

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**

# City of Lawton

June 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**

**City Hall will be**

**CLOSED**

**June 3 - June 11**

*~Take pride in your property & our community~*

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

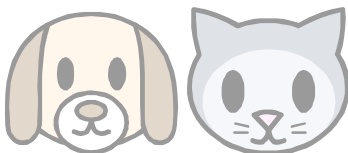
## **Lawton City-Wide Garage Sales...June 12, 2010**

Deadline to get your registration form in to Renee or Sarah is June 5, 2010. **Do not drop registrations off at City Hall** as this is entirely coordinated and run by volunteers. You need to contact Renee at 712-944-5653 or Sarah at 712-944-5943 if you have questions regarding the garage sales. The ladies plan to have a Goodwill trailer parked on Westcreek Court (cul-de-sac south of West Creek Drive in the new development on the west edge of town) until Sunday morning, June 13th. Only drop off items that can be used by other individuals...no garbage or hazardous waste.

Maps will be available at Pronto on Saturday morning, however will not be available online this year. Garage sale listings will be available on Craig's List at <http://siouxcity.craigslist.org/gms> (look for Annual Lawton City-Wide Garage Sales).

## **PET TAGS DUE JUNE 30**

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 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 all appliances set out for pick up. No hazardous waste, tires, batteries, lumber, paint, etc. will be picked up.

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

***When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on*** - Franklin D Roosevelt

## **CITY REMINDERS**

**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.*

**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, recycle tubs 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.

### **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 (\$25 per month). 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. CHN has notified City Hall that some residents are putting grass clippings in their regular garbage cans. This is not allowed due to the excessive weight of grass clippings. Lawn waste is also not accepted at the city “tree pile”.

Use of the special Lawn Waste Cans is the only means of disposal within the city if you choose to bag your grass clippings.

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

### ***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.**