



City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop

July 2009

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors! The City will, once again, be hosting an event at City Hall. Please come out and join us!

Tuesday, August 4, 2009.
City Hall Parking Lot
6:00 to 7:00 pm

New Library Hours

Lathrop Branch Library hours
Effective July 1, 2009:

Monday	1-6
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	1-6
Thursday	closed
Friday	12-5
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

Lathrop Night with the Stockton Ports

Lathrop Night with the Stockton Ports will be held on:

Friday, July 24, 2009
7:05 pm

Banner Island Stadium
Stockton, CA

Lathrop Night Dug-Out Tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket vouchers can be purchased at the Lathrop Community Center starting June 22nd and ending July 17th. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Gabe Goulart at (209) 941-7373.

1st Annual International BBQ Competition

The 1st Annual International BBQ Competition will take place on Saturday, July 11th from 10am-4pm at the Lathrop Senior Center (15707 Fifth Street) and Valverde Park. This event was created with the amateur chef in mind. Competitors will be competing for the coveted crown as the "World's Best BBQ". The judging will take place at 1:00 pm and prizes will be awarded. There will be live music, entertainment, demonstrations and fun for the entire family. Chefs will cook in one or two categories, Pork ribs or chicken. Entry fee is \$20 for one category or \$28 for two categories. A mandatory entrant's "Chef" meeting will be held on July 11, 2009 at 8:00 am.

This event is also sponsored by Famous Dave's BBQ who will be providing their famous BBQ ribs for sale. The Senior Center will also be providing BBQ chicken for sale. Dinner plates will include ribs (by Famous Dave's) or chicken (by Senior Center), potato salad or cold slaw, beans, corn on the cob, watermelon, and a roll for an amazing low cost of \$10 – adult and \$6 – child! There are coupons available at the Senior Center, Community Center and City Hall for \$1.00 off this special meal. For more information about this event, please contact Chris Lawrence at 209-941-7382.



Code Compliance

The City of Lathrop, Code Compliance Division, has recently been receiving complaints and concerns regarding graffiti within the City. Recently the City of Lathrop has passed an ordinance relating to graffiti. Graffiti means any inscription, word, figure, or design that is marked, etched, scratched, inscribed, marred, drawn, sprayed, painted, pasted or otherwise affixed to, or on, any surface without authorization in advance from the owner thereof. Graffiti vandalism is punishable by law. Penalty provisions can include, but are not limited to, jail time, fees & fines, community service and suspension or delay of driving privileges. Allowing graffiti to remain on property within the city for more than seven days is prohibited.

Additionally, Code Compliance is currently finishing up our initial inspections for the City's Weed Abatement Program. We would like to thank those that complied with our notices which were sent out in April. With your help, we can continue keeping vacant lots from becoming blighted and free from public nuisances.

Thank you again for being responsible property owners and help keeping our city beautiful! For any questions, complaints or concerns, please contact the Code Division at (209) 941-7280.

Summer Health Alert: Hot Tips to Keep Pets Cool!!

Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do--overheating, dehydration and even sunburn--when the mercury rises. By taking a few simple precautions, you can keep your animal companions happy and healthy in hot weather:

Exercise your dog in the early morning or evening--never when it's especially hot or humid. Take care not to let your dog stand on hot asphalt, as his sensitive paw pads can easily burn.

Provide plenty of shade and cool, fresh water for animals kept outdoors, but bring your cat or dog inside during the hottest part of the day, and let him rest in a cool part of the house.

Never leave your animal alone in a vehicle. Overheating can be fatal. Even with the doors open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace.

Some animals need extra special care in hot weather, especially those who are elderly and overweight or have heart or lung disease. Breeds of dogs with short muzzles, including pugs, bulldogs, Ihasa apsos and shih tzus, also need extra attention on hot days. If your pet is showing signs of exhaustion or heat stroke, such as rapid breathing and heart rate, panting, vomiting or warm, dry skin, take him to your veterinarian immediately.



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Street Sweeping Schedule

- East of Interstate 5, all areas south of Lathrop Road
Dates: Monday, July 13 and 27
- All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I-5
Dates: Tuesday, July 14 and 28

NOTE: Streets with curbs only.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at
(209) 941-7430

Youth Advisory Commission

The Lathrop Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) is made up of a group of teens that advise the Lathrop City Council on teen issues, teen programs and other teen related activities. Presently, YAC is planning a variety of Summer and Fall activities and trips. Everyone is invited to attend the YAC meetings at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Lathrop Senior Center.

Do you want to be a Youth Advisory Commissioner? Do you want to volunteer to help plan our teen dances and trips? For more information, please call Ruby Herrera at 941-7372.



CITY OF LATHROP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The City of Lathrop's Water System has Levels Of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Water produced by Wells 6, 7, 8, and 9 of our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received in December 2008 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Arsenic. The standard for Arsenic is 0.010 mg/L. The average level of Arsenic over the last year was 0.019 mg/L. Compliance with the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) is based on the average concentration of four consecutive quarterly samples (or an annual average) for each well, unless fewer samples would cause the running annual average to be exceeded.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.
However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What has been done and, what is being done?

The City of Lathrop is currently designing a treatment system to remove arsenic from the wells with arsenic levels above the MCL of 0.010 mg/L. We anticipate resolving the problem by July 2012.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact Greg Gibson at (209) 941-7430 or at the following mailing address: 390 Towne Centre Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330 or send an email to lathropwater@ci.lathrop.ca.us.

This notice is being sent to you by The City of Lathrop, in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

Reporting Period: 2nd Quarter 2009

Upcoming Meetings – July 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 2	6:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission	Senior Center
July 7	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
July 8	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Hall
July 9	9:30 am	Senior Advisory Commission	Senior Center
July 14	6:00 pm	Youth Advisory Commission	Senior Center
July 21	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
July 22	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Hall
July 28	6:00 pm	City Council Study Session	City Hall

Scheduled meetings and times are subject to change. Please consult the City website or contact the City Clerk's office at (209) 941-7230 for current information.