

# City of Lawton

March 2009

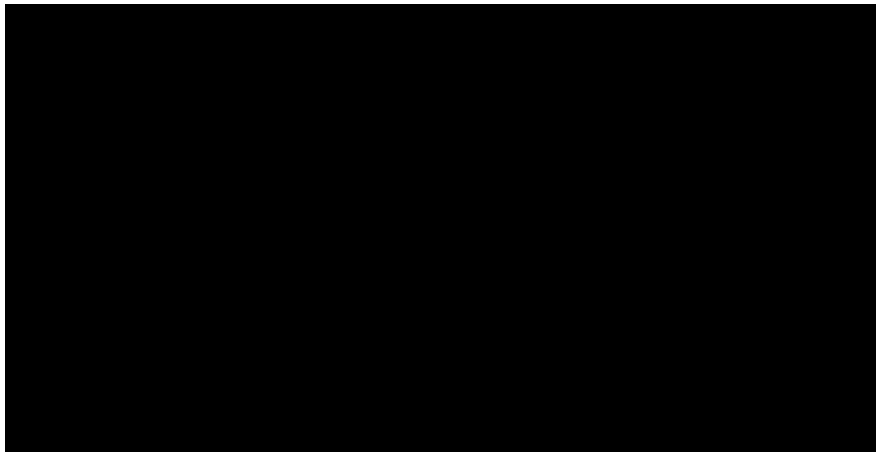
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Water meter readings are generally taken around the 20th day of each month.  
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.  
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.  
A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

**READINGS ARE *ESTIMATED* THIS MONTH**

## BENEFIT DINNER PLANNED FOR MALM QUADRUPLETS



Many of you know the Malm family from here in Lawton. Still living in town are John and Mary Malm and sons Drake and Corey. A third son, Kevin, and his wife, Jessica, recently gave birth to a set of quadruplets: Carter, Seth, Lily and Logan!! Pictured to the left are the happy parents and their children.

Since these are their "first children", friends of the family have decided to host a fundraising benefit for the Malm's to help out with expenses.

A dinner will be held on Monday, March 9 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Maxine's Restaurant in Lawton. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Individual tickets are \$10 each, or a "Family Ticket" may be purchased for \$25. Drinks and dessert are included in the ticket price. A silent auction will also be held after dinner. If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation to help the family, donations may be sent to: LaFleur-Malm Quadruplets at Security National Bank in Sioux City.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE MALM FAMILY**

### NEW PET TAGS ARE IN

Although your current pet tags do not expire until the end of June, the 2009 tags are in and may be purchased at any time. Remember to bring a current proof of Rabies vaccination to City Hall when registering your dogs and cats. City Code requires ALL dogs and cats over 3 months of age be registered and must be leashed or kenneled if outside of your home.

**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS**

**MARCH 8,  
2009**



**SPRING is nature's way of saying "Let's Party"**

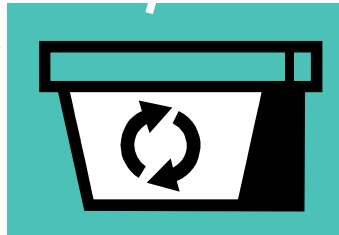
**BUILDING PERMITS:** This time of the year always brings all those fun building projects to mind. The City of Lawton requires a building permit for ALL outside projects with the exception of landscaping. You MUST get an application, and it MUST be approved by the Building Permit Committee prior to any 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.

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:** Before doing any digging or disturbing of the ground, remember to call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989. This is necessary with all projects, even the planting of trees or bushes. Iowa One Call will notify all necessary utility companies of the impending dig. Within 48 hours each company will come to your property and "locate" their underground lines. If you dig before calling Iowa One Call, you are responsible for any damage that may occur.



At Council's suggestion a couple years ago, a red "R" was placed on the informational sign in the park downtown to remind residents of Recycle Day. Generally the red "R" is placed on the sign a few days prior to recycle pick-up. Normally, recycles are picked up every other Monday. However, if Monday falls on a holiday, the red "R" will appear with "Wednesday" written behind it.

Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible. Tubs and lids are available at City Hall. They may also be picked up at the Landfill south of Merville. We can no longer recycle glass, however you can recycle newspapers (including slick papers, magazines, phone books), cardboard (including cereal box type cardboard), plastics with #'s 1-7 printed on the bottom and tin cans (rinsed clean and labels removed).



## Attn: All Business Owners

Recently City Hall received a phone call from the Sioux City Journal asking for a "Progress Report" on the city. As I was getting information ready for the reporter, I realized we have many businesses in town that are not widely known. A lot of us think we have to go into Sioux City to fill our needs.

I would like to put together a handout for our community that would showcase our businesses in town. My vision to have something that would encompass from the large businesses such as the bank, Western Iowa Telephone, Pronto and Char-Mac to the smaller businesses such as Baker's Taxidermy, Pedersen Duct Cleaning and Widman Landscaping. And I would like to have everyone listed in between! If you offer a service here in town, I want your information.

Our little community has a lot to offer, and at times people just don't know where to go other than to Sioux City.

If you have a business and would like to "get the word out" about it, please drop information off at City Hall. I will try to showcase a few of the businesses in each newsletter, but will also work on putting together a handout to our residents. I would like to have the handout with all businesses listed ready to go by early summer. My plan would be to distribute this to all residents within the city limits.

## Please Help Your Emergency Responders!!



Please be sure your house numbers are visible and easy to read from the street. It is recommended that you use numbers at least 4" to 6" in height. It is not necessary that they are reflective in nature, however they should be a contrasting color from the background to aid emergency responders.

Also, if possible, PLEASE turn on a porch light or other outdoor light to bring attention to your home in an emergency situation.