

# City of Lawton

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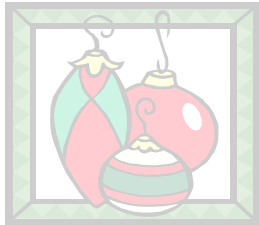
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Water meter readings are generally taken around the 20th day of each month.  
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.  
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.  
A 10% Late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

## READINGS ARE ACTUAL THIS MONTH

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest have been announced by the F.A.M.I.L.Y. group. They would like to thank everyone that participated and decorated their homes this holiday season. Winners are:



1st Place—426 E Main Street  
2nd Place—317 Elm Street  
3rd Place—426 E Birch Street  
Best of Show—501 E Oak Street



*It probably wasn't necessary to put the "CLOSED" sign in the window on Christmas Day. As it turned out, the snow drift was high enough to cover the doorknob at City Hall.*

### THANKS COUNCILMAN ROERIG

Todd Roerig has served the past year on the Lawton City Council. The City would like to thank him for being willing to give the time and energy necessary to serve as a Councilman. At times this is a thankless job, so we're grateful to have people willing to serve.

Reed Burson is the newly elected Councilman and will be taking over the seat held by Councilman Roerig after the first of the year.

Thanks again, Todd!!

**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.*

**Each day we make deposits in the memory banks of our children**

- Charles Swindoll

## ...and 21" later...

The first 9½" of snow from December 8th was still on the ground when we got hit with the Christmas Blizzard of 2009. We now have over 30" of snow that we are trying to contend with here in Lawton. What a mess for our street crew! But...what a GREAT job they have done, and continue to do!!!

**Thanks to Lowell and Jack for your hours and hours of pushing and hauling snow so the rest of us can get around town!!**

To those that took the time to move your vehicles from the streets, we'd like to say **THANK YOU!!**

To those who didn't move your vehicles, we have to wonder "WHY?". The guys cannot get to the curbs if there are vehicles blocking the way.



Street view of 430 E Main Street after the snow was cleared

**PLEASE**...if we have snow in the forecast, do not leave your cars parked in the streets. If you don't have any off-street parking for your home, move your car to a cleaned area of town as soon as possible after the road crews are out. They need your co-operation! They need your cars moved...**PLEASE!**

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL



Once again, the City of Lawton will be picking up your live Christmas trees for disposal now that the holidays are over. Please remove all decorations and place trees near the curb. Lowell, Jack, or someone else with the city, will be around to pick up all discarded live trees. *Artificial trees will not be*

*taken.* You are also welcome to haul your own tree to the tree pile located west of the City Shed on West Main Street.

## Thank you

Just a note of Thanks to Dieter's auto shop! I was out of town on business the first week of November. While I was gone, my wife had trouble with our car. Being fairly new in town, she wasn't sure what to do. She went to Lawton's website and found Dieter's #. Only being across the street, they came right over & helped her out! Great group of guys! Thanks again!

Scott Harwick

## 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.

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 in order to view the attachments.

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

## SIDEWALKS

According to Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12(2)b, **ALL PROPERTY OWNERS MUST KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR** of snow and ice. The following is an excerpt from the State Code:

*364.12(2)b. The abutting property owner is responsible for the removal of the natural accumulations of snow and ice from the sidewalks within a reasonable amount of time and may be liable for damages caused by the failure of the abutting property owner to use reasonable care in the removal of the snow or ice.*

**Please remember that you are responsible to clear the sidewalk that abuts your property.**

