays.

Winners of this years contest have all received gift certificates to Maxine's Restaurant and Lounge here in Lawton.



E-Bill, E-Newsletter

If you have access to the internet and would prefer to have your monthly invoices and newsletters sent to your email account rather than a hard copy coming through the mail, please send or drop off your email address at City Hall.

A few of our residents have been testing this mode for me, and it seems to be working fine for them. Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the list. Your invoice and the newsletter would arrive separately, and both would be in a .pdf format. You would need to have the FREE Adobe Reader installed on your computer.

If you choose to receive your invoices via email, remember to notify me of any changes in your email account.

PLEASE RECYCLE

Although Lawton has greatly improved the amount of recyclable material being sent to the landfill as recycles, we are still throwing too much of it into our garbage cans. Recycle tubs are available at no charge down at City Hall. Basically anything EXCEPT glass can go into the recycle tubs. Donate your aluminum beverage cans to the "Can Cage", but put your papers, plastics, cardboards and tin cans in your recycle tub.



WALKING/JOGGING AFTER DARK?



Although our temperatures haven't been totally cooperative with our walkers and joggers lately, I have noticed that many of you are still out and about during the winter months. I also see that many of you prefer walking or jogging in the evening or early-morning hours.

Please remember to be safe if you happen to be on the streets. Wear white or light-colored clothing, or wear reflective clothing. Be sure your children are outfitted the same way. Also remember the rules when walking and biking.

Bikers ride WITH the traffic...on the right side of the street. Walkers walk AGAINST the traffic...on the left side of the street. Share these safety rules with your children.

Bridge closing by Banner Township Cemetery January, 2008

It has been reported by one of our local residents (an employee of the County) that the bridge just north of Lawton near the Banner Township Cemetery will be closing sometime in January for repairs.

If you are one of the many people that use that bridge each day, please make sure you have an alternate route lined up when work begins.

Winter's Here...

The city crew has asked me to remind all citizens to please be courteous of your neighbors now that winter has officially arrived.

Please do NOT blow or scoop your snow out onto the street once the streets have been cleaned.

Please keep vehicles off the streets as much as possible. Park them in driveways or even on lawns if necessary until the streets have been cleaned.

Over the past few years several of our residents have begun putting "snow posts" in their yards along the curb. These are 30"-36" tall and have a reflector at the top. These are VERY BENEFICIAL to the street crews when they are clearing streets. If the wind is blowing snow and they are trying to open streets in the wee hours of the morning, curbs are impossible to see. These reflectors pick up the headlights and help the guys "see" the edge of the street. Please consider putting these in your front yard, too.