

# City of Lawton

May 2010

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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**

## Backyard Dreams

Specializing in:

Water Gardens	Streams
Koi Fish Ponds	Bogs
Waterfalls	Runnels
Pond-less Waterfalls	Seasonal Care

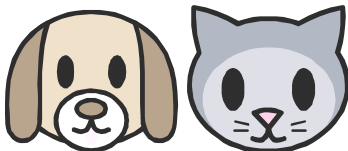
Contact Bill Krohn at 712-389-1716  
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*~Take pride in your property & our community~*

*Keep dandelions and other weeds under control  
and PLEASE do not blow grass clippings  
onto the streets*

## PET TAGS ARE DUE

All dogs and cats must have a license issued by the City of Lawton in order to be kept within our city limits. A valid rabies certificate must be presented to City Hall before a license will be issued. Cost of licenses are \$5 for spayed or neutered animals and \$10 if not spayed or neutered. Licenses expire June 30 of each year. Please contact City Hall to see if your pets' current rabies certificate is on file.



## City Wide Rummage June 12

Get Ready... Get Set....CHANGE!!!!

Yes, the Lawton City-Wide Rummage has changed due to a ton of feedback from concerned citizens. The rummage that is normally held on Father's Day Weekend has been changed to the weekend before Father's Day, June 12th, 2010. The main concern that has been voiced to us is safety. Awesome Biker Nights will be held again, like last year on Father's Day Weekend. Lawton will see a very large increase in bikes that weekend due to a Poker Run that will be taking place on Saturday. The other concern was directly from the "Dads" out there. They want to enjoy "their" weekend. They do not want to be working on getting a garage sale ready. We realize that we can not make everyone happy....but, above all else, we love this community and we want every child and loved one to be safe. We assure you that the rummage will be widely advertised.

Registration forms will be at the post office, bank and at Renee's house. We have also enclosed a registration slip with this newsletter for your convenience. Registration this year is \$5.00. I would like to also thank Sarah Schoenherr for stepping up and helping me organize the rummage, I really appreciate it! The website this year will be updated thru Craigs List. The website is <http://siouxcity.craigslist.org/gms> (Look for Annual Lawton City-Wide Garage Sales).

Maps will also be available the day of the rummage at Pronto.

**\*\*Remember\*\***- to be included on the map- we need to have the **registration and \$5.00 by June 5th!!**

The Goodwill trailer ( for your unsold items) will be on West-creek Court until Sunday morning June 13th. We are hoping for another successful year!

Tell everyone you know to be in LAWTON on the 12th of JUNE!!! If you have any questions please contact Renee at 944-5653 or Sarah 944-5943.

~submitted by Renee Eyres

**The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person**

- Andy Rooney

**BUILDING PERMITS:** This time of the year always brings building projects to mind. The City of Lawton requires a building permit for all outside projects with the exception of certain landscaping projects. 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. Fences that will be placed on your property line will also require the signature of the abutting property owner. You are responsible to locate your own property lines. The City does not have knowledge of these.

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:** Before doing any digging or disturbing of the ground, remember to call Iowa One Call at 811 or 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.*

### ***City Wide Clean-Up June 16***

The Annual City-wide clean up day will be Wednesday, June 16. This is the Wednesday following the rummage sales and just prior to Father’s Day. Appliance tags will be available at City Hall Monday & Tuesday, June 14 & 15. City Hall will be closed the week prior to that, so please make arrangements to get tags during the specified dates.

Appliance tags will be \$10 each and must be affixed to appliances set out for pick up. No hazardous waste, tires, batteries, etc. will be picked up.

Please remember to “Box, Bag or Bundle” your items for easy pick-up by the garbage hauler.

### **LAWN WASTE CANS**



CHN Garbage is the local garbage hauler for Lawton. They have contracted with the city to provide specially 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 and dumped every week. They will be picked up on Mondays by the regular driver. The higher-than-normal cost of these special lawn waste cans is due to the excessive tonnage that is incurred from grass clippings.

If you would like to get a can for your lawn waste, please contact City Hall. For those that currently have the special cans, you should see a charge on the enclosed City bill unless you had previously requested to have it picked up.

**GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT:** Please remember that all garbage must be placed inside cans in order for it to be picked up. For proper dumping, can hinges should face your house with the lid opening toward the street. Lids should close completely. Also, do not set can closer than at least three feet from any object including other cans or vehicles.

**TRAILER PARKING:** Once again, residents are reminded that trailers are not allowed to remain parked on city streets except to load and unload. This includes semi trailers and campers, as well as the smaller sport and utility trailers.

If you have need for a trailer to remain parked on the street longer than simply to load or unload, you may apply for a parking permit through City Hall. Cost of such permit is \$50/week with a maximum of six weeks. Council will need to approve each application at a regular Council meeting, so please allow yourself enough time to get approval before needing the permit.

### **REMINDER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS**

**Pursuant to City Ordinance Code, Section 3-11-3, it is the duty of the owner or owners to cut or destroy weeds or grass that have exceeded twelve inches in height before they bloom or seed, and in any event, by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month from May through October.**

**Failure to comply with the provisions of Section 3-11-3 will result in the City Weed Commissioner mowing, cutting or removing the weeds, and the cost of the labor and material being billed to the landowner. Such cost will not be less than \$50 and is to be paid to the City of Lawton within thirty days.**

**Failure to pay within 30 days will result in costs being added to property taxes.**