



City Update

Information and News for the Citizens of Lathrop

December 2009

Upcoming Holidays



In observance of the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, all City of Lathrop facilities will be closed as noted:

- City Facilities will close at 12:30 pm on Thursday, December 24th and 31st
- City Facilities will be closed all day on Friday, December 25th and January 1st

New City Hall Hours



Due to the furlough schedule implemented citywide, the new City Hall hours are:

Monday - Thursday 8am - 6pm
Friday - Closed

Library Hours



Lathrop Branch Library hours :

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

Street Sweeping Schedule



- East of Interstate 5, all areas south of Lathrop Road
Dates: Monday, December 14th
- All areas north of Lathrop Road and West of I-5
Dates: Tuesday, December 15th

NOTE: Streets with curbs only.

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



UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - The Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 8-11 AM at the Lathrop Community Center. Come celebrate the holiday season with Santa and his elves! Enjoy a hot breakfast and have your picture taken with Santa. Santa's elves will be handing out some special treats too! Tickets on sale starting November 30. This cost is \$6 for children 3 and up and \$8 for adults. Seating is limited! For more information call (209) 941-7370.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE - The Holiday Boutique will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 12-6 PM at the Lathrop Senior Center. Come browse for gifts and goodies for the holiday season and then attend the Lathrop Festival of Lights evening parade. Hot chocolate, hot cider and much more will be for sale. Don't miss this chance to do last minute shopping this holiday season!



HOLIDAY PARADE - The Festival of Lights Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 5 PM. This is Lathrop's fifth holiday night parade so come and see the holiday lights! Call the Lathrop Community Center at (209) 941-7370 for more information.



SANTA CALLS - Hey kids, Santa will be calling children in the Lathrop Community from the "North Pole" on December 15th and 16th from 6-8 PM. He wants to know all about your holiday wishes, good deeds and goals for the year. To receive a call from Santa, have your parents fill out the application. Applications can be picked up at the Lathrop Community Center or the City's website: www.ci.lathrop.ca.us.



JULY 1ST CELEBRATION DONATIONS

In 2009, donations received for the July 1st Celebration were considerably less than previous years due to the economy. As a result, the venue was changed from fireworks and free hotdogs to a picnic in the park. Several residents have commented to Council that the fireworks were missed and would make a donation to have the original venue back next year.

The cost of the July 1st Celebration is estimated to be \$30,000 including fireworks, free hotdogs and public safety.

On October 6, 2009, the Lathrop City Council unanimously voted and approved changing the utility bill to include a box which can be selected for customers to include a donation with their utility payment. You should begin seeing this change with the December 2009 utility bill. If you plan to include a donation with your utility bill payment, please be sure to indicate this by marking the appropriate box.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at (209) 941-7320.



Lathrop's Citizen's Police Academy

Lathrop Police Services proudly announces that its annual Citizen's Academy is just around the corner. The goal of the Lathrop Police Services Citizen's Academy is to promote a better relationship between the police department and the community we serve by fostering a clearer understanding of a police officer's duties and how those duties are carried out. The Citizen's Academy is being offered three hours a week, on consecutive Wednesdays, over a ten-week period. After completion of the academy you will be eligible to participate in a one-time "ride along" with an officer.



Applicants must meet the following criteria: minimum age of 21, no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application (all past arrests will be considered in the screening process), no prior felony convictions, and pass a security check.

Applications can be picked up at the Lathrop Police Office at 15597 S. Seventh Street, Lathrop City Hall, or at the Lathrop Community Center. Applications must be turned in by December 28, 2009. There will be no registration cost at this time. Citizen's Academy includes a T-shirt and course supplies.

Classes will be held Wednesday evenings, January 6th through March 10th, 2010, from 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. The location will be Lathrop Community Center 15557 Fifth Street. If you have any questions, please contact Lathrop Police Services at (209) 858-5551.

ANNUAL DOG LICENSE RENEWAL

It's that time of year to renew your dog licenses. License renewals have been mailed and license tags are in for the year 2010. You can mail your renewal to Lathrop Animal Services, 390 Towne Centre Drive or you can stop by the Finance Department at City Hall. If you didn't get a renewal, don't worry! Just come on down to City Hall with a copy of your pet's Rabies Vaccination certificate and license fee and we'll get you your pet's license.



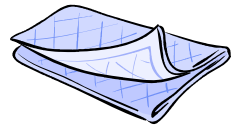
Don't forget to purchase your license for calendar year 2010 before February 1 to avoid penalty fees.

Lathrop senior citizens are eligible for one free dog license per household? Please ask about it when you renew! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lathrop Animal Services at (209) 941-7240.

GET THE WARM FUZZIES:

DONATE YOUR SPARE BEDDING TO SHELTER DOGS AND CATS

Summer is over Lathrop residents and it's time for fall housecleaning. The animals awaiting adoption at the Shelter could sure use your spare towels, blankets and comforters.



The Lathrop Animals Services Department welcomes all donations of clean bedding (please make sure it's free of buttons, zippers or other small decorations), which will go to good use in cozying up the cages. Donations will be accepted at our office located in City Hall, 390 Towne Centre Drive.



The dogs and cats in your City are counting on you and appreciate your thoughtfulness. For more information, please call the office at (209)941-7240.

Upcoming Meetings – December 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 1	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
December 3	6:00 pm	Parks and Rec Commission	Senior Center
December 8	6:00 pm	Youth Advisory Commission	Senior Center
December 9	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Hall
December 10	9:30 am	Senior Advisory Commission	Senior Center
December 15	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall
December 22	6:00 pm	City Council Study Session	City Hall
December 23	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	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.