



City of Lawton

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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

CITY ELECTION RESULTS

Winners of the November 3, 2009 Lawton city election have been verified. The following have been elected:

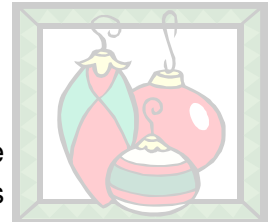
Mayor—Jeff Nitzschke (two-year term)

Council—Reed Burson and Terry Masching (four-year terms)

These gentlemen join Councilmen Don Grigg, Perry Ludwig and Rick Schorg as your city representatives.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST



The F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group is once again sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest for the residents of Lawton. Judging will be held the week prior to Christmas. Gift certificates will be awarded to those chosen as winners. The same "1st Place" winner will not be chosen in consecutive years, however previous 2nd & 3rd Place winners could move up to 1st if chosen.

Lawton residents always decorate their homes so beautifully for the holidays. Although it is a lot of hard work, it is GREAT to see how festive everyone's homes are.

BUILDING PERMITS: The City of Lawton requires a building permit for ALL outside projects INCLUDING 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.*

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS

The Holidays are here, and you are asked to please remember the "can cage" if you have unwanted aluminum beverage cans that you generally throw away.



The "can cage" is currently located in front of the City Maintenance Shop on the far west end of Main Street.

All proceeds go to help the Lawton F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift

Fall & Winter Reminders

With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas less than a month away, here are some reminders that need to be shared with you.

LEAVES: Most of the leaves have fallen and have either been raked up or blown away. The city crew has been busy clearing the streets of leaves that Mother Nature placed on them. However, please do not rake or blow your leaves onto the street. You will be asked to remove them. It is against City Code to place leaves, rocks, snow and other debris on the streets.

SNOW: As much as we'd rather not think about snow, it's bound to hit us harder than the few little snow showers we saw mid-October. The street crews come out early in the morning to try to get streets opened

prior to most of our residents having to go to work. They generally start clearing streets by 3:00 a.m.

PLEASE...if we have snow in the forecast, do not park your cars in the streets. Having cars in the street slows the street-cleaning process down. Although Lawton isn't very big, we have a lot of area to cover and only two men to do the work. They need your cooperation!

If you happen to be home and have a car in the street, please go out and bring it into your driveway or park it on an already-cleaned portion of the street.

Also, please DO NOT deposit your snow onto the street or onto your neighbor's property! Please be considerate of others.

Siouxland Blood Drive

The Siouxland Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the Lawton-Bronson High School from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. There is always a blood shortage during the holidays. Be a hero...please donate!!



WALKING or JOGGING AFTER DARK?

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.

SNOW STAKES

If you have driven around Lawton at all in the past couple weeks, you've likely seen many snow stakes lining people's lawns. Please consider purchasing these for your own lawn if you do not already have them. Cost is minimal...I recently paid \$2 per 4 ft. stake.

Snow stakes come in a variety of styles. The ones shown below are reflective on the white portion toward the top. There are also snow stakes that have a blue disk at the top that is reflective. These are placed just inside the curb on your lawn. When the snow is blowing and the guys are out cleaning in the early morning hours, their headlights pick up the reflectors so they can see where the street edges are. This protects the snow blade as



well as your lawn. They can be purchased at Bomgaar's, Menard's and Lowe's.

