

Mother's Day



# City of Lawton



May 2009

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www.lawtoniowa.com

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**

## HOMETOWN BUSINESSES

We are pleased to highlight our area businesses in this section of the monthly newsletter. If you would like to have your business listed here, please bring information to City Hall.



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### PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

**Debra K. Furlich, Owner**  
Virtual Office Assistant

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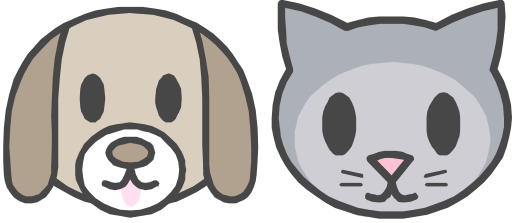
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## **PET TAGS ARE IN**



Current pet tags expire June 30. New 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. Also, please do not allow your dogs to become a nuisance with their barking. Complaints continue to come into City Hall about barking dogs and animals defecating on people's lawns.

## **CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 20**

GREAT NEWS!!!! Renee Evers is going to be coordinating the City-Wide Garage Sale this year with the assistance of previous coordinator Heather Hennings. Included with this newsletter will be your registration form if you would like to be involved. Please read the directions on the form and submit it to Renee. The City of Lawton is not involved with the Garage Sales except to help advertise through the informational sign and the city newsletters. Any questions must be addressed to Renee. Her contact information is listed on the enclosed registration form.

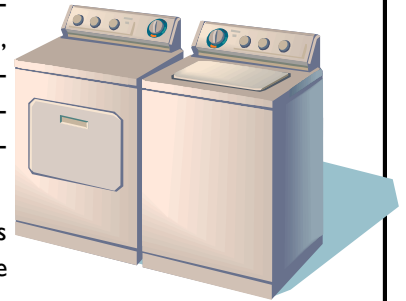
**Thank you  
Renee & Heather!!!**

## **City Wide Clean-Up**

Each spring the City of Lawton and CHN Garbage team up to provide a day for our residents to get rid of appliances and other large items that don't fit into the garbage can. This day has been set up for the Monday and Tuesday after Father's Day, June 22 & 23, 2009.

Appliance stickers may be purchased for \$10 at City Hall, and must be affixed to any appliance set out for pick up. Appliances needing stickers include stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, televisions, furnaces, air conditioners, dehumidifiers and water heaters.

Above-mentioned appliances without stickers will not be picked up.



## ***2010 Federal Census***

Over the next year you will be seeing people around town that are helping with the 2010 Federal Census. They should all be wearing ID tags on lanyards around their necks and will be happy to show proof of ID when asked for it. The group that has been in town the past several days are verifying addresses and street names. Their responsibility is to make sure everyone within our city limits is accounted for. It is VERY important that everyone is recognized.

Most of the funding the city receives from State is based on population. Currently we are being funded on our 2000 population of only 697. With the addition of several new homes, I would estimate our population is nearing 800. The city is missing out on quite a bit of State aid due to our uncounted growth.

## **LAWN WASTE CANS**

CHN Garbage is the local garbage hauler for Lawton. They have contracted with the city to provide special marked cans for residents to use for lawn waste. Cost of these cans is \$150 for the summer and they must be pre-paid before a can is delivered. Cans are picked up every week. Currently they are being picked up on Mondays by the regular driver. This may change as the season goes on.

If you would like to get a can for your lawn waste, please contact City Hall.

**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.*